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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of ROSENBERG, Alfred

By: Lt. Colonel Hinkel, 29 September 1945, a.m.

Persons and organizations implicated, and subjects

1. ROSENBERG

a. Documents

- (1) 144-PS dated 1 May 1941 (p. 3)
- (2) Document dated 28 January 1941 (p. 12)

b. Treatment of people in occupied territories

- (1) Countries in the West (p. 5)
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This session deals mainly with the different treatment accorded to occupied countries in West and East.

Goering took a certain interest in the work of Einsatzstab extended his full cooperation to its activities (4). Reproduction of document 144-PS, dated May 1, 41 signed by Goering is identified (3).

Questioned why the occupied countries of the West were treated differently from the occupied countries of the East, he answers, because the people in the East as a whole represented a Bolshevik danger, whereas in the West there were only Jews and Free Masons dangerous to the German cause. (5) Witness recalls names like Minister Beil, from the Labor Ministry, Dr. Braeutigam, formerly General Counselor attached to the Foreign Office and Ministerialdirektor Dr. Leibbrandt, from his own Party Office, with whom conferences were held regarding this subject. (7).

Admits having had knowledge of harsh treatment of Poles, and accords it to the bad treatment German nationals had received from the Poles during the last twenty years. (8)

Admits advocating expansion of Germany to the East but is evasive as to whether this policy called for extermination of the people living there. (14)

Recalls conference with Himmler regarding the problem of autonomy for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and another conference the 16th and 17th of November, 43 last time he had been at headquarter to report to Hitler. There he had met Himmler.

Number of people employed in Rosenberg's different offices are discussed. (17).

Rosenberg used to receive reports regarding the treatment of Civilians in occupied countries and he asked the proper agencies to take care of matters. (18)

Having heard of people being put into concentration camps, Rosenberg had asked on one of his trips to Kiev, the Chief of SD to report those occurrences to the political leadership but he declined to do so. He discusses conditions with Himmler, asked whether he talked with Himmler regarding the Jews, Rosenberg's answer is negative (21). At the end of session he hands document dated Sept. 29, 45 to interrogator containing chart of Einsatzstab Rosenberg.