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TO: Major William Coggins

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FROM: Lt. (jg) Carl E. Schorsike, USNR

SUBJECT: RMA 2114.4, THE PERSECUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN

In the interest of rapid distribution to the staff of the War Crimes Prosecution in the field, the attached study as presented in unedited draft form. The document is still obviously lacking in evidence of probative value, and is consequently ill-suited to serve as a basis for any international discussion.

Care has been taken to cite primary sources (Weichmann's *Die Kirchenpolitik des Nationalsozialismus*, etc.) wherever possible. Secondary works are cited only where the authors of such works did not cite original sources and where more solid evidence was unavailable from other sources. German legislation as represented in the *Reichsgesetzblatt* has been fully covered. The correspondence of Bishop Wurm, referred to on pages 52 and 61, is in process of translation and will be forwarded as an appendix when completed.

Particular attention is called to the appended list of probable witnesses. These should be contacted as quickly as possible. It is suggested that the interrogators be briefed by a thorough study of the attached document, and that they be cognizant not only of the weaknesses made explicit in the text but also of other weaknesses suggested by articles in the field.

It will be noted in particular that much of the material on the persecution of the Catholic Church has been obtained from a secondary work entitled *The Persecution of the Catholic Church in the Third Reich*, Bruno Carter, London, 1940. This volume contains much valuable material, but is poorly documented. Its author is not identified. It would be most profitable if a member of the staff in London could discover the author or authors through Bruno Carter, the publisher, and secure the more solid documentary evidence which must be in his or their possession.

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