MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Storey

Subject: Possibility of Establishing at the International Trial what the Nazis did or intended to do to Principal Opposition Leaders.

1. When I procured the SS volume "Erinnerung an Führer der Nationen" (Compilation of Leading Men of the "System Era") from OSS Mission to Germany, it occurred to me that this volume in itself went a long way to establishing Nazi criminality in treatment of the Nazi opposition in Germany. It includes a list of 855 persons, with biographies, who were considered oppositionists as of 1939. These listed are broken down as follows:

   1. Marxists-Communists... 192
   2. Liberals-Pacifists... 82
   3. Confessional Parties... 78
   4. Legal opposition
      and reaction... 73
   5. Austrians... 48
   6. Scientists... 17
   7. Artists... 18
   8. Writers-Journalists... 47

   It shows how many were Jews and Freemasons, how many were in "temporary custody, prison or reformatory", how many had committed suicide during the preceding year (?), how many were refugees and how many of these were considered active politically among the refugees, etc.

2. The list is incomplete, not listing many leading opposition figures known to have been murdered before 1939, and not including some refugees from the Nazis who were very important.

3. Request is being made of the Special Section to get copies for other years than 1939. It is being recommended that the volume be treated as a document and processed as such, through Screen Department, etc.
4. It seems to me that the trial objective of showing "our reasons and motives" for convicting the war criminals would be tremendously enhanced if a special project were directed to showing what did happen to leading opponents of the Nazi insofar as we can do this in a relatively simple way. This publication and any similar ones we can manage to find might suffice as a simple, yet substantial, means of accomplishing this end.

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