

ex tract made (June 53)

EE/CE Mem on Kurt PONGER interrogation (unnumbered & undated)

PONGER confirmed that he had talked to KRIECHBAUM about getting HOETTL a job with the future GIS. He did this as much at HOETTL's request as at the request of the RIS. The RIS distrusted HOETTL and was not especially interested in actively furthering his career. PONGER's instructions were limited to keeping in touch with HOETTL. PONGER's long range aim was not to get HOETTL into the GEHLEN organization, but to get him a job with the German Army or with NATO. PONGER obtained the address of Franz GROSCHEK from KRIECHBAUM. In October, 1952, KRIECHBAUM told PONGER that GROSCHEK had taken a job with the Karlsruhe police. KRIECHBAUM told PONGER that GROSCHEK had been with the GEHLEN organization and that he was a Social Democrat. KRIECHBAUM told PONGER that Max NOETH was back with the police and that he was chronically sick. PONGER never bothered to learn where NOETH actually lived.

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