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FROM: SR REP SALZBURG

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INFO: SVIEN SFRAN SPULL

CITE: SSALZ

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REF SSALZ 1059 (IN 43340) SVIEN 9669 (IN 45520)

1. HOETTL ARRESTED 1400 HOURS 25 MARCH. PRELIMINARY READING ON DEBRIEFING FROM [] [] MAKES IT SEEM UNLIKELY TO EXPECT MAJOR BREAK IN TOPHOLE CASE. HAVE HOWEVER CONFISCATED VOLUMINOUS FILES FROM HOETTL WHICH WE WILL MICROFILM. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE BE OBTAINED FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THIS APPROVAL HAS APPROVAL WORKING LEVEL G-2 OPERATIONS USFA BUT HAS NOT AS YET BEEN CLEARED WITH GRUELER 2 OR CHIEF OF STAFF. BELIEVE HOWEVER THEY WILL RELEASE. "WILHELM HOETTL FORMER SS OFFICER AND LEADING FUNCTIONARY GERMAN ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS IN BALKANS DURING WORLD WAR TWO DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING BY U.S. SECURITY FORCES. HOETTL QUESTIONED ON HIS ASSOCIATION WITH KURT POMMER WITH WHOM HE WAS IN FREQUENT CONTACT AND WITH WHOM HE TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY WESTERN GERMANY".

2. RELEASE PREVIOUSLY PREPARED FOR USE IN CASE PRESS GOT ORD

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4. LARGE QUANTITY MATERIAL IMPOUNDED IN SEARCH HOETTL'S HOUSE AND OFFICE INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE WITH PONGER, BRITISH BANKNOTES ISSUE 1935-37 PROBABLY COUNTERFEIT, PISTOL, 4 BLANK AUSTRIAN I D CARDS, COPIES OF REPORTS OF CAPOTE, DIAGRAMS RECENT OPERATIONS, SOURCE LISTS.

5. HOETTL CONFINED SOLITARY BY GRAGORA. []
PLANS REINTERROGATE 3 APRIL.

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