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Early in the conversation [] said rather offhandedly that he hoped we would be able to avoid protracted speculation over the status of HOETTL, but later he stated that, in his opinion, there was undoubtedly an operational connection between the two men. [] commented that in the case of OIS oldtimers, it is always difficult to know from week to week which cases have been picked up and which dropped, adding that, as a matter of habit, we are always interested in any info on HOETTL.

Wilhelm Hoettl, currently residing in Alt Aussee and using his journalism and publishing for cover (v. Die Geheime Front, by Walthor Hagon @ Hoettl, published by the Nibelungenverlag, which is owned ostensibly by Hoettl's wife and is reported to be largely financed by Sov funds through the journalist and allegedly French-Sov double agent Alexander Vodopivec,) was referent in SD-Leitungsabschnitt Wien and as such Urban's operational superior. Hoettl's chief was Willi Wanek, chief of RSHA/Amt VI E in Vienna, who is now active in neo-Nazi politics in Munich and is in steady contact through his secretary Elisabeth Franke, who has acted as a letter-drop or accommodation address for Urban, with Hoettl. Hoettl is perhaps the most active former SD man in Austria, being involved directly or indirectly in nearly every intelligence venture. Like Urban he made an extremely good living in 1947-49 by supplying fabricated info to CIC. He represents himself as the official German MI representative for South-eastern Europe. There have been persistent reports for several years that Hoettl is a Sov agent. These are supported by a known connection between Hoettl and the Nationale Liga and by unclarified instances of direct association with Soviet agents/

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