

Hubert SCHRUEEBERS

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BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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President of the German Federal Republic's Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV - internal security organization)

1. SCHRUEEBERS was born 3 November 1907 in Recklingshausen, North Rhein-Westphalia, Germany. He is a graduate lawyer first serving as an assessor in Berlin beginning in 1935. From 1939 until his provisional appointment as BfV President 1 August 1955, SCHRUEEBERS held the post of prosecuting attorney in federal and state courts in the cities of Bochum, Dortmund, Hamm, Arnsberg, Cologne, Karlsruhe, and Dusseldorf. He served with the German Army from August 1943 to May 1946 attaining the rank of Sergeant. In September 1944 he was captured and interned by the British and was released in May 1946.
2. SCHRUEEBERS was appointed provisional president of the BfV upon the retirement of Hans Jess, successor to Otto John. On 19 December 1955, SCHRUEEBERS received the formal appointment. Prior to his BfV presidency, SCHRUEEBERS possessed neither experience nor technical knowledge of the intelligence or security fields. SCHRUEEBERS has been the guest of the British Security Organization at Muenchen-Gladbeck, Germany, and of British Intelligence in London. His status is about to be raised formally to that of Ministerial Dirigent which will place him on the same level as General Gehlen.
3. He understands a fair amount of English, has never been to the United States, and has never met the Director. He has repeatedly demonstrated a favorable attitude toward the U.S., and the Agency's relationship with him has been consistently good. His importance to CIA has increased considerably with the emergence of his organization as the primary internal security group in West Germany. There has been no confirmed report that SCHRUEEBERS will be removed or retire in the near future. [] and [] have maintained liaison contact with SCHRUEEBERS in the field.
4. SCHRUEEBERS is approximately 5'8" tall, has dark hair, of medium build, and appears to be in his early fifties. He is married and the father of two teen-aged children, a son and a daughter. []

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