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The present Guide covers 7 rolls of microfilm copies of the records of the Reich Office for Soil Exploration (Reichsamt für Bodenforschung - RBF). By far the greatest part of the material filmed in this collection consists of reports on German, Dutch and Rumanian oil companies submitted to this agency by the German Revisions- und Treuhand-Aktiengesellschaft during the war years. In addition to these reports on companies actually under German control, the collection also contains material pertaining to the acquisition of oil concessions abroad, especially in South America, Japan and the Dutch East Indies. Information on these companies is supplemented by correspondence and reports on the drilling sites, output, organization of labor forces, dispositions for the defense of installations and partisan activities and air attacks against them.

Apart from materials directly relevant to the supervisory activities of the RBF, the collection also includes items for Dr. Bentz who, apart from his direction of the RBF, exercised other important functions in the German oil industry. He was a member of the board of directors of Kontinentale Öl G.m.b.H. and was Beauftragter für die Erdölgewinnung, responsible to the office Der Beauftragte für den Vierjahresplan. As a member of the board of directors of Kontinentale Öl G.m.b.H., Bentz received regular reports on the activities of the company and on its operations in collaboration with other firms. Many of these files were filmed, together with some of the private correspondence between Bentz and members of the staff of German and foreign oil companies. As Beauftragter für die Erdölgewinnung, Bentz received very considerable correspondence and data. Only those items which pertain to the economic situation in the newly conquered eastern territories and to the treatment of Russian and Polish labor working for the RBF have been filmed.

A large amount of low-level routine administrative correspondence and memoranda was not filmed. Also omitted were files and receipts pertaining to inspection trips to drilling sites by staff members of the RBF. Finally, technical information concerned chiefly with periodic reports on drilling operations, equipment, geological maps and charts was only filmed in sample form.

The terms "Serial" and "Roll" in this Guide refer to the sequence of the film. The "Item" number is the identification symbol on the original folder within the captured records collection. "Provenance" indicates, where ascertainable, the archival origin of the documents whose description follows. The symbol "FT" means that the folder has been filmed throughout, the symbol "FS" denotes that the folder has been filmed selectively. "1st frame" gives the frame number of the first page of the folder. Every exposure has been given a frame number consecutively by roll in the filming operation. The "Notes" provide a general idea of the nature of the materials but should not be taken as exhaustive descriptions. When the German file number could be ascertained, it has been included. The nature of the records filmed makes it necessary for researchers to check the whole Guide.

The original records have been returned to the Federal Republic of Germany. The microfilms are deposited in the National Archives, Washington 25, D.C., as microcopy T-401, rolls 1-7, and should be requested by adding "T-401" to the rolls desired.

Miriam Haskett, 1960

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1	1	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung	See below	FT	See below	Sixteen folders of the Reichsamt für Bodenforschung containing reports on the Koninklijke/Schell-Konzern, its subsidiaries and branch offices, prepared by the Deutsche Revisions- und Treuhand-Aktiengesellschaft, Zweigniederlassung Den Haag, 1941.	
			RBF 1	FT	1	Hauptbericht.	
			RBF 2	FT	86	"Anhang 1 Bericht über die N.V. Koninklijke Nederlandse Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Petroleumbronnen in Nederlandsch-Indië und die englischen Hauptgesellschaften."	
			RBF 3	FT	129	"Anhang 2 Bericht über die N.V. De Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij."	
			RBF 4	FT	215	"Anhang 3 Bericht über die Produktions- und Handelsgesellschaften des Konzerns in den Vereinigten Staaten von Nordamerika."	
			RBF 5	FT	254	"Anhang 4 Berichte über die Produktionsgesellschaften und Nebenbetriebe des Konzerns in Venezuela und Curacao."	
			RBF 6	FT	328	"Anhang 5 Berichte über die Produktions- und sonstige Gesellschaften des Konzerns in Südamerika (ausser Venezuela und Curacao) sowie Mittelamerika."	
			RBF 7	FT	378	"Anhang 6 Berichte über Produktions- und Explorationsgesellschaften des Konzerns im Einzugsgebiet des Mittelmeeres."	
			RBF 8	FT	429	"Anhang 7 Berichte über Produktions-, Explorations- und sonstige Gesellschaften des Konzerns in Ost-Indien (ausser 'Bataafsche')."	
			RBF 9	FT	482	"Anhang 8 Berichte über die Schiffahrtsgesellschaften, Verkaufsgesellschaften und Nebenbetriebe des Konzerns in Holland."	
			RBF 10	FT	534	"Anhang 9 Berichte über holländische Holdinggesellschaften des Konzerns (ausser 'Koninklijke' und 'Bataafsche')."	
			RBF 11	FT	563	"Anhang 10 Berichte über Verkaufsgesellschaften einschl. Raffinerie- und Nebenbetriebe des Konzerns in Frankreich, Belgien, Schweiz und Spanien."	
			RBF 12	FT	626	"Anhang 11 Berichte über Verkaufsgesellschaften und Raffineriebetriebe des Konzerns in Italien und Südosteuropa (ohne Bulgarien und Griechenland)."	
			RBF 13	FT	667	"Anhang 12 Berichte über Verkaufsgesellschaften und Raffineriebetriebe in Skandinavien."	
			RBF 14	FT	700	"Anhang 13 Berichte über Konzerngesellschaften und Beteiligungen in Deutschland, einschl. Protektorat Böhmen-Mähren und Generalgouvernement Polen."	
			RBF 15	FT	744	"Anhang 14 Bericht über Patentverwertungsgesellschaften des Konzerns."	
			RBF 16	FT	772	"Anhang 15 Bericht über den Voorzieningsfonds der Verbonden Petroleum Maatschappijen, Den Haag."	

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1	1	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung	See below	FT	See below	Five folders of the Reichsamt für Bodenforschung containing copies of reports on the possibilities of drilling for oil in Slovakia, prepared for the Deutsche Petroleum-Aktien-Gesellschaft Berlin, by the Gesellschaft für praktische Lagerstättenforschung G.m.b.H., Berlin 1940. "1. Vorbericht über refraktions- und reflexionsseismische Untersuchungen im Gebiet der westlichen Slowakei." "2. Vorbericht über refraktionsseismische Untersuchungen im Gebiet der westlichen Slowakei." "3. Vorbericht über reflexionsseismische Untersuchungen im Gebiet der westlichen Slowakei - Lasarski Nova Ves." "7. Teilbericht über die Drehwaage - Untersuchungen im Gebiet von Egbell (Gbely) Slowakei." "8. Teilbericht über die Drehwaage - Untersuchungen im Gebiet von (Gbely) Slowakei."	
			RBF 17	FT	812		
			RBF 18	FT	824		
			RBF 19	FT	834		
			RBF 20	FT	843		
			RBF 21	FT	861		
			See below	FT	See below	Three folders of the Reichsamt für Bodenforschung containing a report on Belgian oil production, prepared by the Deutsche Revisions- und Treuhand-Aktiengesellschaft Berlin, 1940. "Bericht über die bei der belgischen Erdölwirtschaft vorgenommene Prüfung der wirtschaftlichen Verhältnisse." "Anhang und Anlage zum Bericht über die bei der belgischen Erdölwirtschaft vorgenommene Prüfung der wirtschaftlichen Verhältnisse." "Belgische Erdölwirtschaft-Sonderprüfung."	
			RBF 26	FT	875		
			RBF 27	FT	919		
			RBF 23	FT	1048		
			RBF 22	FT	1083		
			RBF 25	FT	1110	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung folder containing a report of Deutsche Revisions- und Treuhand-Aktiengesellschaft entitled: "Anlagen zum Bericht der Deutschen Revisions- und Treuhand-Aktiengesellschaft Berlin - Französische Erdölwirtschaft Sonderprüfung," 1940.	
			RBF 24	FT	1	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung folder containing a report of Deutsche Revisions- und Treuhand-Aktiengesellschaft entitled: "Bericht über die bei der französischen Erdölwirtschaft vorgenommene Prüfung," 1940.	
2	2		See below	FT	See below	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung folder containing a report of Deutsche Revisions- und Treuhand-Aktiengesellschaft entitled: "Bericht über die bei der Südostchemie Handelsgesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Berlin, vorgenommene Prüfung des Jahresabschlusses zum 31. Dezember 1940."	
						Three folders of the Reichsamt für Bodenforschung containing reports of the Deutschen Revisions- und Treuhand-Aktiengesellschaft, Niederlassung für Rumänien, on Rumanian oil companies, 1940-41.	

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2	2	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung	RBF 28	FT	96	"Bericht über die bei der Petrol-Block Societate Anonimă Romana, Bukarest vorgenommene Prüfung, 1940."	
			RBF 29	FT	196	"Bericht über die bei der Transpetrol S.A., Varna vorgenommene Prüfung der Zwischenbilanz, Juni 1941."	
			RBF 30	FT	219	"Bericht über die bei der Transpetrol S.A., Bukarest vorgenommene Prüfung des Jahresabschlusses für das Geschäftsjahr 1940."	
			RBF 31	FT	261	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing Tätigkeitsberichte der geologischen Abteilung der Kontinentalen Öl G.m.b.H., a company working in close connection with the Reichsamt für Bodenforschung in Rumania, 1941-42.	
			RBF 34	FT	340	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing reports of the Mikropaläontologische Abteilung der Kontinentalen Öl G.m.b.H., 1943.	
			RBF 33, 32	FT	353, 413	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung, two files containing reports of the Geophysikalische Abteilung der Kontinentalen Öl G.m.b.H., as well as general correspondence of the RBF with that company, 1941-42.	
			RBF 35	FT	471	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence of the Reichsamt für Bodenforschung with the Kontinentalen Öl G.m.b.H., as well as some correspondence of Dr. Bentz, the head of the RBF, with Kontinentale, in his capacity as a member of that company's Aufsichtsrat, 1941-42.	
			RBF 36	FT	510	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing the reports of the Aufsichtsrat of the Kontinentalen Öl A.G. and correspondence of the RBF and Kontinentale, concerning the further development of the Rumanian oil industry in which the company was engaged, 1942.	
			RBF 46, 47	FT	631, 840	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung, two files of correspondence with the Concordia company, as well as reports on its drilling and exploration activities in Rumania, 1941-43.	
			RBF 59	FT	862	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copy of "Monatsbericht des Instituts für Erdölgeologie Zweigstelle Jaslo November 1939."	
3	3		RBF 60	FT	889	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copy of "Tätigkeitsbericht der Arbeitsstelle für Erdölgeologie Jaslo Dezember 1939."	
			RBF 61	FT	929	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copy of "Tätigkeitsbericht der Arbeitsstelle für Erdölgeologie Jaslo Januar 1940."	
			RBF 62	FT	952	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copy of "Tätigkeitsbericht Westgalizien März 1940," prepared by a member of the Arbeitsstelle Jaslo.	
			RBF 91	FT	1	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Reichsbohrungen - Vierteljahresbericht 1938/II," containing detailed reports on the drilling activities of companies who were supported partly or wholly by the German state.	

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3	3	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung	RBF 95	FT	167	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing "Vierteljahresbericht der Geologischen Abteilung," prepared by the Geogenstelle Jaslo, for the first quarter of 1944.	
			RBF 98,	FT	200,	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copies of "Brabag Mitteilungen," for the period March 1941 to March 1942.	
			99,		514,		
			100		767		
			RBF 104	FT	1012	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Bata: Allgem. Berichte," containing drilling reports and correspondence pertaining to drilling performed by Bata A.G. in the Protektorat, 1943-44.	
			RBF 102	FT	1050	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Vierteljahresber. Apollo (Protektorat)," containing reports of Apollo Mineralöl-Raffinerie A.G., Göding, on amount and location of drilling experiments made by that firm in Moravia, 1941.	
			RBF 117	FT	1063	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Veröffentl. Verbote," containing instructions on the amount of research materials and information to be made available to the general public, regarding the work of drilling and government research into drilling techniques, 1942.	
			RBF 111	FT	1133	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Monatsberichte - Ostmarköl," containing detailed reports on the work force of the company, transportation problems and actual amounts drilled, 1943-44.	
4	4		RBF 118	FT	1	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Baureifeerklärungen," containing reports on construction work undertaken for various oil companies, 1939-41.	
			RBF 120	FT	90	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Freistellung vom Wehrdienst II. Teil," containing letters concerning the draft deferment of important technical personnel of oil drilling companies and of the RBF, 1943.	
			RBF 121	FT	101	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Arbeitsämter," containing copies of correspondence of the various oil producing firms with labor offices concerning the supply of unskilled labor, 1939.	
			RBF 122	FT	207	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Arbeiterbedarf 42/43," containing copies of letters asking for a greater labor force by the oil companies, and complaints against the labor offices who are unwilling or unable to supply their need, 1942-43.	
			RBF 123	FT	324	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Mob-Betriebsberichte Jan.-Dez. 1944," containing the correspondence of Dr. Ing. Deicher, Beauftragter des Reichswirtschaftsministers für die technische Durchführung der Erdölgewinnung im Mobeifall and the RBF, as well as copies of Deicher's reports on the amount of new oil wells opened up, 1943-45.	

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4	4	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung	RBF 124	FT	552	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Fachgruppe: Monatsberichte," containing the reports of the "Fachgruppe Erdölgewinnung" for 1944-45.	
			RBF 125	FT	682	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Jahresbericht 43/ Fachgruppe-Erdölgewinnung," containing a report on the main oil drilling under the supervision of the Fachgruppe-Erdölgewinnung der Wirtschaftsgruppe Kraftstoffindustrie, 1943-44.	
			RBF 126	FT	741	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing Jahresberichte for 1942 and 1943 on the "Produktion und Bohrleistungen der Erdölgesellschaften Rumäniens," prepared by Kontinentale Öl Gesellschaft m.b.H., Geologische Abteilung Ploesti.	
			RBF 132	FT	892	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Vierteljahresbericht Privat 1938/ I-IV," containing quarterly reports on the drilling activities of private oil companies during 1938.	
			RBF 136	FT	1035	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copy of "Din Präsidium Bericht über die Sitzung am 6.12.40."	
			RBF 137	FT	1087	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Dresdner Bank-Isthmus-Vertrag," containing a copy of the agreement made by the Dresdner Bank with the Administracion General del Petroleo Nacional, Mexico, 1939.	
5	5		RBF 138	FT	1	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copy of a report prepared by the Kontinentalen Öl Aktiengesellschaft, entitled: "Die Mineralölwirtschaft der Türkei, Juni 1942," Geheim.	
			RBF 139	FT	20	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copy of a report prepared by the Kontinentalen Öl Aktiengesellschaft, entitled: "Die Mineralölwirtschaft Ägyptens, Juli 1942." Geheim.	
			RBF 141	FT	50	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung copy of a report prepared by the Kontinentalen Öl Aktiengesellschaft entitled: "Zahlen zur Mineralölwirtschaft Rumäniens i.J. 1941." Geheim.	
			RBF 142	FT	62	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Bley, Hannover," containing correspondence of Ing. Wilhelm Bley of Hannover with the RBF and various German and Scandinavian oil companies pertaining to reports on the effectiveness of drilling, and evaluations of future drilling sites, 1942.	
			RBF 97	FT	172	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Reichsmarschall Göring Beauftragter f.d.4 Jahresplan 1941," containing mimeographed directives issued to Dr. Bentz, the head of the RBF, in his capacity as Sonderbeauftragter des Beauftragten für den Vierjahresplan. The directives deal primarily with minor administrative matters and information on the newly conquered eastern territories and Polish and Russian nationals, 1941.	

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5	5	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung	RBF 98a	FT	515	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Reichsmarschall Göring Beauftragter f.d. 4 Jahresplan 1942," containing mimeographed directives and copies of correspondence of the Beauftragten für den Vierjahresplan reaching Dr. Benth in his capacity as Beauftragter für die Förderung der Erdölgewinnung. The correspondence pertains chiefly to the necessity to reduce the number of trips abroad made by leading personalities and various draft arrangements made for personnel of the various Sonderbeauftragten working for the Vierjahresplan. The mimeographed material covers a wide variety of instructions: some issued by the Reichsführer SS on journeys into the Bialistok area and the Generalgouvernement, some issued by the Reichsminister für Bewaffnung und Munition on the proper use of motor and heating fuels, general instructions on handling of mail, security and personnel, 1942.	
			RBF 96	FT	824	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Generalfeldmarschall Göring Beauftragter f.d. 4 Jahresplan 1938-40," containing reports on difficulties of the oil industry sent to Dr. Benth by the Fachgruppe Erdöl gewinnung der Wirtschaftsgruppe Kraftstoffindustrie, as well as memoranda on the plans for the increase of oil production by the office of the Vorsitzenden des Ministerrates für die Reichsverteidigung, and general mimeographed memoranda on travel regulations, 1940.	
			RBF 143	FT	1011	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence of Dr. Nehse chiefly concerning reference material on the oil industry: opinions on articles written in Germany and correspondence on the problem of obtaining foreign, especially English and American, material. The file also contains clippings of, and references to, articles considered especially important, 1944.	
			RBF 144	FT	1091	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence of Ob. Ing. Dr. Friedrich chiefly concerning reference materials on the oil industry in Germany and abroad, 1944-45.	
			RBF 145	FT	1127	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence, official and private, with the representatives of the RBF in the Ukraine. The official correspondence concerns chiefly the sending of new printed material and necessary translators and other office personnel. Some interesting impressions of the Ukraine appear in the private correspondence, 1942.	
6	6		RBF 147	FT	1	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file "Literatur," containing lists of foreign articles on oil production problems, especially American and Russian, available in the original or in translation to the members of the RBF, 1940-44.	

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6	6	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung	RBF 148	FT	57	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing a letter of Professor G. Saischlow to Professor Bentz thanking him for making it possible for a Russian to work effectively in the Reichsamt für Bodenforschung, 1943.	
			RBF 153	FT	61	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence on behalf of the personnel of the RBF requesting the aid of the authorities in procuring suitable clothes and housing for newly transferred members of the staff, especially Russians, 1944-45.	
			RBF 157	FT	320	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing material and aid given by the German government to oil companies drilling for oil in the Generalgouvernement, 1943.	
			RBF 159	FT	343	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing papers given at, and correspondence pertaining to, the Weltkraftkonferenz, held in Berlin in 1936.	
			RBF 161	FT	522	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing material pertaining to the acquisition of oil interests in Ecuador by the firm of Otto Wolf of Cologne, 1937.	
			RBF 163	FT	712	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing private correspondence of Dr. Bentz pertaining chiefly to various personal quarrels of members of his staff, as well as information on innovations instituted by the Gewerkschaft Elwerath Erdöl Werke. The file also contains miscellaneous information useful to travellers abroad: such as the relative cost of living in various neutral countries and in countries allied with Germany; also a notebook on the development of Russian drilling procedure and the oil industry in general, 1940-42.	
			RBF 164	FT	957	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing reports of the Gewerkschaft Elwerath on the progress of the Reichsbohrungen - drilling sites supported partially or wholly by state money, 1937.	
			RBF 165	FT	1051	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence and a chart showing the progress of various oil companies in drilling new wells in Germany, Yugoslavia, the Protektorat and the Generalgouvernement, 1940.	
			RBF 167	FT	1120	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing reports on the possibilities of further oil wells being found in Germany, Holland or German parts of Poland, 1939-41.	
			RBF 168	FT	1198	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing reports and correspondence on the damage caused by partisan attacks to the oil drilling camp at Goilo in Croatia and on measures to be taken to frustrate any future attack, 1942.	

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7	7	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung	RBF 170	FT	1	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing various unsolicited suggestions and inventions for the improvement of the oil industry, most of which were submitted to the RBF for comment and rejected by it, 1939-1940.	
			RBF 172	FT	45	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing notes on telephone messages informing the RBF of destruction of oil wells through air-attacks, 1945.	
			RBF 174	FT	59	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing copies of correspondence of Obering, Scheibe and the Skandinavischen Petroleum G.m.b.H. concerning preparations for general mobilization, as well as general correspondence of the Skandinavischen Petroleum G.m.b.H. with the office of the Beauftragten für den Vierjahresplan regarding government loans to the company, 1939.	
			RBF 177	FT	120	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence of the RBF pertaining to scientific congress, publications and questionnaires sent out by various mining schools and geological institutes on new developments in the field of oil geology, 1935-38.	
			RBF 178	FT	546	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file of correspondence and newspaper reports on the production of German and foreign oil companies in South America and the Balkans, 1939.	
			RBF 179	FT	615	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing private correspondence of Dr. Bentz with representatives of various German oil companies concerning new equipment, new discoveries, possible Reichsbohrbeihilfen and financial matters of the companies in general, 1935-40.	
			RBF 180	FT	756	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung containing material on the oil fields of Gorlice around 1900, and a report entitled: "Die galizischen Gasvorkommen und Bemerkungen zu deren Verwertung," 1941.	
			RBF 181	FT	778	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence with Dr. Scheffen, who was active in trying to establish an Erdölstelle in Japan, 1940-41. The file contains also a copy of a letter of Staatssekretär Keppler to Göring claiming the support of Dr. Bentz for his scheme of setting up a separate research institute for "Erforschung des deutschen Bodens," 1939.	
			RBF 182	FT	786	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing correspondence of Ministerialrat Pasel concerning the progress made by German oil companies in finding new oil wells within Germany, 1934. The file contains also reports on oil drilling rights in West Galicia, 1942.	

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			RBF 188	FT	880	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing material on the oil drilling activities in, and the oil reserves of Brasil, 1938-39.	
			RBF 190	FT	911	Reichsamt für Bodenforschung file containing letters from persons claiming to have discovered oil in various places in Germany, or thinking themselves able to direct experts to sources of new oil, and the opinions of the RBF on these suggestions, 1938-43.	

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