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on 13 January 1952

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OPERATIONAL REPORT

1. Reference is made to XOR-2448, paragraph 3, and to a conversation during the third week in November between Field Operative 35783 and Field Operative 35207 during the course of which the former told 35207 to accept any reports offered by Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL to 35207 so that he (35783) might compare them with "reports from BONN".

2. 35207 came in contact socially with Dr. HOETTL several times during the months of November and December 1951. HOETTL mentioned that he was planning to go to Rome during the Christmas holidays and would contact several old friends there who have excellent contacts in Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt. HOETTL again (see XOR 2448, paragraph 3) asked whether US intelligence has any interest in such contacts in the Near East. He stated that under present political conditions there, Germans, who have recently been recruited in increasing numbers as military and technical advisors, are about the only Europeans trusted by the Near East governments. 35207 replied that some interest must exist for such contacts and requested HOETTL prepare a report on the possibilities of setting up a series of contacts in the Near East. HOETTL also broached the subject of intelligence activities by Hungarian emigre groups in Austria. 35207 likewise requested him to write up a report on this subject.

3. At about 1430 hours on 13 January 1952, 35207 met HOETTL on the main street of ALT USSEF. HOETTL stated that he had prepared the required reports and asked 35207 to pick them up. This 35207 did later in the afternoon. The two reports entitled "Intelligence Possibilities in the Arab Countries" and "The Hungarian Emigration in Austria--Intelligence Possibilities" are attached to the original of this report as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" respectively. 35207 read the reports through and discussed the need for a better understanding of political events in the Near East. He told HOETTL that he was going to attend a special course in Germany and would thus be absent for several months. He promised HOETTL that "our Near East experts" would contact him and that if any interest exists for making contact with the Hungarian personalities mentioned in his second report, he would be approached on this matter. The meeting ended at about 1700 hours.

4. Attached to the original of this report as Exhibit "A" is HOETTL's report in German on intelligence connections in the Near East. Attached to the original of this report as Exhibit "B" is HOETTL's report on the Hungarian emigration in Austria.

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