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1. Ref. your 946 re HENDEL operation.
2. Dr. Wilhelm HENDEL, SS Sturmbannfuhrer and Deputy Chief, Amt VI Secy of RSHA. Chief of organized German Intelligence network operating in Balkan countries against Russia.
3. Surrendered voluntarily to American forces after several attempts to contact American authorities in Switzerland.
4. Offered to turn ~~substant~~ over to American forces network to be used against Russians. This probably based on well known German wish to embroil Eastern Alliance with Russia and thus try to restore <sup>so</sup> time of Germany's best power.
5. HENDEL's Centrale at Steyrilly now in American hands. Well equipped and well staffed by HENDEL's associates.
6. To determine veracity of HENDEL's claims as to existence of agents in Balkans, and to ascertain extent of net, Centrale sent on the air early June.
7. Contact was made with one agent in Bucharest and another in Budapest. This on 5 June.
8. Initial traffic with both agents restricted to recognition signals and service messages.

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