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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of ROSENBERG, Alfred

5 October 1945 a.m.

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Persons and organizations implicated, and subjects

1. ROSENBERG

- a. Opposition to church
  - (1) Document 005-PS (3)
  - (2) Prayers in school (4-5)
  - (3) Religious symbols (5)
  - (4) Document 220-PS (7)
  - (5) Document 1143-PS (11)
- b. Einsatzstab Rosenberg
  - (1) Document 1736-PS (14)
  - (2) Document 1099-PS (12)
- c. Treatment of Jews
  - (1) Document 1138-PS (16)
- d. Todt Organization
  - (1) Document 022-PS (19)
- e. Military Prison Camps (19)
- f. Minister for Eastern territories (18)
- g. Treatment of PW's
  - (1) Document 052-PS (21-22)
- h. Treatment of PW's and conditions in the Eastern prison camps
  - (1) Documents 229-PS, 233-PS, and 294-PS (25)

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This session deals mainly with discussing activities of Rosenberg against the Church in Germany.

He identifies a reproduction of a document written by him to Hitler, 005-PS, dated 21 November 1938 concerning his opposition to the Church. (p.3)

Concerning cancellation of morning prayers in schools, Rosenberg identifies a document coming from Bormann's office, signed by Krueger as having been received by him. (pp.4,5)

Rosenberg admits having known of "certain measures" through which the exhibition of religious symbols was no longer to be permitted in public buildings. (p.5)

He identifies document 220-PS dated 4 November 1936 as being authentic. (p.7) A letter dated 9 January 1937, the remaining part of this document, was received by Rosenberg, it was signed by Buscher, Gau Director of Education and Enlightenment in Oldenburg. Buscher had rectified the measure mentioned above Rosenberg states. (p.7)

Rosenberg knew Amann from 1920, and through him the Voelkischer Beobachter was printed. (p.8)

A letter, dated 20 October 1932 1143-PS, is identified by Rosenberg as having the name Arno, first name of Schickedanz. Rosenberg testifies that a person called in this letter "Langer Freund" must be Alvensleben. (p.11)

A number of letters pertaining to file 1736-PS, dated between November 1940 and 1941, are identified by Rosenberg. They comprise correspondence between Party Treasurer Schwartz regarding financing of Einsatzstab Rosenberg (p.14)

Rosenberg recalls receiving a document from Kube, dated 29 September 1941, 1099-PS, in which Kube complains that art treasures were removed from his area under orders from Himmler. (p.12)

Rosenberg testifies that Lohse was Reichskommissar for Eastern Occupied Territories. He admits having received a report from Lohse concerning the ill treatment of Jews, after he was shown a document dated 13 August 1941, 1138-PS. As in previous sessions, he shifts responsibility to other agencies. (p.16)

Asked about reports from Todt organization, Rosenberg recalls having received one report from Dorsch. He recalls different conversations with Todt regarding possibility of establishing an economic division within the East Ministry. He identifies, document 022-PS, dated 10 July 1941, bearing type written signature of Dorsch, but does not recall having received same. The report pertains to bad conditions in labor and military prison camps. (p.19) Rosenberg testifies that he had been appointed only on 17 July 1941

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Minister for Eastern Territories and after his appointment he went into conference with OKW and requested division of inmates according to nationalities.(p.18)

In this connection Rosenberg refers to three circulars sent out by him pertaining to behavior of officers, and just treatment and tolerance of churches.(p.20)

Rosenberg recalls reports received from Oberlander regarding treatment of prisoners of war and Ukranian population. He identifies document 052-PS in this connection, dated 28 October 1941 (p.21). He based his suggestions as to returning to private farm policy reports on similar reports.(p.22)

The following documents dealing with treatment and conditions in the Eastern prison camps and conditions in general in the East are identified by Rosenberg 229-PS, 233-PS. A report written by Brauntigam, staff member of the Minister, 294-PS, written on 25 October 1942, is identified. This report contains a very sharp criticism of conditions in the East.(p.25)