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Alt memo, 12 Oct 42

Mr. Morrison

Since I am "busy" at the moment and thus unable to leave home and since the subject is so urgent, I am sending this most important matter by courier for safety.

The [redacted] affair seems to go further and to assume increasingly greater proportions so that I must ask you and Mr. [redacted] to take over from here. On 7 Oct 42 at about 1700 there appeared in [redacted] before Land Secretary Walter REISINGER, an American who introduced himself as a member of the CIC in [redacted] and who further alleged that he came from the "Bewachungsdienst" of the [redacted] Secret Service. The American warned REISINGER very confidentially about his co-worker Theo WILBER, the publisher of the information service of the OVP in Upper Austria. He explained that [redacted] received his information, mostly about the KPO, from [redacted] and that information being always false. He knows through his information in the [redacted] of the KPO how the [redacted] knows absolutely all connections. For this reason he can only warn most urgently against [redacted] and [redacted]. It is further known in the [redacted] that [redacted] works together with Dr. HUBER, [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted]. These are all "bad boys" who are swindling in money and who were discredited by the Nazis. [redacted] is particularly hated by the Nazis because of his testimony at Nuremberg. He works with the Americans and the OVP but not with the Left. His closest co-worker is said to be Nationalist GATSCHEWICKER even though he is said to have argued with this man over the division of the huge [redacted] loot in Alt Aussee.

I don't know the name of the American. I could only say that that on his day two (2) Americans were with REISINGER, one named [redacted], the other [redacted], whether it was either of these two, I don't say.

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Now to other matters, which are also urgent. You still remember the cases which I gave to you or Dr. LUCID with the promise that they had to do with the best KF experts of the at that time Austrians and also later the German Gestapo. Now I get a report from Vienna. The man writes me that the Russians made an attempt to get hold of him because they require him as a witness. The Austrian court refused on the pretext that an accusation has already been made against him. Now he fears that the Russians will extradite him and get him to trial when the court no longer has a pretext or after he has served his time under the present sentence. He has therefore suggested that his trial be transferred to LINZ since most of the witnesses on his side do not dare to testify in Vienna because of the expected reprisals. I request once more that something be done quickly for this man (it concerns Kriminalrat Hans SAMETZER) before it is too late. I believe that the way indicated by him is feasible since the Austrian Minister of Justice is inclined favorably toward the Gest. Otherwise I suggest that SAMETZER and the others be transferred to LINZ immediately after his trial on the pretext that they are needed as witnesses for another trial, for instance, that of the SAEBERG Gestapo Leader, Dr. Hubert HUGER, whose case is in LINZ for trial and whom I specified in due time as the fourth man. Should it naturally be possible to achieve this transfer before the trial, it would be so much the better. I only fear that it is too difficult, while the other way would be definitely practicable, only he must be prepared so that after the trial the Russians are not quicker than we are. The three people who are in Vienna in Landesgericht I and who have already received their indictments, are: the above mentioned Hans SAMETZER, Oberregierungsrat Dr. Karl BEXER, and Oberregierungsrat Dr. Othmar ANBERGER. Please lay this matter immediately before Dr. LUCID.

Now to the HEIMATHUS affair. After the step of the British High Commissioner, it could no longer be saved. Apparently its American colleague didn't try any more. The matter has gone wrong for us. Now I should like a chance to get such a newspaper for us and thereby start a paper in LINZ, a matter about which I already told you, in order to aid in getting our work in hand. That will be possible if REISINGER, through you, regains confidence in me. As soon as I learn that it is again OK with him, I will undertake this task. Today I have only a purely humanitarian duty to perform. This is that the publisher, Franz KLAUTNER, be set free again. He owes his arrest and his ruined newspaper exclusively to the fact that

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become... also the personal side of it is unpleasant for me and the others, which fact is obvious because through this, great complications could develop between us and the Australian authorities, entirely aside from attacks by the communists and their agents. At the moment it seems to me to be best to save RESINGER and... for the work in which connection I suggest the following steps which must be agreed to by you.

RESINGER must have an understanding with CIC LING about this matter - in view of his position possibly directly from Dr. LING - so that he can satisfy himself on the entire affair. It should be explained to him that his alleged American visitor was an impostor. A check has shown that the mentioned gentlemen, Dr. LING, ... are completely reliable and honest persons. The statements of the alleged American about the work of the ... were fictitious. Only if RESINGER immediately gets the conviction that he was not deceived by me and that I am a reliable man with good connections, can he possibly be saved for the work. It is not so important to me at the moment that I be reinstated but it is important that the situation be corrected. Now you carry out your investigations, you certainly know better than I but I believe, however, the trail will soon lead to Dr. ALEXANDER.

he and we believed. You and Mr. LUCID will understand, as oficers, that it is incompatible with my honor not to try to do all in my power for KLANTZER so that he at least regains his freedom. The terribleness of this entire affair is unimaginable. The HEIMATRUZ was attacked by SOUCHEK and other comrades because of KLANTZER's connections with the GRAZER NEONAZIISM and finally for this reason it was banned because no substantiation was presented for the neo-Nazi writings. The only man who was compromised by SOUCHEK was the publisher STOCKER. It was known that the man wanted the HEIMATRUZ to work for the SPÜ, that is, that the HEIMATRUZ should mediate the nazi voice for the Reds. Therefore we dismissed SOUCHEK from the newspaper. And now, since the HEIMATRUZ was banned, comes the greatest insolence; the trial of STOCKER on charges of neo-Naziism was begun! All the reliable people of the newspaper are either locked up or have lost their livelihood. The editor-in-chief, Dr. Manfred JASNER, is now in LINZ at my request so that nothing can happen to him. He will help us start the new newspaper and bring to us the subscribers from the HEIMATRUZ. (As an unsurpassed optimist, one can see an advantage in all, even in the fact that the HEIMATRUZ is now finally dead and we therefore can begin a new newspaper all alone without unknown persons being able to look in on what would be of great importance in regard to the intelligence net achieved through the newspaper. However, as said before, please do everything for KLANTZER, if not on humanitarian grounds, for this reliable, brave, front-line officer, who is innocent, deserves as much, then on the basis of ethical duty because he has believed in our help and has dared all in this belief.)

Lastly, one more question: Are the permits for KOWARIK and me there?

I will call you again at the end of the week, by that time you will probably see more clearly, into the RESINGER affair, above all. Otherwise, please give news to Ing KOWARIK if you want to get in touch with me. With the best of wishes, I remain

Your

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