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## BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF HUBERT SCHRUEBBERS

Hubert Schroeblers is President of the West German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz [BfV]), the West German Internal Security Service.

Born 3 November 1907 in Recklinghausen, North Rhein-Westphalia, Germany, Mr. Schroeblers became a graduate lawyer, first serving as a legal civil servant in Berlin in 1935. Except for the War years, Mr. Schroeblers held the post of Prosecuting attorney in federal and state courts in several key cities in Germany from 1939 to 1955. He served with the German Army from August 1943 to May 1946, attaining the rank of sergeant. Captured in September 1944, he was interned by the British until his release in May 1946.

Mr. Schroeblers was designated provisional president of the BfV in August 1955, receiving his formal appointment in December 1955. With the rank of Ministerialdirigent, he does not enjoy the prestige or rank of General Gehlen, President of the West German Intelligence Service.

Mr. Schroeblers possessed neither experience nor technical knowledge of the intelligence or security fields prior to his appointment; he subsequently gained much professional experience, however, and has gradually established a security service composed of well-trained, experienced officers who carry out efficiently and effectively the work of maintaining West German internal security.

CIA officers in contact with Mr. Schroeblers have found him congenial, cooperative and well-disposed toward CIA. His command of the English language is fair.

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