

EAVA-2251 dated 3 April 1953 (Willi HOETTL Interrogation)

HOETTL stated that the only persons engaged in intelligence whom he discussed with PONGER or PONGER's associates were as follows:

Wilhelm KRIECHBAUM: - HOETTL stated that KRIECHBAUM was a mutual acquaintance of PONGER and HOETTL at Nuernberg where KRIECHBAUM in his capacity as former chief of the Secret Field Police was a witness. In meetings with KRIECHBAUM, HOETTL claims that PONGER took the initiative in discussing Zipper, and that PONGER learned of KRIECHBAUM's association with Zipper from someone other than HOETTL. HOETTL did not believe that KRIECHBAUM was a Soviet agent, but, characteristically for HOETTL, indicated that a good deal of suspicion should be attached to ~~KRIECHBAUM~~ KRIECHBAUM.

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Contains a report on the de-briefing of Wilhelm KRIECHBAUM. This is a sanitized version of the information contained in PULL 5344, and no new data are included.

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