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DETACHMENT 35

XOD-7d

18 March 1962

~~Subject: BRANFORD, Dr. Georg GYSSLING and Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL~~

TO: Files

1. Attached hereto is CCG intercept L/P 25161, which reproduces the contents of a letter from HOETTL to Dr. Georg GYSSLING, now resident at Bad Reichenhall, Rosingstol; 1. From the letter it is possible to deduce that HOETTL and GYSSLING have known each other for some time and that they are collaborating in an attempt to get control of the SD money which according to HOETTL's statement to 201 on 16 January 1952 is controlled by Ferdinand HANSEK, a former SS personality now resident in Mallorca.

2. Dr. Georg GYSSLING was German Consul General in Los Angeles during the Nazi period and was exchanged after the outbreak of war between Germany and the United States. During the war he worked in the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin. He lives at the present time with his mistress, Maria ELKING, on whom considerable material is available and has social connections with a number of persons in Salzburg and Oberbayern who have contact with Americans. His daughter, Angelica Maria, is an American citizen born to his American wife from whom he is now divorced. From 3 July 1950 to 7 March 1952, Angela GYSSLING was employed as a stenographer by 7669 EIS Detachment, working especially in the translation section which functions under Detachment 35. In this capacity she was used operationally in Elko/1 and typed the stencils of the questionnaires sent out ostensibly from the Hibelungenverlag. On 8 March 1952 she was secretly married to Lt Colonel Lawrence McHALLY, who has just finished an assignment with USPA Air Section (Intelligence) and is now on his way with his bride to an assignment in the US. It is known that on 9 March 1952 Angela and McHALLY called on Georg GYSSLING and announced their marriage; they conversed for about a half hour and then departed on their honeymoon. Angela always maintained that she did not get along well with her father, and Georg has always expressed a certain hostility toward her. It may be relevant to note that during the war Angela lived in the Salzkammergut apart from her father and there is no evidence that her version of relations between herself and her father is incorrect. The danger nevertheless exists that GYSSLING may somehow learn from his daughter the truth of Elko/1 and will pass the information on to HOETTL.

3. Following is information on Angelica Marie GYSSLING which was taken from a Form 57 accomplished 26 October 1949:

Born 24 March 1928 in New York City
Social Security Number [REDACTED]
US Passport [REDACTED] issued in Vienna on 4 April 1947
Home address: [REDACTED]
Residences: August 1941 thru April 1947: Unteraach am Attersee, CCG.
Description: Height 68 1/2 in; wt 130 lb; hair brown; eyes blue
Loyalty check: [REDACTED]
Next of kin: [REDACTED]

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4. A statement by Angela GYSSLING enclosed in her Form 57 indicates that at the time of her birth her father was vice-consul in New York City and that he was transferred to Los Angeles as Consul in 1933. After receiving her passport in 1947, she was repatriated to the US, where she landed on 27 April 1947.

5. Files of the Austrian police contain considerable information on Maria KLEINE nee SPRENGEL widowed ZEBLER, born 1 June 1905 in Potsdam. Her first husband, Dr. Gerhard ZEBLER, whose personal records have been lost but who was a resident of Lodin bei Seckeritz in Neuklenburg, was shot to death under mysterious circumstances on 30 May 1950 in Lodin. His wife was present at the death and apparently because of family influence the circumstances were never investigated. ZEBLER's death certificate does not show cause of death, but Maria stated to the Austrian police in 1950 that he had committed suicide. The Austrian police attempted in 1950 to learn from the East German police more concerning the affair, but were unsuccessful. Maria KLEINE's second husband, Werner KLEINE, born 6 October 1907 in Lippstadt, Westphalen, was shot to death at Ruine Wildenstein near Bad Ischl on 1 October 1946 while walking in company with his father. Austrian police investigation established that Maria KLEINE was in Salzburg, where she resided at Kuenchsberg 18 at the time of the murder. The murderer was never identified. The Austrian police reports raise some suspicion against a certain man with a doctorate residing in Maxglan who was alleged to be in possibly intimate contact with Maria, but this man was never identified by name and the investigation was inconclusive. Maria KLEINE has told friends that her first friend was a medical doctor who operated a sanitarium in Silesia and that her second husband was a construction engineer who had much to do with the building of the Autobahn. Her present friends in Reichenhall and Salzburg include a number of upper-class Silosians.