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AGENT REPORT

HCETTL, Dr. Wilhelm
Present Intelligence Activity

27 March 1952
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In early January 1952, Springer sent HCETTL two reports, one on the former Polizeigeneral Kerschmann, and the second on the NI. The NI report was supplemented by a report of a conversation between Springer and Slavik, held in early January, in which Springer had directly or indirectly asked Slavik most of the questions for which HCETTL had requested answers.

HCETTL gave Springer 300 schillings as starting pay, with the prospect of increased income if his material is suitable. (See Exhibit I) He stated that a greater starting salary was not possible because the intelligence service operates on the principle of payment for information received, not just for prospective news. HCETTL promised that he would attempt to get the starting salary increased, but said that he didn't have much hope of success. He said he could guarantee a fair income if Springer's weekly reports were regularly of intelligence value. HCETTL also said that he would and could aid Springer in fulfilling Springer's desire to emigrate to South Africa.

HCETTL asked Springer for a short personal history statement which he said he was required to have to forward to his employers. He told Springer that reports might be sent through the Austrian mail addressed directly to HCETTL at his post box address in Altaussee. Springer was instructed to employ an inner and an outer envelope upon mailing reports, using a fictitious return address on the outer envelope, but he was instructed to sign his own name to the reports enclosed in the inner envelope.

Springer said that during a conversation with HCETTL held 18 February 1952, in Altaussee, he received the impression that HCETTL was in contact with an intelligence agency of the Bonn government, and also in contact with an intelligence agency of the US State Department, the latter having its office in Heidelberg.

Springer told Informant 6433 that HCETTL makes weekly trips to Munich in connection with his intelligence activities, but that Springer had no information as to whom HCETTL met in Munich. Springer observed that on week-ends he had frequently seen HCETTL meet a man in Cafe Ransauer, Poststrasse, 8, Bad Ischl for what appeared to be business meetings. The man, whose name is unknown to Springer, was described as being about 30 years old, five feet nine inches tall, slender athletic build, oval face, dark brown wavy hair combed straight back, gray eyes, smooth shaven, wears conservative clothes of

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good quality. The man drives a gray Volkswagen, licence No. ^B R 834-401 D. HCETTL and the man hold long conversations, during which each of them occasionally takes notes. Springer described HCETTL's manner when in the presence of the man as that of an employee before his employer.

AGENT'S NOTES: Springer agreed to keep this office informed of his work with HCETTL, and to supply this office with a copy of all reports which he makes to HCETTL.

FILE CHECK:

Kercomann is not listed on the files of this Sub-Detachment. Springer has been listed on numerous reports as an informant. HCETTL and Siavil have been the subjects of numerous reports in the files of this Sub-Detachment.

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EXHIBIT I

TRANSLATION

(AGENT'S NOTE: The material appearing below is a copy of a portion of a letter from HORTTL to Springer. The remainder of the letter was inadvertently destroyed. Original of this portion may be found in the files of Sub-Detachment "P" (Linz).)

" - - - The first payment was sent as (illegible). It amounted to \$ 300 which I sent to you minus \$ 100 which I had advanced to you previously. I was promised that in a short time the payments would be increased if the material corresponded accordingly. Your idea regarding a bigger payment to start matters is essentially correct and also reasonable, but I believe that there is no means by which you can make this clear. The people all want to go ahead under the principle: "Here the material, Here the money". I will attempt, however, to get something out, but don't get your hopes up too high. However, I believe I can almost guarantee you to get you a decent payment, if you send me regularly, i.e., weekly, interesting reports. I advise you to use this chance; you could make yourself a good position, and most of all establish good business connections which is important for your emigration plans. More about this personally.

With the next letter send me a short life story of yourself, so that I can report well concerning you - contrary to my deepest conviction very flattering - but I do not know your dates.

Hoping to hear soon from you, I greet you heartily

Your friend

s/Willi

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