

Interrogation of Anton Karl  
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Goering: a) Goering received a donation of about 2,000,000 RM., furthermore a hunting estate on the Rhine from the Cigarette Industry (Reemtsma). He had ordered the cancellation of this firm's debts for the excise stamps owed to the Reich in the amount of about 100 Millions. In this connection the Reemtsma was given the opportunity to incorporate a series of smaller firms, among them also a Saxonian firm which had previously supported National Socialism actively.

Geheimrat Zents ( see below) can give further information as he was at that time on the Board of Directors of the Austria (firm) and also a member of the Board of Directors of the Tobacco Industry. The Austria (firm) was also to be taken over by big corporations but could hold out because the Austrian Government had a capital investment in it. Kommerzienrat Zents carried on the fight against the Reemtsma in this matter and against Goering who was lending his support.

b) For the Komplex Herman Goering Werke important witnesses besides Pleyer are Kranefuss, Eidenschink and Koch.

c) General Ritter von Pohl should be interrogated about Hermann Goering's embezzlements of art objects. He was at that time Chief of Ita Air (Ita Luft) and Air Attaché in Rome. Pohl said

that Goering bought up so much material in Italy that his own foreign exchange was insufficient and he had to make use of the credit of Pohl as chief of Ita Air (Ita Luft). In this connection Lieutenant Colonel Hans Travaglio, now at Camp Ludwigsburg, should be able to give important testimony.

d) The speculator, Hans M i e d e l, manager (Vorstand) of Chantung AG (Inc.) and of the Dutch-Indian Mining Co. Ind. had to leave Germany before 1933 (about 1930) because of tax defraudation and lived in Amsterdam. On the assurance that the old case against him would be dropped, he was used by Goering as go-between. He knew at any rate the go-betweens who were working for Germany and above all for Goering and who were residents of Holland. He must have the most complete sort of information about Goering's art purchases in all Europe.

Addresses of witnesses:

under a) Geheimrat Zents, Munich, 43 Widemannstr.

Georg Widenschink, banker, at present Prison  
Camp Moosburg.

under b) : same as a)

Koch (ask Idenschink)

under c) General Ritter von Pohl

Lt. Colonel Hans Travaglio, at present  
Camp Ludwigsburg

Under d) Miedel, Hans, last address Berlin in back of

Hotel Widen, possibly Idenschink knows more exact  
address.

Hans M i e d e l (see above) and Mr. Witzig, banker in Munich, had strained relations with K r a n e f u s s (see first report). Witzig was in contact with Bormann. Kranefuss was working against Witzig because he assumed that Bormann would support Witzig, who had done a lot of good for Bormann in 1927. Witzig had collected material (evidence) against Kranefuss, got in touch with Sepp Dietrich at the Hotel Kaiserhof in Berlin and discussed the matter with him on the basis of these documents. Remind Sepp D i e t r i c h of Mrs. Frank Siegrön. He must be questioned on the file of the Chief of Staff Lutze which the latter had prepared on Himmler. Lutze is said to have asked Dietrich to present this file to Hitler. Dietrich has certainly read this file.

Major (Reichleiter) Buch, presiding Judge of the Supreme Parteigericht, father-in-law of Bormann, should have the most exact knowledge of the manifestations of corruption within the direction of the NSDAP on the basis of documents of the Supreme Parteigericht. It is not definitely known whether he is still alive.

A g a n n, the Chief of Eherverlag (Eher Publishing Co.) had on 30 June 1934, all persons who did not suit him killed by his own strong-arm squad (Rollkommando).

Franz M a i e r, formerly Police President (Polizeipräsident) and later Regierungspräsident in Munich, must be questioned on the entire matter and the secret files. He is now under arrest. Mrs. Hidenschink should have his address.

The interrogation of the sister of Gruppenführer (Group leader) Schaupp must be discussed with Weiss (CIC). She is prepared to testify against her brother, who at one time wanted to put her in a concentration camp.

In 1937 a policeman stated that for one night he was put in charge of a detail against homosexuals (that night it was Gründgens). He continued: "If these people knew what was lying in the great safes of Heydrich, they would not be able to sleep any more, not even Himmler." This policeman, whose name I cannot recall any more, was in the Political Section I A, Berlin, Prinz Albrechtstrasse, under Section Chief Kriminalrat Stage.

Kriminalrat M e i s i n g e r, one of the most disagreeable officials of that station, has now been arrested in Japan.

Lasch, former President of the Academy of German Law, former lawyer, later placed by Hans Frank in an important position in Krakau, was involved in a big corruption lawsuit there and later apparently liquidated without sentence. It can be assumed that he could have made statements incriminating Frank personally. (or: It can be assumed that he could have made highly incriminating statements to Frank personally. German reads: Es ist anzunehmen, dass er Frank persönlich sehr belastend Angaben hätte machen können).

A further party in this case, W a s t l, was sentenced to death, pardoned, and transferred to an SS Penal Company (Strafkompanie); later he was a prisoner in Dachau. He must have detailed information on corruption in Poland. His address is being secured.

Hans B n c h n e r can give important information about the activities of Himmler and the SD. Residence in Grafing, near Munich, exact address not known.

Christian W e b e r

Weber had direct relations with Hitler; he was also able to telephone him directly.

Goering had founded a Hunting Museum in Berlin, Weber one in Munich. For this reason there were disagreements between Goering and Weber. These disagreements were eliminated by a valuable gift on the part of Goering.

Weber established his Hunting Museum in a church, namely in the church of the Nymphenburger Castle.

#### T a x Exemption

Questions regarding his relation to the various people.

Remind him of the following in his relation to Frank:

Weber received two or three indictments for physical violence (also tax fraud). Frank wanted to present these charges, but upon Hitler's intervention the proceedings were suspended.

Reference: Frank would have testified badly against Weber, that is, that Weber was corrupt. It was Frank's opinion that all of Weber's transactions had been cases of bribery and blackmail of the population of Munich.

Weber was the prototype of the corrupt man Frank - Goering.

#### Suggestions of Karl.

Mrs. Anni Winter is at present living in the apartment of Geheimrat Zentz, Wiedenmayerstrasse 43/3.

Herr Geheimrat Z e n t z lives in Tutzing am See, Haus Reichlin.

Mrs. Anni Winter was under arrest in Augsburg for 6 weeks and was interrogated there by CIC.

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