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TO INFO	Chief of Station, Austria COS/Germany COB/Munich-Liaison Branch		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. []
FROM	Chief, EE	DATE 27 JUL 1960	
SUBJECT GRENGULF WILLI HORTIL Arrest	<u>KUBARK ONLY</u>	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
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ACTION REQUIRED	See paragraph 2 below,		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY

REFERENCE(S):

1. The attached paragraph from a report of a conversation between the DE/ID Reports Officer and SEROCK, UPHILL's liaison officer, is thoroughly inexplicable to us here. We were not aware of HORTIL's arrest nor of a VSOHNER who was involved. The tidbit about ROSSMANN's implication is fascinating but equally confusing. Since SEROCK may have been "fishing" and since he is not our proper point of focus for operational liaison, it does not seem advisable to query UPHILL through this channel. To place a query with the proper UPHILL people would blow the case up out of all proportion to its significance.
2. Therefore, we suggest that Vienna tell us what they know about the HORTIL arrest and advise Munich and Headquarters. If Vienna, without recourse to liaison, knows the full details we need query no more. On the other hand, out of curiosity, if nothing else, Vienna and Munich may wish to get together as to how to uncover the details.

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EXTRACT FROM CONTACT REPORT OF MEETING 27 MAY 1960

MEMORANDUM: UPHILL's @BROCK and [] MB/LB Reports Officer

"4. Arrest of Willy HOETTL and FECHNER in Lins: In a follow-up to what he had told [] earlier about the arrest in Lins of Willy HOETTL and Fechner, @BROCK said that they had both been held for a day or so and that the case had still not been fully clarified, at least as far as UPHILL knew. The examination had shown that FECHNER was passing HOETTL intelligence on Yugoslavia and Albania which he had received from one ROSSMAYTH. (Comment: To the best of [] recollection, ROSSMAYTH is in the Austria Ministry of the Interior and is involved with the CRENGULE apparatus.) [] asked @BROCK if they knew why FECHNER should be passing such intelligence to HOETTL and whether HOETTL was representing someone else. @BROCK said UPHILL had no idea, but speculated that FECHNER might have been making use of HOETTL's area knowledge of southeastern Europe in the evaluation of intelligence. [] agreed that this sounded reasonable, since HOETTL does know the Balkan area very well."

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