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SUBJECT: Conversation with AUNER

Time : June 5, 1951
Received: June 5, 1951
CC 2

1. This date, at 11:45 hrs. AUNER called CC 2 by telephone, and informed that he urgently wanted to see him. CC 2 - who had not seen AUNER for several months (more specifically in fall 1950) - was surprised, but accepted to meet AUNER at 12:15 hrs. at the office Angela HELMBERGER, 17, Neutorstrasse (which is directed by Franz STEINDL):

2. After a brief introduction concerning generalities, AUNER informed 'he had closed down his shop'. The majority of his collaborators had emigrated, since they had not agreed to the new conditions of a strict centralization in Germany. He himself had declined his move to Germany that had been requested. He had already for some time been requested to return the Volkswagen used by him and would now be obliged to comply. He explained that he was rather glad, since he had no actual use for an automobile in Salzburg.

3. In a vague form AUNER explained that the Gartnerstrasse organization had been completely dissolved, but that some functionaries - he named in detail MALLNER, MANDL and OFFCZAREK - would carry on intelligence work, this in direct connection with the German center. It appeared from this conversation that MANDL and OFFCZAREK would be engaged in field intelligence (probably remaining in Austria); whereas MALLNER would move to Germany.

4. Upon AUNER's question regarding CC 1's activity, he was informed that CC 2 and CC 1 were acting as correspondents for US provincial newspapers, and that NN 1 for some time had participated in this work. Since the economic results could not be called brilliant, NN 1 had left some time ago.

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AUNER did not seem satisfied with CC 2's reply and repeated his questions from other angles.

He specifically enquired about Mr. BROMBERG, and whether he was still with MIS. When CC 2 replied that he did not know, AUNER stated that since CC 1 had been on friendly terms with Mr. BROMBERG, he supposed that this would still be the case.

From above conversation CC 2 won the impression that AUNER may have had two reasons for taking up former contacts:

- a- to possibly find out, whether intelligence activity existed here, and to further feel, whether he would possibly find a friendly reception;
- b- to give publicity to his former comrades.

AUNER asked CC 2 for a new meeting on June 6, 1951, at 17:30 hrs (same place) to discuss matters more in detail.

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