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SUBJECT: Financial Transaction by Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

1. Approximately by the middle of March 1952, Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL asked CC 2 by phone for an urgent meeting at Attnang-Puchheim.

2. During such meeting HÖTTL wanted to know if there was any possibility for CC 2 to have larger sums of D-Marks changed on the Salzburg blackmarket. These sums allegedly represented payments by a German publishing house to HÖTTL's Nibelungen Verlag. HÖTTL did not want to have such transfers made via Nationalbank because Nationalbank pays a lower exchange rate. HÖTTL made no statement regarding the German firm's name nor did he give the amount concerned. CC 2 answered evasively, but not in the negative because he intended to talk the matter over with CC 1.

3. With CC 1's approval CC 2 informed HÖTTL by letter that he could settle the matter.

4. Two or three weeks later HÖTTL informed CC 2 that in the meantime he had found another way to receive his money. Late in April, upon HÖTTL's request, CC 2 met HÖTTL at Salzburg. Purpose of such meeting was HÖTTL's planning to have a series of articles published with a German illustrated concerning the events in Salzkammergut during the last stage of the war and immediately afterwards. On such occasion CC 2 asked HÖTTL how he had handled above money affair. HÖTTL replied that he had settled the matter officially via Nationalbank. He further stated that the German firm was B. PIPER Verlag at Munich which owed considerable sums to Nibelungen Verlag for a common edition of BREHM's "Die Throne stürzen", printed at Wels, Austria. (The order was placed by Nibelungen Verlag with the Wels firm Johann HAAS, 34 Stadtplatz.)

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