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1. Reference is made to report, same Subject, dated March 4, 1952 (P/23612).
 2. Apparently the battue started by Erich KERNMAYR against Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL has found further followers.
(Mrs) Liesl KALTENBRUNNER (probably of Linz), wife of Nuremberg-executed former chief of Reichssicherheitshauptamt Dr. Ernst KALTENBRUNNER, informs her friends that when last seeing her husband, he advised her to approach Dr. HÖTTL for help. When she did so, HÖTTL was evasive and did not give her any support. According to her further statement, HÖTTL also endeavored, using Dr. Emil TONGEL as intermediary, to receive a valuable stamp collection (former property of her husband's) from her, pretending that he would sell it. She, however, declined. She further alleges that HÖTTL without doubt had large large sums of KALTENBRUNNER's and former SD accounts in Switzerland. Branding HÖTTL a 'criminal' Frau Liesl KALTENBRUNNER predicts HÖTTL's scandalous ending in the near future.
 3. Erich KERNMAYR informed HH 1 that he some time ago had been interrogated by CIC (probably Gmunden subdetachment) on HÖTTL, and that he had been asked for HÖTTL's collaborators during the time of his intelligence work for the US. KERNMAYR claims that he has declined giving such information and that he did refer respective interrogators to HÖTTL directly. KERNMAYR alleges that during such conversation he found out that HÖTTL was suspected of direct and indirect collaboration with Soviet intelligence (he claims not to know, whether such concerns Dr. Ludwig JEDLIKA or other persons). HÖTTL, according to KERNMAYR, had personally guaranteed the reliability of his then collaborators.
- KERNMAYR further spreads the information that HÖTTL during his activity received 3,000 Dollars monthly from the US and that his intermediary to US intelligence at such time was Lt. Col. LUCID (then of Linz), who had since fallen in disgrace and had been released from intelligence affairs because of

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'düsterer Geldgeschichten' (shady money affairs).

Comment: The battue against Dr. HÖTTL has a very noticeable personal background. KERNMAYR's statement regarding 'Lieutenant Colonel LUCID' is completely off the track, nevertheless it will be believed by a good number of his brown-pink playboys and will thereby not only damage Mr. LUCID's reputation personally, but that of the United States.

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