

SECURITY INFORMATION
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DETACHMENT 36

30 January 1952

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SUBJECT: Branford: Alleged HOETTL/Soviet Connection

TO: Files

1. Following is translation of a report dated 30 October 1951 obtained from police files in Vienna:

"It is confidentially reported that Dr. HOETTL is currently negotiating with two representatives of General SWIRIDOW on possibilities whereby the leadership of the former Waffen-SS may be won over to work for Russian interests. This information stems from the circle of former SD-personnel of the RSHA 6-B, Budapest, who have no more specific details".

2. Source of this report is presumably a gendarme or policeman. One might conjecture that the most important of the Budapest SD personnel to whom the report is attributed is Josef Adolf URBAN, whose current relations with HOETTL are not known.

3. The brevity and vagueness of the report suggest that it is a groundless denunciation by one of HOETTL's enemies. The report is typical, however, of a number that are now circulating on the grapevine concerning HOETTL's contact with the Soviets.

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