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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Influence of the Current Political Maneuvering on Intelligence Operations.

1. A secret meeting was held by the leaders of the People's Party and the old Nazi party to consider collaboration.
2. The VDU (Association of Independents) is more or less aligned with the Socialist Party.
3. HOETTL, a Nazi leader and former member of SD, is the chief of four important nests. HOETTL was present at the secret meeting mentioned in 1 above and was assigned the mission of breaking up KRAUS' political activities.
4. KRAUS, the leader of VDU, is the chief of four important nests. It follows that KRAUS will take offensive action against HOETTL. KRAUS is extremely pro-American and has never moved without our advice.
5. PROBLEM: If HOETTL and KRAUS attack each other politically, US Intelligence operations will be jeopardized. These operations cannot be continued without the supervision of these two men.
6. SOLUTION: We will instruct both HOETTL and KRAUS that any political differences must be kept entirely clear of US Intelligence affairs. We will recommend to both a private meeting to resolve their differences.

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