

Memorandum

Regarding: Dr. Wildhagen, Atlas of German Folklore

Some time ago Dr. Wildhagen, former Director of the German Research Association, sent me a copy of his work "Atlas of German Folklore". After a broad review of it, I ascertained that it comprises all the preliminary reviews and arguments – and predominantly based on official reports – which led to the current form of the folklore atlas, or at least the form it took through Professor Harmjanz.

Dr. Wildhagen called on me yesterday and asked for advice. He wants to publish the book in its current form but heard that it would be used for new attacks on him. He would like that we, as well as the Reichsführung SS, familiarize ourselves with the content because he believes he has clearly laid out in a thoroughly objective manner a standpoint for, among other things, his own accession to power. I referred him to the official channels and recommended that he officially submit the book to the "Ahnenerbe" for review. He delivered the book to me today and informed me that he has also sent it to the Reichsführung SS and passed it along as well to Dr. Best, who apparently concerned himself with this case at a high level.

Dr. Wildhagen emphasized that his case be reassessed. He was just recently assured by Dr. Best that the Reichsführer SS is no longer hostile toward him. The Reichsführer SS told personally me in February of last year, that he does not think much of Dr. Wildhagen. I have therefore referred the matter to the official channels and request forwarding and review.

Berlin, May 27, 1938

(signed) Weigel

Attachment: the book of Dr. Wildhagen with cover letter

SS - Sturmbannführer