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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of ROSENBERG, Alfred
By: Lt. Colonel Hinkel, 28 September 1945, a.m.

Persons and organizations implicated, and subjects

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Is questioned further as to activities of Einsatzstab Rosenberg in the East.

Recalls having received reports as to confiscation of communistic material, libraries and so-called "Unguarded Museums". Asked whether any art objects were taken - he admits that in the course of war also objects of art were taken into custody. (2)

Two documents bearing the signature of Utikal, dated Berlin October 26, 43 and October 21, 43, 055-Ps. are identified by him. These were reports as to objects collected by Rosenberg's subordinates. (4)

More documents are identified as being authentic by Rosenberg. (5) These documents regard the seizure of public art treasures in the East, whereas Scholtz's report in the West concerns the seizure of private property. (6)

Einsatzstab Rosenberg in the East was subordinate to the Eastern Government.

Questioned, Rosenberg admits that by July 1943, the Hohe Schule had collected a library of several 100,000 volumes. (7)

Two reproductions of documents, the one dated July 12, 43 signed by Dr. Wunder written on letterhead of Einsatzstab, and one written April 29, 43 signed Dr. Pohl are identified by witness (171-Ps) as being received. These documents reveal that the library of the Hohe Schule contain 550,000 volumes. (8)

As to financing of the Einsatzstab, Rosenberg answers that the Einsatzstab was financed by the Treasury of the NSDAP.

Rosenberg believes that the total expenditures for Einsatzstab amounted to about 1,000,000.-RM per year. Rosenberg cannot give any estimates as to total value of art objects gathered, estimates were made, he says between 1 Billion and 5 Billion Marks. He admits that it was a very large amount. (9) Report made by Schirmer, 176-Ps is identified by Rosenberg as being authentic. (10)

File of documents, 090-Ps, dated Sept. 18, 40, January 28, 41, May 22, 41, May 9, 41, April 19, 41, April 3, 41, March 28, 41, June 11, 42 are identified. (11)

Document dated January 28, 41 addressed to Reichs Treasurer Schwarz, reveals that Rosenberg informed the treasurer that the value of confiscated treasures will amount to about 1 Billion RM. (12)

Rosenberg justifies seizures in claiming had been taken from persons hostile to the German cause, (11)