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Further conversations with 503 indicate that his SD contacts and information have more importance than I originally believed. Information received from other good sources tends to bear out indications brought by 503 that Himmler Kaltenbrunner and certain other high SS officials might not go along with die-hard fanatics and might try to gain some immunity by serving as "Uebergangs" regime between Hitler and occupation forces. They might possibly prefer this to joining Hitler Bormann et al. in German reduit. Please note particularly significant statement my 609 attributed to Kaltenbrunner that Himmler anxious to liquidate "war mongers such as Bormann."

Naturally persons of Himmler Kaltenbrunner type can gain no immunity from us but as long as they believe this is possible it might give us opportunity to drive a wedge in SD and thus reduce effectiveness of German reduit plans. This seems to be a matter well worth handling by clandestine methods as I feel one need have no scruples in double-crossing types such as Himmler Kaltenbrunner et al. Through indirect channels we are arranging to have HOTTEL come to Swiss frontier where trusted intermediary will see him.

It would be most interesting to know if you have any other clues bearing on this situation.

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