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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 5 May 1952

FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna <sup>214</sup>

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Reported New German Abwehr Allegedly Run by  
Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

Reference— MGMA-09323

From the report attached to reference we should judge that [ ] must either be very new to Austria or very new to intelligence, since he is almost certainly the only intelligence personality in Austria who does not know that Walther HAGEN is the nom-de-plume of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, who does not have dual residence in Bad Ischl and Grundon but maintains permanent residence in Alt Aussee. Erich KURKE, who resides in Grundon and is the leader of the so-called Grundoner Kreis, is Erich KERNMAYER, an old associate of HOETTL who is presently at odds with him. Baron Heinrich von MAST is well known as an agent of Zipper. Dr. Josef SCHROTT, not SCHOTT, is a director of the Nibelungen Verlag, which is financially supported by HOETTL, and is involved in many of HOETTL's operations. We have no indication of a current connection between Kurt AUBER and HOETTL, but note that the address given as his residence is a few feet from the offices of Dr. Hugo REITSL, intelligence partner of Richard KUJDER & KLATT, who is in contact with HOETTL. We have no traces readily at hand on the KASTENHUBER.

2. The "New German Abwehr in Austria" probably refers to the recent negotiations between HOETTL and CAPOE to establish a South European intelligence service under the sponsorship of Theodor BLANK in competition with UTILITY. In his recruiting attempts HOETTL has introduced MAST as his "Chief of Staff", but we have no information that KERNMAYER is involved in this venture. Any action taken to frustrate, impede, or discredit HOETTL's operations will be appreciated here. We earnestly recommend that no agent of Disclaim be encouraged to take up or continue contact with HOETTL or with any of his people.

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