

Wilhelm KRICHBAUM in periodic contact with Curt PONGER since 1948, when KRICHBAUM appeared as a witness in Nuernberg. KRICHBAUM has stated that PONGER was especially helpful at Nuernberg and the association since is described as friendly visits during which "reminiscences" were exchanged. The main topics of conversation between PONGER and KRICHBAUM appear to have been discussion of the current activities ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of mutual acquaintances from Nuernberg. Many of the individuals discussed between KRICHBAUM and PONGER were ex-Abwehr, police, or Amt VI and now occupy ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ positions in the GEHLEN organization or the BfV. Of particular interest to PONGER, according to KRICHBAUM's statement was Franz GROSCHEK, born 29 January 1897, chief of Karlsruhe Kripo, and Max NOETH, born 7 July 1895. One Sunday shortly after 16 October 1952 PONGER visited GROSCHEK in Karlsruhe and telephoned KRICHBAUM from Karlsruhe.

PONGER was definitely aware of KRICHBAUM's employment with the GEHLEN organization, and PONGER asked KRICHBAUM to obtain employment for Willi HOETTL with the GEHLEN organization. PONGER is also aware that GROSCHEK and NOETH were connected with ~~the~~ the GEHLEN organization in 1948, at which time they were interrogated by PONGER.

KRICHBAUM stated that Roman LOOS was also in touch with HOETTL, and that KRICHBAUM and LOOS were in direct touch with each other. In addition, PONGER was in direct contact with LOOS.

When PONGER visited HOETTL in the spring of 1948, he also visited Dr. MAE, a former Estonian Prime Minister.

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