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To all State Police Hq and Branch Offices, all Security Service Commands in Main and Subordinate Branches.

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For urgent and immediate delivery to the Chief or his Deputy.

Subject: Measures to be taken against Jews tonight.

As a result of the attempt on the life of Legation Secretary vom Rath in Paris, anti-Jewish demonstrations are to be expected throughout the Reich in the course of this night - 9-10 November 1938. The following instructions will be observed in dealing with these demonstrations:

- 1.) The State Police Chiefs or their Deputies will, immediately upon receipt of this TWX, communicate by telephone with the Provincial Party Leader (Gauleiter) or District Office and arrange a conference on the execution of the planned actions. This conference, which the competent Inspector or Chief of the regular police will also attend, will notify the Political Division that the German Police has received from the Reichsfuhrer SS and Chief of German Police the following orders, to which the measures of the Political Division will be suitably adapted:
  - a) Only such measures will be taken as do not endanger German lives or property (e.g., synagogues may be set afire only if there is no danger of spreading the flames to neighboring buildings).
  - b) Jewish shops and homes may be destroyed, but not looted. The police are instructed to insure the observance of this order and to arrest looters.
  - c) Special precautions will be taken in business streets, in order to protect without fail the Non-Jewish shops.
  - d) Foreigners, even if Jewish, will not be molested.
- 2.) Provided that the instructions listed under Par. 1) are observed, the demonstrations will not be interfered with, but merely supervised in order to keep them within the limits defined.

- 3.) Immediately after the receipt of this TWX the police will confiscate the archives of all synagogues and offices of Jewish communal organizations, so that they will not be destroyed in the course of the actions. Attention should be paid to historically valuable documents and materials rather than to such items as recent tax-lists, etc. This archival material will be delivered to the competent Security Service Office.
- 4.) The State Police will direct the measures taken by the Security Police in connection with the anti-Jewish actions, except where the Inspectors of Security Police give their own orders. Criminal Police officers and members of the Security Service, SS Emergency Regular SS troops may be called upon for the execution of these measures.
- 5.) As soon as the nature of the night's actions permits, the officers assigned to this duty will proceed to arrest as many Jews in all districts as the available jail-space will hold. Well-to-do Jews will be singled out for arrest, and primarily only healthy male adults of not too advanced age rounded up. Immediately after completion of the arrests, the competent concentration camp will be notified in order to provide for speediest transfer of Jews to the camp. Special attention will be paid that no Jew arrested in these circumstances is to be mistreated.
- 6.) The contents of this order will be transmitted to the competent inspectors and chiefs of the regular police (Ordnungspolizei) and the Security Service Main and Subordinate Branches (Ober und Unterabschnitte), with the supplementary note that these police measures have been ordered by the Reichsführer SS and Chief of German Police. The chief of the regular police has issued corresponding orders to regular police and the fire-fighting police. Closest cooperation for the execution of these measures will be insured between the Security and regular police.

Receipt of this TWX will be acknowledged through TWX to the Hq of Secret State Police, attention SS Standartenführer Müller, by the State Police Chief or his Deputy.

Signed: Heydrich, SS Gruppenführer