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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

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Interrogation of HANS FRANK

By: Lt.Col. Hinkel, 7 September 1945, a.m., Nuremberg.

PERSONS IMPLICATED, AND SUBJECTS

1. HANS FRANK
  - a. Persecution of Jews in Poland (p.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19).
    - (1) Warsaw ghetto (p.22, 23).
    - (2) Lublin ghetto (p.23).
  - b. Persecution of Polish minorities (p.24-25).
2. HITLER
  - a. Persecution of Jews in Poland (p.9, p.12-14, 16).
3. HIMMLER
  - a. Persecution of Jews in Poland (p.5, 8, 16, 17-18, 19).
4. KEITEL
  - a. Persecution of Jews (p.17).

POLISH GHETTOS

Frank states that Himmler organized the ghettos and he only "coordinated them into the structure of the Reich." Denies having appointed a representative to handle Jewish affairs (p.5). Denies having issued an order to move the Jewish population into a ghetto (p.5). Admits that there were numerous conferences between representatives of the Jews and the city (Warsaw) under Frank (p.6). Admits knowing that a large part of the population of Warsaw was removed (p.7). He received a document from Lammers that Himmler had jurisdiction in all occupied territories, and thus could dispose of property of Jews (p.8). It was reported to him "That the Jews on the order of the Fuehrer should be transported to the east in stages." (p.9) Denies ever having had anything to do with the transportation of Jews from Warsaw, "which was a clear internal affair of the SS" (p.10). He tried to prevent transportation of Jews from Poland because it affected adversely the economy, especially industries making uniforms - talked to Funk and Speer and to various generals (p.12). Denies that he ever discussed with Hitler the question of the treatment of the Jews (p.12), but proceeds to summarize a discussion he had with Hitler in which he urged that the Jews be left in Poland because they are needed manual and semi-skilled laborers (p.13). Didn't discuss treatment of Jews because nothing special had happened then (p.14). He believes that Himmler influenced Hitler to make a great anti-Jewish campaign, "using the reason that the Jews were guilty of the war against Germany (p.16). He fought transportation of Jews to the east, but got decision of Hitler from Keitel (p.17). Insistently evades the question of his participation in the transportation of Jews from Poland, stating that the SS and Himmler were charged with this (p.17-18). Denies again having ordered or having received orders to transport the Jews - that was Himmler's competence (p.19). States that "The orders

were forced upon us from the outside against our will, against our suggestions, against reason, against humanity..." (p. 19).

FRANK'S DIARY

Admits keeping one and that it was taken from him by the Americans in Torgensce in upper Silesia (p.21).

WARSAW GHETTO

Admits knowing that it was destroyed in connection with an uprising there (p.22). Admits hearing that thousands of Jews there were killed or liquidated (p.23).

LUBLIN GHETTO

Denies having any part in its extermination (p.23).

TREATMENT OF NON-JEWISH POLES

States that there was a considerable movement of population due to lack of confidence, and that he tried to build up confidence by working closely with representatives of the Polish Cultural Commission (p. 24-25).