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Embassy has considered possibilities compensating for serious loss in intelligence for Battle Act enforcement purposes resulting from abolition censorship in Austria. (EMBTTEL 448, August 18).

In anticipation abolition censorship, problem was raised with Clabough (Department's circular airgram 1878 of May 14) during visit here in June.

In view of over-all commitments which must currently be met by US intelligence collection agencies here, no significant changes in priorities assigned to operating agencies can be made locally.

Alternative would be to supplement further personnel and funds available to collection agencies for express purpose increasing East-West trade intelligence collection effort.

✓ Embassy suggests problem be considered by MDAC intelligence advisory group in light of over-all US intelligence effort Austria.

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