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BITTRICH, Wilhelm (C)
DOB: 26 February 1894
POB: Wernigerode, East Germany

(U) Information on file indicates that Wilhelm BITTRICH, born 26 February 1894 in WERNIGERODE, occupation, flying teacher, joined the NSDAP in 1932 and the Allgemeine SS in 1934. In July 1944, SUBJECT rose to the rank of Commanding General of the II SS-tankcorps. SUBJECT was held in the War Crimes enclosure, DACHAU, after the war, on suspicion of having been involved in the torture and execution of prisoners without trial and for allegedly having ordered the killing of Serbs in a Yugoslav village. HE was wanted for extradition by the Yugoslavs and the French; however, the Yugoslavian request was refused. Information dated 5 August 1953 indicates that SUBJECT had been tried in MARSEILLE on charges of responsibility in the shooting of members of the French resistance and was acquitted. (B-2) Available records disclose no further pertinent information. (This paragraph FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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