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**Title:** Selected Records of the Lehr- und Forschungsgemeinschaft- Ahnenerbe (NS-21), 1935-1945.

**Extent:** 40 microfilm reels.

**Provenance:** Original records located in the Bundesarchiv, Berlin, Germany. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's International Archives Project received the microfilm in March, 2004 through its mutual microfilm exchange program.

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**Language:** German

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**Scope and Content:** Contains documents related to the operations of the Lehr- und Forschungsgemeinschaft- Ahnenerbe, a Himmler-created organization that sought to promulgate the notion of German cultural superiority through pseudo-scientific and pseudo-archaeological 'discoveries'.

**Biographical/historical note:** The Ahnenerbe Organization was created by Himmler as an SS research foundation for the purpose of furnishing scientific underpinnings for the Nazi doctrine of Germanic superiority. During the war the Ahnenerbe looted cultural objects on a grandiose scale. Many millions worth of scientific collections and libraries,

archival material, archaeological finds, miscellaneous works of art, the contents of entire museums, were shipped to Germany. The Ahnenerbe operated chiefly in Poland, Southern Russia and Lorraine, but also in Yugoslavia, Austria, Italy, France, and the Netherlands. The Ahnenerbe was founded on July 1, 1935, and incorporated on November 19th of the same year. In 1937, the dean of the philosophical faculty and later rector of Munich University, SS Hauptsturmführer Professor Dr. Walther Wust became its president and curator, and Wolfram Sievers the business manager. For all practical purposes Sievers was the acting head of the organization. The stated aim of the Ahnenerbe was the systematic exploration of the Northern Indo-Germanic race and its achievements. This was to be accomplished by the unified coordination of all separate disciplines of letters and sciences bearing upon the "living space," spirit, achievements and heritage of the Indo-Germanic people.

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**Inventory:**

**Reel 1:**

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**Reel 2:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 57 (1940-1945), file 107 (1936), file 108 (1943), file 109 (1941), file 109a (1941), file 110 (1941), file 110a (1941), file 113 (1942), and file 114 (1942).

**Reel 3:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 38 (1945), file 373 (1938-1945), file 379 (1936-1942), file 388 (1936-1943), file 389 (1939-1944), file 391 (1937-1943), file 392 (1940-1945), file 393 (1938-1944), file 397 (1940-1945), file 398 (1939-1942), file 400 (1940-1943), file 401 (1939-1943), file 402 (1939-1942), file 403 (1938-1944), and file 404 (1937-1945).

**Reel 4:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 57 (1939-1945), file 560 (1936-1941), file 563 (1936-1938), file 564 (1935-1942), file 578 (1939-1942), file 591 (1935-1937), file 593 (1936-1937), file 597 (1937), file 605 (1938), file 607 (1939), file 608 (1939), file

612 (1939), file 622 (1937), file 624 (1936-1939), 636 (file 1939-1940), 641 (1936-1937), file 644 (file 1939-1940), file 648 (1940-1941), file 658 (1940), file 661 (1936-1937), file 666 (1937), file 669 (1936-1938), file 670 (1936-1938), file 674 (1936-1938), file 677 (1937-1938), file 681 (1937), file 682 (1936-1938), file 924 (1943-1944), and file 962 (1942).

**Reel 5:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 19 (1943-1944), file 30 (1939-1944), file 31 (1943), file 32 (1938-1939), and file 33 (1942-1944).

**Reel 6:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 34 (1938-1942), and file 36 (1942-1943)

**Reel 7:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 35 (1939), file 291 (1939-1945), file 292 (1936-1943), file 293 (1937-1943), file 296 (1937-1944), file 297 (1936-1945), file 299 (1938-1944), file 303 (1938-1942), file 307 (1938-1945), file 315 (1940-1942), file 321 (1940-1942), file 324 (1940-1943), file 325 (1940-1942), and file 329 (1941-1944).

**Reel 8:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 41 (1938-1945), and file 42 (1942-1945).

**Reel 9:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 43 (1944), file 43b (1938-1944), and file 85 (1938-1944).

**Reel 10:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 39 (1940-1945), and file 40 (1938-1944).

**Reel 11:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 44 (1944), file 70 (1941), file 79 (1941-1944), file 85 (1938-1939), file 87 (1936-1937), file 192 (1939-1940), file 963 (1942), file 942 (1942).

**Reel 12:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 45 (1942-1944), file 220 (1939-1945), file 224 (1939-1941), file 225 (1940), file 226 (1939-1943), file 227 (1941-1943), file 228 (1943-1945), file 229 (1936-1944), file 230 (1940-1944), file 231 (1937-1947), file 232

(1939-1944), file 233 (file 1938-1944), file 234 (1936-1939), file 235 (1942), file 965 (1942), file 966 (1942), file 967 (1942), file 968 (1942), file 969 (1942), file 970 (1942), file 971 (1942), file 972 (1942), file 973 (1942), file 974 (1942), file 975 (1942), file 976 (1942), file 977 (1943), file 978 (1942-1943), file 979 (1943), file 981 (1943), and file 982 (1943-1944).

**Reel 13:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 53 (1943), file 54 (1939-1943), and file 55 (1940-1943).

**Reel 14:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 56 (1943-1945), file 58 (1938-1945), file 59 (1939-1944), and file 60 (1938-1943).

**Reel 15:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 61, (1937-1944), file 62 (1933-1944), file 63 (1944-1945), file 64 (1940-1944), file 65 (1939-1943), file 66 (1942-1945), file 67 (1939-1941), and file 68 (1940).

**Reel 16:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 73 (1943), file 87 (1943), file 91 (1939-1941), file 97 (1939-1940), and file 98 (1938-1942).

**Reel 17:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 96 (1944), file 238 (1939-1945), file 239 (1939-1945), file 241 (1939-1945), and file 242 (1938).

**Reel 18:**

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**Reel 19:**

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**Reel 20:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 127 (1941), file 683 (1937-1938), file 686 (1936-1939), file 691 (1937), file 693 (1935-1937), file 699 (1937-1939), file 700 (1936-1937), file 701 (1936-1937), file 702 (1936-1938), file 714 (1936-1938), file 715 (1937-1938), file 729 (1937-1939), file 730 (1936-1939), file 736 (1937), file 747 (1936-1938), file 816 (1936-1944), file 817 (1936-1944), file 820 (1936-1945), file 844 (1938-1944), and file 845 (1941-1945).

**Reel 21:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 136 (1943-1945), file 137 (1941-1942), file 140 (1938-1940), file 141 (1940), file 142 (1937-1940), file 143 (1939), file 144 (1940), and file 95 (1938-1940).

**Reel 22:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 145 (1938-1939), file 146 (1939-1940), file 147 (1939-1940), file 149 (1938), file 150 (1937-1940), file 151 (1938-1939), file 154 (1940-1941), file 158 (1938), file 161 (1938-1942), and file 162 (1941).

**Reel 23:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 163 (1939), file 925 (1931-1939), file 926 (1937-1940), file 929 (1943), file 930 (1943-1944), file 932 (1944), file 933 (1943-1944), file 934 (1943-1945), file 935 (1942), file 936 (1943-1944), file 940 (1935), file 941 (1944), file 942 (1944), and file 943 (1944).

**Reel 24:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 166 (1937-1939), file 167 (1936-1938), file 956 (1941), file 957 (1942), file 958 (1942), file 959 (1942), file 960 (1942), and file 961 (1942).

**Reel 25:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 243 (1941-1944), file 244 (1944-1945), file 245 (1939-1945), file 246 (1941-1945), and file 247 (1938-1945).

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**Reel 27:**

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From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 301 (1937-1943), file 302 (1936-1945), file 311 (1941-1944), file 331 (1940-1944), file 341a (1937-1942), file 343 (1937-1943), file 345 (1936-1945), file 350 (1937-1945), file 351 (1936-1945), file 352 (1936-1945), file 354 (1936-1945), file 355 (1940-1944), file 356 (1938-1944), file 357 (1937-1943), file 358 (1938-1943), file 359 (1937-1944), file 360 (1937-1943), file 361 (1937-1942), file 362 (1938-1944), file 363 (1938-1943), and file 364 (1938-1944).

**Reel 29:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 405 (1937-1944), file 406 (1933-1945), file 407 (1936-1945), file 408 (1938-1945), file 409 (1937-1943), file 410 (1940-1945), file 419 (1943), file 422 (1937-1943), file 425 (1942-1945), and file 427 (1938-1939).

**Reel 30:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 449 (1939-1945), file 466 (1936-1939), file 467 (1936-1939), file 481 (1941-1942), file 491 (1942-1943), file 494 (1942-1943), file 497 (1942-1943), file 498 (1942-1943), file 500 (1942-1943), file 501 (1942-1943), file 502 (1943), file 507 (1942-1943), file 508 (1943-1944), file 509 (1943-1944), file 511 (1943-1944), file 512 (1943-1944), file 513 (1943-1944), file 515 (1943-1944), file 516 (1944), file 517 (1944), file 519 (1944), file 524 (1944), file 525 (1944), file 526 (1944), file 528 (1944), file 529 (1943-1945), file 531 (1944-1945), file 534 (1944-1945), file 538 (1940-1941), file 556 (1936), file 557 (1936-1937), file 558 (1936-1937), and file 559 (1936-1937).

**Reel 31:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 754 (1936), file 769 (1939), file 776 (1938), file 777 (1941-1945), file 781 (1944), file 782 (1944-1945), file 783 (1944-1945), file 784 (1944-1945), file 790 (1942), file 791 (1943), and file 792 (1942-1943).

**Reel 32:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 794 (1943-1944), file 795 (1941), file 796 (1940-1944), file 798 (1944-1945), and file 799 (1944-1945).

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From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 800 (1940-1944), file 805 (1942), file 808 (1936-1944), file 809 (1936-1944), file 810 (1938-1944), file 811 (1936-1944), file 812 (1936-1944), file 813 (1936-1944), file 814 (1936-1944), and file 815 (1936-1944).

**Reel 34:**

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**Reel 35:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 900 (1942-1943), file 901 (1944), file 902 (1944-1945), file 904 (1942), and file 905 (1940-1942).

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From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 906 (1943), file 907 (1943), file 908 (1944), and file 909 (1945).

**Reel 37:**

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**Reel 38:**

From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 912 (1944-1945), file 913 (1942), file 916 (1943), file 917 (1943), and file 918 (1943-1944).

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From Bundesarchiv record group NS 21, file 919 (1944-1945), file 920 (1942-1946), file 922 (1942), file 923 (1943-1944), file 121 (1942-1943), file 122 (1939-1942), file 123 (1938-1939), file 124 (1935), file 128 (1941-1942), and file 134 (1937-1939).

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