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The writer of these reports appears to be a man somewhat experienced in intelligence work who is worried about the apparent inactivity of the USA in intelligence and defense preparations in Europe.

His intimation that the US appears to be ready to temporarily abandon Europe in case of conflict (probably all too true) is no doubt the reason for the reports.

The first report "The Necessity of a Central American Intelligence Service" shows quite a good general knowledge of the factors involved. His somewhat detailed knowledge of competition between American intelligence agencies is a little surprising. This situation is certainly well recognized in Washington and the establishment of CIA has helped iron out this question.

His remarks on the value of Eastern European emigrants to intelligence activities are a correct analysis of their importance.

As for the portion on the immediate activation of resistance groups in Eastern countries, the concept is not new. Such persons as General Donovan, Allen Dulles, Charley Thayer, and Frank Lindsay, all ex-OSS men, have worked on it privately and have tried to sell the idea to the Army for some time, without too much success at last reports.

The relationship between the emigre USTACRA organization and the OZNA may be of interest to US intelligence in Frankfurt.

The lines of organization of such a service as is contemplated by this report are for the most part along the same lines as OSS was organized.

The second paper "Thoughts About the Strategical Possibilities of a So-Called Alpina Fortress" is a

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interesting strategic concept in a general sort of way. I'm sure our General Staff has thoroughly delved into such possibilities in view of the current situation, but someone may get some new ideas from it.

These reports are not the work of a crack-pot, but rather of a well meaning, intelligent and perhaps experienced individual along these lines. I would therefore suggest transmitting the reports as Mr. Hottel has suggested for what they may be worth.

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