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Abstract: This collection contains photocopies of evidence documents, interrogation transcripts, decrees, biographical data sheets, witness statements, photographs, miscellaneous court and trial documents, and sound recordings of trial proceedings relating to the arrest, investigation, prosecution, and sentencing of war criminals accused of atrocities in concentration camps, mass killings of Jews, Communists, and prisoners of war in Estonia during World War II. Documents range in date from 1940 to 1987 with the bulk of the documents dating from 1950 to 1962.

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Scope and content

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