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EVALUATION REPORT 260 (27 July 1945)

INTERROGATION OF PROFESSOR OSENBERG
AT CHATEAU DE GRAND CHESNAY
(Target No. 28/4.26)

The interrogation dealt mostly with organization of research and (some) development in Germany for War. All took notes on this interrogation, which was accomplished through an interpreter, and these notes are to be written up in English and distributed to all interested groups. It dealt with short courses for production of scientific workers for ballistics, physics and aerodynamics, and co-operation between the Wehrmacht, Industries and Universities. There were no short courses before 1942, and no alteration of personnel between Wehrmacht, Industries and Universities before 1944. About 15,000 workers were obtained, of which about 5,000 were withdrawn from the Army. There were about 1,500 in the Luftwaffe, not including testing engineers, and about 1,000 in the Navy. The Army and the Navy had their own research organizations, but all were brought together in 1944, and all worked on industrial problems and interchanged information. Some problems, with priority, were given to the Kaiser Wilhelm Institut. A scientist knew only his part of a problem, and was kept ignorant of the remainder. It was Professor Osenberg's opinion that Science should have greater influence on industrial research and development; that an overhead Advisory Council should be composed and consist of the best experts. There has been no interchange of ideas on research organization with Japan. A scientific method of selection, - i.e. vocational guidance, - was used by Germany to choose scientific workers. Rewards were made to individual inventors.

Osenberg's Staff - The following persons were on Osenberg's staff:

M. Voell (Woman Secretary)	H. Roehr
W. Boos	A. Wahl
W. Baer	H. Dieterichs
G. Doelter	T. Bochaker
F. Krahl	H. Mohr
	Rolf Leuteritz

(N.B. None of these are recognized as well-known metallurgists)

INTERROGATIONS OF SAUER

These were carried on on the morning and afternoon of June 12, 1945, and were entirely in German, with a German stenographer present who took down all pertinent matters. Full report is to be furnished all interested groups. They dealt with: The combined Military and Industrial Development Commission, including co-operation with the Luftwaffe, Navy and Kaiser Wilhelm Institut

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Designs were made (first step); then some models of selected designs were made to full scale (second step); then one model was selected and given to industry to manufacture; the Military Commission supervised, but were not constantly present. When some question or difficulty arose they were called in. (At this point Sauer exemplified with illustrations of gas troubles in tanks, skirts on tanks, heavy loss of tanks to the Russians). Sauer drew a curve of firing-power, weight and efficiency of tanks. It is his opinion that 80 tons is the limit of weight of tanks, and he does not think that tanks will be much used in war hereafter.

Taper bores were not much good unless the Germans had tungsten cores, of which they did not have enough on account of shortage of tungsten.

Sauer promised that, tomorrow morning, he would give a short list of the most important researches that went on.

The stenographic report of the Sauer interrogations should most certainly be secured and studied. They will be translated into English.

SPEER STAFF

Minister Speer gave the following key personnel of his staff. (N.B. We understand that this refers to his staff during the prosecution of the War, but this is not stated in the report on the interrogation of Speer):

Central Office:	Hupfauer, Hettlage	Chief of Centralmat Finance, Rustungs Kontor activities
	Frank	Expert on organization and records
	{Wagensfuhr {Ubler	Statistics
Planning Office:	Kehrl Stoll Bosch	Chief of Planungsamt Deputy Expert on detailed planning
Technical Office:	Saur (Friese) Geist	Chief Personal assistant Head of Amtsgruppe Entwicklung (and Con- centration plan)
	Kunze Dornberger Mommsen	{V-weapons expert) {O.C. Peenemunde) Expert on details of weapon production
Raw Materials Office:	(Kerl)	
	Holb Gabel	Chemicals Mining
Consumer Goods Office:		
	Seebauer Sauer	Chief Deputy

Power Office:

Schulze-Fielitz
Fischer

Chief
Reich Power Controller

Building Office and O.T.:

Dorsch
Weiss

Chief
Expert on special
projects

10 June 1945

Brigadier F. F. Fulton
Major Gill
Lt. Col. P.A.E. Jump
Major G. I. Mackenzie
Major S. B. Wallace
Major W. H. Blunden
Major D. E. Evans
Dr. G. B. Gresford
Bradley Stoughton (USA Civ)

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