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Wilhelm KRIECHBAUM *W. Kriechbaum*

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1. There is no pertinent information on subject in EUCOM or our files.

2. From the CIC files we have a PIR of 5 September 1945 with the following information:

Wilhelm Christian KRIECHBAUM. born 7 May 1896 in Wiesbaden. Studied forestry until outbreak World War I, in which he served till discharged in 1918. Joined Hessisch-Thuringische Freikorps, taking part in several uprisings, and was a member of various illegal organizations throughout the history of the Weimar Republic e.g. Viking Bund, 1923; Wehrwolf 1924-25; Bund Oberland, 1925; Ehrhardt Brigade, 1928. In 1933 joined the Dresden Schupo with rank of Capt, and in October of the same year was made Leiter der Sudeten Deutschen Kontrolle, working with the border immigration police and Abwehr ABT III, Geheime Staatspolizei Sachsen. In 1936 he became Regierungs and Kriminal Rat and head of the Border Inspector's Office for Southeastern Germany, which position he retained until Oct 38 when he was called into service as Heeres Polizeichef der Wehrmacht. As such he was also chief of the Secret Field Police. From Jan to spring 1939 he represented the Border Police as a member of the German-Czech Border Commission. After a short illness, he again entered the army as Heeres Feldpolizeichef in 1939, this title being changed to Feldpolizeichef der Wehrmacht in 1940. He retained this position, which he claims came under Abwehr ABT III, until his arrest 3 May 45. Ended up SS OF (COL) in 1943.

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