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PERSONS, FIRMS, OR ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED:

Dr. FISCHER, camp physician Auschwitz

Dr. GREUNUSS, camp physician Ohrdruf

KAMMLER, in charge of Dr. POOK (dentist)

(POHL)-"Gifts for POHL" e.g. belongings of victims, shipped from Auschwitz

Dr. TILO, camp physician Auschwitz

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NO – Oswald POHL

NO – Concentration Camps (Auschwitz, Ohrdruf, Belsen)

SUMMARY (Indicate page nos.)

This is a 12 page affidavit, dated 9 April 1947, by Dr. Viktor ABEND, a Polish physician, about his experiences at Auschwitz and Ohrdruf concentration camps.

page 2. Dr. ABEND was working at a clinic in Lemberg, when the Germans took the town from the Russians in June 1941, and, being a Jew, was chased from his work. In October 1943, he was sent to Auschwitz concentration camp together with about 6,000 other prisoners.

page 3. Description of the hardships during the transport. On arrival, a Dr. FISCHER selected the prisoners individually according to their profession. Those regarded "useless" – about 1,600 out of 2,400 – were gassed.

Page 4. Description of conditions at Auschwitz.

Page 5. Detailed for work as a nurse at "Block 9," the department for infectious diseases, Dr. ABEND had to care for 300 typhus patients.

Page 6. One day, the camp physician, a Dr. TILO, gave the order to select Jewish patients to be transferred to Block 12, the "Jewish Block," the following night, they were gassed. Until April 1944, 3 to 5 transports of Jews of various nationalities arrived daily and were gassed.

In April 1944, 15 to 20 transports of Hungarian Jews arrived daily. Description of gassing and burning of victims.

Page 7. Up to 100 freight cars a day with all kind of personal belongings of victims were loaded. These shipments were called "Gifts for POHL."

Pages 7 to 11. Conditions at Ohrdruf (S-III) camp. Persons implicated: KAMMLER, Dr. GREUNUSS, Dr. POOK (seen in GREUNUSS' company at Ohrdruf).

Page 11. Evacuation of Ohrdruf camp (1 April 1945).

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