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1. Ex-General Otto Ernst Remer, former head of the now-outlawed neo-Nazi Sozialistische Reichspartei (SRP), has been invited to visit Austria for several weeks in June or July. The invitation was conveyed to Remer in a letter from Werner Koerper of Germersheim, former SRP Land Chairman for Rhineland/Palatinate, who said he was passing on the message at the request of Dr. Binder (fnu) of Osterode and of various other unnamed SRP functionaries.
2. The purpose of the Austrian visit would be to discuss the possible formation of a new opposition party or, if necessary, an opposition underground movement.
3. Remer was willing to come to Austria, but July did not suit him because of previous commitment. He suggested the month of August as an alternative date. He was awaiting another letter from Koerper, however, which might enable him to come to Austria at an earlier date.
4. Koerper's letter gave rise to a discussion on SRP tactics in West Germany in which Dr. Fritz Dorls opposed Remer's anti-Western viewpoint. Dorls said West Germany had no alternative but "to back the American card" regardless of the consequences. He favored direct a Washington-Bonn military alliance. He thought that a continuation of SRP cooperation with the Russians would eventually be fatal to the SRP. He wanted to pursue pro-German, not pro-Russian policies.
5. Remer, however, was satisfied with the results achieved through SRP-Russian cooperation. He stated that, in the event of war, West Germany would be occupied by the Soviets. To preserve "national forces" during the occupation period, a deal with Russia was required, he said.

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