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Subject: The New German Intelligence Service Contacts With  
G-2 Linz

(see report 30 June 1952)

Source: Baron Mast

Information regarding "Group Hottl" at G-2 in Linz is as follows:

The former German Officer Baron Finck who was awarded the Knights' Cross, works for G-2 in Linz. Baron Finck had previously spoken to Baron Mast, wishing to collaborate with him in Linz. Mast in turn conferred with Dr. Hottl who concurred. He also received approval from "Boan" with the information that the "Bonn" office in Munich was already collaborating with G-2 in Munich.

Thereupon the "Group Hottl" transmitted some data regarding Finck which information was entirely satisfactory to the G-2 Office at Linz.

On Monday 14 July however, there appeared in the office of Baron Finck in Linz/Binderloch, a major from G-2/Salzburg, introducing himself as "Mr. Brown". He demanded that Herr Finck inform him as to who Baron Mast and his collaborators were. Baron Finck did not comply but told "Mr. Brown" that Baron Mast and associates were not agents but rather representatives of an official service (command). "Mr. Brown" returned to Salzburg without the desired information while Baron Finck discussed the matter with his superior officer, also a major. The major complimented Baron Finck on his handling of the incident and departed for Salzburg the same day (Monday afternoon) to have the matter clarified.

Upon arrival at Headquarters G-2/Salzburg the officer was informed that the members of the "Hottl Group" were political swindlers; that Hottl and party would pass themselves off as members of the new Intelligence Service of Bonn and that furthermore it was not true that  was or would be Chief of German Secret Service. *GAPOTE*

With this information the major left G-2/Linz and returned to his office. Hottl and Mast learned of the outcome of the parley and were naturally very dejected and embittered.

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