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To: Saint, Germany
From: DBI
Subject: HOETTL.

1. A colleague in J1 reports that a friend in Germany whose reliability he has not tested told him that Alfred HOETTL (presumably identical with Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL) was working in Freising, Bavaria, for LIO and LESLIE of the American Intelligence Services on such things as the Ciano Diary, etc. He states that HOETTL left Freising some time ago and is believed to be attached now to the CIC, Third Army. In July, HOETTL asked him to deliver a letter to Count Alfred POTOCKI in Switzerland and our informant agreed. At the end of August HOETTL asked him to take another letter to Alfred PREUSS in Liechtenstein. In the meanwhile, however, our informant had learned of HOETTL's connection with the SS and refused. He suggested that HOETTL send the letter through the Americans to which HOETTL replied that he did not wish to have the letter seen by the Americans.

2. Recently, Franz ROTHEN, a former Austrian diplomat residing at Altaussee, Austria, asked our informant who was planning to come to Switzerland if he would see LIO and Leslie and ask them to contact HOETTL who was eager to go to South America. ROTHEN disclosed that in addition to PREUSS and POTOCKI (care of Prince LIECHTENSTEIN, Vaduz), HOETTL had also communicated with Prince Alois AUERSPERG, Chalet Gentian, Villars sur Ollon. He also reported that Frau Doktor Alfred HOETTL lives at Altaussee, Puchen 61.

3. Herewith photostats of two letters from AUERSPERG and PREUSS addressed to HOETTL that our informant has been asked to deliver to him in Germany. We have requested him to do so and to continue to act as a letter drop until we have your comments.

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