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Title and/ or general nature: Operational Situation Report USSR No. 155 issued by the Chief of the SIPO and SD

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Persons, Firms, or Organizations Involved: KdS ESTHOHIA (Standf.SANDBERGER)

EGA A.

EGD (SS-Gruf. OBLENDORF)

KdS Lithuania (Oberf. JAEGER) SS O ruf. F. JECKELN

KdS White Ruthonia (Ostbf. STRAUCH)

KdS Latvia (SS-Ostbf. LANGE)

To be Filed Under These Reference Headings: NO-as above

NO - atrocities

NO- Jews, persecution of

NO- violations of rules of land warfare

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

Summary: This is a 38 page report classified "top secret"

POage 1-5: A list of HSSPF's Einsatzgruppen and Einsatzkommandos, their leaders and locations.

Page 6-29: Report of Einsatzgruppe A KR. SNOWARDSISK. General situation report on the Baltic Republics

Page 10: In Esthonia all leading communist functionaries but one have been arrested adn "rendered harmless". The total of communists arrested in Esthonia is roughly 14,500 of which 1000 were shot and 5377 were put into concentration camps. 3785 less guilty supporters were released.

Page 11-14: A list of individual arrests of partisans and communists in Esthonia, 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 Duenaberg only. The number of Jews, remaining in Riga- 29500- was decreased to 2500 by a campaign launched by HSSPF OSTLAND (Analysis note: SS Ogruf F. Jeckeln). 962 Jews are still living in Duenaburg who are 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 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 proceded and arrived at the place of execution without further disturbances. Several places in Lithuania have been entirely cleared from Jews. In Kauen (Kowno) there are only 15000 Jews left. In Wilna there were 15000 and in Schlaulen 4500 Jews. 33210 Jews were shot by the EGA 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 EGA, 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 in the marketplace 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 TRIFALL, 7 bandits (partisans) were shot in combat and 10 hostages were executed in Marburg.

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Line 8: delete 4, add 14

Line 18: delete "Dr Landberger", and "Dr Snadberger", delete "first letter illegible"

Line 20: delete "STEMLE", and "Steimle"

Line 4 and 5 from the bottom of the page: delete "the other two place names are illegible", and Rowno and Wimmniza

Line 1: delete "number illegible", add Einsatzkommando 6"

Line 3: delete "illegible", and "FT"

Line 15: delete"last figure illegible", add APO No.1754 "O"

Line 15 from the bottom of the page: delete ".....ersterer, first letter unknown", add Persterer

Line 13 from the bottom of the page: delete "illegible"and "Oshanko", add "Rudak and Dshankoj"

Line 11 from the bottom of the page: delete "...APP first letter illegible", add ZAPP

Line 5 from the bottom of the page: delete "ZEPP", add ZAPP

Line after : "Location Krasnowardeisk"

Insert: " (page 10 of the original) Communism: 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 guilty supporters were released."

Line 17 from bottom of page: delete "never transpired", add "was never known"

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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: Riga

Einsatzgruppe A. Dr Stahlecker

Location: Riga and Krasnowardiesk

N (Signal) Communications 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 Sandberger)

Location:Reval with branch posts in Narwa, Dorpat, Klnsiepp, Krasnojo Selo, Luga, and Pleskau.

N (Signal) Communications FT, FS Riga, APO No. 15 119

Commander of the Security Police and the Security Service for theGeneral District Latvia (Dr Lange)

Location: Riga with branch posts at Libau, Volmar, and Duenaburg.

N (Signal) Communications: FT, FS Riga and Libau APO No. 15 447

Commander for the Security Police and the Security Service for the General District Lithuania
(Jaeger)

Location: Kauen with branch posts in Wilna Schaulen

N (Signals) Communications: FT, FS, Kauen and Wilna APO No. 15 641

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Einsatzkommando 9 (Schaefer)

Location: Witebsk, with branch posts in Smolensk

N (Signals) communications: FT Witebsk APO No. 37 857

Sonderkommando Moskau

Location: Roslavi

N (Signals) communications: Ft Roslavi

Higher SS and Police League South (103) (Pruetzmann)

Location: Kriwoj-Rog

N (Signals) communications: FS Lemborg

Einsatzgruppe C (Dr Thomas)

Location: Kiev

N (Signal) communications: FT Charkow APO No. 22 789

Sonderkommando 4 b (Braune)

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

N (Signal) Communications: FT Nikolajew and Rowno, FS Rowno APO No. 35 192

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Einsatzkommando (Kroeger)

Location: Stalino

N (Signals) Communications: (illegible) Stalino APO No. 35 979

Higher SS and Police Leader for Special Assignment (Korsemann)

Location: Rowno

Einsatzgruppe D (Ohlendorf)

Location: Sinferopol

N (Signals) communications: FT Sinferopol APO No. 47 ... (rest illegible)

Einsatzgruppe D (Ohlendorf)

Location: Sinferopol

N (Signal) communications: APO No. 17 54.. Last figures illegible

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

Location: Bachtschisara, with branch posts in Alupka and Jalta

N (Signal) Communications: FT Jalta and Bachtschisara APO No. 47 540

Einsatzkommando 11 b (Zepp)

Location: Sinforopol, with branch posts Aluschka, Varasubar, Kupatoria

N (Signals) Communications: FS Sinforopol and Aluschka APO No. 47 540

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Einsatzkommando 12 (Noske)

Location: Fedorowka

N (Signal) Communications: FS Fedorowka APO No. 47 540

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II. Reports of the Einsatzgruppen and Einsatzkommandos.

Einsatzgruppe A:

Location: Krasnowardeisk

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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 killing 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.

Estonia has already been cleansed of Jews.

In Latvia, Jews remain 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 urgently needed for the labor supply.

In Lithuania, an effort had been made to purge the rural district and the small towns thoroughly of Jews. Apart from basic considerations, this was an urgent necessity because the 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 ghetto which was already cordoned off. Most of them were re-captured and shot in the course of a large-scale search which was carried out immediately. In the course of the subsequent preparation for the wholesale execution of the Zagara Jews, at a prearranged signal they attacked the guards post to the place of execution. Several Jews who had not been searched thoroughly enough by the Lithuanian guards drew knives and pistols and uttering cries like "Long Live TSali!" 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 spot, 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 the bad living and nutritional conditions. The spread of diseases which had broken out in the ghettos was prevented through the extermination of the Jews.

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

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

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 completely burnt down after removal of all the foodstuffs etc., and all the villagers shot. 301 men were publically shot in the market square of the neighboring 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:

Location: Sinforopol

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Certificate of Translation

5 August 1947

I, A. Oberlaender, Civ. No. 20 192, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages and that the above is a true and correct translation of the excerpts from document No. NO-3279

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