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REINHARDT, Georg-Hans, Genobst., C in C Pz.AOK 3 (Signature)
JORDAN, Hans, Gen.d.Inf., CG VI AK (Unit involved)

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NOKW General
NOKW Slave Labor

SUMMARY (Indicate page nos.):

REINHARDT is disgusted to see so many civilians unemployed
when German women at home have to work. Indigenous civilians
are to be fed only if they do at least as much as the German
worker at home. Every unit leader must examine how many
civilian workers he can release, and they are to be collected
according to divisions as labor columns for military construction.

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Again and again, I had occasion to notice that whenever there are transport- or troop columns on march in the streets, there are quite a number of civilians, especially, girls, with them. It seems extremely doubtful to me, whether these civilians are fully occupied. In times like these, when German women in the fatherland have to work unto their very last, and on top of their household duties have to work another ten hours in order to help the war effort in all spheres of the armament industry, I deem it disgraceful if any unit Commander does not tap the working resources of his civilian labor forces to the last drop and if he only employs one civilian more than absolutely necessary. Indigenous personnel is only to be given food - after all, each ration affects our own women and children at home - if their working output equals that of a German laborer at home.

Each unit Commander will immediately go into the matter to find out if, by applying strictest criteria, his unit cannot spare some of their civilian labor. The workers thus released are to be organized into laborgangs according to divisions, and allocated to fortification work, so that their working capacity, hitherto not fully exploited will benefit the units. The number of workers released in this manner is to be reported until 20 January 1944 by way of the Corps headquarters. (handwritten notice: F. at corps headquarters 19 January 1944, done.)

Starting on 15 January 1944 army patrols will currently check up at the units concerned whether or not the civilians employed there are being fully exploited. Those Unit Commanders employing or feeding irresponsibly an unnecessary number of civilians, will be held responsible by me for having committed acts of sabotage, i.e. having undermined the German War Potential.

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signature: REINHARDT

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