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503 arrived from Austria February 25 having left Vienna about 18. 503 for several years acquainted with HOTTEL one of Viennese SS chiefs who knew vaguely that 503 had direct contacts with Americans Switzerland. Prior 503's recent departure from Vienna for Switzerland Hottel informed him that KALTENBRUNNER chief of SD wanted to see him. Kaltenbrunner informed 503 that he and Himmler most anxious to end war and as first step were contemplating liquidation of "war mongers" within Nazi party especially BORMANN. Himmler and Kaltenbrunner were most anxious to establish contact with British and Americans and asked 503 to make effort in this direction on his trip to Switzerland and contemplated sending here high SS official to speak on their behalf provided contact could be established. 503 on own initiative suggested that Alfred POTOCKI brother of former Polish Minister to Washington should be permitted to go to Switzerland with him as he felt Potocki had first class contacts with British. Hottel arranged for immediate exit visa for Potocki and his mother. Potocki expected proceed first to Liechtenstein where he has not yet arrived. While 503 is rather light weight consider above approach interesting as sign of increasing disintegration within Nazi party and as indication antics of Himmler to prepare alibis, According 503 Himmler now organizing defense on eastern front and largely in command of this theatre of war.

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