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Related Materials

Translation of the trial: <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/Munchtrial.html>

Scope and Content of Collection

Contains investigation materials and court documents relating to the trial of Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camp staff, also records on crimes in other concentration camps. Records contain court cases against many war criminals, as Adolf Eichmann, Rudolf Hoess (Höss), Dr. Goebel, Karl Ernst Moeckel, Maximilian Grabner as well as against SS physicians accused of experimental operations on Polish women, against female SS camp guards, and other Auschwitz SS staff members. Includes documents on historical background on Nazi leadership; an illustrated SS guidebook for German personnel at Auschwitz on treatment of prisoners; explanation of SS ranks, personnel lists, organization charts; documents on sterilization and castration at Auschwitz camp hospital, death reports, lists of victims, death certificates, witness statements on medical experiments by German doctors in Auschwitz; detailed information on 2188 Auschwitz prisoners; list of 5271 inmates; list of victims organized by name and nationality; the United Nations War Crimes commission report: "Gestapo Executions in Concentration Camps," 1945; testimonies on operations in Ravensbrück, called "Experimental Rabbits". Also contains broad range of testimonies, and Polish songs and poetry from Auschwitz.

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This collection is arranged alphabetically by a last name of prisoners (2188 prisoners). Some name lists are organized by name and nationality. (Selected NTN files 116-175a)

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