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SUBJECT: Reports of 1304

*Re: ... Stranbl*

TO: Chief, Vienna Field Unit, Detachment 35

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1. A perusal of documents forwarded with XOR-3556 shows that they are a portion of a permanent file of reports and correspondence kept in chronological form by 1304. Though each report occupies only a portion of a page, they are typed in sequence with several on each page, so that the originals could be cut apart and handled separately. Mixed with the reports are letters to a certain "Sehr geehrter Herr Doktor", who is almost certainly Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL.

2. Certain conclusions concerning the documents can be reached immediately:

a. As early as June 1951 HOETTL had steady employment or at least a steady contact with some intelligence agency. 1304 sent HOETTL sheaves of reports which HOETTL undertook to rewrite and market. Both men were aware of the dangers of multiple dissemination, since on 26 June 1304 cautioned HOETTL that "die Berichte sind nicht exklusiv". This caution is repeated later, and on 12 July 1951 he remarks "since you are rewriting the reports I am somewhat less anxious". Again on 31 July he congratulates HOETTL on his "Redaktion", and on 21 August says "you have the biggest job since you must always paraphrase (umstilisieren) the reports". 1304 admitted to HOETTL that he was passing his reports to other customers and never seriously pretended that he worked exclusively for any service.

b. At HOETTL's instigation 1304 took up a contact with a man named "Sepp", presumably Josef MASCHER, but as far as he told HOETTL, this contact was not rewarding. On 12 July he reported that Sepp was selling to the Stapo, reselling the same reports elsewhere, and finally giving them every Saturday to a "Mysterious X" together with a travel diary. Some of his reports concerned the Burgenland.

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c. Both 1304 and HOETTL used newspapers a great deal in their work, and sent each other bundles of newspapers, presumably to use in preparing reports.

d. HOETTL, at the instigation of some unidentified person, asked 1304 to acquire Hungarian information, suggesting phony reports on border crossers. On 14 August ~~MISOMES~~ remarked that such border reports could not be sold because the customers had access to the non-coded broadcasts of the Hungarian police. He proposed instead actual debriefing of refugees, but not through the Austrian gendarmerie.

e. HOETTL asked 1304 to report on something referred to as "BH", which may stand for Bundesheer (Federal Army). 1304 on 3 September turned in a short report on ~~REGEL~~, ~~LIEBITZKY~~, ~~NEUGESBUR~~, Matthias ~~GRUPP~~, Generalmajor ~~BORNEMANN~~, etc.

f. 1304 attempted to get assistance for a journalist friend from HOETTL, and asked on 14 August that HOETTL send this friend some (Soviet?) army newspapers. One might guess that the journalist in question is I610.

g. HOETTL's pay to 1304 was only a fraction of 1304's income, amounting to 1000 AS per month with some additional payment to cover expenses. On one occasion (13 September) relations involving money became slightly strained, but HOETTL evidently came through with the sum demanded.

3. These documents have been forwarded elsewhere for analysis.

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