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TO : Chief, EE DATE: 15 April 1952
Attn: []
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna APO/ []
SUBJECT: GENERAL Operational JAN 1 1952
SPECIFIC Dr. HOETTL

We have at hand an unsolicited report from [] on a Dr. HOETTL who is probably identical with Dr. Willy HOETTL, well-known fabricator who is resident in the Salzburg area.

1. The erstwhile officer (Sturmbannfuehrer) of the RSHA Office 6E in Budapest, Dr. HOETTL, was recognized by his superiors in the RSHA as one of the best qualified intelligence officials stationed in South-eastern Europe. He had a capable competitor in the person of Josef URBAN (probably identical with the veteran Abwehr officer and current fabricator now resident at Linz).

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2. HOETTL, during his tenure in Budapest, was so close-mouthed regarding his intelligence sources that his colleagues were unable to identify most of them. It is known that one of his best sources was Countess Franziska PALFFY with whom he carried on an intimate relationship. PALFFY had many contacts in Hungarian intelligence circles and managed to obtain a continuous selection of interesting reports for HOETTL. HOETTL was adept at reworking this information, and he forwarded it on to the RSHA Headquarters as material which had originated from his own sources.

3. On several occasions when PALFFY'S production dwindled, HOETTL let her know via subtleties that he had less time to spend with her socially because he had to meet his reports quota and that if he failed to do so he would be transferred to another post. Since PALFFY didn't want to be separated from her paramour, she pressed her Hungarian contacts for more information and thus helped HOETTL enhance his position.

4. In 1945, PALFFY fled to the West and renewed her contact with HOETTL. It is believed that she is currently serving him in an intelligence capacity.

5. This is some biographical data on PALFFY:

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(Countess) Franziska de PAULA PALFFY, born 10 March 1897 at Szomolany, Hungary; Austrian citizen since 1947. Currently resident at Kremsegg 9, Kremsmuenster. Her father was Count Erdoed PALFFY and her mother was Lucia, nee WILCZEK. Franziska PALFFY came to Kremsmuenster in 1945 when the RSHA Office 6A was transferred from Budapest to Kremsmuenster.

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