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SPECIFIC— SCHRUEBBER, Hubert - Candidate for BfV Presidency

REF: BONN 2771

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1. ~~Die Welt~~, issue of 25 June 1955, carried a short notice to the effect that Subject was being named as the possible new President of the BfV.

2. Attached is copy of biographical data on Subject received by Embassy from the Consulate in Duesseldorf. The first paragraph states that a black sheep brother once tried to sell his services to the British IS and later got into trouble because of an alleged swindle.

3. Mr. Hughes, CIC L/O to OCA, has advised that his Headquarters has a report (Eval. B-3) that his birth date was 3 February 1901, although the "Handbuch der Justiz" lists his birth year as 1907.

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Enclosure:
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- Oct 1, 1950 - Federal Prosecuting Attorney at the Federal Court in Karlsruhe (Oberstaatsanwalt beim Bundesgericht)
(appointed by German Ministry of Justice, Bonn District)
- Oct 1, 1952 - Attorney General in the Provincial Court Duesseldorf (Generalstaatsanwalt beim Oberlandesgericht Duesseldorf).

From August 10, 1943 to May 16, 1946 Schruebbers served with the German army, and the last rank that he held was that of Sergeant. He never was a member of the NSDAP, according to the NRW Ministry of Justice. He was never been active politically, and this office was unable to ascertain to which political party he is affiliated, if any. His post-war really began, according to a British source, with his appointment (by the British military Government presumably the Central Legal Office in Hamburg) as State Attorney in Hamm on March 1, 1947.

According to Oberlandesgerichtspräsident, Werner BAERNS, Schruebbers is a well educated, extremely competent lawyer whom he has estimated highly as a colleague. He described him as being a strong man both physically and in his character. At the same time he is reputed to be very human and approachable. In fact the only critical comment heard about him is that he sometimes appears too friendly and therefore not quite genuine. His change of positions from Federal Prosecuting Attorney to Attorney General in the Provincial Court District appears on the surface at least to have been a demotion. President Baerns admitted that his present position does not carry the same prestige as that of Federal Prosecuting Attorney although the salary is only slightly less, but he stated that Schruebbers accepted his present job when it was offered to him because his wife and family were living in Cologne, a considerable distance from Karlsruhe and because, as he himself said, "at Karlsruhe I am one of four equally ranking federal attorneys whereas as Generalstaatsanwalt in Duesseldorf I am completely in charge". In his present job he administers and superwises the work of approximately 100-125 local (county) prosecuting attorneys. He rarely tries a case himself although occasionally he does handle important cases. Again, according to a local British source, his appointment as Generalstaatsanwalt in Duesseldorf moved him over the heads of a considerable number of more senior civil servants which has caused a certain amount of jealousy, as would be expected in such case. However, there has been no indication that he has arrived near the top of his profession except by his own merit and ability.