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Dr. Irving Dwork  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Dwork:

I am enclosing herewith a new Exhibit H in support of CHARGES VI (Deportations) and VII (Forced Labor). It consists of chapters 3 and 5 of a factual compilation by Moshe Prager entitled Y'VAIN-M'TZULAH HACHOQESH, Yehaduth Polarith B'Tseppornat HaNasim (A New Abyss, Polish Jewry in the Grip of the Nazis), "Kinner" Library edition, published by "Masadah," Tel-Aviv, Palestine (with the cooperation of the Joint Committee for the Assistance of Polish Jews, and the Bialik Foundation), September, 1941.

Chapter 3 is called "Mass Expulsions and the Ghetto Orders." It gives a full account of the first period of what we in our study call "internal deportations" of Polish Jewry, i.e., banishment from city to city, from town to town, and from various localities to the Lublin Reservation. It contains statistical data. This account applies to the period through the autumn of 1941.

Chapter 5 is entitled "Forced Labor, Man-Hunts in the Streets, and the Jewish Labor Battalions." This chapter presents an equally full account of the process of the compulsory and forced labor introduced in Poland by the Nazis. It offers a description of the mistreatment and tortures to which the forced laborers were subjected, and of the nature of the sterile work which they were forced to carry out. We consider this chapter of an even more documentary character than chapter 3. Of course the facts reported in this chapter pertain also to the period through the autumn of 1941.

We want to add that this factual compilation -- prefaced and highly praised by a man like Isaac Greenbaum, former leader of the Jewish Deputies Club in the Polish Sejm and at present a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency -- states the sources substantiating the reports, which are as follows:

- 1- Decrees and orders of the German occupying authorities such as appeared in the Verordnungsblatt des General-gouverneurs fuer die besetzten polnischen Gebiete and the digest of German orders published with the authorization of the Nazis in Poland under the title Zbior Rozporzadzen Wlady Niemieckich, Warszawa, 1940, Druck, "Fregeshaus", Warschau.
- 2- Statistical data are taken from the publications of the official statistical bureau of the Polish Republic, Wladomosci statystyczne, from the official annual statistical reports, Maly Rocznik Statystyczny, or from the English version of these reports, "Concise statistical Year-Book of Poland, Warsaw, 1938, 1939".
- 3- The unique Jewish newspaper that was allowed to appear in Poland under the Nazis, the Polish language weekly, Gazeta Zydowska, Bratarnia Polska w Krakowie, Nadzior Komisarzyczny.

As you will see, this Exhibit can be considered a ~~valuable~~ reliable research work based on first source material.

Sincerely yours,

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