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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief of Base, Vienna *GRO/Hc*
SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/CROOVY/TOPHOLE
SPECIFIC— Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL and the Niebelungen Verlag

DATE: 28 April 1953

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1. Following is the translation of a report dated 24 February 1953 received from []

"According to a confidential report the Niebelungen Verlag in Linz, in which the well-known former SS leader Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL has on occasion invested large sums of money, is now in financial difficulties and is alleged to be on the verge of bankruptcy. At the present time, the press is under the leadership of the well-known intelligence fabricator Heinrich (Harry) MAST, who is himself not responsible for the unfavorable commercial situation of the press. The present difficulties are said to be the result of the activities of the previous directors of the press, among them a certain Dr. SCHOTT, who is allegedly at the present time in Ulm."

2. This information is well known in intelligence circles in Austria, and is confirmed by HOETTL's statements during his interrogation in Salzburg. (See EASA-549, Grameba). It is to be hoped that HOETTL's recent confinement will have the affect of persuading him to put more honest effort into the management of his press and into his own creative writing. We fear however that HOETTL will shortly resume his previous mode of living.

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