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NOTE FOR HOETTL FILE

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Cites Karl HAAS receipt of letter from HOETTL stating Lois EDER had disappeared. ~~#####~~ HOETTL believes he was arrested by AIS as Soviet agent.

HASS reports reason for arrest probably because EDER, while working for Bann in Soviet Zone of Austria was in contact with an Austrian citizen, widow of SS officer or non-com, who worked in a tailor shop serving Russian officers. Woman furnished info and Soviet uniform samples to EDER. HAAS believes woman was Soviet D/A and believes EDER therefore arrested when AIS discovered her double role.

Source notes HAAS apparently forgot he had previously told source that he (HAAS) had recruited woman such as above in like tailor shop but dropped her when she was not approved by the Americans for whom HAAS worked.

In same letter HOETTL told HAAS that he (HOETTL) was in contact with top level intell circles and about to be assigned the task of organizing a very high level intell net because of his known contacts with "Neri". HASS identified "Neri" to source as priests in general and Vatican circles in particular.

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