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SUBJECT: HOETIL, Will Dr.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following information was obtained on 31 January 1950 from confidential informant 10/6357, who has numerous contacts among Austrian newspaper correspondents. Evaluation: Source "C" (fairly reliable); Information "3" (possibly true).

Source stated that Subject was having his book about the German Intelligence published by the Thomas Publishing Company of Switzerland through the help of his personal friend James SWARTZENBACH (one of the leading personalities of the firm.)

SWARTZENBACH, Source stated, is also a member of the "CAUX CLUB", which is a Presbyterian organization, with members all over the world, and in all stations of life. The "Caux Club" is believed by Source to be a front organization for Swiss Intelligence activities.

Source also stated that SWARTZENBACH maintains contact with a certain Col. BEERLY (phonetic spelling) of the Swiss General Staff, who is also a member of the "Caux Club", and attends all meetings that are held in Caux, Switzerland.

Source believes that there is a strong possibility of Subject having contact with Swiss Intelligence through SWARTZENBACH since 1944 or 1945, when he took trips to Switzerland on the behalf of the German Intelligence.

FILE CHECK:

Files of this office reveal numerous reports about Subject but none pertinent to this report.

File check on other personalities mentioned in this report proved negative.

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