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Interrogation of . . . . . Bruno LOHSE  
By . . . . . Lt Col T. S. Hinkel  
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LOHSE was employed by the Einzstab Rosenberg in Paris from February 1941 until August 1944. Prior to February 1941, he had been in the army from the beginning of the war and after August 1944 he never participated to any great extent in the activities of the Einzstab.

LOHSE, who in civilian life was a connoisseur of art objects, was assigned the duty in the Einzstab to make an inventory of all art objects which had been collected in a museum in Paris. LOHSE had been ordered by GOERING to participate in the activities of the Einzstab and in addition to his duties with it he acted as the agent of GOERING in Paris for the purchase of paintings. He stated that he purchased about 40 and the prices paid were, according to him, fair ones in that ordinarily the asking price for them was paid. LOHSE stated that GOERING had a right to select art objects from the Einzstab which he did to the number of 500 or 600 objects. Valuations on these objects were made by a Professor BELTRON, a representative of the French government. ROSENBERG, however, refused to accept any payment from GOERING for these objects as did SCHWARZ, the Party Treasurer, and so far as LOHSE knows, these objects were not paid for.

LOHSE stated that in his opinion the activities of the Einzstab for the first two years had the purpose of safeguarding art objects but after that there was an intention to confiscate. He stated with respect to GOERING that since GOERING intended to establish a museum, he was not going to return to the original owners the objects which had been obtained from them for him.

With respect to the giving of receipts for the objects collected for the Einzsstab, LOHSE stated that Col von BEHR, first director of the Einzsstab in Paris, had issued instructions that no receipts were to be given to the owners for the property taken by the Einzsstab.

LOHSE stated that he had no connection whatever with art collecting activities in Governor General Poland.

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