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15 May 1953

From: EDER Lois  
13 Losensteinerstrasse  
Linz

To: RUEHLE Hans Dr.  
35 a Beethovenstrasse  
Frankfurt/Main/Germany

Date of Communication: 17 March 1953

German

INFORMATION: HOETTL

Sender writes to acquaintance:

I can notify you that my article "Furchtlose Stimmen" was unanimously banned by the Allied Council in Vienna. Consequently we have to continue working in some other form which has been already arranged. The initiator of the ban, submitted by the French is the former SD Obersturmbannfuhrer Dr. HOETTL who has some voice with the French.

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From: HOEFTL Wilhelm Dr.  
Alt-Aussee  
Stmk.

TO: FRANKE Elisabeth  
Telegraphenam  
postlagernd  
Muenchen/Germany

Date of communication: 18 March 1953

Sender writes to acquaintance:

I have received your letter of 12 March and also the in it announced "thick" letter, if you meant Von LUTZ.

Your belongings deposited at the freight hauler will be taken over by MAND. I have already sent Edith the necessary authorization of power of my mother in law so the action can start. MAND will bring you personally as much as possible, respectively have it sent to you by direct freighting, and lend you all the money which he'll balance with you later. I'll call up the Slovak in Salzburg; I have found his telephone number. The letter for DRASKO I'll send you for your information and for forwarding it. I am sceptical about the arrangement. The man he named, Prof. DOBRETSBERGER, was the organizer of the KP list for the elections here and is absolutely a Russian follower. And what can be said of NIEMOLLER you'll know yourself. On principle the entire matter may not be so bad but if started with such wrong persons it is doomed to end a failure. I am prepared to lend my counsel but I must know that it is an anti-Communist matter for sure. Closer information gives you my letter.

Concerning the Ukrainian matter we'll act as already described. It isn't so pressing any longer but I request a comprehensive report about the fight of Ukrainians against the Russians. I'll let you have my detailed program yet. I won't be able to write the last chapters of the second book till summer therefore it suffices if I get material by May or June. Until then I can discuss the entire matter with the gentlemen personally.

Did you arrange to have me send the newspaper "Bruecke zum Westen"? It interests me very much and I'll write SCHEINER to get me all past and future copies. Have you contact to SCHEINER? May I ask in this connection whether you called up the telephone number HERSCHEL gave to KOFO? That would be of interest. Thanks for settling the KAI matter. I'll meet Rolf on Saturday and send the loan. Give my thanks to KAI, too.

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1) WOISETSCHLAEGER, Mr.  
c/o Nibelungenverlag  
Linz  
Tel: # unknown

2) EDER, Mr.  
13 Losensteinerstrasse  
Linz  
Tel: # 258419

Date of Communication: 21 April 1953

Observation started: 16:23

Total time: 3'

German

INFORMATION: EDER

- 1) Could you take for me a manuscript along to Germany? Which places will you visit on your trips?
- 2) Duesseldorf, Frankfurt, Bonn and Wiesbaden.
- 1) I had considered Stuttgart, because publishers meet there.
- 2) I'll come to see you.
- 1) Alright.

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13 Lobensteinerstrasse  
Linz  
Tel: 258419

2) KOWARSIK, Mr.  
5 Dautstrasse  
Linz  
Tel: 259818

Date of Communication: 27 April 1953

Observation started: 20:59

Total time: 5'

INFORMATION: EDER - HOEFTL

- 1) A conference took place today but I didn't go to see Harry. I had no witness on hand.
- 2) At what time was it held ?
- 1) At 18:00, with Willy. He told me to attend.
- 2) I met BITTNER in the street. He says he read the article. I am sorry for Harry. The publishing house is going to pieces. He must be down and out.
- 1) He ought to have been poor long ago, but he must have received aid from somebody. RECHBERGER was asking whether you could accompany him to Steyr tomorrow. It concerns an inquiry for tractors.
- 2) I am busy.
- 1) How about day after tomorrow ?
- 2) Perhaps. I can't say yet.
- 1) Do you have positive information about the other matter that I could forward to Vienna ?
- 2) It will take some time yet.
- 1) I won't be here tomorrow. I am taking the mentioned trip. I'll call you up when I return tomorrow night.
- 2) I am staying home tomorrow.
- 1) It isn't GREIL. Personally I think it is Erich. I received a tip in this connection from Italy.
- 2) I don't believe it.

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Dr. Anton FEILNER  
106 Altmuenster  
O.O.

Dr. Anton BOEHM  
Haus Dempewolf  
73 Klosterstrasse  
Köeln/Rhein  
Germany

28 April 1953

German

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INFORMATION: HOETTL  
KERNMAYR  
HARTINGER

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Sender writes to friend:

I am glad that HOETTL is again at liberty. I was always certain that he did not, in any manner, work for the Russians or the East. I resent that the whole gang of his employees and leeches, such as MAST, KOVAREK, EDER, SCHOTT, and especially KERNMAYR turned completely against him when he was arrested. This all was topped by the article in the last number of the "Spiegel" which, I am willing to bet my head on, was written with all details by Erich KERNMAYR. It is said he received 2000 DM for the article. KOVAREK, the swine, stated that it was I, who wrote the article, while he himself admitted in a conversation with Dr. TONGEL that he had met KERNMAYR a few days before in Salzburg.

When I complained about the article towards the SPOs functionaries known to me and said that KERNMAYR was the author they said that the article was written by an acquaintance of KERNMAYR, a former SS war-correspondent, Erich PFEIFFER. He is now an editor of the "Linzer Tagblatt" and wrote the article after information received from Luis EDER. This would fit in, since it is an open secret in Linz, that EDER is now running a German intelligence service operated out of Munich and Bonn. KERNMAYR touches the subject in his article but it is not true that EDER works now with HOETTL; in the contrary, EDER and KOVAREK, etc., are great enemies of HOETTL and operate apparently on their own. KERNMAYR spent a few hours during the Easter holidays in Gmunden and also visited me. He knew by then already of HOETTL's arrest and told me that KOVAREK had written him about it. I have the following theory: when I met KERNMAYR a few months ago, he was very much afraid that difficulties could be made against him in either a political way or thru the police by the well-known Nazi-hater SP Minister of Interior and former emigrant HOECHER. He was then worrying what he could do about it. It is feasible that his Austrian SP connections and especially Dr. Pi (Note: probably Dr. PITTMANN, member of the Austrian parliament), who

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always favors him, came to his aid. I can imagine that Erich is serving in Germany the same purpose he was filling here. He is without any scruples and the political line of the "Spiegel" as well as his influential position with the "Soldatenzeitung" seems to indicate that. He sells anybody to the next one. In Graz he works with the "Action-STRACHWITZ" and here and in Germany he works to the other side. In any case, when I told him in the face of his connections with Dr. if he was very uncertain and did not deny it. The more as the SP side, knowing my contrary opinion towards him never gives me a clear answer. The conversation with KENNEMAYR showed also that he has in the press-section of the Bonn-Government as well as in the "Amt BLANK" a man who is supplying him with information. Actually then he is well informed and not without danger since he apparently found some assistance thru the SPD. He also mentioned that he is in touch with the former Propagandaleiter FISCHER from Graz who is now employed in Bonn at the Anti-Communist Office of Dr. TAUBERT. I inform you of all this because I believe it is always good to be well informed about people without scruples who are willing to sell their friend for thirty pieces of silver. In any case it would be advisable that you and Bonn would keep an eye on him.

It can be taken for a fact that my newspaper "Das Signal" was responsible to a large degree to gain 200 000 votes for the SPOe at the election. This is confirmed from several letters of SPOe district and county-offices, from Schwarz, Tirol. I received a letter that they gained 4000 votes of VdU people for the SPOe....

Re : HITZINGER

I was notified that my contract with the VOEST was cancelled. I complained at once and KRANER, ALBERT and Dr. RIGER took up the matter immediately with WALDBRUNNER, acting under orders from Dr. SCHANF. KREMP was ordered by WALDBRUNNER to straighten it out with HITZINGER. I wrote an 8-page letter to KREMP in his capacity as chairman of the local party where in I stated my position, clearly. WALDBRUNNER said verbally: "I know that complaints about HITZINGER are gaining; you could drop HITZINGER but I have nobody who would comply with the wishes of the party as fully as he does. This only for your personal information.... HITZINGER doesn't mind the present let-down of the business at the VOEST since he hopes he can switch officially towards the East. His deals to England and in Austria for his own firms are simply phantastic. It is impossible to estimate the huge amounts of bribes and commission-fees from foreign countries which end in his own pocket...."

Foreign Minister GRUBER's position has been weakened considerably, mainly from the own OeVP side. He now plays with the idea of changing to the SPOe should a break occur in the present coalition. I would appreciate if you could use your newspaper (Note: "Rheinischer Merkur") and your connections to treat him rather reserved and cool during his forthcoming visit to Bonn. He is in any respect an opportunist without any scruples and anti-German to the core.

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13 Losensteinerstrasse  
Linz  
Tel: # 258419

2) WOISEPSCHLAEGER, Mr.  
Linz  
Tel: # not given

Date of Communication: 7 May 1953

Observation started: 08:23

Total time: 2'

INFORMATION: "EDER"

- 1) Do you have a German passport?
- 2) Yes.
- 1) Then you don't need a visa, only a permit. You get that at the police.
- 2) My passport is different from yours. I have a passport as Reichs German. I heard the Americans issue the permits because they must check on the trips to out there.
- 1) No. You don't need anything coming back since you are a German citizen.
- 2) In that case I won't send the manuscript to Germany.
- 1) We can leave either Monday or Tuesday.
- 2) Rather Monday.
- 1) Alright.
- 2) On Friday I am going to Vienna.

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13 Losensteinerstrasse  
Linz  
Tel: 258419

2) A man  
Linz  
Tel. # not given

Date of Communication: 8 May 1953

Observation started: 16:39

Total time: 4'

INFORMATION "EDER"

- 2) Lothar sent me a letter concerning the LINEMAYR affair. He is surprised. He missed the article.
- 1) It would be nice if it were that way.
- 2) I know he has other reasons now. That time the "Spiegel" reporter surprised him. He is by no means the author of it.
- 1) I am making inquiries until I find out. A second defamation is planned.
- 2) It really is a shame, in your case, too. It's similar to the case Kurt RIES, etc.
- 1) In my case it resulted in terrible consequences.

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Linz  
Tel: # 258419

2) WOISETSCHLAGER, Mr.  
Linz  
Tel: # not given

Date of Communication: 11 May 1953

Communication started: 13:25

Total time: 3'

INFORMATION: EDER

- 1) Everything ready?
- 2) Yes.
- 1) Only the triptik is still outstanding. I'll get it either at 17:00 today or at 08:00 tomorrow.
- 2) That's not so bad.
- 1) But I wanted to leave at 05:00 tomorrow morning so we could arrive in Munich at 13:00. I have applied to the Touring-Club only today.
- 2) My passport and residential-permit are valid for one year.
- 1) I advise you to bring a pillow to sit on. My roller is provided with good springs.
- 2) How will I be informed what time we leave?
- 1) I'll call you up.
- 2) I have an appointment with PISTORIUS for 16:00. I won't be home till 19:00.
- 1) Carry only light luggage.
- 2) I won't have more than the manuscript and a box of cakes. I have to discuss business with you yet. Did you contact HILLER?
- 1) Yes. He can't remember the biography either. I told him he must get it as quickly as possible. Well, shouldn't I call again, we'll meet at 08:00 tomorrow morning.

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