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RAYA-2071 dated 1953 (Interrogation of Willi HOETTL re PONGER/VERNER)
HOETTL mentioned Dr. OFZARNEK (© SCHAEFER)'s name to PONGER while the
two (PONGER & HOETTL) were having lunch in October 1953 in Munich. PONGER
stated that CIC was very angry with OFZARNEK because he continued to work
against the agreement which had been reached between CIC Austria and SCHNEIDER
(GEBLER). Returning from Munich to Austria, after the lunch, HOETTL, PONGER
met OFZARNEK on the border. HOETTL doubts that PONGER spoke with OFZARNEK, and
does not know whether or not he knows him personally. HOETTL has no reason to
believe that OFZARNEK could be working for the Russians via PONGER. HOETTL
has heard such rumors about OFZARNEK in Austria from Dr. Kurt WESSELY who
allegedly is active for the Russian or Hungarian IS. HOETTL does not believe
that OFZARNEK who had employed WESSELY, and may still use him, knows anything
about WESSELY's other alleged IS activities.

HOETTL also stated that Dr. KNOLL, the son of OFZARNEK's colleague
Prof. Kurt KNOLL, is a Communist Unity Front Shop Steward in Voest and is
reported to send OFZARNEK information through his father concerning this
business. The senior KNOLL appears to be absolutely reliable but apparently
cannot, for obvious reasons, separate himself from his son.

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