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SUBJECT: Information on the KERNMAYR Circle

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1. When source visited Erich KERNMAYR late in January 1952, he there met Gunther FISCHER (former chief of Gras Reichspropagandaamt), who during the nights January 19 to 20 and 20 to 21 stayed with KERNMAYR and was introduced to source under the name 'JÄGER'. On such occasion source learned that JÄGER still lives underground in the Soviet zone and frequently travels in Austria for preparing the foundation of a new political organization including former nazis.
2. KERNMAYR told source that he holds close connection with former SS General (fnu) STEINER, Munich, allegedly with regard to the question, whether former Austrian members of Waffen SS should be united within an official organization. Also the problem of an Austrian soldiers association is being discussed.
3. Lothar GREIL who calls himself KERNMAYR's adjutant, is circulation manager of 'Deutsche Soldatenzeitung' in Austria. Both KERNMAYR and GREIL tried to remove Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL from his position as Austrian correspondent of said periodical; they accused HÖTTL to have witnessed against nationalsocialism during the Nuremberg war crime trials. Such endeavors have failed so far.

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