

DISPATCH

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PROCESSING ACTION

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Chief of Base, Salzburg

FROM
Chief, EE

SUBJECT
COOPY/REDCOAT/ACOS/PROVE
Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

As suggested

REFERENCE: EAVA 33348, 28 February 1964

1. We subscribe wholeheartedly to ACOS comments in the reference. After mentioning Willi HOETTL in EAVA 17745, 6 December 1963, we reviewed the file material on HOETTL, and traced him in RI. The files extend into four volumes, plus several pounds of integrated CIC reporting. RI returned the trace request with 85 pages of card references. Analysis here would clearly be a job of weeks. Like ACOS, we doubt that the results could be used productively against HOETTL. It makes much better sense to continue to work on persons and situations susceptible to KUBARK manipulation and exploitation. Willi HOETTL probably is not. And if he were, we doubt that the results would be worth the effort.

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Q. ... world.
Is that right?

A. Yes. They consider that many of them are being used by intelligence.

Q. Sort of a basis to work from?

A. Like philatelists.

Q. Yes, that's a typical circle of people.

Q. So really Esperanto is one of the targets or main basis of -

A. Oh, not main basis. They usually are interested and it was many years.

Q. Now this fellow has another significant point in his life. He is, I should say, strongly connected with one of the parties in our country, with the SPD, with the Social Party of Germany. And he's sort of a go-between of our organization and the Social Democratic Party of Western Germany. Unfortunately I have no picture of him here but it shouldn't mean very much to you.

A. For me enough his background.

Q. It's a very sad face. Sad face with a small mustache.

A. For me it's important background, not face.

Q. Yes, for you much more important is the background and -

A. Yes, all these things which you tell but I want to read them.

Q. He was very active in the Balkans during the war and he had during the war and is on, and there is no doubt, contact to WAGNER-DELMUS who mentioned yesterday. And to HOETTL whom you recollected yesterday and, if I am right, your idea is that HOETTL was connected with the KGB.

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agent under the name of CZECH or CESH.

A CZECH or maybe his cryptonym HAGER or maybe even somebody else.

I mean it means that circle. When he have been in Czechoslovakia,
HOETTL, during the war?

F HOETTL? Yes, Sometimes.

A It could give them maybe grounds to call him CZECH.

F HOETTL, as far as I know has not been stationed mainly in Czechoslovakia,
but in Austria. Austria was his base.

A In what Austria-Hungary. He, it seems to be, old person.

F Yes. Now -

M You gave information on CZECH very early I remember, didn't you? Only
you said -

A I don't recall now whether I told before or not. Could.

M It must have been to you a well-known cryptonym.

A Oh yes, I knew that there was a CZECH but I am not sure that his name is
HOETTL. You see there was a group of agents.

M Well it was only a calculation more or less that HOETTL and CZECH are
identical.

A Might be very close, but of course I am not sure 100%.

F Did somebody ever give you a picture of HOETTL and his -

A I read his file at that time.

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F You read the file already. Yes.

M Did you come over his book?

A No.

M Or did you hear about him in connection with the EICHMANN trial in Jerusalem?

A No, I don't think so.

F Well, this fellow we are talking about and his name is ZIEGLER, Dr. ZIEGLER. And one of his cover names is Dr. KOENIG, like king.

He was in the older times himself a case officer and he had some sources in East Berlin. It was a couple.

A Before the war?

F No, no, after. It was in the years of 1951-52. And this couple lived in East Berlin and in West Berlin. They were engaged, not yet married. And they got arrested under very suspicious circumstances. We never found out really why.

R Ln 155-56?

F Yes.

A That's interesting.

These sources were radio operators. So maybe you can have heard of this fellow under entirely different points of view: being a source of positive intelligence in the political field. You remember he has very strong

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SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT

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IDENTITY - A CATIDE messenger, now under CATIDE investigation. There is no additional information currently available at Headquarters on his possible connection with HOFTEL.

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