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MEMORANDUM

To: 110, DB92,

From: [Hanson] Re. HÖTTL

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Yesterday an acquaintance from Freising, Bavaria, reliability untested, told me the following:

One Albert HÖRTL (Dr.), an Austrian 36 years old, has been working in Freising for the American intelligence center on such things as Ciano's diary, etc. He claimed to be working for Dulles and Leslie. Some time ago he left Freising, but he is believed to be still with the Third Army, working with CIC.

In July Höftl asked my friend to take to Switzerland a letter addressed to Count POTOCKI, which my friend did. At the end of August Höftl asked him to take another letter addressed to Alfred PREUSS in Liechtenstein. My friend in the meantime had learned that Höftl was an SS and refused to take the letter, asking why Höftl did not send it via the Americans. Höftl replied that he did not wish it to be seen by the Americans.

Recently one Franz ROTHEN, an Austrian, 45-48, formerly a diplomat in the Balkans, (home address Altausee, Austria), knowing that my friend was coming to Switzerland asked him to communicate with Dulles and Leslie and have them get into communication with Höftl, as Höftl wanted to go to South America.

Rothen said that Höftl had corresponded, in addition to Preuss and Count Alfred Potocki, c/o Prince Liechtenstein, Vaduz, with the following person:

Prince Alois Auersperg  
Chalet Gentian  
Villars sur Ollon.

Höftl's wife, Frau Doktor Alfred Höftl, lives at Altausee, Puchen 61.

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