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AGENT REPORT

NAME OF SUBJECT OR NAME OF ORGANIZATION

HOETTL, Wilhelm, Dr. - Former Alleged Anti-Communist Movement in Austria

1. DATE REPORTED

10/23/52

2. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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3. SUMMARY OF FACTS

The following information was obtained by this Agent on 24 June 1952 from Informant 6030, who in turn had obtained it during the course of conversations with alleged friends and/or acquaintances of Alois Eder. Evaluation: Source "C"; Information "6".

[redacted] - former Waffen SS member, former Land Secretary of the Upper Austria VdU (Verband der Unabhängigen - League of Independents), who was allegedly removed from his position because of his Russophile attitude and friendship with Soviet officers and Dr. Adolf Slavik, leader of the IL (Nationale Liga - National League), is presently employed as the representative of a sugar firm (DU). Eder confided to friends and acquaintances that he recently made a trip to Munich, Germany. In Munich he visited and discussed politics with former SS General Felix Steiner, the former SD officer and present editor of the "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung" (German Soldiers' Newspaper) Dr. (fnu) Roeder, and the publisher of the anti-Western youth magazine "Der Widerhall" (The Echo) Fritz Krisant in Lochham near Munich. Eder was accompanied by Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, who also had conversations of a political nature with numerous personalities (identities unknown). Eder and HOETTL have recently developed exceptionally close contact. Eder stated further that HOETTL is considered a very important personality in Western Germany. Dr. Roeder introduced an alleged General (fnu) Brass or Bross to HOETTL, who is to make preparations for an anti-Communist campaign in Austria.

FILE CHECK:

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous references concerning Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL as an intelligence operative. In Agent Report S-12482, dated 22 January 1952, Subject: HOETTL, Wilhelm, Dr. - Intelligence Peddler, HOETTL is described as a suspected Soviet Agent who travels between Austria and Italy.

Numerous references to the IL affiliations of Dr. Adolf Slavik.

Numerous references to the former VdU and IL affiliations of Louis Eder.

No record of Fritz Krisant.

Numerous references to the SS and NSDAP (National Sozialistische Deutsche Arbeiter Partei - Nationalist Socialist German Workers Party) affiliations of General Felix Steiner, born 9 May 1906.

SOI, S-2740, dated 31 August 1948, Subject: STEINER, Felix, ex SS General and Alleged Leader of an Anti-Communist Group, revealed that Steiner was organizing an anti-Communist resistance group composed of former field grade SS and Army officers, and was ostensibly desirous of putting at the disposal of an American Intelligence Agency the information and manpower which his groups would be able to furnish.

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