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Chief, EK
Attention:
Chief, Salzburg Base

Operational

GROSSBAHN/CC-2 Contact Report Covering Meeting with
Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

Ref: EASA-205, SSALZ 648, SSALZ 632

1. Attached hereto is a copy of subject report. The CC-2/
HOETTL relationship continues to be of marginal interest in the
overall GROSSBAHN operations (except for the possible security
implications) but we see no reason for not following the matter
without the expenditure of undue effort.

2. The gist of what HOETTL related to CC-2 seems to follow
fairly closely what he related to Carlo HASS (as reported to us
verbally by Detachment 35) so we feel our lukewarm attitude toward
picking up contact with HASS, as expressed in last two cited refer-
ences, is somewhat justified. We see no sound reason for an addi-
tional operation with HASS following the machinations of ex-GIS
personnel (principally HOETTL) in Austria, when we can accomplish
the same results as a by-product of the normal GROSSBAHN operations.

3. On the HOETTL/HEINZ/HASS matter, GROSSBAHN informed us
verbally a week or so ago that HEINZ' Munich representative had gone
to considerable pains to spell out in letter form to HOETTL, exactly
why he was being dropped by the Blank office. This letter, of all
things, was posted in Germany to HOETTL in Austria, which may or may
not mean that someone was deliberately trying to have the letter fall
into Allied censorship channels. The possibilities of why this was
done are interesting and varied; ranging from an honest effort to
explain to Dr. HOETTL why he was being dropped through to an
elaborate scheme to create the illusion HOETTL was being discharged
but actually to render the HEINZ/HOETTL contact less visible. HASS
has reported to Detachment 35 that HOETTL states that now that he
has been dropped by HEINZ, the latter wishes to take up direct
contact with HASS. HOETTL has been attempting to induce HASS to
travel with him to Munich for the purpose of meeting HEINZ' man there,

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at which time HASS is to be made Chief Agent in the Italian area. HASS is supposedly awaiting instructions from Detachment 35 as to how to proceed. Knowing his past performances, it would not be surprising if he has not already established direct contact in Munich and will report the matter later, if it fits his purposes.

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