

Reichsministerium des Innern (Fond 720)
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Descriptive summary

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Languages: German

Scope and content of collection

Consists of arrest reports as well as reports on other Gestapo activities such as raids and persons killed while trying to escape. The reasons for the arrests are included in the reports and include printing illegal material, spreading atrocity reports, suspicion of espionage, illegal possession of weapons, membership/leadership in illegal organizations, and being a Communist, foreigner, or Jew. Also included are reorganization plans for the Sipo Hauptamt in January 1938 and the whole Reichsministerium in July 1941.

Note: USHMM Archives holds only selected records.

Administrative Information

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Related materials:

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System of arrangement

Fond 720 (1821-1945). Opis 1-9; Dela 14,376. Arranged in twelve series: 1. Correspondence with German administration, reports, and newspaper clippings; 2. Reports on economic and political situation in the USSR, Poland and Baltic States, and on activities of the Gestapo; 3. Structure and business plans of the Ministry of Internal Affairs; 4. Personal files of the Ministry staff; 5. Documents on the KPD, the Socialist Workers International, and political situation; 6. Circulars, correspondence of the Reich Ministry of Interior; 7. Minutes of negotiations on the implementation of the Munich Agreement; 8. Files of the Reich Ministry of Interior employees (Abepthum-Zwicker); 9. Files of the Reich Ministry of Interior employees (Nieden-Nußbaum); 10. Financial records; 11. Personal files of the Reich Ministry of Interior staff (von Bischoffshausen-Zernicke); 12. Information bulletins, police reports, naturalization documents, administration and legislation records.

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Note: Microfilm reels: #91 [near the end]-92, Accretion: Reel #385-393

Indexing terms

Germany. Reichsministerium des Innern.
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities--Germany.
Jews--Persecutions--Germany--History--20th century.

Antisemitism--Germany--History--20th century.
Police administration--Germany--History--20th century.
Communists--Germany--History--20th century.
Holocaust
Germany--Politics and government--1918-1945.
Europe--Politics and government--20th century.
Europe--History--German occupation, 1939-1945.
Bulletins.
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Correspondence.
Registers.
Reports.

CONTAINER LIST

Note: Some descriptions have been machine translated from Russian, and therefore some proper nouns and names may have been mistranslated.

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- 109 Meldungen des GeStapA (Geheimen Staatspolizeiamts). 3 August - 9 September 1933. Summaries of all Pr. Gestapo actions, arrests, raids, "shot while trying to escape," etc. Occasional mention of Jews. 397 pp. Folder begins at image 2179

Gestapo reports, mostly about Communists and Marxists, from Berlin and other localities. There are also reports from abroad. 1933.

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Additional Gestapo reports, as well as arrest reports, with causes: insult of Chancellor [Hitler] and government; printing and distributing illegal material; spreading atrocity reports; suspicion of espionage; communist activities; foreigners; murders (murder of Horst Wessel); illegal possession of weapons; preparing to commit high treason; refusal to give "German salute" (i.e. "Heil Hitler"). [All reports are in duplicate.]

- 110 Tagesmeldung des GeStapAs. 16 April - 23 April 1934. Synagogue file. Illegal activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. Sentence of Jehovah's Witnesses. International Bibelforscher Union for activities. Jews. 47 pp. Folder begins at image 252

More Gestapo arrest and other reports, including arrest of central communist leadership (April 1934); clashes between Catholic youth groups and Hitler Youth; reports about Catholic anti-state activities; Jehovah's Witnesses, and various anti-state pastoral letters. 1934.

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- 221 Geschäftsverteilungsplan d. RMdI, 5 July 1941. Persons responsible for Judenfrage, etc. Geschäftsverteilungsplan d. HA Sipo. 1 January 1938. Miscellaneous Orpo organization plans. 152 pp. Folder begins at image 576

Reorganization plan for the Interior Ministry (July 1941); among sections and departments are those for "Citizenship and Race," offices for race questions in the colonies, the Jewish Question. Included is an organization chart of the Bohemian-Moravian Protectorate; also, sections dealing with the New Order in the East and the New Order in the West; one department dealing with issues in Germany related to the war, including an office for POW matters, counterespionage, airraid protection, war damages, etc. Another earlier plan deals with organizational matters in the Sipo Main office (as of January 1938). It lists Reinhold Heydrich as Sipo Chief, and Chief of the Political Police. There are departments for Catholic and Protestant churches, emigrees, Jews, Freemasons, and a section on Protective Custody and Concentration Camps, headed by Müller. Other organizational material deals with the Orpo and gendarmerie, and lists Heydrich also as Chief of the Kripo (Criminal Police). 1936-1941.

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- 15 Correspondence with the Ministry of the Interior of Prussia and the police about the political situation in the Rhineland. 1933-1934. Folder begins at image 6
- 18 Correspondence with the Ministry of the Interior of Bavaria and newspaper clippings about the political situation in Bavaria. 1929-1933. Folder begins at image 423
- 19 Correspondence with the Ministry of the Interior of Bavaria and the police, clippings from German newspapers about the political situation in Bavaria. 1933. Folder begins at image 968
- 21 Correspondence with the Ministry of the Interior of Saxony and the police about the political situation in Saxony. 1933. Folder begins at image 1411
- 22 Correspondence with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Württemberg Political Police Department, and the Ministry of Justice about the investigation of murder cases, insults of foreigners, communications of German workers' organizations with foreign ones, and related matters. 1933-1934. Folder begins at image 2024

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- 23 Correspondence with the Ministry of the Interior of Baden, the imperial commissioner for public order, clippings from German newspapers about the political situation in Baden. 1926-1933. Folder begins at image 6
- 24 Correspondence with the government of Baden and the Gestapo in Karlsruhe about the political situation in Baden. 1933-1935. Folder begins at image 328
- 25 Correspondence with the government of Baden, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany, foreign missions and more about the political situation in Baden. 1933-1934. Folder begins at image 784
- 27 Correspondence with the Ministry of the Interior of Thuringia and the police, clippings from German newspapers about the political situation in Thuringia. 1932-1935. Folder begins at image 932
- 28 Documents concerning the government of Thuringia and subsidies for the maintenance of the Thuringian police force. 1929-1930. Folder begins at image 1524
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- 33 Correspondence with the Hamburg branch of the Nazi party, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and others about the political situation in the city of Hamburg. 1933-1934. Folder begins at image 1952
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- 35 Correspondence with the governor of Mecklenburg and Lübeck, the Ministry of the Interior of Mecklenburg and others about the political situation in Mecklenburg. 1934. Folder begins at image 296

- 36 Correspondence with the government of Schaumburg-Lippe and the police, newspaper clippings about the political situation in Schaumburg-Lippe. 1928-1934. Folder begins at image 439
- 37 Reports of the German consulates in Austria and newspaper clippings about the political situation in Austria and the activities of the Austrian Nazi party. 1933. Folder begins at image 508
- 38 Police reports on the political situation in Austria. 1935-1937. Folder begins at image 1107
- 42 Police reports and clippings from German newspapers about the activities of the Nazi assault troops (Sturmabteilung, SA). 1930. Folder begins at image 1253
- 43 Correspondence with the police department of Baden, ober-president of the Pomerania province, clippings from German newspapers about the activities of the Nazi assault troops (Sturmabteilung, SA). 1930-1933. Folder begins at image 1694
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- 184 Correspondence with the President of the Police of Berlin, with the President of the Police of Breslau, with the Chief of the Police and Security Services of Berlin about the movements in the service and assignments to serve in the police department and the Gestapo in Berlin and the Prussian Gestapo. 1933-1942. Folder begins at image 786
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- 1570 Copies of the minutes of negotiations between the governments of Germany and Czechoslovakia on the payment of pensions and benefits to former Czechoslovak officials and employees in areas ceded to Germany, and correspondence with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finance, and the German governor in Bohemia and Moravia on this issue. 1939-1941. Folder begins at image 884

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