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The German Nationalist Movement exists in four main groups:

1. General GUDERIAN gathers the elements from the German Army.
2. GRIESENER, Friedel, is in close contact with the leaders of the Hitler-Youth for the whole of Germany and Austria.
3. General STEINER and HAUSEN have gathered around themselves the ex-members of the "Waffen-SS" (the fighting troops of the SS).
4. LAUTENBACHER, Hans, has elements from the NSDAP (National-Socialist Party) and from the Hitler-Youth. He works with the American TIB.

A chief standing over these four groups does not exist. There are, however, contacts between these groups. These contacts between the first three groups are made by Otto SCORZENY (SS) and AXMAN, J.H. SCORZENY (he does not work for our U. S. service) lives near Munich, hidden by the groups "Griesmeier." SCORZENY has often meetings with General GUDERIAN; these two men are good friends still from the war. Through SCORZENY the second group has also contact with the ex-Waffen SS.

The contacts of the last group are not so good; Hartmut LAUTENBACHER was in contact with GUDERIAN. Hartmut told me that GUDERIAN acknowledged him (LAUTENBACHER) as the political leader of the whole movement. Hartmut is now in Rome and holds his contacts with the Guderian group through his brother Hans.

In one of those days, I spoke with STUBER-LAYR, sent by the first and second group to me to know something about the incidents in the section "Germans to Syria." (The arrest of five officers in Innsbruck took special information "Germans to Syria"). STUBER-LAYR told, that also Dr. RUEHLS found the contact to the first two groups. (I don't know how he did it.) Dr. RUEHLS is actually in Germany; he fears to have some difficulties in connection with the arrest of the officers in Innsbruck. (French authorities!) One or two of the arrested persons had letters from RUEHLS when they were arrested; and on the other side, RUEHLS is in contact with French groups in South-Tirol and Germany. When RUEHLS's situation is cleared up, he will return to Rome. / RUEHLS either committed suicide or was murdered a month ago near Innsbruck. - J.d./

I have here in Rome contacts to all groups through their representatives: Hartmut LAUTENBACHER, STUBER-LAYR, and RUEHLS. Hartmut refuses himself to speak with one of the other two men in Rome.

As I already told, there does not exist a leader of this movement. The spiritual "Fuhrer", however, is SCORZENY. The German youth see in him their first hero and not in the ex-leaders of the Hitler-Jugend, as for instance, AXMAN or LAUTENBACHER. AXMAN is still in a concentration camp, but he has often license and is in close contact with the Griesmeier group.

It is interesting, that all four groups warn against Willy HOETTL, telling that he would be able to betray everybody for a personal advantage. Willy has in Germany (among these groups) very few friends. They accuse him

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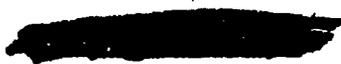
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of the following things:

1. He betrayed his comrades at Muerenberg.
2. He made in Lay 1945 a list of all members of the foreign governments who collaborated with the Germans and who lived with false documents hidden in Austria. With this list the CIC could arrest almost all the ex-friends of Lilly.
3. He works now with the CIC.



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