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1. According to source, reporting on 4 February 1955, Karl HASS is slowly but definitely lining up toward the Left politically. Source had noted this evolution for some time and it was now obvious enough to be reported to his control. It would be in error to state that HASS was Marxist; still, all his stated sympathies are for the U.S.S.R. He believes that Western policy is the major obstacle to a united Germany; he is convinced that the Western powers deliberately desired to provoke war in order to attach Eastern peoples. He is also certain that the Soviet Union has by now beaten the West economically and politically and that it has only to wait to reap the fruits. For HASS, there is no doubt of the absolute superiority of the Eastern services and as far as he is concerned the right of Communist China to predominate in Asia and in the Pacific is undeniable.
2. According to source the worst could be expected of HASS; he has reached this conclusion after much reflection and excludes the hypothesis that HASS was simulating this attitude.
3. Report of 5 February 1955: (Ref: []-9098) On 3 February 1955, HASS told Source that he had received news from Wilhelm HOETTL to the effect that Lois EDER, who had left Austria for West Germany on 24 January 1955, had disappeared from circulation and has not been seen since. HOETTL intimated that in his opinion EDER had been arrested by the American services and he commented that this was truly a disgrace. HOETTL expected that EDER would be accused of being a Soviet agent simply because he was hostile to the American police.
4. HASS' reaction to this news was most interesting. He was pan-stricken. Strangely enough he thinks that the following had happened to EDER and opined that it was quite probable EDER had been in contact, in connection with the intelligence activity in which he was engaged for the Bonn government in the East Zone of Austria, with an Austrian citizen, the widow of an S.S. NCO or officer, who worked in a large factory which made uniforms for the Soviet troops. She furnished EDER with information and

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samples of Soviet uniforms. According to HASS, who was convinced that his theory is correct, the woman had played a double game in favor of the Soviets, furnishing EDER with information of little value but obtaining from him, innocently on his part, important information. This was doubtless discovered by the American services who now were probably accusing EDER of being a Soviet agent.

5. What made the situation interesting, and what HASS had evidently forgotten, was what he had told Source long before during the period before he returned to Italy, when HASS had worked in Austria for the American services, living at Lambach, he had worked up a system (which he claimed was excellent) for recruiting female informers in the East Zone of Austria. He would publish a "marriage ad" in one of the papers available in both the East and the West zones of Austria, indicating a preference for widows of officers who had died in the war. Then he call, in turn, to the West zone of Lins, the candidates who lived in the East zone of that city, frequently to the "Goethe" Cafe, and from among them he would choose his informers, often unwitting ones. He told Source that he had found one who was particularly useful as she would furnish him with Soviet uniforms or portions thereof. She worked in a factory which made uniforms for the officers of the Soviet General Headquarters in Austria, near Urfaahr. He had had to suspend this activity, which in his opinion was promising and profitable, because it had met with the disapproval of the American service for which he worked.
6. It is probable that it was the same person who, according to HASS, was the cause of EDER's ruin, and she might have been introduced to EDER by HASS.
7. HOETTL informed HASS that he was in contact with very high ranking intelligence circles who were about to ask him to organize and intelligence net on a high level for the use of unspecified chiefs -therefore, of a quasi-private nature. HOETTL would be given this delicate assignment because of his well-known previous contacts with "the black ones". HOETTL stated that he could not give more details by letter but would find a way to meet with HASS. In the meantime he asked HASS, whom he invited to collaborate with him, to intensify his contacts with the "black ones".
8. The "Black ones" were defined by HASS as being priests in general and in the Vatican milieu in particular, and to confirm this interpretation HASS recalled that during the War HOETTL had undertaken peace negotiations through the Vatican.

Report of 25 February 1955: [] reports that Karl HASS stayed at Hotel Grilli in Naples 14-15 January 1955, carrying ppt. # 1101210 issued 29/7/1953 by the German Consulate in Rome. He came alone from Rome, where he returned, received no callers or phone calls, nor did he have contact with members of the MICROLAMBDA firm where it is not known.

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