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Region: J 1 b,
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Occupation: 6A,
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Attitude: 13

Name: WESTRIK, Ludger
Nationality: German
Region: Berlin Charlottenburg 9, Stallupöner Allee 31
Positions: President (Vorsitzender des Vorstands) of Vereinigte Aluminium-Werke AG, Berlin,

Member of the Board of Directors (Aufsichtsrat) of Metallgesellschaft AG, Frankfurt a/M. etc.,

Member of the Industrierat des Reichsmarschalls für die Fertigung von Luftwaffengerät (Industrial Council of the Reich Marshal for the Production of Air Force Equipment),

Administrator of the Aluminum Industry in Norway,

Wehrwirtschaftsführer,

Work and Political History: Westrik was the dominant figure in the German aluminum industry. As President (Vorsitzender des Vorstands) of the Vereinigte Aluminium-Werke AG he directed the policies of the largest German aluminum concern, of which over 90 percent was owned by Vereinigte Industrie-Unternehmungen AG (VIAG), Berlin, the Reich holding company. Vereinigte Aluminium-Werke AG accounted for about 70 percent of German Aluminum production.

In addition Westrik held leading positions in other companies owned or controlled by the Vereinigte Aluminium-Werke AG or by VIAG directly. He was a member of the Management Board (Vorstand) of Inn-Werke AG, Munich (owned 90 percent by VIAG, with the remaining shares in the hands of the Bavarian government), a large power works producing electricity particularly for the manufacture of aluminum. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Rheinische Blattmetallwerke AG, Grevenbroich, a sheet metal producing company controlled by Vereinigte Aluminium-Werke AG and was a member of the Board of:

Bayerische Lloyd Schiffahrts AG, Regensburg, a shipping company belonging to the Göring combine in which the Vereinigte Aluminium-Werke participates,

Elektrowerke AG, Berlin, a light and power plant owned entirely by VIAG,

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Vereinigte Deutsche Metallwerke AG, a large concern producing non-ferrous metals (and semifinished products) such as aluminium, copper, zinc, bronze nickel, and alloys, in which V.L.*Q has a 25 percent participation,

Reichskreditgesellschaft AG, Berlin, a bank owned by VIAG, serving the financial needs of all the Viag enterprises in addition to its general banking business»

Of non-government-owned enterprises with which Y. 'estrik was connected, the Metallgesellschaft AG, Frankfurt a/U, the largest German concern in the production of non-ferrous metals, is by far the most important.» Y. 'estrik was a member of its Board of Directors» He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Vereinigte Wiener Metallwerke AG, an Austrian metal concern, and of S.F. Chle's Firmen AG, Brer.lau =

Besides his business interests, Y. 'estrik held positions in Nazi agencies for the control of war production, He was a member of the Industrie-Rat des Reichsmarschalls für die Fertigung /von Luftwaffengerät Industrial Council of the Reich Marshal for the Production of Air Force Equipment), which served as an advisor; and coordinating body on all policy questions concerning aircraft production-

According to source 1/, a Dr. Y. 'estrik was appointed Administrator of the Aluminum Industry in Norway after the German occupation. Although source gives no first name, it is most likely that the report refers to Dr. Ludger 'estrik, the subject of this report.» Y. 'estrik received the title of Wirtschaftsführer from the Nazis, which is granted only to keymen in the German war economy who are in excellent standing with the Nazi Party.

By virtue of his dominant position in the German aluminum industry as President of the Vereinigte Aluminiumwerke AG, his membership on the Board of the Metallgesellschaft AG, Frankfurt, Reichskreditgesellschaft AG, and other enterprises as well as his positions as member of the Industrial Council of the Reich Marshal for the Luftwaffe and as Administrator of the Aluminum Industry in Norway, Y. 'estrik has played an important part in the planning and executing of Nazi economic policies.

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2/ OB , Source S, 2b July 19hh
3/ Y. 'er Leitet, 19h+-19k2

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