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Interrogation of . . . . . HOELLRIEGL, Alois  
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Witness was shown six (6) photographs which were found in the Mauthausen Concentration Camp in one of the Officers' Barracks there.

Picture No. 1 shows two persons. Witness at once identified these persons as the Camp Commander, Zieries and his Adjutant, Zutter, and said that the picture must have been taken just outside the camp.

Picture No. 2 shows about 20 persons. Witness was unable to identify any of the persons, but said that they were camp policemen and inmates. The picture had been taken in the quarry two minutes northwest of the camp. It was in this quarry that the SS men tortured and killed Jews for their own pleasure. Asked if the camp policemen were members of the Gestapo, witness answered that the Gestapo was always in civilian clothes.

Picture No. 3 shows about six persons. Witness identified Hirwalder and Zieries. Picture was taken within the camp and witness recognized the building in the picture as the Leaders' Mess. It was in this building that great dinners were given for visitors of the camp.

Picture No. 4 shows approximately 25 persons. Beginning from the left side, witness identified the first person as one of the camp doctors whose name he cannot remember.

Person No. 8 is Sturmbannfuhrer Obermaier from Gusen, a branch of Mauthausen. This camp was also under the jurisdiction of Zieries.

Person No. 10 is Hauptsturmfuehrer Bachmeier, who was in charge of the camp for protective custody of inmates. This man was a sadist and brute.

Person no. 11 is Hauptsturmfuehrer Strauss who was in charge of the administration of the camp. This man was very much feared by the inmates and he must be responsible for the starvation of the inmates.

Person No. 14 is the camp commander.

Person No. 15 is the camp commander's Adjutant. The picture was taken within the camp in front of the Administration Building of the commander.

Picture No. 5 shows six persons -- the witness identified Kaltenbrunner, Hirwalder, Zieries, Zutter. The picture was taken in the quarry outside the camp, the same quarry which is shown in Picture No. 2.

Picture No. 6 was taken within the camp in front of the prisoners kitchen. The only person witness is able to identify is the camp commander. Other persons shown in the picture are camp policemen and an inmate. The contraption worn by the prisoner was used for carrying stones from the quarry to the camp.

Hoellriegl signed an affidavit prepared on the basis of previous interrogations which refers to Kaltenbrunner's visit to Mauthausen.

Hoellriegl describes a visit by von Schirach to Mauthausen in the latter part of 1942. One day around 1800 hours, while Hoellriegl was standing in formation outside the southern entrance of the camp, a group of about ten persons arrived. The commander and Bachmayer received the visitors who were in civilian clothes and among whom he recognized Schirach, Eigruber and Uiberreiter. Eigruber visited the camp very often, but as far as Hoellriegl knew, this was the only visit made by Schirach and Uiberreiter. The visitors and the camp officials walked in the direction of the gas chamber and returned in about half an hour while witness was still in formation. Witness could not definitely state if the group had entered the gas chamber as this building was about 300 meters from his position. Witness was absolutely convinced that the three mentioned Gauleiters were among the visitors as he had seen them repeatedly before and during the war and as they also were recognized by his comrades.

Witness again described Kaltenbrunner's visit to the Mauthausen Concentration Camp in 1942.