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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of Ernst KALTENBRUNNER and Gabor VAJNA  
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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED AND SUBJECTS

1. KALTENBRUNNER

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2. HIMMLER, POHL

- a. Knowledge of Lublin Incident (p. 9-10)

REICH SECURITY COMMISSIONER

Kaltenbrunner denied that he had ever held the title of Reich Security Commissioner; denied that such title had been held by Heydrich (p. 1).

EVACUATION OF HUNGARIAN JEWS

Kaltenbrunner identified Winkelmann as Himmler's representative in Hungary. Kaltenbrunner admitted having visited Winkelmann in March 1944; insisted that his meeting concerned the creation of a "democratic regime" in Hungary under Horthy; denied that he had even discussed the matter of coordinating German and Hungarian Police agencies (p. 2-3). Denied that at that time there had been a program for "rounding up Jews in Hungary" (p. 2).

Regarding a meeting between Kaltenbrunner and Vajna, Hungarian Minister of the Interior, in December 1944, Kaltenbrunner stated that the discussion related to the matter of "...my assisting him to accommodate parts of the Hungarian police in Germany, because they sought refuge in Germany". Insisted that the meeting was a mere courtesy call; that the matter of setting up some five commands of Hungarian Gendarmerie in Germany was never discussed. Such would have been the responsibility of Berger and the Order Police (p. 3-5). Kaltenbrunner stated that the Hungarian front at that time had completely collapsed. Vajna's only concern was to find refuge for some of his people - not with the details of organizing police divisions. Kaltenbrunner denied that the subject of discussion had been the creation of police divisions to screen the Hungarian refugees. Kaltenbrunner vehemently denied that he had discussed the problem of transportation of the Jews or that he had referred to Winkelmann and "my man Eichmann" as the individuals who would carry out the details (p. 5-7).

