

Operational/ZIPPER/TDR

Wilhelm KRICHBAUM - Connection to Curt L PONGER

CART/TOPHOLE

1. Herewith photocopies of three reports written by

KRICHBAUM (note: correct spelling; not KRIECHBAUM),
Wilhelm
to explain his connections with PONGER and/HOETTL.

The first report, ~~written~~ dated 23 October 1952,

was prepared at the request of ZIPPER headquarters after
and "neglects" to mention that PONGER was present,
HOETTL had mentioned his meeting with KRICHBAUM. [^] The

second ~~report~~ report, dated 20 January 1953, was written

after ~~publication~~ KRICHBAUM read of the arrest of PONGER

in the newspapers, represents the very first mention

KRICHBAUM had ever made to ZIPPER of his contact with

PONGER, and carefully avoids mentioning the fact that

HOETTL was present at two of the meetings (August 1951

and October 1952). Unfortunately ^{for} ~~the~~ KRICHBAUM, ~~the~~

~~willi~~ dear old Willi HOETTL did

mention KRICHBAUM's presence, in a masterful report

Willi also felt constrained to prepare upon reading the

newspapers, in which report Willi took pains to deflect

attention to KRICHBAUM, Dr Waldemar MAE, Dr SCHAEFER of BV S,

and varied others, ~~who~~ in the best "he went that way"

tradition. Thereupon, KRICHBAUM was called to account by

ZIPPER, and prepared the third report, dated 27 February

1953, which gives a most noncommittal account of the

two PONGER/HOETTL/KRICHBAUM clambakes.

2. ~~These reports, even on most cursory examination, bear all the marks of~~

2. These three reports obviously seek to present KRICHBAUM in the best light possible and deprecate any significance which might be attached to his acquaintance with PONGER.

KRICHBAUM ~~is~~ is also now resorting to protests of poor memory, and my conversations with him to date have not produced a particularly clear picture of ~~the~~ his

relationship with PONGER. ~~is~~ KRICHBAUM has ~~failed to~~ failed to

~~submit~~ KRICHBAUM has ~~failed to~~ failed to submit (as he promised) a reconstruction

of the date-time-place-subjects discussed of all his

meetings with PONGER, ~~is~~ At the moment we

know of the following meetings:

a. A Saturday evening in 1950, when PONGER and wife

appeared at KRICHBAUM's BAD REICHENHALL home at

2100, and KRICHBAUM and wife took them to dinner

in BAD REICHENHALL. KRICHBAUM ^{maintains} ~~is~~/PONGER

was driving an old "Audi" with American plates,

which ~~is~~ he cites as support for his belief that

PONGER was still employed by the US in VIENNA.