

SCB-597

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Chief of Base, Vienna
Attention: []
Chief of Base, SALZBURG

Intel/TOPHOLE
Debriefing of Wilhelm Hoettl

Ref- SAH 1182

1. Attached in one copy only is German transcript of the second hour of Hoettl's interrogation in the German language. As you have been advised, G-2 is not going to process the rest of the tapes on this recording with the exception of the period when Frank Bierickx reviewed with Hoettl the Tophole case. G-2 requested that you return the attached along with the transcripts given you of the first hour of interrogation. Col. Leibon is pressing us for return of the third party letters which made reference to the Hoettl/Ponger relations which were taken to Vienna by [] and the homework done by Hoettl to which a letter to Baron Past was appended.

2. A further development in the Hoettl case has come to light. One Rafael Hualla, a reporter in Linz and a casual informant of CIC, has indicated to CIC Linz (S/A Brill) that one Tongel, fmu, a former partner of Hoettl in the Hibelungen Verlag did furnish information on Hoettl. Tongel allegedly has a residence in Alt Aussee and works from Monday until Thursday weekly at the Vienna Slaughter House St Marx (sic). CIC intends to follow up this lead. We told them we had no objection.

3. Another lead furnished by Hualla is that one Dr. Wuehrer, a former associate of Hoettl in the SS, has accused Hoettl of working with the KPOs. Wuehrer is currently the manager of the Linz coal firm PABISCH.

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