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DETACHMENT 36

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SUBJECT: Project BRANFORD - Contact Report - Meeting with 701 re HOETTL

TO: Files

1. On 17 January 1952, 35727 in conversation with 701 at Bolzano, Italy, queried him as to the possibilities of surveilling an individual in Italy whose activities were a thorn in the side to the Allied intelligence in Austria and abroad. In fact, 727 added, this individual, known as W. HOETTL, came to Italy in December 1951 to contact unknown persons for the alleged purpose of reactivating his old Abwehr lines. Naturally, HOETTL's presence and activities in Italy would be of interest not only to 35727 but also to 701 and his superiors. 701 replied that he would put the services of his office at 35727's disposition and would undertake the following action:

To immediately have HOETTL's name placed on the Italian CI watch list (for surveillance) at the Brenner Pass. The surveillance would be done by agents of the office of Classified Matters and daily reports would be transmitted to 701 on the activities of HOETTL while in Italy.

2. 701 stated that if 35727 so desired he would "arrange" matters in such a manner that HOETTL would be arrested by Italian CI people on his return trip to Austria as a suspect Soviet agent. 35727 replied that for the time being the surveillance plan would seem to be the most practical and to hold in abeyance the arrest plan until 35727 checked the feasibility of having him incarcerated in an Italian jail. 35727 also told 701 that in all probability HOETTL would take a trip to Italy in February (35727 has since learned that HOETTL will go in March and not in February). 701 evinced interest in the "affaire HOETTL" and has promised his whole hearted assistance and cooperation in bringing to a halt HOETTL's machinations.

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