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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

HOETTL, Dr. Wilhelm  
Present Intelligence Activity

2. DATE SUBMITTED

27 March 1952

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

The following information was obtained by Informant 6433 from Rudolf Springer-Toskozil, an acquaintance of SUBJECT who is presently employed by SUBJECT in the gathering of intelligence. Evaluation: Source "B", Sub-source "D", Information "3".

In late December 1951, HOETTL approached Springer with the request that Springer aid HOETTL in gathering information for a West German intelligence organization. HOETTL explained that he needed Springer, since Springer was already an active member of the National League. HOETTL did not explain in detail the name, activity or purpose of the intelligence service for which he worked, but said that he was in contact with a man in Heidelberg, Germany, who was deeply and exclusively interested in foreign affairs.

On Springer's agreeing to work with HOETTL, HOETTL gave him the following EEIs:

- a. What contact does the Austrian NL have in Western Germany?
- b. In what manner and to what degree do the Soviets use the NL to work into Western Germany?
- c. What personal ties does Dr. Adolf Slavik have with persons in Western Germany?
- d. Is Dr. Slavik in contact with fnu Korsemann, a former German Polizei-general who recently returned to Munich from imprisonment in a Polish JW camp? Korsemann, according to HOETTL, allegedly works for the Deutsche Soldatenzeitung in Bonn, and has the same assignment from the Soviets with regard to Western Germany, as has Dr. Slavik with regard to Austria.

In addition to answering the above EEIs, Springer was given the following additional assignments:

- a. Exploration of NL nets in Western Germany and the discovery of the persons working those nets.
- b. The exploration of the "Soviet threads" which run from Austria to Western Germany and back.
- c. Preparation of a basic report on the NL with particular reference to the degree to which they are preparing the road for communism in Austria. Names of the more important functionaries and descriptions of their activities are to be included in this report.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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In early January 1952, Springer sent HOETTL two reports, one on the former Polizeigeneral Korsemann, and the second on the NL. The NL report was supplemented by a report of a conversation between Springer and Slavik, held in early January, in which Springer had directly or indirectly asked Slavik most of the questions for which HOETTL had requested answers.

HOETTL gave Springer 300 schillings as starting pay, with the prospects of increased income if his material is suitable. (See Exhibit I) He stated that a greater starting salary was not possible because the intelligence service operates on the principle of payment for information received, not just for prospective news. HOETTL promised that he would attempt to get the starting salary increased, but said that he didn't have much hope of success. He said he could guarantee a fair income if Springer's weekly reports were regularly of intelligence value. HOETTL also said that he would and could aid Springer in fulfilling Springer's desire to emigrate to South Africa.

HOETTL asked Springer for a short personal history statement which he said he was required to have to forward to his employers. He told Springer that reports might be sent through the Austrian mail addressed directly to HOETTL at his post box address in Altaussee. Springer was instructed to employ an inner and an outer envelope when mailing reports, using a fictitious return address on the outer envelope, but he was instructed to sign his own name to the reports enclosed in the inner envelope.

Springer said that during a conversation with HOETTL held 18 February 1952, in Altaussee, he received the impression that HOETTL was in contact with an intelligence agency of the Born government, and also in contact with an intelligence agency of the US State Department, the latter having its office in Heidelberg.

Springer told Informant 6433 that HOETTL makes weekly trips to Munich in connection with his intelligence activities, but that Springer had no information as to whom HOETTL met in Munich. Springer observed that on weekends he had frequently seen HOETTL meet a man in Cafe Ramsauer, Poststrasse 8, Bad Ischl for what appeared to be business meetings. The man, whose name is unknown to Springer, was described as being about 30 years old, five feet nine inches tall, slender athletic build, oval face, dark brown wavy hair combed straight back, gray eyes, smooth shaven, wears conservative clothes of

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good quality. The man drives a gray Volkswagen, license No. <sup>B</sup>R 834-401 D. HOETTL and the man hold long conversations, during which each of them occasionally takes notes. Springer described HOETTL's manner when in the presence of the man as that of an employee before his employer.

AGENT'S NOTES: Springer agreed to keep this office informed of his work with HOETTL, and to supply this office with a copy of all reports which he makes to HOETTL.

FILE CHECK:

Korsemann is not listed on the files of this Sub-Detachment. Springer has been listed on numerous reports as an informant. HOETTL and Slavik have been the subjects of numerous reports in the files of this Sub-Detachment.

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EXHIBIT I

TRANSLATION

(AGENT'S NOTE: The material appearing below is a copy of a portion of a letter from HGETTL to Springer. The remainder of the letter was inadvertently destroyed. Original of this portion may be found in the files of Sub-Detachment "B" (Linz).)

"- - - The first payment was sent as (illegible). It amounted to \$ 300 which I sent to you minus \$ 100 which I had advanced to you previously. I was promised that in a short time the payments would be increased if the material corresponded accordingly. Your idea regarding a bigger payment to start matters is essentially correct and also reasonable, but I believe that there is no means by which you can make this clear. The people all want to go ahead under the principle: "Here the material. Here the money". I will attempt, however, to get something out, but don't get your hopes up too high. However, I believe I can almost guarantee you to get you a decent payment, if you send me regularly, i.e., weekly, interesting reports. I advise you to use this chance; you could make yourself a good position, and most of all establish good business connections which is important for your emigration plans. More about this personally.

With the next letter send me a short life story of yourself, so that I can report well concerning you - contrary to my deepest conviction very flattering - but I do not know your dates.

Hoping to hear soon from you, I greet you heartily

Your friend

S/Willi

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