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SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO : Headquarters, 21 Army Group (Attn: 'A' Branch)

The attached statement purporting to offer proof of the commission of war crimes is forwarded for your attention.

By direction of the Supreme Commander:

E. H. HENMAN  
Colonel, AGF  
Assistant Adjutant General

1 Incl:

Statement of Ing. Szymon

May 25, 1945.

To the U.S. Camp Commander,  
Camp Mauthausen.

Sir,-

Having spent a number of years in thirteen Nazi concentration camps, including Mauthausen from which I was liberated by the American forces on May 5th and where I still am staying at the present, and desirous to be of help to the U.S. authorities in their effort to bring the Nazi criminals to account, I take the liberty of submitting the following:

1. As all of the camps where I was confined are located in the zones taken by the Soviet armies, it is my conviction that those responsible for the atrocities committed therein by the SS men are not to be found in the eastern parts of Europe but should be sought either in Southern or Western Germany.
2. I am enclosing a brief list of those whom I have seen in these various camps and whom I can recognize on sight. Many of these have caused incalculable sufferings to myself as well as to my fellow inmates. Many of these I have personally seen commit murder phantastic both in number and method. As shown, some of them had either their homes or relatives living in localities now under Allied occupation.
3. With all of the members of my family and of my nearest relatives killed by the Nazis, I am asking of your kindness to place me at the disposal of the U.S. authorities investigating war crimes. Although I am a Polish citizen and would like to return to my homestead, I feel that the crimes of these men are of such magnitude, that no effort can be spared to apprehend them. I also feel that it is my duty to offer my services either for the purpose of furnishing the description of their misdeeds or as an eyewitness in case identification is needed.
4. To furnish you with the personal data regarding my person, a brief curriculum vitae is attached.

Respectfully,

/s/ Ing. Wiesenthal Szymon  
Szymon Wiesenthal  
(Camp Mauthausen, 127371).

The following is a brief list of SS men and Gestapo agents as well as Nazi party members whom I had the opportunity of seeing to partake in murder and other crimes against human life. They are classified in this list into two groups, those who were in the general district of Galicia, and those of Camp Cracow-Plaszow. Where known, their home addresses are given.

District GALICIA (Lemberg)

1. KATZMANN, × Gen.-Maj.SSSS. Responsible for death of at least 1,000,000 people.
2. KRIEGER, × Maj.Gen SS. Killed personally. On Aug. 18, 1941 finished personally 13,000 people by shooting.
3. LEHNERT, } × Both UntStFr and aides to Gen.Katzmann. Both
4. WERNE, } × killers.
5. ENGELS, × Gestapokommissar. Timekeeper and schedule maker for mass killing throughout Galicia.
6. LEITMEIER, × OBStFr. Chief of Lacki prison, worst because of the tortures practiced there.

His lieutenants:

7. WALTKE } × All UnStFr. Murderers making tours
8. NEUMANN } × through various camps under his com-
9. SELLMANN } × mand.
10. GROCHOLSKI ×
11. MARTENS × Terror of Gestapo prison in Cracow
12. HANSEN × Gest. agent (home: Linz)
13. VORABERGER × " (home: Linz)
14. CORRADINI × " (home: Linz, his wife's father a baker there)
15. LADNER, Karl × " (from Innsbruk, a merchant)
16. HAUSER, Karl × (Both from Karlsruhe where they were grocers)
17. " , Leo × " (from Danzig, merchant)
18. HAHN, Herbert × " (woman, home -Konigsberg. Murderess)
19. FRIESE × " (woman, home -Konigsberg. Murderess)

All above persons "worked" mainly in Litzmannstadt and Lemberg territory. By killing made fortunes appropriating property of victims.

20. GROSS, Georg. × Chief of Lemberg railroad shops. (home: Eberswalde, Herrengasse, 22. His wife, -Hilda G. was from Schonliche, near Berlin). Killed 1,200 Jews in his shop, Lemberg.
21. POST, Wilhelm × (from Munster). Lemberg shop official. Maltreated the prisoners and caused hundreds of death.
22. LINDNER × (from Dresden). Ditto.

27. HASSER × Responsible for several thousands of deaths.  
 28. KIPKO UntStFr. Ditto
29. WARZOK × HptStFr. Beast who liquidated at least 60,000 Jews and used to burn prisoners alive in their barracks (camps Lacki, Jaryczow, Grodek)
30. SCHULZE ✓ ObStFr. Camp Cdr in Kestry Wielkie. 1,500 deaths.
31. HILDBRAND ✓ ObStFr. (from Breslau) Cdr of camp Drobobycz who finished that camp with 3,500 deaths.
32. SCHONBACH ×
33. MELANKE, Adolf (from Katowitz)
34. DYGA ×
35. KALLS × (from Litzmannstadt)
36. KAUSER ×
37. HEINE > (SS Leibst. Hitler Div) Worst sadist and killer using ax only.

His lieutenants:

38. × WURZ  
 39. × BLUM, a mass murderer. } All three from Bat-  
 40. × MARE } schka, Hungary  
 41. × VOESKE UntStFr  
 42. × BIERMANN " (from Katowitz, a butcher)  
 43. × Brumbauer " (from Katowitz, " )

The last two specialized in hanging and chopping men alive.

44. GEBAUER HptStFr. } ×  
 His lieutenants: }  
 45. MILKA } × Killed 7,000 on Nov. 18, 1943  
 46. KRUMBACH } × in Lwow  
 47. GRANBOW } ×
48. " GURTEN, Eduard × UntStFr. (from Wiesbaden, Robert Kochstrasse, a butcher). Finished people in their sickness. About 700-800 victims in Lemberg and Auschwitz.

Camp CRACOW-PLASHOW

49. GOETH, Amond × HptStFr. (Vienna, parents own big publishing house). Greatest killer of all. His victims run into thousands. Master of cruelties.
50. GRIMM ? Goeth's deputy. Introduced keenest sadism.
51. ZDRAJEWSKI, Z. × ObStFr (from Karlsruhe. Mother: Lotti Z.) Killer of first magnitude.
52. JOHN, Leo × UntStFr. (from Katowitz, owner of a restaurant opposite Ray station there). Specialty: killing women and children. Victims run into thousands.
53. REHR, Otto > From Breslau. Cruel Arbeitscommandoführer.
54. HESCHELL, Otto × UntStFr. From Vienna. Ditto.
55. LANDSBERGER × HptStFr. Liquidated Camp Szebnia. 3000 deaths.

- 56. SCHMID X UntStFr. From Breslau. Conducted killing of about 4500 Jews in transit to ghetto.
- 57. SCHREIBER X Killed sick in the hospital.
- 58. LUDOLF X HptStFr. From Hamburg.
- 59. RUJAR X UntStFr. Winner of numerous wagers by sending one bullet through two heads at a time.
- 60. KÜRSCH ? HptStFr.
- 61. KOCH ? UntStFr. From Vienna.
- 62. KUNDS X HptStFr. From Hamburg. A Gestapo agent for liquidation of Jewish camps.
- 63. HEINRICH X HptStFr. Medical student from Katowitz. Well known sportsman. Kunde's assistant.
- 64. PILARZCZYK X HptStFr. From Katowicz. Liquidated the Cracow Ghetto.
- 65. von MALUTKY X HptStFr. From Vienna. Pilarczyk's assistant.
- 66. ECKERT X " Camp's recorder. Many cruelties.
- 67. SCHUPKE X " Liquidated Reichshof Camp, killing thousands of victims. Finished in Cracow several contingents, where American lives were lost. (I saw 13 men with American passports killed by him on August, 1944.)
- 68. MÜLLER, Franz ? " From Bad-Essen (an upholsterer). Caused 50,000 deaths in Bosnia.
- 69. UNTERBRUCHER X HptSchFr. From Dachau (city, not camp). Sadist in Camp Szebnia.
- 70. LIED X UntSchFr. Degenrat collector of his victims' skulls.
- 71. BAUENOKSE X " Killer.
- 72. BECHER X ObStFr. Killer of sick in hospitals.

His Lieutenants:

- X 73. MAJER, Heinrich )
- X 74. DREIER, Willi ) All Gestapo agents. Sadist
- X 75. THOMKE, Otto ) cruelties against Jews.
- 76. FROMER X Gestapo agent. "Worked" in Bosnia. Specializing in killing of children.
- 77. TANK, Karl X ObWchts. From Schleswig, Busdorfstrasse. Torturing people to death.
- 78. BITTIG, Alfred Ob.Wchts. Also from Schleswig, Dalfusstrasse. Mito.
- 79. LUY X WehMstr. Former teacher. "Worked" in Bohemia.
- 80. ROSENBAUM X HptStFr. Nephew of wholesale killer General Krieger. Liquidated all of the 900 Jews in Camp Rabka.
- 81. SCHMIDT X HptSchFr. Finished 1200 in Zakopane.
- 82. HAHAN X " Well known hangman in New-Gandee. 4000.
- 83. SCHÖNBERG X UntschFr. Had hand in destroying 4000 Jews in Bosnia.

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| 84. | NICHALSKI       | x | UntStabFr. From Katowicz. Sadist from Camp Cracow.                           |
| 85. | KALFUS          | x | Sadist from Camp Cracow.   |
| 86. | KUNKE           | x | Ditto.   |
| 87. | " GRUM          | x | RetFr. Ditto   |
| 88. | ODER            | x | " Responsible for many cruelties.  |
| 89. | HERZOG          | x | Woman SS. Caused sufferings to women and children in Womens' Camp Wernsberg. |
| 90. | HEISE, Gertrude | x | " From Holland. Ditto.   |
| 91. | MEINEL, Anna    | x | " Also from Holland. Ditto.  |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION1. General:

- a. The following totals of local Jews killed in Galicia are given here, according to my information:

Camp Cracow	-	ab.	70,000
" Lemberg	-		148,000
Distr. Galicia	-		850,000
" Cracow	-		350,000

Also, in Camp Yaroslav about 360,000 Russian war prisoners were put to death in 1941.

- b. Particularly infamous in their deed are to be considered the SS Brigade "1005" and the SS Brigade "Breslau", which were assigned as special "Vernichtungsbrigaden".

2. Personalia:

Of the persons among the Nazi administration, the following two men are to be considered as potentially useful sources of further information:

SCHMIDT, Werner.	An engineer from Halle a.d. Saale.
KOHLRAUS, Adolf.	A Reichsbahn inspector from Osnerbrück.

These two men our friends and were of great assistance in preventing many cruelties, while stationed at the railroad workshops at Lemberg.

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## Curriculum Vitae of Ing. WIESENTHAL, Szymon

Born on December 31, 1908, in Buczacz, Poland. My education comprises public and high schools in that city, Institute of Technology in Prague where I received the degree of Engineer in Architecture (1932), State diploma in Architectural Engineering in Poland (1939) with simultaneous degree of Free Artist from the Polish Academy of Art in Lemberg (1937).

After the outbreak of the war I stayed in Lemberg and after the entry of the Red Army continued my work as a construction engineer and a designer of refrigerating plants and other various constructions as well as private dwellings. During this period I invented an artificial insulation material for which the Soviet Government awarded me a premium of 25,000 rubles.

When after the outbreak of the German-Soviet war that city was taken by the German troops, I was immediately arrested on July 13, 1941, as one of the Jewish intelligentsia. Of independent means, through a bribery I succeeded in getting out of the prison. Because of the anti-Jewish restrictions I could not continue my profession of an architect, and worked for a while as a painter in the railroad shops in Lemberg. On October 20, 1941 I was again arrested for the reason of not having declared my engineering degree which I in fact did not wish to disclose, not willing to work for the Germans. After four weeks I was sent back to work at the same railroad shop as a draftsman where I was kept for almost two years among 1500 Jews compelled to labor like myself. It was during this time my life was several times placed in extreme danger, and that I lost many of my parents who were killed by the Nazis. It was also during this time that I saw mass destruction of Jews in that city, although my own mother managed to escape to Warsaw. Of her I have not heard since and may only assume that she perished in that city during the uprising in August, 1944, when 200,000 Jews lost their lives there. It was only through working in the railroad shop that I managed to survive in the end.

When it became clear to me that Nazis have launched their policy of the wholesale annihilation of Jews, I escaped on October 18, 1943, from the Lemberg hard labor camp where I was kept as a prisoner during my two years of labor at the railroad works (as a prisoner I was sent to the shop daily under guard with the others) and went into hiding until joining Jewish partisans on November 21, 1943, who operated there. It was while fighting in the partisan raids against the Nazis that we managed to collect and bury for safekeeping considerable amount of evidence and other materials proving the crimes committed by Nazis. When the partisans were dispersed by the Germans I fled to Lemberg on February 10, 1944, and again went into hiding. I was found during a house to house search and

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With the beginning of the Russian offensive, I was sent from one concentration camp to another as the result of constant German retreat. These camps include Przemysl, Dobromil, Chyrow, Sanok, Dukla, Grybow, Neu-Sandez, Krakow-lashow, Grossrosen, and Buchenwald. To Mauthausen I came on February 15, 1945.

/s/ Ing. Wiesenthal Szymon  
Ing. Szymon WIESENTHAL