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SECURITY INFORMATION

KRICHAUM

Chief, EE

1 April 1953

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Chief of Base, Pullach

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TOPHOLE -- Letters from Curt L. PONGER to Wilhelm KRICHAUM

Reference: SPULL 5095 and SPULL 5344

1. Herewith, in original for EE, photocopy for COM and SALZBURG, are letters dated 5 August, 27 August, and 1 October 1952, from Curt L. PONGER to Wilhelm KRICHAUM; letter of 5 October 1952 to PONGER from KRICHAUM; and (for EE only) original of New Year's card from PONGER to KRICHAUM. It will be noted that all letters from PONGER were sent from VIENNA, and hence subject to censorship, but the envelope of the letter of 1 October does not indicate that it was censored. KRICHAUM states one of these letters, the envelope of which he has destroyed, was opened by censor in VIENNA.

2. Details of meetings between PONGER and KRICHAUM, and the two meetings of KRICHAUM and PONGER with Wilhelm HOETTL, have been provided in references. Original letters are forwarded to EE with the thought that they may be valuable as evidence. Since public involvement of KRICHAUM in this case can at any time be instigated by PONGER, we see no objection to introduction of letters and/or KRICHAUM's account of his association with PONGER as evidence, if any purpose can be served thereby, though we are fairly certain now that KRICHAUM was not recruited by PONGER, but instead merely served as unwitting source of information regarding current location and activities of former German intelligence personalities.

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