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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of HANS FRANK

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PERSONS IMPLICATED, AND SUBJECTS

1. HANS FRANK
  - a. Administration of Poland as Governor General (p.2-4,5)
  - b. Spoliation of Polish natural resources (p.9-10,11,12)
  - c. Deportation of Polish slave labor (p.14-16)
  - d. Persecution of Catholic Church (p.16)
  - e. Killing of Polish civilian hostages (p.17-18)
  - f. Concentration camps, Maidanek (p.19-22)
2. GOERING
  - a. Plunder of public and private property in Poland (p.2-4,7,10,11,14)
3. HIMMLER
  - a. Control of police and SS in Poland (p.2-4,5)
4. KOCH
  - a. Plunder of public and private property in Poland (p.12)

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AS GOVERNOR GENERAL

Took over the civil government of Poland, without economy, and minus the jurisdictions of Himmler, Goering, Speer and Dorpmiller (Minister of Transportation)--especially minus the SS and police (2-4), which were completely distinct, not on his staff, not paid by his treasury, but by Himmler. States he had no disciplinary power over police. (5) When Frank gave police an order it could be executed only with Himmler's authorization. (4)

ADMINISTRATION OF POLISH ECONOMY

Goering was responsible. Issued orders without consulting Frank. (7) States that he had a "grave conflict" with Goering who made big demands on him (once for 500,000 tons of corn), saying that he (Goering) "didn't care whether anybody starves in Europe, the German people ought not to starve." Admits that large quantities of foodstuffs were shipped from Poland, but states that other commodities were shipped into Poland in exchange such as sugar, oil, machinery. (7,8) Admits that such quantities of food were shipped out of Poland that there was insufficient food for the Polish people, but justifies same as being for the Wehrmacht. (9-10)

#### ORDER FOR EXPLOITATION OF POLISH NATURAL RESOURCES

This given in December 1939 by Goering (10). Even Hitler called this madness. Admits that all available commodities were carried away totally to Germany, but before he went into Poland (11). Calls the German exploitation "looting" and says he protested it: names Gauleiter Koch as principal offender (12).

#### ORDERS OF GOERING TO FRANK

Frank carried out those he considered reasonable, such as the rebuilding of the armament industry and the navigation on the Vistula (12-13). Says he did not carry out Goering's unreasonable request for 560,000 tons of corn: and adds, "Eventually, we didn't pay much attention to such orders of Goering." (14)

#### POLISH LABOR

Admits that the Government General of Poland supplied in 5 years some 500,000 Poles and some 200,000 Ukrainians (14), but states that Polish labor came voluntarily so far as they came from his Labor Office (15). Later, mentions some 800,000 Poles sent (16). Admits that their treatment was harsh, but says he protested this--had their requirement to wear the letter "P" removed, sent Catholic priests for Polish laborers, etc. (16)

#### EXECUTION OF POLISH HOSTAGES

Admits knowledge of it, but speaks of his efforts to have all such persons tried by courts (17-18).

#### MAIDANEK CONCENTRATION CAMP

Claims that he knew about Maidanek only by foreign press reports, and after arrival of Russians through Police Chief. Denies that his assistants near Maidanek knew about it. (19-20) Calls Dacheu "a paradise" in comparison with Maidanek. (20) Denies that Schmidt told him about Maidanek. (21) Denies that Zorner told him about Maidanek, or that Zorner or Wendler told Schmidt about it. (22)