

Informal memo from POB

*File with Hoettl
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SUBJECT: HOETTL

U/M met HOETTL last Sunday (22 March) in SALZBURG, at Willi's request, and learned that HOETTL had just returned from a visit to INNSBRUCK, where, according to Willi, he visited LAHOUSEN and FECHNER. U/M states he makes it a principle not to question HOETTL, and therefore did not know exactly when HOETTL had been there, but believed HOETTL had visited LAHOUSEN concerning the current publication of "Die Unsichtbare Front" in Die Stern (the latest effort of Juergen Thorwald).

U/M also learned that OSTER had visited HOETTL in ALT AUSEE sometime in the recent past, in response to the letters HOETTL wrote to Amt BLANK. From the disparaging way in which HOETTL spoke about OSTER, U/M surmises that OSTER told HOETTL the Blank Office would not consider any further dealings with him.

HOETTL briefed U/M in detail regarding his statements to S/A RINGER, and, as expected, informed U/M that he (HOETTL) was now again persona grata with US intelligence authorities.

U/M assured me he had most explicitly informed HOETTL that the German Organization would not accept him, at least at this time (U/M states he flattered HOETTL by giving as a reason the legend that HOETTL is politically too big a figure at the moment --meaning the object of too much concern in intelligence circles -- to be considered now.)

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