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SUBJECT: Dr. Wilhelm HÜTTL (C D)

Time : March 2, 1952, and February 27, 1952
Received: March 4, and February 26, 1952

CC 2 and KH 1 independently

1. CC 2 met HÜTTL at Salzburg on February 27. HÜTTL claimed that he had just arrived from INNSBRUCK (CC 2 considers it possible that HÜTTL however came from MUNICH, where he could have met Wolf RÖDER).

HÜTTL informed CC 2 that he is in contact with Bonn intelligence, however acting only as an intermediary in arranging new contacts. x)

HÜTTL further stated that Harry MAST had recently been fired by (Dr. Emerich) HOPFZAREK allegedly upon request by G-Organization for the following reasons:

- a- being on friendly terms with HÜTTL,
- b- working for another US intelligence branch,
- c- having publicly criticized and thereby discredited G-Organization.

In connection therewith HÜTTL mentioned that he felt under obligation to pay to MAST such sums as he had received from G-Organization (approximately AS 5,000 per month), representing a comparatively low-fixed salary plus standard G-remunerations for representation, housing etc.). HÜTTL claimed that he found it difficult to raise the necessary money for MAST.

HÜTTL further stated that by misusing the name of his Eibelungen Verlag and Speck Bucherdienst respectively, a questionnaire had been distributed containing among others the following questions:

- 'Would you stand for a commercial Anschluss of Austria to West Germany',
- 'What is your opinion on the Occupation in Austria',
- 'Are you acquainted with members of the Occupation Forces, if so, give names, units, opinions etc.'

HÜTTL claims that he immediately ordered Dr. Otto SCHOFF, manager of Eibelungen Verlag, to forward copies to both, CIC Linz and Upper Austrian Security Director Josef ROHMANN. Thereby, CIC expressed the opinion that HÜTTL's questionnaire was

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 a Communist agent, ROSMANITH believed KERNMAYR to be the author. HÖTTL personally alleges that G-Organization had inspired and (Dr. Kurt WESSELY (collaborator of OFFCZ/REK) had edited the questionnaire.

2. June 1, on March 2, 1952, had a long conversation with Erich KERNMAYR. (no. 16954)

When discussing the Nibelungen questionnaire, KERNMAYR denied authorship, but showed highly amused about the 'excellent joke'.

KERNMAYR stated that he had been informed by Dr. MARXUS, a physician of Altzünster (a Transylvanian Saxon), who, in turn, was closely acquainted with Harry MAST (MAST held and possibly still holds a position with Linz Volksdeutsche Organization), that HÖTTL had resumed intelligence activity and was now working for Staatssekretar BLANK's Bonn secret service. In such work HÖTTL is supported by Harry MAST and Dr. Otto SCHOTT, both visit HÖTTL frequently. The Linz office of Nibelungen Verlag is used as a letter drop and meeting place with sub-agents.

KERNMAYR alleged to also have been offered such collaboration with Bonn directly, but to have declined because he was no actual intelligence expert.

KERNMAYR during such conversation informed source that Mrs. (fma) EHM (or EHN), a former editor with Vienna 'Völkischer Beobachter', now living at GNUNDEEN, collects documentary and other evidence against HÖTTL in connection with his former activity with German SD (mainly in Hungary), his endeavors during the final stage of the war to establish a KALLENBRUNNER government in Austria and Southern Germany, and HÖTTL's alleged gold treasure ('Pimlar-Schatz'). Said Mrs. EHM, according to KERNMAYR, intends to publish articles and a book on such affairs.

3. Source had the impression that KERNMAYR's former friendship had turned to hatred for HÖTTL. KERNMAYR excitedly accused HÖTTL

- a- that he had perfidiously betrayed some of his former comrades (f.i. Adolf RICHMANN, now a fugitive, who had sworn to kill HÖTTL) when acting as witness at the Nuremberg war crime trials;
- b- to have willfully invented the number of 6 million nazi-killed Jews, and thereby having bought World's Jewry protection;
- c- to be closely connected with leading Jews in America and to work for Jewish intelligence;
- d- to have stolen and hidden (somewhere in Salzkammergut)

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former SD gold funds;

- e- to intrigue permanently against KERNMAYR and to publish articles with various German papers (f.i. the youth periodical of Sozialistische Reichspartei 'Fanfare', branding KERNMAYR a leftist (especially Socialist) collaborator.

Comments: x) It had been reported (T/C3329, October 3, 1951) that RÖTTL's intermediary with Bonn's Colonel HEINZ was Holt RÖDER, 9 Hübigerstrasse, Munich, a co-editor of 'Deutsch Soldatenzeitung'. RÖTTL is representative of 'Deutsche Soldatenzeitung' for Austria, a position which he took up after severe competition especially with KERNMAYR. (Colonel) HEINZ seems to be BLANK's intelligence chief.

During the conversation between CC 2 and RÖTTL, the latter had mentioned that he was going to write a rough letter to G personally because of reasons given in para.1, subpara.2.

It seems probable that RÖTTL and KERNMAYR (possibly including G) will give each other considerably derogatory publicity in the near future.