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REICH MINISTRY OF FINANCE; LOCATION OF PERSONNEL AND DOCUMENTS

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I. PREAMBLE

The following information was obtained from Permanent Under Secretary REINHARDT and Under Secretaries WOOTHKE and KALLENBACH. They are very cooperative and state that they are willing and able to help in the reorganization of the Ministry and its departments. In connection with the records and documents, it was pointed out that many had been destroyed in air attacks. Furthermore, all non-essential documents were destroyed because of the difficulty of transporting them and because of their constituting a fire hazard during air raids. Many of the records of all departments were evacuated to WUERZBURG and left there with two employees as custodians.

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II. MINISTRY OF FINANCE

A. DEPARTMENT I

Most of the personnel and records were last located in BERLIN/CHARLOTTENBURG, BISMARCKSTRASSE 48-52. The records of IB were in BEELITZ near BERLIN. About twelve officials, under Ministerialdirigent AUGUSTINE, together with some records, were last in BAD-TOELZ. Some officials, notably Ministerialrats KALLENBACH, GERTH, and SCHMIDT-SCHWARZENBERG, were in GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, but were taken into custody by CIC around May 4. The chief officials still located in BERLIN are Directors KLUGE and MEYER.

B. DEPARTMENT II

This department came directly under the control of REINHARDT. Most of the records and personnel are in ILMENAU, Thuringia. A few, under Director Dr SIEGERT and Ministerialrat SCHERER, are still in BERLIN.

C. DEPARTMENT III

This department was also under the control of REINHARDT. Most of the records and personnel are in ILMENAU, Thuringia. In addition to these, there is a Regierungsrat SCHADT and one other official in WEILHEIM, Oberregierungsrat Dr LENSKI in BAD-TOELZ, and Steueramtmann PAULIG in BERLIN.

D. DEPARTMENT IV

Ministerialdirigent WOOTHKE (AUCSBURG) was one of the men in charge of this department. Most of the personnel and documents remained in BERLIN and POTSDAM, under Ministerialdirektor EVER. Ministerialrat VOGELS was last in OBERLAINDERN, near MUNICH. In addition, there were three officials in BAD-TOELZ: MOLTER, KIMMEL, and HORN.

E. DEPARTMENT V

Most of the personnel and documents remained in BERLIN, under Ministerialdirektor Dr BERGER, although this man may now be in HAMBURG. It is believed that one official, Dr BREYMAN, went to BAD-TOELZ. Some officials and documents were in QUERFURTH, in the Harz, under Ministerialrat BAENFER. Ministerialrat SCHMIDT was in GARMISCH, but was taken into custody by CIC on 4 May, 45.

F. DEPARTMENT VI

This department is divided into four sections as follows:

VI-A Documents and personnel were last in BODENBACH, in the Sudetengau, under Ministerialdirigent Dr BROHTZ, who is either in BODENBACH or in WALDSASSEN, in the Oberpfalz.

VI-B Last located in ILMENAU, Thuringia, under Ministerialrat ROSENBAUER. Some personnel and records were in MALLERSDORF, Lower Bavaria, under Ministerialdirigent VON DIETZ.

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VI-C In ILMENAU, under Ministerialrat ENGELBRECHT.

VI-D Partly in ILMENAU, under Ministerialrat ENGELBRECHT, and partly in MALLERSDORF, under Regierungsdirektor WUNSCHEL.

G. DEPARTMENT VII

This department remained in BERLIN, under Ministerialdirektor Dr RECK. Address: BERLIN/CHARLOTTENBURG, BISMARCKSTRASSE 48-52.

H. DEPARTMENT VIII

This department was formerly the Prussian Finance Ministry. It remained in BERLIN, under Ministerialdirektor Dr SCHECHE. Some of the personnel and records were sent to NEU-RUPIN, Brandenburg.

I. CHIEF REGIONAL FINANCE OFFICES

These departments were directly under the control of Under Secretary REINHARDT, who states that there are practically no records left, most of them having been destroyed in the last few years, and that it will be necessary to start from scratch. He states that he would be able to reorganize and reestablish these departments.

J. DEPARTMENT FOR TRAINING AND EXAMINING

This function was carried out by Under Secretary REINHARDT, who states that there will be no difficulty in reestablishing it.

K. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS POLICE

This function was transferred to the SS Police under HIMMLER.

L. MAIN OFFICE FOR GENERAL FINANCE AND CREDIT QUESTIONS

This office remained in BERLIN in the REICHSBANK, under Ministerialdirigent BAYERHOFFER. His office was in the OBERFINANZPRAESIDIUM on the KURFURSTENDAMM. Some of the officials and documents were sent to BAD-TOELZ, under Ministerialrat BUSSMAN.

M. STATISTICAL OFFICE

Records were last in ARNSTADT, Thuringia. The head of the office, Ministerialdirigent FIEDLER, was last in GARMISCH.

N. OFFICE OF MAIN TRUSTEE FOR CONFISCATED PROPERTY - EAST

This office no longer exists as such. Its functions were taken over by Department VIII (Par H, above).

O. OFFICES IN THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE MINISTRY

These offices were, for the most part, still in BERLIN, with the exception of the Direction of the Austrian Salt Mines, which was last in VIENNA, and the Supreme Financial Court, which was last in MUNICH/BOGENHAUSEN, MONTGELASSTRASSE. The Directorate of REICH Building was last located in BERLIN, at KURFURSTENDAMM 193. The REICH Debt Administration, under Dr FISCHBACH, was completely burned out. Dr FISCHBACH's home is in BERLIN/DAHLEM.

P. REICHSHAUPTKASSE (TREASURY)

The Treasury was still located in BERLIN on 13 April 45, in the REICHSBANK Building on the JAEGERSTRASSE. Plans had been made to evacuate a portion of it to Southern Germany, but they had not yet been carried out.

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