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Change in KUENAST Leadership

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ACTION REQUIRED: FYI

1. Paul Pfeiffer, Chief of the Hamburg LfV, told us on 2 June 1959 that Paul *OPITZ, born 17 September 1897 at Bad Schmiedeberg, Chief of Kuenast, will be relieved of his position in the immediate future and will be transferred to Cologne where he will have a desk assignment in BfV Headquarters.

2. Opitz's successor in Hamburg will be Regierungsrat Hans Joachim (?) PIETSCH, of BfV Headquarters in Cologne. Pietsch has been to Hamburg on a number of occasions in connection with Kuenast business and has had his eyes on that particular job.

3. Herr Pfeiffer was told of the impending change by BfV President Schrubbers in a personal letter. Pfeiffer regards the transfer of Opitz as a personal victory and maintains that it gives the green light to cooperation between the LfV and the Kuenast. Pfeiffer has gone on record previously that there will be no cooperation with Kuenast as long as Opitz is the head of that office. While this has not stopped entirely working level contacts, the situation was far from happy. Pfeiffer's objection to Opitz has been largely of a personal nature and was dealt with previously in Paragraph 5 of EGGA 923 dated 23 April 1958.

4. From KUBARK's point of view the departure of Opitz is to be regretted. Although a less stimulating companion could hardly be imagined, Opitz has been consistently helpful and cooperative and frequently volunteered information on matters which he assumed to be of interest to us.

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