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Interrogation of HERMANN GOERING

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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED AND SUBJECTS:

1. HERMANN GOERING

- a. Four-Year Plan (1-16)
  - (1) Sauckel Plenipotentiary General for manpower under Goering (1)
  - (2) Deportation of workers (2-3)
- b. Confiscation of properties, Jews and Poles (pp. 4,13)
- c. Suspension of civil liberties, decree 28 Febr. 1933
- d. Responsibility on bombing of cities (14-16)
- e. Responsibility on appointments of personal staff (9-12)
- f. List of functions (6-7)

2. SAUCKEL

- a. As Plenipotentiary General for manpower (1)
- b. Deportation of workers (2-3)

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

The interrogation concerns the authenticity of a decree of 27 March 1942, signed by Goering, implementing decree of March 21, by which Sauckel had been made Plenipotentiary General for Manpower:

"The manpower sections are hereby abolished. Their duties (Recruitment and allocation of manpower) are taken over by the Plenipotentiary General for Manpower, who is directly under me."

"The Plenipotentiary General for Manpower is an authority of the Four Year's Plan. In cases where new legislation is required, or existing laws require to be modified, he will submit appropriate proposals to myself."

"In the case of ordinances and instructions of fundamental importance, a report is to be submitted to me in advance."  
(1)

Hermann Goering, 6 Sept. 1945, a.m.

With this decree he made himself responsible for all legislation and all the acts of Sauckel which refer to the execution of the Four-Year Plan; that in this capacity Sauckel directed the deportation and use of workers from occupied countries to satisfy the requirements of war work in the Reich itself. He received this order from the Fuehrer. (2-3)

#### CONFISCATION OF PROPERTIES

Goering admits the existence of a decree signed by him on September 17, 1940, subjecting the property of all Jews and some classes of Poles to sequestration, and possible confiscation in the occupied territories. (4) This was for the reinforcement of the German position in the East. (8)

He recognizes the exactness of the list of functions submitted to him which enumerates all the functions he occupied under the Nazi regime. (6-7)

#### SUSPENSION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES

An emergency decree existed, published 28 February 1933, for the protection of the people and State the day after the Reichstag fire, suspending all civil liberties, and which remained in force up to the defeat of the Reich in 1945. This decree was prepared under his direction.

#### BOMBING OF CITIES

The order to bomb Rotterdam in 1940 was given by him, but only as a tactical protection for the parachutists. He adds that the people of Rotterdam could have extinguished the fires if they had not been such cowards. He also gave the order to bomb Coventry. (14-16)

November, 1938, he ordered the liquidation of Jewish property by the decree of 12 November 1938 (12) February, 1939, he ordered the surrender of valuables of all Jews (12)

August 30, 1939, he was appointed Chief of Ministerial Council of Defense, with authority to issue laws and decrees (13) for Greater Germany, except the occupied areas, but he was responsible for economical aspects in occupied territory (13).

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Goering was responsible for the following appointments:

Paul Koerner, State Secretary in the State Ministry;  
Erich Neumann, State secretary in the State Ministry;  
Erich Gritzbach, Chief of the Civil Staff;  
General Bodenschatz, Liaison Officer to Supreme Headquarters;  
Kurt Daluge, Colonel General of Police;  
Rolf Diels, Chief of the Gestapo;  
Ludwig Grauert, Ministry of the Interior;  
Erhard Milch, General Field Marshal of the Air Corps;  
Bruno Loerzer, Air Force; and  
Martin Sommerfeld, Press Chief. (9-12)