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WITNESS: Rosenberg, Alfred DATE : 28 Sept. '45 1445 - 1645
BY : Lt. Col. Hinkel PLACE: Nurnberg

NAME HEADINGS: Hitler, Rosenberg

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This interrogation is devoted to the methods of the Einsatzstab Rosenberg in general, and a number of documents in particular. It is notable for the number of times the witness is forced to modify his testimony in the light of documents later produced. Witness attempts to justify confiscation of property of Jews and others in occupied countries. (3 - 5). He admits that no paragraph of the Franco-German Armistice gave him power to confiscate such property. Finally he states, "I admit that there were no strictly legal paragraphs which provided for such steps." (5) Witness refuses to say whether or not a receipt was given for Jewish property confiscated in occupied countries, but makes no contention one was. To sum up his attitude, "I am speaking under oath. I presume it was not given, but I cannot say definitely." (11) Witness denies having anything to do with the seizure of Church property in Germany. As to this, he says, "I never was consulted with regard to political or ecclesiastic affairs in Germany." (23) But "When Germany for some political reason confiscated certain works, it was my interest to have a survey of those works for scientific research." (23)