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Closing of the net of Dr. Wilhelm Höftl

Mr. Kornmeyer informed some of his staff that the Americans would close the information net of Dr. Höftl effective 1 September. This measure was in connection with a reorganization of the U.S. CIC in Austria. Approximately 50 CIC officials are to be exchanged for new and younger people. Nine CIC officials who work closely with Dr. Höftl (including Mr. Morrison in Gmunden) will be relieved.

Dr. Höftl was told in Salzburg about the closing of his net. Mr. Kornmeyer was advised separately in Gmunden. When Kornmeyer was given notice, the CIC man made the statement to him that the work done by the net was excellent and the short notice was not gentlemanly.

Kornmeyer is very curious to find out the real reason for the closing of Höftl's net. He assumes that Pigl, Dr. Gruber, Graf and Dr. Neleta used their connections with the U.S. Forces to arouse suspicion concerning Höftl's and Kornmeyer's loyalty. Kornmeyer himself admits that he made mistakes in using the net for political activities rather than devoting all efforts to intelligence.

Höftl did not give up the fight against the closing of his net. He went to the new people of CIC, Linz, where he was not received. Then he went to Dulles, Donovan and Erhardt to determine if something could be done to prevent the closing down of the net.

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