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1. ZIPPER NOW INFORMS US WILHELM KRIECHBAUM, LEADING ZIPPERITE AND WARTIME CHIEF OF GEHEIME FELD POLIZEI CURRENTLY RESIDING BAD REICHENHALL FRUEHLINGSTRASSE 52 IN CONTACT WITH CURT PONGER SINCE NUERNBERG WHERE KRIECHBAUM APPEARED AS WITNESS. KRIECHBAUM STATES PONGER ESPECIALLY HELPFUL TO HIM AT NUERNBERG, DESCRIBES ASSOCIATION SINCE THEN AS FRIENDLY VISITS DURING WHICH "REMINISCENCES" WERE EXCHANGED. THEY WOULD DISCUSS CURRENT ACTIVITIES ETC OF MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCES FROM NUERNBERG, MOST OF WHOM OF COURSE ABWEHR, POLICE OR AMT VI, MANY NOW BFW, POLICE OR ZIPPER. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO PONGER WERE GROSCHKE, FRANZ, BORN 29 JAN 1897 IN SCHNEIDEMUHL, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS COBURG, STEINWEG 1, BUT BELIEVED NOW KRIPO CHIEF KARLSRUHE, AND NOETH, MAX, BORN 7 JULY 1895 IN WUERZBURG, NOW CI EXPERT OF BAVARIAN LFV, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OBERGRAINAU, HAUS 24G, NEAR GARMISCH. BOTH GROSCHKE AND NOETH FORMER ZIPPERITES STILL MAINTAINING CLOSE CONNECTIONS. GROSCHKE, FOR EXAMPLE, WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ZIPPER SV L CHIEF, PROBABLY HAS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE SV L PERSONALITIES. ON A SUNDAY SHORTLY AFTER 16 OCTOBER 52 PONGER VISITED GROSCHKE, AND THEY TELEPHONED KRIECHBAUM FROM KARLSRUHE.

2. PONGER HAS ALSO BY ADMISSION KRIECHBAUM ACTED AS CO-BETWEEN ARRANGING TWO MEETINGS WITH WILLI HOETTL. KRIECHBAUM INSISTS THESE MEETINGS SUGGESTED BY PONGER MERELY AS SOCIAL VISITS. FIRST MEETING IN AUGUST 1951, POSSIBLY 18 AUGUST, WHEN PONGER PICKED UP KRIECHBAUM IN REICHENHALL, DROVE TO SALZBURG WHERE MET HOETTL, CONTINUED TO CAFE NEAR FUSCHL WHERE "EXCHANGED GOSSIP". SECOND MEETING WITH HOETTL IN MUNICH 16 OCT 52 IN RESTAURANT NEXT TO HOTEL SCHOTTENHAMMEL. APPEARS LIKELY BOTH MEETINGS ARRANGED BY PONGER WITH INTENT GETTING HOETTL HIRED BY ZIPPER. PONGER DEFINITELY KNOWS OF ZIPPER CONNECTIONS KRIECHBAUM, AND OF GROSCHKE AND NOETH, THESE LAST TWO

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HAVING BEEN IN ZIPPER IN 1943 WHEN PONGER STILL USING THEM AS WITNESSES IN NUREMBERG.

3. HOETTL VISITED DUESSELDORF, BONN, AND STUTTGART ON HIS TRIP WITH PONGER AND LAUBER IN OCTOBER. KRIECHBAUM AWARE HOETTL MET FOLLOWING PEOPLE ON THIS TRIP: FNU VON FRANKENBERG, RESIDING STUTTGART, ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYED IN PORSCHE-WERK, LITERARY ASSOCIATE OF HOETTL; FRAU DR. DREIHAUPT, STUTTGART, OWNER OF PUBLISHING HOUSE; DR. FNU MOELLER OF BAD RENTHALL; HILDEGARD BEETZ, JOURNALIST IN BONN, INVOLVED IN CIANO AFFAIR, CURRENT MARRIED NAME UNKNOWN; AND OBERREG AND KRPMRAT NAUJOCKS (ALSO RECEIVED OBERREG AND KRPMRAT NAUJOCKS) IN HAMBURG, WHOM HOETTL MET IN DUESSELDORF BY CHANCE AT INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

4. KRIECHBAUM STATES HOETTL ASKED POSSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYMENT IN ZIPPER, ALSO STATED PEOPLE DEFAMING HIM AND MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY LONG-TIME RUMOR HOETTL APPROPRIATED AMT V6 FUNDS IN AUSSEE AFTER WAR.

5. WHOLE PICTURE (WHICH WE WILL INVESTIGATE TO LIMIT POSSIBLE, CERTAINLY SUGGEST (ONE) PONGER SYSTEMATICALLY UTILIZED NUREMBERG CONNECTIONS FOR OL ON ZIPPER AND OTHER GERMAN INTEL STRUCTURES, (TWO) HOETTL LOOKS VERY SUSPICIOUS AT THIS JUNCTURE, THOUGH WE ADMITTEDLY HAVE VERY LITTLE AS YET (COULD PONGER PERHAPS KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE MONEY WILLI ALLEGEDLY APPROPRIATED)?

6. POUCHING DETAILS AS PROCESSED.

7. POB HAS CONSIDERABLE FILES GROSCHKE, NOETH; INCONCLUSIVE ON OTHERS.

8. FOR SALZ: IS HOETTL UNDER ARREST?

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