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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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DETACHMENT 35

Subject: Meeting with HOETTL,  
Dr. Willi

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Ref. Am: none

Project: none

Date of Report: 29 August 1951

OPERATIONAL REPORT

1. At about 1940 hours on 25 August 1951, Field Operative 35207 received notice that Dr. HOETTL, had telephoned him earlier in the day at the PARKHOTEL, ALT RUSSSEN, Land Styria where 35207 customarily spends his weekends, and had asked 35207 to telephone him as soon as possible. At 1945 hours on 25 August 1951, 35207 telephoned HOETTL, who requested a meeting with 35207, because he, HOETTL, had something of interest for 35207. A meeting was arranged for 1100 hours on 26 August 1951 in front of the post office in ALT RUSSSEN.

2. 35227 has repeatedly emphasized to 35207 that no contact was to be made with Dr. HOETTL because he is a definite security threat. In accordance with these instructions, 35207 has avoided HOETTL and has had only one contact with him at a party during which Dr. HOETTL brought up the possibility of publishing his book "Die Geheime Front" in the United States. However, 35207 became well acquainted with Dr. HOETTL while serving as AIC of ALT RUSSSEN Sub Field Office of the 430th CIC Detachment from 1947-1949. 35207 is completely aware of Dr. HOETTL'S reputation and activity, but fears that the latter in turn has some idea of 35207's activity despite 35207's cover story to all persons in ALT RUSSSEN that he is working on press translations for the U.S. Information Service in LINZ.

3. At 1100 hours on 26 August 1951, 35207 met HOETTL in front of the postoffice in ALT RUSSSEN and they took a short stroll together. In the course of the ensuing conversation, HOETTL told 35207 that he was writing articles for the Swiss newspaper, "Die Tat" and the German newspaper "Der Spiegel" under the nom-de-plume of HOGAN, Walter or merely under his initials. He stated that he frequently received information from his contacts that was unsuitable for publication because of its delicacy. He proposed giving 35207 such information and handed 35207 an envelope which he stated contained three interesting articles, the information for which he had gathered from his Croatian and Russian contacts. HOETTL did not ask for money and merely said that he would provide such material on a continuous basis if he were sure that 35207 would pass it along. 35207 did not look at the reports in the presence of HOETTL and made no attempt to debrief him. HOETTL said that he would telephone 35207 when he again had such information and the meeting ended at about 1130 hours.

4. Examination of the reports contained in the envelope given 35207 by HOETTL revealed the following; one report in English entitled "The Psychological Elements of Modern Warfare, by (Major General) OLYKOV, Ivan, whom HOETTL had described as a "Cossack General living in SLEZETEG, who is about to emigrate to the United States";

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one report in German, entitled "The Role of Yugoslavia in a Future War", written by HOETTL; one report in German, entitled "Croatias Exile Government.. PERON'S Third Force", written by HOETTL. Cursory examination by 35207 reveals that the second and third reports are written in the choppy and simple style of HOETTL's book "Die Geheime Front".

5. Attached to the original of this report as Exhibit "A" is the envelope containing the above-mentioned three reports.

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