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The Chief of the Security Police and of the SD
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Subject: Directives for the Kommandos of the Chief of the Security Police and of the SD to be placed in the PW camps (Stalags) and PW transient camps (Dulags)

Reference: Decree of 17 July 1941 Diary No. 21 B/41 Top Secret IV a 1c Commitment order No. 8

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As an appendix to my above-mentioned decree I am sending for your information and attention a supplement of the directives for the Kommandos of the Security Police and of the SD to be placed in the PW camps.

This supplement has been worked out in agreement with the OKW Department Prisoner of War. The commanding Officers of the PW camps and transient PW camps are being informed by the OKW.

Distribution:

To the Commanding Officer of the Security Police and of the SD (in) Cracow, Radom, Warsaw, Lublin
To all Gestapo Regional Headquarters

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For information:

To the Reichsfuehrer SS and Chief of the German Police

To the Chief of the Security Police and of the SD

To the Office Chiefs I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII

To the Referates IV D and IV D 3

To all Senior SS and Police Officials

To all Inspectors of the Security Police and of the SD

To the Commander of the Security Police and of the SD in the Government General – Cracow

To the Commander of the Security Police and of the SD in the Westmarl – Motz

To the Commander of the Security Police and of the SD for the Occupied Norwegian territories – Oslo

To the:

Einsatzgruppe A

Sonderkommando Ia Ib

Einsatzkommando II III

Einsatzgruppe B

Sonderkommando VIIa VIIb

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Sonderkommando Xa Xb

Einsatzkommando II III

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Signed: MUELLER

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Signed WOLFERT Office employee

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Supplement of the Directives for the Kommandos of the Security Police and of the SD to be placed in the PW camps (Stalag).

1. In the directives dated 17 July 1941, I have repeatedly pointed out the fact that it is the duty of the Einsatzkommandos of the Security Police and of the SD to specify in general not only the suspicious elements but also those reliable individuals who can be considered for the reconstruction of the Eastern territories.

I point out again that both duties are of equal importance.

In order to obtain as comprehensive a survey as possible of the total activity of the Einsatzkommandos, I order that in the weekly report demanded figure 4 in particular (number of the persons found to be trustworthy) be considered.

PW's found to be trustworthy, who were formerly in a leading position in the Soviet Russian economic life are to be listed by name giving their branch and their last place of work wherever possible.

2. I point out again that in the decisions to be made the nationality in particular is to be taken into consideration.

Ukrainians, White Ruthenians, Asererbeidshanians, Armenians, North Caucasians, Georgians

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members of Turkish peoples in general are only to be designated as definitely suspect and further to be treated in accordance with the directives, if in the individual case it is actually a question of fanatical Bolshevists or political commissars or other dangerous officials.

It is to be borne in mind that the Turkish peoples in particular often have an absolutely Jewish appearance and that circumcision alone is not of itself proof of Jewish descent (e.g. Mohammedans).

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3. The term "intellectual" cannot be interpreted according to European standards.

The simplest most primitive Soviet Russian illiterate person can be more dangerous in his political fanaticism than, for instance, the Soviet Russian engineer who by reason of his ability and of his political attitude adopted for the sake of appearances, could study at Soviet Russian universities, but whose inner connection with the Bolshevist System was only superficial.

In this connection professional revolutionaries, authors, editors, Komintern officials, etc., are rather to be regarded as intellectuals in the first place.

4. The Soviet Russians found to be definitely "suspect" are to be reported to this office without delay as ordered in the directives dated 17 July 1941. After receipt of the confirmation of execution the carrying out of the measures ordered is to begin without delay.

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A longer custody in the camp in question is to be avoided for obvious reasons.

Finally, I point out once more that the executions are not public. Spectators may not be admitted as a matter of principle.

5. Finally I make the following once again a special duty of the leaders and members of the Einsatzkommandos:
outstanding conduct whilst on and off duty
harmonious relations with the camp commanders,
careful investigation work

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Signed WOLFERT
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I, Idy Sieber, Civ. No. 20 104, hereby certify that I am a duly appointed translator for the German and English languages and that the above is a true and correct translation of the document NO 3416

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