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Brief of
Interrogation of Josef BUEHLER.

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BUEHLER furnished a signed typewritten statement concerning matters that had been covered at the previous interrogation, principally with respect to malnutrition among the Poles and efforts made by the General Governor to rectify the conditions. He stated that the situation was bad but that considerable improvement was made in the last year and a half.

BUEHLER was shown 437 PS (report to Hitler by Frank on 19 June 1943) which was concerned with the situation in Poland and measures taken to gain the Polish people's help in fighting Communism. BUEHLER identified the document as one he had seen previously, stating that it was prepared in large part by Losacker, head of the Department of Interior for the Governor Generalship. BUEHLER stated that the report was a fair representation of the conditions which existed as of its date, although some of the statements contained on pages 10 and 11 thereof were worded in strong language and were therefore somewhat exaggerated.

With reference to Document 095 PS (minutes of a press conference by Frank in January 1944 in Cracow), BUEHLER stated that he could not identify the document as he did not believe he was present at the conference. He stated, however, that the language contained therein sounded like Frank and that it was in his style.

Document 1526 PS (report by Prof. Kubijowytch on conditions as of Feb 43) was shown to BUEHLER but he did not identify it, stating that he could not recall whether he had seen this particular report. He stated, however, that Frank encouraged Kubijowytch to make such reports and that it was quite possible that the report had been given to BUEHLER by Frank and then forwarded to Losacker and used as one of the bases for the report of 19 June 1943.

BUEHLER stated that some preparations had been made for an anti-Jewish Congress to be held in Cracow in August 1944, at which Frank was to be host. The arrangements for this Congress were initiated by one of Rosenberg's representatives. BUEHLER did not know whether Frank had offered to finance this Congress, at least in part. (This discussion with reference to Document 1752 PS, which was not shown to the witness).

BUEHLER stated that Frank was an SA and not an SS member and that in fact Frank feared that some day he would suffer bodily harm from the SS as he was considered an opponent thereof since the ROEHM affair in 1934.

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BUEHLER stated that, at that time, he and Frank were in the Bavarian Ministry of Justice and that he had heard that Roehm was shot by three SS leaders, including Schmauser and Eichen.

Some further discussion was held regarding the Polish food situation, during which BUEHLER insisted that, while the official government ration to Poles was less than that given to Germans, it was expected that the Poles would supplement their diets with purchases on the black or free market, and that some foods, especially milk, was specifically delivered to the free market for this purpose.