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HOETTL, Willy  
AKA: HOETTL, Willi  
o Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl

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(S) A check of the files of CRFUSAINTC Supplemental Topical Section revealed the following references to a Dr Wilhelm Hoettl and a Wilhelm Hoettl, who may or may not be SUBJECT of your request:

a. Case Report, 66th CIC Detachment, file number D284948, subject, Intelligence Apparatus of Blank Office, dated 29 May 1952, stated substantially that Dr Wilhelm Hoettl, an Austrian national, was reported to be one of the chief agents of the Blank Office Intelligence Apparatus and was alleged to have excellent intelligence connections in Hungary and Romania. Hoettl developed a press clipping service which was devoted to gathering items from Balkan and Soviet satellite newspapers and other publications which Hoettl believed to contain considerable hidden intelligence information. Hoettl published a book prior to 1952 which dealt with German intelligence during the Hitler regime, using the alias of Walter Hagen. (unevaluated)

b. Agent Report, 430th CIC Detachment, file number L/26533, subject, West German Intelligence Operatives Active in Austria, dated 16 July 1952, listed one Wilhelm Hoettl, who was alleged to be working for the West German Intelligence Agency Blank. It was rumored that Hoettl maintained contact with the Russians. (C-6)

c. Agent Report, 430th CIC Detachment, file number L/28385, subject, Institut fuer Gegenwartsforschung, dated 15 Mar 1953, stated substantially that Dr Wilhelm Hoettl had intelligence liaison with Alis Eder, an independent writer and alleged intelligence agent. Eder allegedly posted a letter on 1 April 1953 to Dr Gerhard Lerner, a Vienna newspaper man, in which Eder stated that Hoettl had been arrested by the Americans. The letter requested Lerner to ascertain how closely Hoettl had been associated with Kurt Ponger and Otto Verber who had recently been arrested for furnishing intelligence information to the Soviets. Eder reportedly feared the letter had been intercepted by the Soviets. Eder reportedly suspected that Hoettl may have compromised some of his (Eder's) sources to the Soviets. (F-6)

d. Agent Report, 430th CIC Detachment, file number L/29633, subject, Alleged "Left-Wing" Intelligence Organization Lands Upper Austria and Styria Districts Gmunden and Liezen, dated 19 November 1953, listed one Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl of the German Intelligence Service as reportedly being under very close surveillance by KZ Verband operatives. (The KZ Verband is the Austrian branch of the International Federation of Resistance Fighters, a Communist front) KZ Verband operatives believed Hoettl was working for British Intelligence. Hoettl allegedly received 18,000 shillings from the British for intelligence work. (C-6)

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