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Interrogation of Hermann GOERING
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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED AND SUBJECTS.

- 1. Hermann GOERING
 - a) Responsibility for development of German Police System
 - (1) Decree of 28 March 1940 -- financing of Police of Reich as Chairman of Ministerial Council for Defense (pp.1-2)
 - (2) Decrees of 26 April 1933, 10 February 1936 -- Responsibility for organization of Prussian Secret State Police
 - b) Concentration Camps
 - (1) Establishment of camps in Prussia, 1933 (p.3)
 - (2) Jurisdiction of Prussian Secret State Police (p.3)
 - (3) Decree of 30 November 1933 -- internment of " professional" criminals (p.9)
 - c) As Chief of Four-Year Plan (p.10)
 - (1) Relationship with Seuckel (pp.11-12)
- 2. HIMMLER
 - e) Appointment as chief of entire German Police in 1936 (p.8)

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GERMAN POLICE SYSTEM

Recognizes his signature on a decree dated March 23, 1940, captioned: "Second Law on Financial Measures Concerning Police." The text reveals that the Police of the Reich was financed by the Ministerial Council for Defense of the Reich of which witness was chairman. Says he often signed such laws to discharge the Fuehrer from current business but denies any connection with the credits of the police. (1-2)

Admits he organized the Prussian Secret State Police in 1933 while he was Prime Minister of Prussia (decree of April 26, 1933). The law of February 10, 1936, on the Secret State Police still carries the signature of Goering as the Prussian Prime Minister who admits it (4). In June 1936 Himmler took the entire German Police over, but as Prime Minister, he remained at the head of the Prussian Secret State Police, selecting as members officials from the SA or SS. (This follows from his official biography) (5). Himmler was nominated by the Fuehrer in June 1936 in the place of Diels (3) and thus became chief of the entire German Police. However, from an order of Hitler of August 28, 1936, it follows that Goering was still at the head of the Prussian Secret State Police as Prussian Prime Minister (7)

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CONCENTRATIONS CAMPS

He established concentration camps in Prussia in March 1933. The Prussian Secret State Police had jurisdiction over all these concentration camps in Prussia. (p. 3)

November 30, 1933 he issued a decree authorizing the internment of anyone classified as a professional criminal.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Goering was named Chief of Production and Economy of the Reich through Hitler's decree of October 19, 1936. (p. 10)

March 31, 1942 Sauckel was nominated Plenipotentiary for Manpower:
"Reichsstatthalter and Gauleiter Fritz Sauckel will carry out this task within the framework of the Four-Year-Plan, as Plenipotentiary for the employment of manpower. In that capacity he will be directly responsible to the Commissioner for the Four-Year Plan."

Admits the above, but says that Sauckel reported directly to the Fuehrer. He received his orders from Hitler, in order to prevent overlapping of responsibilities. (p. 12)