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OFFICE OF CHIEF OF COUNSEL FOR WAR CRIMES APO 696 A U. S. ARMY

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PERSONS, FIRMS OR ORGANI-ZATIONS INVOLVED: Kds ESTHOWIA (Standf.SANDBERGER)

KdS White Ruthenia (Ostbf.STRAUCH KdS Latvia (SS-Ostbf. LANGE)

TO BE FILED UNDER THESE REFERENCE HEADINGS:

NO- as above

NO- Atrocities NO- Jews, persecution of NO- Violation of Rules of Land Warfare

NO- Police- RSHA- Amt IV A 1 SIPO, SD .

SUMMARY: (Indicate page nos.)

This is a 38 page report (Ereignismeldung) classified "Top Secret".

- Page 1-5: A list of HSSPF's, Einsatz ruppen and Einsatzkommandos, their leaders and locations.
- Page 6 -29: Report of Einsatzgruppe A, KRASNOWARDEISK. General situation report on the Baltic Republics.
- : In Esthonia all leading communist functionaries Pase 10 but one have been arrested and " rendered harm-less ". The total of communists arrested in Esthonia is roughly 14.500, of which 1000 were shot and 5377 were put into concentration camps. 3.785 less guilty supporters were released.
- Page 11-14:A list of individual arrests of partisans and communists in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
- Page 14 :It was aspired to clear the "Ostland" of all Jews. Executions were conducted in such a manner, that the public would be kept unaware of them.

Page 15:

Esthonia is "free" from Jews.

In Latvia, Jews were found in RIGA and DUENA-BURG only. The number of Jews, remaining in RIGA - 29500- was decreased to 2.500 by a campaign launched by HSSPF OSTLAND.

(Analyst's note: SS Ogruf. F. JECKELN)
962 Jews are still living in DUENABURG, who urgently needed for labor.

In Lithuania it has been aspired to "clear" the flat land and smaller towns of Jews.

Pages 16-17: (LITHUANIA) On 2 October 1941, 50 Jews escaped the already closed ghetto ZAGARE. Most of them were recaptured and shot. After that, the execution of all Jews in Zagare was prepared. On the way to the place of execution the Jews attacked the guards. The riot was brought to an end.immediately. After 150 Jews were shot there and then, the transport proceeded and arrived at the place of execution without further distubances. Several places in Lithuania have been entirely cleared from Jews. In KAUEN (Kowno) there are only 15000 Jews. In KAUEN (Kowno) there are only shot by E.G.A, since it took over the administrative position in White-Ruthenia.

Pages 17-24: Partisan and propaganda activity.

Page 25:

6 Russians, who had previously shot 3 Latvians, were hidden in the village of AUDRINI near ROSSITTEN. By order of E.G.A., SIPO and SD on 2 January 1942, all the food was removed, the entire village was set on fire and all inhabitants were shot. 301 men were shot in public on the market place of the next town-Rossitten.

Pages 26-29: Captured Guide for the Red Army soldier.

Pages 30-36: Report of Einsatzgruppe D, SIMFEROPOL, about Bandera activity.

Pages 37-38: Reports from the Reich and the occupied territories. Command post VELDES reports about bandit (partisan) activity. In the region of TRIFAIL 7 bandits(partisans) were shot in combat and 10 hostages wore executed in MARBURG.

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delete: "first letter illegible" page 1 line 18 delete: "(STEMLE)" page 2 line 20 "(STEIMLE)" add: page 3 line 4 and 5 from bottom of page delete: "(the two other place names are illegible) " ROWNO, WINNIZA" add: delete: "(Number illegible)" page 4 line 1 Einsatzkommando "6" add: delete: "illegible" line 3 page 4 "FT (radic station)" add: delete: "(last figure llegible)" add: APO No. 1754 "O" line 15 page 4 add: delete: "(...ersterer)(first letter line 15 from bottom of page page 4 illegible)" "Persterer)" add: delete: "(illegible) and Oshanko" line 13 from bottom of page page 4 "Sudak and Dshankoj add: delete: "(...APP) (first letter line 11 from bottom of page page 4 illegible)" "(ZAPP)" add: delete: "(ZEPP)" page 4 libino 5rfmonobittomfof page " (ZAPP)" add: "Location Krasnowardeisk" after: page 5 line "(page 10 of the Original) insert:

Gommunism.
With the exception of one, all leading communist officials in Esthonia have now been seized and rendered harmless. The sum total of communists seized runs to about 14,500. Of these about 1000 were shot and 5,377 put into concentration camps. 3,785 less

quilty supporters were released."

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Errata Sheet prepared by: Charles E. IPPEN Canadian Civilian ET No. 20063

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The Chief of the Security Police and the Security Service

Berlin, 14 January 1942.

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Operational Situation Report USSR No.155.

1. Locations and Signals Communications.

Date: 4 January 1942.

Higher SS and Police Leader North (101) (Jeckeln)
Location:

Risa

Einsatzgruppe A Dr. STAHLEUKER

Location: N (Signal) Communications Riga and Krasnowardeisk
FT (Radio station) FS (teleprinter)
Riga

Apo No. 15 119

Commander of the Security Police and the Security Service for the General District Esthonia (Dr. LANDBERGER) (first letter illegible).

Location:

Reval with branch posts in Narwa, Dorpat, Kinsisepp (almost illegible) Krasnoje Selo, Luga and Plaskau.

N (Signal) Communications

FT (radio station), FS (teleprinter)
Reval Reval

Apo No. 15 119

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Commander of the Security Police and the Security Service for the General District Lavia (Dr. Lange).

LOCATION:

Riga with branch posts at Libau,

Volmar and Duenaburg.

N (Signal) communications

FT (radio station), FS(teleprinter)
Riga :: Riga and Libau
Apo No. 15 447 (almost illegible)

Commander of the Security Police and the Security Service for the General District Lithuania (JAEGER).

Location:

Kauen with branch posts in Wilne and

N (Signals) communications

Schaulen
FT (radio station) and FS (teleprinter) Kauen and Wilna.
Apo No. 15 641.

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Commander of the Security Police and the Security Service for the General District White Ruthenia (STRAUCH)
SS-Sturmbannfuchier RR. HOFMANN deputizing at present.

LOCATION:

Minsk with branch posts in Nowgorol, Tschulowo en coube to Cholm and Baranowitschij

N(Signals) communications

FT (radio station and FS(teleprinter) Minsk

Apo No. 15647.

Higher SS and Police Leader Center (102) (Von dem Bach)

Location:

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Location:

Smolensk '

N (Signals) Communications:

FT (radio station) Smolensk, Courier Service via Warsaw and

Telephone via Smolensk

Аро №. 37 857.

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Sonderkommando 7a (Stemle)

Location:

Vjasna with branch posts in

Gshatsk

N (Signals) communications:

FT(radio station) Vjasma

Apo No. 05 607

Sonderkommando 75 (RAUSCH)

Location:

Briansk with branch posts in Orel and

Kursk

N (signals) communications: FT(radio station) Crok on route (il-

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Einsatzkommando 8 (BRADFISCH)

Location:

Mogilew, Roslawl, Orscha, Gomel,

Bobruisk

N (Signals) communications: Apo No. 37 857

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Einsatzkommando 9 (SCHAEFER)

Location: Witebsk, with branch posts in

Smolensk

FT(radio station) Witebsk N(Signals) communications:

Аро №. 37 857.

Sonderkommando Moskau:

Location: Roslawl

N (Signals) communications: FT(radio station) Roslawl

Higher SS and Police Leader South (103) (PRUETZMANN)

Location: Kriwoj-Rog

N (Signals) communications: FS(teleprinter) Lemberg

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N (Signals) communications: FT (radio station) Kiew, FS(teleprinter) Lemberg then by courier.

Apo No. 32 7.. (rest illegible)

Sonderkonmando 4a (BLOBEL)

Location: Charkow

N (Signals) communications: FT (radio station) Charkow

Apo No. 22 789.

Sonderkommando 4 b (BRAUNE)

Location: Kramatorskaja, with branch posts in Shitomir (the two other place names

are illegible)

N (Signals) Communications: FT (radio station) Nikolajew and

Rowno FS (teleprinter) Rowno

Apo No. 35 192.

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Einsatzkommando (Number illegible) (KRCEGER)

Location:

Stalino

N (Signals) Communications:

(illegible) Stallino
Apo No. 35 979

Higher SS and Police Leader for special assignment. (KORSEMANN)

Lécation:

Rowno

Einsatzgruppe D (OHLENDCRF)

Locations

Simferopel.

N (Signals) communications:

FT (radio station) Sinferopol. Apo No. 47.... (rest illegible)

Sonderkonmando 1.0a (SEETZEN)

Location:

Taganrog, branch posts in Mariupol and Melitopol

N (Signals) communications:

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Sonderkommando 10 b (..ersterer) (first letter illegible)

Location:

Stari Krin, branch posts in (illegible) and Oshanko.

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Einsatzkommande lla (... APP) (first letter illegible)

Lucation:

Bachtschisara, with branch posts in Alupka and Jalta.

N (Signals) communications:

(FT) radio stations Jalta and Bachtschisara

Apo No. 47 540

Einsatzkommand 11 b (ZEPP)

Loation:

Sinferopol, with branch posts
Aluschka, Varasubar, Kupatoria

N (Signals) communications:

FS (teleprinter) Simferopol and Apo No. 47 540. Aluschka

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Einsatzkomrando 12 (Noske)

Location:

Fedorowka

N (Signals) communications:

FS(teleprinter)Fedorowka

Apo No. 47 540.

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II. Reports of the Einsatzgruppen and Einsatzkonmandos.

Einsatzgruppe A;

Location: Krasnowardefisk,

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JEWS.

Efforts are being made to purge the Eastern Territory of Jews as completely as possible. Shootings were carried out in such a way as to attract as little public attention as possible. Up to the present, this method was successful almost everywhere. Even in towns where large scale shootings had been carried out, time and place of the killings of the Jews never transpired.

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In the population and even among the remaining Jews the impression prevailed that the Jews had been resettled in other parts of the Eastern Territory.

Esthonia has already been cleansed of Jews.

In Latvia, Jews remained only in Riga and Duenaburg. The number of Jews left in Riga - 29,500 - was reduced to 2,600 by an action carried out by the Higher SS and Police Leader "Ostland". In Duenaburg there are still 962 Jews left who are ungently needed for the labor supply.

In Lithuania, an effort had to be made to purge the rural districts and the small towns thoroughly of Jews. Apart from basic considerations, this was an urgent necessity also because Communist elements — in particular terror groups and parts of the Polish resistance movement — established contact with the Jews, instigating them to sabotage work and to offer resistance. The Jews in turn

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repeatedly attempted to work up anti-German feeling in the originally loyal and willing Lithuanian circles. Several times sentries were fired at from the Kauen Ghetto.

The Jews were particularly active in Zagara. There, on 2 October 1941 50 Jews escaped from the ghette which was already condened off. Most of them could be recaptured and shot in the course of a large scale search which was carried cut immediately. In course of the subsequent preparations for the wholesale execution of the Zagara Jews, at a prearranged signal they attacked the guards and the men of Security Police-Einsatzkommando while on the transport to the place of execution. Several Jews who had not been scarched thoroughly enough by the Lithuanian guards drew knives and pistels and uttering criec like "Long Live Stalin!" and "Down with Hitler!" they rushed upon the police force of whom 7 were wounded. Resistance was broken at once.

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After 150 Jews had been shot on the spote, the transport of the remaining Jews to the place of execution was carried through without further incident,

In several Lithuanian places the Jewish quarters had become sources of epidemics owing to bad living and nutritional conditions. The spread of the diseases which had broken out in the ghettoes was prevented by the thorough extermination of the Jews.

In Lithuania, there are at present only 15,000 Jews left in Kauen who are urgently needed for the man ower supply, 15,000 in Milna and 4,500 in Schaulen.

In White Ruthenia, the purge is in progress. The number of the Jews in the area handed over to the civil administration is at present approximately 139,000. 33,210 Jews were shot by Ennsatzgruppe A since it had taken over the official duties in White Ruthenia.

Partisans:

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Retaliatory actions:

In the village of AUDRINI near Rossitten six Russians had been in hiding for months according to a preconceived plan; some time ago they had shot 3 Latvian auxiliary policemen on duty. On 2 January, at the order of Einsatzgruppe A of the Security Police and the Security Service, the village was completey burnt down after removal of all foodstuffs etc., and all the villagers shot. 301 men were publicly shot in the market square of the neighbouring town, Rossitten. All these actions were carried out without incident.

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No reports received from Einsatzgruppen B and C.

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Einsatzgruppe D:

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Location: Simferopol.

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A. OBERLAENDER Civ. No.20 192.

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