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Interrogation of Hans FRANK
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FRANK was interrogated regarding the disposition of art treasures seized in Governor General Poland. During the course of the interrogation he identified Document 1233-PS, a bound book containing a description of art objects seized by the General Government in Poland. FRANK pointed to this document as proof of his contention that all the art objects that were taken were taken for the benefit of the State and not for any individual.

FRANK stated that he had no knowledge of any art objects from Governor General Poland being in Berlin, either at the depot of the Special Deputy to HITLER or in the safe of the Deutsche Bank. He admitted, however, that 31 Albrecht Durer drawings had been removed from Governor General Poland, stating that this was done at the direct order of GOERING. He also stated that a wooden altar had been removed from Cracow at HITLER's order and that, although he (FRANK) had tried several times to have it sent back, he had been unsuccessful in so doing.

FRANK recalled Dr. POSSE as HITLER's art director. He stated, however, that he had no recollection of ever having conferred with POSSE nor did he know of any recommendations that POSSE might have made to HITLER (through BORMANN) as to art objects in Governor Poland that should be placed in HITLER's Linz art museum.

With reference to the mechanics of actually obtaining the art objects, FRANK stated that it was handled by a special department, that he knew of no instances where owners of private art objects had resisted turning them

over to his representatives, and that he had issued instructions that receipts be given to the private owners. He further stated that it was his intention after the war either to return the privately owned objects to the owners or to compensate them if they were kept by the State. He stated that a fund had been established for this purpose.

FRANK was interrogated regarding a press conference held in January 1941 in Cracow. He stated that he had no particular recollection of the press conference, and did not identify Document 095-P3 positively, although he stated that it represented in general the kind of views he would have expressed to a press conference.

FRANK stated that preliminary negotiations had been entered into with a view toward holding an anti-Jewish Congress in Cracow in 1944. This conference was suggested by a representative of ROSENBERG and FRANK stated that he had volunteered to finance it because he believed that it would be of benefit for Cracow to have people from all over Europe visit there at the time of the Congress. However, the Congress was not held.

FRANK was questioned regarding the existence of an area in the vicinity of Lublin called the Lublin Reservation, allegedly a concentration point for Jews sent from Germany, Austria and the Bohemia Protectorate. He stated that he had no knowledge of any such reservation, that he had no knowledge that the Jewish population in the Lublin ghetto had increased or decreased, and that he had not paid any attention to food requisitions made on the General Government by SS for ghettos and so did not know by this means about any fluctuations in the population of the ghetto. He stated

further that a person named NAUMANN, a member of his Government, would know regarding SS food requisitions. FRANK stated that his only knowledge of Jewish concentration camps near Lublin was of Maidanek, about which he learned for the first time after news of it appeared in the world press on its capture by the Russians.

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