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Dear Sirs,

Mr. Morrison has informed me to-day of the resolution signed by you and saying, that from September 1st, my lines Mount Vernon and Montgomery will be abandoned.

As I had no opportunity to talk to you personally yesterday, I herewith take liberty to address you by letter.

I am not entitled to criticize your decision, but I wish to express a few arguments, which will prove that the reasons given for the a.m. decision are not convincing.

Mr. Morrison has told me, that my lines will be abandoned on the reason 1/ because they were not efficient enough in comparison with other such lines, respectively were needing too much funds, 2/ because no Austrian agents were at disposal, who could render satisfying explanations of secrets and working methods.

In all the time of my activity for you, I never had heard any criticism in that direction, on the contrary, my lines were more than once distinguished by approving remarks from your part. On July 21, only, I received an official information from your office, that your center in Washington had been exceedingly satisfied with our reports (of line Montgomery) about the RDP and the Danube Controls in Mohacs, making them an example for how to continue our work. And this happened at a moment, when the lacking budget during several weeks had forced us to reduce our activity, especially in Hungary, to a mere "preserving apparatus".

During the 10 months of our activity we rendered you 618 reports from line Montgomery and 1650 reports from line Mount Vernon. Besides, I handed you in the course of the last 3 months 225X) informations from the now organized lines to Roumania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, Ukraine, and USSR, without ever receiving a single cent for these.

As to the quality of reports you will admit, that I, as former leading functionary of the German secret service, am able to form a somewhat correct judgement.

This for my defence, for you will understand, that we - I, an old intelligence-officer and my co-operators, who have most of them proved to be first-rate experts - cannot remain untouched, when we must withdraw from our activity on the reason of "inefficiency".

Though not wanting to offer any resistance against your decision, which I accept as a final one, I am yet forced to request your kind support in one point.

x) with 33 plans

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The decision, signed by you, was brought to my knowledge to-day, August 31. As you know, to my lines Montgomery and Mount Vernon belong a number of agents, which I gained under great difficulties, making them leave their positions, and who were prepared to fight in this form against Bolshovism, on account of their idealist attitude.

I cannot throw out these people from one day to the next. The decision coming absolutely unexpected for me, I was not even able to take precautions by advising my agents to recall their financial obligations in time. I am something like an owner of a firm and I have a couple of employees, who not only morally, but de jure have a right to demand their salaries for September, as neither in Austria nor in any other country, it is legally possible, to give notice from now to the next day.

May I request you, therefore, to remit me a last time the budget for September, amounting to \$ 2,480 (1,200 for Montgomery and 1,280 for Mount Vernon), so that I shall be able to satisfy my co-operator's claims to some degree at least. Still in-coming material will, of course, be handed over to your office in Gmunden.

Besides, I beg to express the following urgent request: I do hope, my co-operators never will come into trouble with Austrian authorities on account of their activity for you. If such a case should happen, however, they must turn to some official of your office, in order not to bother you personally. Will you, please, nominate us, therefore, one of your officials for this purpose.

Dear Sir, I need not assure you, that my principal attitude towards your country will not change, even after what has happened. My attitude has remained unchanged, and I have given proofs for it at a time even, when a co-operation with your country was a hanging-matter in Germany. I shall continue my efforts for a mobilization of forces against the Bolchevist world-enemy. I would welcome it, though, in the interest of the matter, if an offending and exclusion from the co-operation of other valuable and idealist elements could be prevented in future.

Very truly, Yours

G. Hill

PS: Would you kindly let me have your answer by way of Mr. Janiko, as usual. If you should wish another personal interview with me, I am any time at your disposal.