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TO:

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FROM:

SR REP, SALZBURG

ROUTINE

ACTION: EE (1-4)

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TO: SFRAN, SPULL, SBONN

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REF: EGQA 2309, MAVA 620

- 1. WILLI HOETTL UNDER INTERROGATION BY S/A RINGER 20 FEB 53 RE CONTACTS PONGER, VERBER AND LAUBER. CLAIMS FORWARDED WRITTEN REPORT OF THESE CONTACTS TO ONE ROEHR (PHON FNU) OF AMT UTILITY (TRUE NAME) IN BONN GERMANY. HOETTL ASKED THAT NAME ROEHR NOT BE INCLUDED IN INTERROGATION REPORT. CLAIMS THIS NAME SLIPPED OUT AND DID NOT WISH REVEAL THIS NAME TO AMERICANS.
- 2. IN BRIEF HOETTL CLAIMS CONTACTS PONGER, VERBER, AND LAUBER SINCE L8 ALL CONCERNED LECITIMATE JOURNALISTIC BUSINESS. HOETTL SUSPECTED PONGER AND VERBER OF CONNECTIONS TO ISRAELI INTEL. THEY ALWAYS ASSUME ANTI COMMIE FRONT WHEN DEALING WITH HOETTL. HOETTL CLAIMS THAT BOOK OF ADDRESSES (NOW BEING PROCESSED) FOUND IN LAUBER'S APT AT TIME HIS ARREST EVIDENTLY COPIED SURREPTITIOUSLY BY PONGER OR LAUBER DURING TRIP TO GERMANY OCT 52. RINGER CONFIRMS THE SIMILARITY OF MATERIAL WITH HOETTL'S NOTE BOOK.
- 3. REQUEST IF POSSIBLE STATUS HOETTL'S ALLEGED EMPLOYMENT BY ANY ELEMENT OF GIS AND COPY OF REPORT REFERRED TO ABOVE IF AVAILABLE. SALZ FROM CONVERSATION WITH STIGGINS (ALSO RECEIVED STIGGINY) OF FIRM OPINION THAT HOETTL NOT A ZIPPERITE AND ACCORDING EGNA 133, CAPOTE DROPPED HOETTL IN AUG 52. SINCE OCT/NOV 52 HOETTL HAS CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT BY AMT UTILITY (TN).
 - 1. PLS FORWARD ANY BRIEFS FOR REINTERROGATION.

