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Hubert SCHRUEEBERS of BfV.

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1. On re-reading reference, we felt it did not give quite a fair picture of SCHRUEEBERS' view of the "political task" of the BfV. He has explained to us in the past his own view of the political job as being that of getting timely information on subversive - extreme right and left wing - activities and getting it promptly into the proper hands. He mentioned two examples which we now only dimly recall:
 - a. There was the matter of an SPD-sponsored "Institute for Economic Affairs" in Cologne, headed by (Dr) Viktor WAGARTZ. The BfV got information that the Institute was heavily penetrated by communists, took the information to the SPD who promptly threw out the offenders. (Comment: How much truth there is in this we cannot say, although the BfV's information was doubtless only a drop in the bucket in view of the stormy sessions reported in detail in EGPA-7808, 18 Mar 55.)
 - b. On another occasion the BfV learned that a projected strike in Northern Germany was communist inspired. SCHRUEEBERS claims to have taken the information to Walter FREYTAG whom he knows personally and FREYTAG called off the strike.

2. Nor do we concur with the British view of his rather casual treatment of the BfV role as a security advisor. If anything, the major responsibility in this field rests with the Ministry of Interior, in which there are no experts engaged in this work. Neither personnel-wise or in the form of vigorous support for BfV suggestions, has the Ministry distinguished itself. SCHRUEEBERS has always in our presence indicated a great concern about the delays connected with getting the security program rolling government-wide. Admittedly also, this is not a field in which the KUBARK liaison officers have devoted much interest, so we do not consider ourselves competent to comment further.

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