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SUBJECT: DR. WILHELM HOETTL IN POSSESSION OF ASSETS.

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Note: The following report presents a continuation of
"Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL's assets in Switzerland",
dated 27 Aug. 1949.

Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL sent valuables and foreign currency to
Switzerland shortly before the end of war through mediation of
Fritz WEISER, industrialist, as mentioned in the previous report.
As a result of this transaction, he claimed, WEISER still owed
him some money, which the latter denied. Dr. HOETTL asked Friedrich
HEISS to help him to settle the disagreement.

Friedrich HEISS, see the current report, especially
"Dr. Friedrich HEISS' business activity, "Friedrich
HEISS" and "Friedrich HEISS, supplementary information"
dated 2 May 1949.

He brought about a conciliation between the both parties, as a
result of which Fritz WEISER paid a sum of 100,000 Schillings to
Dr. Hoettl. How much money was originally claimed, and whether
this sum represented the full payment of the amount claimed is not
known.

The State Police in Linz, in the meantime, continued the
investigation, which was conducted by Polizeirat Dr. KONTAL,
known for his communist party leanings. The primary objective of
this investigation was not so much to find out about Dr. HOETTL's
assets in Switzerland, as to determine what happened to a large
quantity of opium and a box containing valuables and gold, allegedly
belonging to the Wehrmacht, and which, according to the State
Police disappeared from Bad Aussee, or vicinity, at the end
of war. The State Police suspects Heettl of being in the background
of the whole affair; interrogations of individuals, which are
suspected of participation, have taken place. On 10 Sept., the
State Police arrested Dr. van TONGEL, who attracted the police's
attention because of his frequent meetings with Dr. HOETTL, in
Bad Aussee (meeting place at the Post Office, at 17.45 hours).
Through intervention of some unknown friends van Tongel was after
4 days released. Van Tongel has been previously arrested in
connection with the same case. There is, however, not enough
evidence (according to the State Police) which would warrant
court proceedings against van Tongel; the police thinks, that
van Tongel was not actually participating in the illicit
transaction of gold and opium.

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