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✓ Dr. Slavik's conversation with Dr. Hoettl (~~XXXXXXXXXX~~) 17 Oct 50 (P/02175)

Dr Slavik informed Dr Hoettl that he came on behalf of the Soviet occupation forces, and that Hoettl's cooperation was desired by them. Dr Slavik proposed that Dr Hoettl meet with an important Soviet officer, a colonel or ^{a brigadier -} ~~major~~ general who he did not name, at a place in the Soviet Zone which Hoettl would specify. Slavik promised safe conduct even in case of failure to agree with the Soviet representative.

4. Hoettl refused the bid with the usual polite dodge, and told CC 2 that his decision for the West was irrevocable.

5. The statements of Slavik ~~himself~~ ^{what} offered nothing new in relation to those he had already declared in his circle, but ~~it~~ was noteworthy was the strong stress of the argument that the Soviets sooner or later would get active and then every former national socialist who could not leave the country could save his head only if he now adopted a friendly attitude to the Soviets by cooperation through the Nationale Liga. Slavik also pointed out the close parallel between the Nationale Liga and the National Front in the GDR.

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