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Subject: Dr. Hoettl

I was surprised to note that Dr. Hoettl was arrested by the Salzburg CIC a fortnight ago and has been in American custody ever since. He had the closest connections to the Russian agent ^{KJAT} Ponger, who was a Captain of the CIC sometime ago. During searches of Dr. Hoettl's premises, more than a hundred letters by Ponger were found.

I was told in Linz that the Americans are eagerly looking for Dr. Schott and Gerhard Schacht, who - as is known - are at the time in Ulm with the Society for a New State Politics. ^{U.L.P. - Buchenwald} Whether the two are to be arrested or whether they will just be asked to testify, I am unable to say.

Unfortunately, the names of Felix Steiner and Dr. Roeder were repeatedly mentioned in this connection. It seems that Hoettl has tried to make connections for this Ponger through these two men in West Germany. Allegedly Hoettl was again in Ulm shortly before his arrest.

All Austrian papers have already reported Hoettl's arrest. There is also comment that Hoettl has ~~his~~ referred to an excellent connection with the Blank agency and with the Office for the Protection of the Constitution. All in all, the affair is very distressing.

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