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SUBJECT: HOETTL, Wilhelm - WIESENTHAL, Simon

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Following information was received from informant 5991. Evaluation: Source "C" (fairly reliable); Information "2" (probably true).

Simon WIESENTHAL, resident of the U.S. Zone of Austria, (Linz), since 1945 and recognized leader of the Jewish Dr's in Upper Austria (Chairman of the Jewish Central Committee) is chief Austrian Agent of the Israeli Intelligence Bureau. He has recruited the services of Wilhelm HOETTL (since his dismissal from U.S. services in September 1949) and the latter has furnished at least one lengthy (100 page) report to date, of which Source is aware. The report deals with the whereabouts and present activities in Austria of former prominent NEDAC members, all details known to HOETTL on the VdU and the SPIDER organization. Source evaluated the content material of the report as grossly exaggerated.

Source also stated HOETTL is well along in his negotiations to open a book dealer's agency in Linz. Source was not aware of the origin of HOETTL's financial backing in this venture.

AGENT'S NOTES:

Information is evaluated at "2" because similar data has been circulating in Jewish circles in Linz for the past several weeks, though always of the rumor category, and one field office has submitted a verbal report, gleaned from another source (Source 6357-Usually "C") confirming above information.

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It is assumed HOETTL's bookstore will be used as a "front" for his intelligence activities as this was one of his "wet" proposals while employed by this Sub-Detachment. The project was never undertaken due to prohibitive initial cost and involved machinations contained in the scheme.

FILE CHECK:

Files of this Sub-Detachment contain voluminous material, too lengthy to list, which confirmed Subjects positions as active intelligence operative and prominent Jewish leader, respectively.

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