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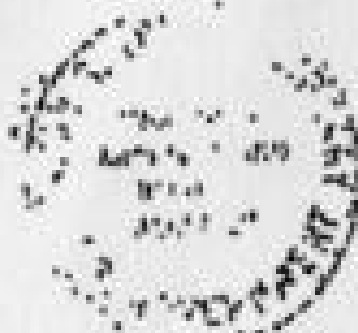
TO : Colonel R. G. Storey
Chief, Documentation Section/OCC

FOR : Major William H. Coogan

FROM : R o g e r D o w

SUBJECT: Crimes by Germans against Germans

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter to War Crimes Branch regarding disposition of reports or letters on crimes by German nationals against persons who are or formerly were German nationals and which are not within the competence of either WCB or OCC.



Attachment - Letter for Capt. Franz through Colonel Mickelwait, dated 24 September 1945.

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TO : Colonel C. B. Mickelwait
FOR : Captain Edmund Franz
FROM : Roger Dow, OCC Liaison with WCB
SUBJECT : Crimes by Germans against Germans



1. On the suggestion of Justice Jackson's office at Nürnberg, I went to Frankfurt on Friday to find out what disposition should be made of cases involving crimes of Germans against Germans. A large number of such cases have come to our attention or yours, and obviously should be investigated and tried by the competent authority. Neither the War Crimes Branch nor the Office of the U. S. Chief of Counsel has such competence, however.
2. The problem was discussed with Major F. E. Oppenheimer of the Legal Branch, G-5 USFET (Main), who said that all such cases came properly under the Legal Branch, and would be ultimately tried in German courts.
3. In the future, therefore, all cases involving Germans only, with no American nationals involved, and having no general policy aspects of interest to OCC, should be referred for action to:

Chief, Legal Branch, G-5
USFET (Main)
APO 757, U. S. Army

cc: Major F.E. Oppenheimer (2)
OCC/Nürnberg ✓