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Interrogation of : Dr. Werner KIRCHERT, Obersturmbannführer Waffen-SS
Medical doctor "Einsatzgruppe H" and concentration camps

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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED:

A) PERSONS:

GRAWITZ - Reichsarzt SS and Chef des Sanitätswesens
Kirchert's superior in Einsatzgruppe H (p.2)
HOEFFLE - Obergruppenführer, German Military Commander
in Slovakia (p.2)
HARUN AL RASHID - Commander of SS unit in Bohemia (p.3)
ALIMOF - Harun Al Rashid's successor (pp.3,6)
BERGER - Gruppenführer, Chief SS Hauptamt (p.4)
HOECKER - Divisions-General, assigned to Dirlwanger
Brigade (p.5)

B) ORGANIZATIONS:

- Einsatzgruppe H
- Dirlwanger Brigade
- Reichssicherheitshauptamt
- SS unit in Bohemia

SUMMARY

Werner KIRCHERT, Obersturmbannführer in the Waffen-SS, was in Slovakia with Einsatzgruppe H from the middle of November 1944 until January 1945. There he administered inoculations and made a long study of the health conditions in that unit. He was once in Pressburg and from there went to Trentschin, Neustadt, Dubnitz and Sillen in that order. During this period his immediate superior was GRAWITZ, SS Reichsarzt and Chief of Sanitation. Obersturmführer HOEFFLE was German Military Commander of Slovakia. The commanders of Einsatzgruppe H belonged to the Reichssicherheitshauptamt. Non-commissioned officers and men were mostly Letts and Lithuanians.

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Subject knows nothing of a revolt in Slovakia at this time. However he tells of an SS unit of 300 men, commanded by Standartenfuehrer HARUN AL RASHID and later by ALIMOFF, which went over to the partisans on Christmas 1944. This unit was allegedly Arabian and was posted near Wag-Neustadt. An attempt was made to capture HARUN AL RASHID; however, it was not successful. Subject did not know ALIMOFF. He only saw a picture of him once, wearing a Russian medal, the Order of Lenin. ALIMOFF first fought in the Russian Army, then went over to the German side, and finally went back to the Russian side.

KIRCHERT states that he has not heard of Gruppenfuehrer BERGER playing any part in a revolution. Subject knows that the Dirlwanger Brigade was at Wagtale for about 2 or 3 weeks. Divisions-General HOECKER was their commander at the time. It was well known that the Dirlwanger Brigade committed many offenses against property.

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