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# THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (AHA) COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR DOCUMENTS

This is part of a series of guides prepared by the American Historical Association listing records microfilmed at Alexandria, Va., by the American Historical Association Microfilming Project.

An American Committee for the Study of War Documents was established in 1955 as a private group of scholars interested in documentary research and especially in the microfilming of records of foreign origin kept in American depositories. In 1956, the American Committee became a committee of the American Historical Association. Its present chairman (1959) is Professor Oron J. Hale, University of Virginia, who was preceded by Dean Reginald H. Phelps, Harvard University, and Professor Lynn M. Case, the University of Pennsylvania. An initial Ford Foundation grant and additional funds provided by the Old Dominion Foundation, the Lilly Endowment and the Avalon Foundation enabled the Committee to undertake the cataloguing and microfilming of declassified German records in the custody of the World War II Records Division of the National Archives (previously TAGO, Departmental Records Branch), at Alexandria, Virginia.

The plans for screening and microfilming of these materials were prepared by a Subcommittee on Microfilming under the Chairmanship to the end of 1956 of Professor E. Malcolm Carroll, Duke University, and his successor, Dr. Fritz T. Epstein, The Library of Congress. Professor Gerhard L. Weinberg of the University of Michigan directed the microfilming team in Alexandria in 1956/57. From 1957 to September 1959 Dr. Dagmar Horna Perman directed the project which is now under the supervision of Mr. James G. McDowell.

The American Historical Association expresses its appreciation for the cooperation given to its Committee for the Study of War Documents by the staffs of the National Archives, especially its World War II Records Division, as well as the U.S. Department of the Army.

Washington, D.C., August 1960

Dr. Boyd C. Shafer Executive Secretary, AHA This Guide is one of a series of finding aids describing those declassified seized German records deposited at the World War II Records Division, National Archives, that have been microfilmed by the Microfilming Project of the Committee for the Study of War Documents of the American Historical Association. The Guide contains the text of data sheets identifying records filmed. A copy of the data sheets has been filmed as a target sheet at the beginning of each roll of film.

This Guide covers 140 rolls of film of the records of the Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, Abteilung für Wehrmachtpropaganda (W Pr) and a few folders of miscellaneous related material. The W Pr was set up in March and April of 1939 by combining the Pressegruppe of the OKW/Abteilung Inland with sections from Abteilung Landesverteidigung and Abwehr II. The new Abteilung, which was directly subordinate to the Wehrmachtfthrungsstab. was conceived primarily as an agency which would operate in time of war to coordinate all propaganda activities within the realm of the Wehrmacht or affecting the Wehrmacht. The central office in Berlin directed the activities of subordinate Propaganda-Kompanien, purely military units attached to the three armed forces branches at the front which were charged with carrying out the W Pris functions. Their duties included 1. war reporting for propaganda purposes carried out by the Kriegsberichter who prepared articles, radio broadcasts, still and motion pictures. 2. "aktive Propaganda" including the preparation of propaganda leaflets and newspapers aimed at enemy troops and civilian populaces, loudspeakers at the front, foreign language broadcasts. 3. "geistige Betreuung" in the Wehrmacht including distribution of newspapers, books, recreation and morale programs. Special units working with the Abwehr carried on similar Betreuungsarbeit in POW camps aimed at utilizing the prisoners for propaganda purposes, directly or indirectly. The articles, reports etc. prepared by the Kriegsberichter were forwarded to the W Pr central office in Berlin, censored, and released to the press as deemed expedient. In addition the W Pr made evaluations of the effectiveness of the propaganda programs and the attitudes of enemy troops and civilian populaces in occupied areas or combat zones from material furnished them by the Propaganda-Kompanien, although such work was also carried on by the agents of the Abwehr whose reports appear frequently in these files. The W Pr worked at all times in conjunction with the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda, and W Pr liaison officers were stationed both at the Ministry and its subordinate Reichspropagandameter throughout the Reich. Any publication dealing with the Wehrmacht, whether a war story or a casualty list, had to be cleared by the W Pr as well as with the Propaganda Ministerium.

The files described in this catalogue contain abundant material in connection with the above operations and in addition much material originating in other agencies which was collected by the W Pr in connection with its own operations. In this latter category are included copies of military attache reports from foreign capitals, especially Germany's allies; regular mimeographed reports distributed by the Amt Ausland/Abwehr, e.g. "Aussen- und Militärpolitische Nachrichten;" copies of reports of Abwehr V-Männer in foreign countries dealing with evaluation of military potential, of public and official attitudes, and of the political situation; and a variety of other reports and correspondence involving the many organizations, agencies, and individuals with which the W Pr came in contact in its diverse operations.

These files, however, are not merely useful in documenting the extensive propaganda programs carried out in the Wehrmacht, in Germany and throughout occupied Europe during the second World War. They provide essential documentation for virtually every aspect of the history of the period, political as well as military. It is most unfortunate that, with only a few exceptions, the folders do not date beyond 1943. From the publicity for the return of the Legion Condor from Spain (the W Pr's first undertaking), through the summer of 1939 before the attack on

Poland, the beginning of the war, the period of the "Phony War," to the extension of German occupation both in the West and the East the folders contain a wealth of documentation. There is little or nothing, however, on the last two years of the war which saw among other things the W Pr's increasing involvement in Kompetenzstreitigkeiten with party and SS.

Almost all of the folders are of W Pr provenance, although at the end of the collection are a number of folders, not part of the original file, which were included, usually by reason of subject matter. Most of the folders were originally accessioned by the Heeresarchiv Potsdam and the Potsdam numbers along with the original volume numbers have been included as part of the description where possible. An attempt has been made to reconstruct the organizational pattern of the original German file or at least to group folders by subject matter; thus the "OKW" numbers do not always appear in sequence. Nevertheless the "OKW" numbers remain the basic identification for each folder as not only is the collection incomplete but also a number of the folders were never given numbers or identification bafcre they were captured. The researcher is cautioned to survey the entire contents of the Guide for any given subject as there were limits to the extent that the folders could be reorganized before filming, and despite the externally impressive orderliness of the folders, the inner contents are often quite disorganized.

The researcher will note that many of the folders of this collection are grouped in series bearing single titles. The procedure followed has been to prepare a master description for each series, then to describe additional material in any of the individual folders which was atypical of the series or which was of special interest, and last to list the folders in order giving the corresponding Heeresarchiv Potsdam signatures, original volume numbers within the series, and dates along with the relevant roll and frame numbers.

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 throughout the filming operation. The "Notes" provide a general idea of the nature of the material but should not be taken as exhaustive description.

The original records are located in the World War II Records Division, National Archives, Alexandria, Va., under Record Group 1026. The microfilms are deposited in the National Archives, Washington 25, D.C., as microcopy T-77, rolls 912-1051 and should be requested by adding to "T-77" the roll numbers.

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Folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Fremde Staaten - Finnland, Bd. 1." containing a collection of political reports and material sent by the military attache at the German Embassy in Helsinki to the OKH and forwarded to the Abteilung für Wehrmachtpropaganda (W Pr), plus several reports by the Verbindungs-Offizier W Pr (VO/WPr) beim Verb. Stab Nord, beim finnischen Hauptquartier (1942) and the Verbindungs-Offizier W Pr beim deutschen General beim Oberkommando der Finnischen Wehrmacht (1943) and other reports sent to the W Pr dealing with the Finnish press, official and public attitudes toward the war, German and Allied propaganda in Finland, Soviet espionage, and Finland's separate peace possibilities. Also included: correspondence concerning difficulties with editions of the book Waffenbruder Finnland and material on the "Waffenbruderbewegung;" press opinions on Marshal Mannerheim's return visit with Hitler in 1942; a typescript translation of a Finnish article expressing concern over Finland's fate in the war, Finnish war aims. Also included is a typescript of "Denkschrift zur aktuellen Lage in Litauen" issued by the Lithuanian National Committee in Geneva, which concerns the opposition to German mobilization orders in Lithuania. Heeresarchiv Potsdam No. 70/20513, 1939 - 1943.

Folder from the files of Gruppe IVd of the W Pr. This Gruppe dealt with Southeastern Europe, evaluation of the foreign press, Auslandsinstitute and Volkstumskarten. The folder consists of an alphabetical correspondence file containing miscellaneous material related to the above subjects. Including a detailed description and organization chart of the Auslandsarchiv of the W Pr IV (Auslandspropaganda), a foreign press archive; material on German propaganda in Southeastern Europe, mainly Rumania and Hungary; several items on the activities of Gruppe IVd in monitoring the foreign press; a brief description of British and German (radio) Abhörund Informationsdienste: correspondence concerning Balkan Volkstumskarten: a list of Rumanians and Hungarians with "Rumanische Studentenführung" written above it and annotated as to the pro or anti Nazi inclinations of the listed persons: Tätigkeitsberichte concerning propaganda circulated among Serbian prisoners of war. 1941 - 1942.

Thirty-two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Lageberichte (Luftwaffe)." They contain mimeographed Luftlageberichte issued by the Oberbefehlshaber der Luftwaffe, Luftwaffeführungsstab Ic. This collection was made by the W.Pr. Gruppe VI (Luftwaffenpropaganda). The daily Lageberichte contain accounts of the most recent air actions both by the Luftwaffe and foreign air forces. Included are brief Erdlage and Seelage reports of troop and ship movements and important military developments. In Anlagen to these

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reports are regular weather reports for areas of air warfare. Other Anlagen include additional and very detailed information on air activities. The most important of these are: "Zusammenstellungen der Bombenabwärfe" describing bombing attacks on foreign and German cities: reports of reconnaissance missions describing foreign (esp. British and Soviet) airfields, ground installations, troop movements, etc.; reports of air attacks on ships. Volumes 4, 5, 7 and 8 are missing. The reports for Sept. 10 - 14 in volume 9 have been ripped out. Note: Frames 390681 and 390683 are consecutive.

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macht, Abteilung für	914	914	OKW 438	FT	4391159	2	17909	March 4, 1940 - April 28,1940
Wehrmachtpropaganda			okw 439	$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{T}$	4391606	3	17910	April 29,1940 - May 21, 1940
• •			OKW 440	FT	4392045	6	17913	July 7 1940 - Aug. 1, 1940
	915	915	OKM 747	FT	4392545	9 .	17914	Sept. 15,1940 - Oct. 1, 1940
		•	OKM 775	FT	4392991	10	17915	Oct. 3, 1940 - Oct. 24, 1940
	916	916	OKM 4443	FT	4393635	11	17916	Oct. 24, 1940 - Nov. 13, 1940
			OKM 7177	<b>F</b> m	4394331	12	17917	Nov. 14, 1940 - Nov. 26, 1940
	917	917	OKW 445	FΤ	4394780	13	17918	Nov. 27, 1940 - Dec. 12, 1940
			OKW 446	FT	4395171	14	17919	Dec. 13, 1940 - Dec. 31, 1940
			OKW 447	FT	4395564	15	17920	Jan. 1, 1941 - Jan. 18, 1941
			OKW 463	FT	4395978	16	17921	Jan. 19, 1941 - Feb. 9, 1941
	918	918	OKM 448	FT	4396435	17	17922	Feb. 10, 1941 - Feb. 28, 1941
			OKW 452	FT	4396969	18	17923	March 1, 1941 - March 16,1941
			OKW 453	FT	4397429	19	17924	March 17,1941 - March 24,1941
	919	919	OKW 449	FT	4397649	2Ó	17925	March 25,1941 - April 7, 1941
			OKW 450	FT	4398019	21	17926	April 8, 1941 - April 22,1941
	218		OKW 451	FT	4398539	22	17927	April 23,1941 - May 6, 1941
	920	920	OKW 454	FT	4399016	23	17928	May 7, 1941 - May 26, 1941
			OKW 455	FT	4399554	24	17929	May 27, 1941 - June 15, 1941
	921	921	OKW 456	FT	4399955	25	17930	June 16, 1941 - June 30, 1941
	922	9 <b>22</b>	OKW 457	FT	4400533	26	17931	July 1, 1941 - July 12, 1941
			OKW 458	FT	4401220	27	17932	July 13, 1941 - July 24, 1941
	923	923	OKW 459	FT	4401829	28	17933	July 25, 1941 - Aug. 9, 1941
			OKW 460	FT	4402647	29	17934	Aug. 10, 1941 - Aug. 22, 1941
	924	924	OKW 461	FT	4403364	<u>3</u> 0	17935	Aug. 23, 1941 - Sept. 3, 1941
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macht, Abteilung für		· .	OKW 465	$\mathbf{FT}$	4405229
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	927	927	OKW 468	FT	4406710
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Fourteen folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Zusammenstellung wichtiger militärischer Nachrichten." They contain a collection of daily mimeographed reports bearing the above title, issued by the OKW Amt Ausland/Abwehr, Abteilung Ausland. These reports are summaries of military operations in all theaters - land, sea, and air. They also include descriptions of foreign troop movements and strength in periods preceding combat. Also included in volumes 1 - 4: Lageberichte issued by the OKW Abteilung Landesverteidigung which summarize the latest foreign political developments and also review the military situation; brief Lagenberichte issued by the Generalstab des Heeres, Operations-Abteilung, describing the overall picture on various fronts; a few reports from the Oberquartiermeister IV, Fremde Heere Ost, describing the military situation in the Russo-Finnish war. Volume 470 consists almost entirely of the latter three types of reports.

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		OKW 470	FT	6577080		2	17943	Oct. 8, 1939 - March 18,1940
		OKW 471	FT	6577419		3	17944	March 19,1939- Apr. 29, 1940
929	929	OKW 472	FT	6577704		并	17945	April 30,1940- May 20, 1940
		OKW 473	$\mathbf{FT}$	6577945		5	17946	May 20, 1940 - June 13, 1940
		OKW 474	FT	6578207		6	17947	June 14,1940 - July 22, 1940
		okw 475	$\mathbf{FT}$	6578498		7	17948	July 22,1940 - Sept.30, 1940
929-30	929-30	okw 476	FT	6578831		g	17949	Oct. 1, 1940 - Jan. 27, 1941
930	930	OKW 477	$\mathbf{FT}$	6579324	<i>*</i> *	9	17950	Jan. 28,1941 - April 6, 1941
		OKW 478	$\mathbf{FT}$	6579611		10	17951	April 7,1941 - May 30, 1941
		OKW 479	$\mathbf{FT}$	6579857		11	17952	May 31, 1941 - July 12, 1941
		OKW 480	FT	6580104		12	17953	July 13,1941 - Sept. 8, 1941
931	931	OKW 481	$\mathbf{FT}$	6580505		13	17954	Sept. 9,1941 - Nov. 5, 1941
		OKM 7185	FT	6580987	•	14	17955	Nov. 6, 1941 - Jan. 20, 1942

Five folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Aussen- und militärpolitische Nachrichten." These are a collection of mimeographed reports issued daily by the OKW Amt Ausland/Abwehr, Abteilung Ausland, which summarize information received from German embassies. The reports are occasionally supplemented by information from the Abwehr, the press and radio. The material deals mainly with foreign political developments and political opinion. The collection is more complete in the early months of the war.

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T	17956	Aug. 22,1939 - Dec. 31,1939
2	1795 <b>7</b>	Jan. 1, 1940 - June 24,1940
3	17958	June 25,1940 - Aug. 3, 1941
3 4	17959	Aug. 4, 1941 - Oct. 27,1941
5	17960	July 7, 1940 - May 25, 1942

Two folders of Geheim-Akten marked "Laufende Informationen." They contain reports of the same title prepared by the OKW Amt Ausland/ Abwehr, Abteilung Ausland, addressed to the Auswärtige Amt (Informations-abteilung), and distributed also in the OKW. The reports are stamped with a notice that the information comes from Abwehr sources. They consist of Abwehrmeldungen and Briefauswertungen concerning all foreign countries. The material contains political information of an unofficial nature, including rumors, reports on public opinion, local conditions etc.

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17962	Aug. 1940	- March 1941

One folder of Geheim-Akten marked "Auslandsarchiv OKW/W Pr IV." Folder contains propaganda pictures and cartoons from the foreign press; English, French and German propaganda material for use abroad; military attache reports from Belgrade, Rome, Teheran and other capitals describing pro and anti Axis propaganda, preparations for mobilization, attitudes of the press; "Richtlinien für Wehrmachtpropaganda durch die Luft-Attaches" prepared by the Generalstab des Heeres, Attache-Abteilung; Abwehr reports

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on conditions and morale in foreign countries and attitudes among prisoners of war derived from interviews, confiscated diaries and overheard conversations between prisoners; some material on the Lufthansa's interest in French West Africa, summer 1940. Also included is a translation of the speech of Minister President Paul Reynaud before the Army Commission of the French Senate on June 7, 1940. Period covered June 1939 to August 1940. For more material on the Auslandsarchiv see OKW 258. Several secret documents of French provenance were removed before filming.

One folder of Geheim-Akt en entitled "Aussenpolitische Nachrichten," part of a series described below but which contains different material and must be described separately. The folder includes "Erfahrungsbericht über Tieffliegerangriffe" (April 1938) marked Geheime Kommandosache dealing with the techniques of air attack employed in the Spanish Civil War; articles by German officers and men describing their activities in the Spanish War which were solicited for press release (Spring 1939); statements of Polish deserters and prisoners of war and their possible uses as propaganda (summer and fall 1939); reports of sabotage and suspected sabotage in the armed forces and industry; several "Organisationsbefehle für Kr. Gef. Lager;" material concerning Hermann Rauschning sent from Danzig in Jan. 1940 by Wehrkreiskommando XX including a short resume of Rauschning's activity after his departure from Danzig in 1934 and several articles of his written in 1937 for a German language newspaper in Poland, "Der Deutsche in Polen."

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Five folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Aussenpolitische Nachrichten," containing reports of German air and military attaches, German embassies, the OKW Amt Ausland/Abwehr, Abteilung Ausland, and Abwehr agents dealing with diverse political, economic and military developments abroad, enemy and German propaganda, morale, and conditions in enemy and neutral countries, and attitudes of the press. Also included are Stimmungsberichte prepared by the Auslandsbriefprüfstelle describing public opinion in foreign countries on the basis of censored correspondence, plus excerpts from individual letters considered of intelligence or propaganda value; OKW Amt Ausland/Abwehr reports on regulations and restrictions with regard to border traffic in Europe; information from diaries and statements of

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prisoners of war; information on the condition of post and telegraphic communication in various countries, 1939 - 1941. Duplicates omitted.

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Folder 492 also contains a series of reports prepared by the Luftweffe Führungsstab including a summary of events (to Jan. 1940) in the Russo-Finnish War with maps and a Kriegschronik for Dec. 1939 and Jan. 1940. Also some material on conditions in China with accompanying maps.

Folder 493 also contains "N D-Mitteilungen," foreign information reports, from 1-15 April 1940, prepared by the Amt Ausl/Abw for the attaches.

Folder 495 also contains seven reports on conditions in Shanghai and a translation of a set of plans for a communist revolution in France (exact origin unknown), originally in the hands of French military authorities (1936).

Folder 496 also contains a long report "Erfahrungen im Grenzverkehr mit dem Auslande."

Oberkommando der Wehr- macht, Abteilung für Wehrmachtpropaganda	R935 R936	R935 R936	OKW 492 OKW 494 OKW 495 OKW 496	FT FT FT FT	6585792 6586277 6586719 6586956 6587363
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2	17966	Dec. 1939	-	March 1940
3 4	17967	April 1940	-	June 1940
14	17968	June 1940	-	Oct. 1940
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6	17970	July 1941	_	Dec. 1941

Fifty-seven folders (Geheim-Akten) of "Personalveränderungen."
Thirty of the folders bear this title. Twenty-five subsequent folders bear the title "Offiziere, Beförderung, Versetzung, Entlassung, Kommandierung, usw." Despite the different titles, however, the two together form a continuous series covering the period from 1939 almost through 1943. After volume 30 of the first series the digit 3 was apparently dropped and the title made somewhat more explicit. In addition, two stray folders of identical "Personalveränderungen" in the period 1937 - 1939 whose covers were missing were appended to the beginning of the series for filming. The folders contain mimeographed lists of promotions, appointments, transfers, reassignments, releases and retirements of individuals of officer rank in the Wehrmacht. The lists are predominantly concerned with army personnel and issued by the OKH, but the Luftwaffe is also included. In addition are included: lists of men promoted from Oberfähnrich, Feldwebel or its equivalent to

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Leutnant; lists of men promoted after being reported missing or killed in action. Information given includes name of individual, description and date of promotion, unit of original assignment and unit to which assigned. Also occasionally included is date of birth and time in grade. The reports are not always filed chronologically and the dates below overlap.

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Oberkommendo der Wehr-	937	937	OKW 843.1	FT	4407277	1.1		**************************************	May 1939	- Nov. 1939
macht, Abteilung für			OKW 843.2	$\mathbf{FT}$	4407778	1.			1937	- 1939
Wehrmachtpropaganda	938	938	OKW 497	FT	4408627		1		April 1939	- Nov. 1939
1 1 0	••		OKW 498	FT	4409118		. 2		Nov. 1939	- Dec. 1939
	939	939	OKW 499	FT	4409899	•	3		Jan. 1940	- Feb. 1940
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	940	940	OKW 501	FT	4412412		5	:	April 1940	- July 1940
	941	941	OKW 502	FT	4413639		6		July 1940	- Aug. 1940
	942	942	OKW 503	FT	4414807		7		Aug. 1940	- Oct. 1940
	943	943	OKW 504	FT	4415976		8		Oct. 1940	- Nov. 1940
	943-44	943-44	OKW 505	FT	4417643		. 9		Nov. 1940	- Dec. 1940
	944	944	OKW 506	FT	4417944		10	**	Jan. 1941	- March 1941
	945	945	OKW 507	FT	4419367		11		Feb. 1941	- April 1941
	946	945	OKW 509	$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{T}$	4420557		13		April 1941	- May 1941
	947	947	OKW 508	FT	4421718		12		June 1941	- July 1941
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	948	948	OKW 511	FT	4423401		15		Aug. 1941	- Sept. 1941
			OKW 512	FT	4424015		16		Sept. 1941	- Oct. 1941
	949	949	OKW 513	$\mathbf{FT}$	4424859	,	17		Oct. 1941	- Dec. 1941
			OKW 514	$\mathbf{FT}$	4425703		18	e .	Dec. 1941	- Jan. 1942
	950	950	OKW 515	FT	4426522		19	•	Jan. 1942	- March 1942
		:	OKW 516	FT	4427454		20		March 1942	<ul><li>April 1942</li></ul>
	951	951	OKW 517	$\mathbf{FT}$	4428359		21		April 1942	- June 1942
	952	952	OKW 518	FT	4429660		22		June 1942	- Aug. 1942
	953	953	okw 697	FT	4430692	,	23	70/20528	July 1942	<ul><li>Sept. 1942</li></ul>
			okw 699	$\mathbf{FT}$	4431747		24	70/20529	Aug. 1942	- Sept. 1942
	954	954	OKW 700	$\mathbf{FT}$	4432720		25	70/20530	Sept. 1942	- Oct. 1942
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			okw 706	FT	4438123	1	70/20536	Feb. 1943 - M	arch 1943
	958	958	OKW 707	FT	4438472	2	70/20537	March 1943	
			okw 708	FT	4438732	3	70/20538	March 1943 - A	pril 1943
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			OKW 715	FT	4442107	10	70/20545	May 1943	
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			OKW 718	FT	4443297	.~ 13	70/20548	June 1943	- g - 5.74
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			OKW 721	FT	4444208	16	70/20551	July 1943	
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			OKW 725	FT	4445497	22	70/20555		ct. 1943
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Eight folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Propaganda für die Wehrmacht."
They contain correspondence concerning all phases of the Wehrmacht propaganda program carried out by the W Pr in conjunction with the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda and the Auswärtiges Amt. A good short

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decription of Wehrmachtpropaganda which will be very useful for anyone using this material is contained in folder 519 under the title "Organisation und Arbeitsweise der Wehrmachtpropaganda." The material contained in the folders includes: Propagandaanweisungen and diverse instructions sent by the W Pr or the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda to Propaganda-Kompanien in all branches of the Wehrmacht, mainly army, dealing with the conduct of propaganda and morale boosting among German troops and propaganda directed at enemy troops. Included is correspondence concerned with the distribution of books, newspapers, the showing of films among German troops, as well as propaganda directed across the lines by both Germans and French by means of loudspeakers, placards and pamphlets during the "Phony War." Also correspondence on the preparation and distribution of propaganda leaflets requiring the coordination of the services of the Foreign Office, the Deutsche Propaganda-Atelier (technical equipment, e.g. leaflet shells), and the Luftwaffe, as well as reports on enemy leaflets including some exemples. Other material includes: Rundfunkpropaganda-Lageberichte compiled by the OKW/Chi,describing propaganda broadcasts in enemy and neutral countries; descriptions of foreign radio propaganda services; correspondence on the preparation of German radio propaganda for broadcast abroad and reports on the effect of both German and foreign radio propaganda; printed Wehrmacht-Propaganda-Lageberichte; a number of military attache reports on the effect of propaganda in foreign countries; several "Berichte über polnische Presse- und andere Feindpropaganda betr. Polen;" material on military security and censorship; material on the use of prisoners of war for propaganda broadcasts: scattered excerpts from censored letters, and public and press opinion abroad. Duplicates omitted.

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		OKW 524	$\mathbf{FT}$	4449345		7	70/19801	April 1940 - May 1940
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Five folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Propaganda Kompanien der Kriegsmarine." The folders contain correspondence concerning the activities of the units set up to collect and prepare news of propaganda wake pertaining to the Kriegsmarine. Folder 527 contains correspondence describing the setting up of Marinepropagandakompanien in May - June 1939 whose duties were to prepare Wort-, Bild-, Film-, and Rundfunkberichte for propaganda uses. The units names were apparently changed in late June 1940 to Marine-Kriegsberichter-Abteilung West and Marine-Kriegsberichterkompanie Ost (folder 528), and in Merch 1941 to Marine Propaganda-Abteilung(en) West & Ost. The contents of the folders are as follows: numerous Stärkenachweise and lists of personnel serving with the organization; Tätigkeitsberichte describing the activities of the Berichter and the material which they have prepared; a number of the actual Wortberichte including several on the coming invasion of England which were withdrawn in the fall of 1940; much miscellaneous correspondence concerning the units including organization and reorganization problems, recruiting of additional personnel (Sonderführer), censorship of articles, etc. Duplicates omitted. See ahead OKW 657-667 for continuation.

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Six folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Presseangelegenheiten Zensur." A diverse file of correspondence concerning military censorship, an activity carried out by the W Pr III (Militarische Zensur). The folders include: correspondence from various units of the Armed Forces pointing out security violations in the press such as troop unit numbers, location and description of installations, military exercises and operations, compromising reports of casualities and obituaries in local newspapers, revelations of military contracts or statistical information on industrial output. Requests and directives from Armed Forces and civilian agencies describing their particular security problems and requesting imposition of censorship, i.g., "Zusammenfassende Richtlinien für die Beschränkung von Veröffentlichungen im Bereich der gewerblichen Wirtschaft." issued by

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the Reichswirtschaftsministerium. W Pr directives and instructions to publishers and editors restricting or reprimending them or advising the publication of certain material in a particular locality, e.g., reports describing visits of Nazi dignitaries. Correspondence between W Pr and censorship officers attached to Reichspropagandaamter and to military district commands. Correspondence concerning reports sent in by Propaganda-Kompanien (see OKW 527), censorship of these reports, instructions and requests to these units as to what sort of reports are currently needed for use by the central propaganda agencies. Included in the folders are a number of manuscripts and articles which were submitted for censorship as well as newspaper articles and pamphlets which were found to be in violation of censorship regulations, but much of the correspondence refers also to meterial which is not included in the folders. Correspondence between the censorship officers and the W Pr III often refers to "Tagesweisungen für die militärische Zensur" but these are not included. Also in the folders is miscellaneous material on troop newspapers, scattered bits of propaganda material, foreign press reports and clippings, and military attache reports. Duplicates omitted.

Folder 532 is of interest as it also contains material pertaining to the coming mobilization and war: for instance several articles approved by the censors for release in Western Germany describing a civilian evacuation of front line territory in France during the first World War intended to accustom the German population to the possibility of a similar evacuation.

Folder 533 also contains correspondence describing arrangements for German and foreign journalists to visit German military installations. Also in this folder are many Tätigkeits- und Erfahrungsberichte from the censorship officers reporting on censorship of the local press, local conditions, etc. This folder and the following:

Folder 534 also contain correspondence on Truppenbetreuung (an activity of W Pr II) including propagenda and amusement for German troops, films, shows, troop newspapers, complaints of demoralizing articles in the German press and undesirable newspapers and periodicals. Also in 534 are a number of "Dienstanweisungen für Kriegsberichter," (see OKW 527).

Folder 536 also contains a printed report "Charakteristik der Auslandspresse," issued by the Presse-Abteilung der Reichsregierung, a description of foreign newspapers' history, pertinent statistics.

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4	70/19812	Feb. 1940 - July 1940
5	70/19813	June 1940 - Dec. 1940
6	70/19814	Jan. 1941 - Dec. 1941

Four folders of Akten entitled "Anfragen, Angebote, u. Verschiedenes. Vorschläge aller Art v. Zivilpersonen. "Included are the following types of correspondence: requests from civilians for positions with the press and propaganda agencies of the Armed Forces. Offers of services from persons with specialized skills or experience, e.g., Kriegsmaler; photographers: people with experience in publicity, public relations or foreign affairs: authors of books and pamphlets on military subjects, etc. Letters from a variety of firms, libraries, publishers and private individuals requesting information, co-operation of the OKW in particular undertakings permission to publish military literature, permission to establish contact with military units and troop newspapers, endorsements, etc. Also offers of patriotic or instructive literature, poetry, photographs and painted scenes of military encounters. Personal requests from firms and individuals such as information about employees or relatives, requests to assist servicemen who are in trouble, etc. Suggestions from civilians and soldiers for the conduct of military operations, improvement of security measures, etc. Revelations of information thought to be of intelligence value. Letters pointing out errors, conflicting and unsuitable reports in the press. Correspondence between various Armed Forces and civilian agencies dealing with the above.

In addition, folder 624 also contains correspondence concerning a post-humous attack by the Schwarze Korps on Max Sering, Prof. d. Nationalökonomie in Berlin, which was countered by the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda.

Folder 625 also contains correspondence describing an incident in which a student insulted Gen. von Rabenau, Chef des Heeresarchivs, and he protested vigorously. Also in this folder are mimeographed copies of six interviews in English, conducted by Dr. Erica Schirmer, with officials of German industry and government which were beamed over short wave to

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the U.S. Included are discussions of German film production, the Organisation Todt, the chemical industry, agriculture, labor policy and Kraft durch Freude. The speaker on the chemical industry was Dr. F. ter Meer of I.G. Farben who was a defendant at the Mürnberg trials.

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Eleven folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Artikel." A collection of articles on all aspects of the war and the armed forces, marked Gesperrt with the military censor's green pencil or stamp, kept from publication and filed chronologically in these folders. The articles were originally submitted to the censorship officers attached to the various Wehrkreiskommandos or the Reichspropagandaamter. These officers either censored or blocked publication of entire articles under the provisions of the Tagesweisungen für die militärische Zensur (Tagesweisungen not included), or withheld a decision pending examination by the W Pr III (Militarische Zensur). In all cases the articles were forwarded with a cover sheet explaining the action taken to the W Pr III where final judgment, if necessary, was passed. The articles were written by the Kriegsberichter of the Propaganda-Kompanien of the Armed Forces, or by other correspondents and soldiers. Also many articles were submitted to the censorship officers by the local press in the form of galley proofs or typescripts. This material was prepared for the newspapers by their correspondents or culled from letters written to them by soldiers and civilians. The articles vary greatly in subject from one describing the dangers of using bacteriological warfare (folder 538) to those which were considered compromising because they revealed information concerning the Armed Forces or industry, which could be of intelligence value to Germany's enemies. In addition to articles, the censorship officers also prohibited the publication of incidental notices in the local newspapers felt to be of a compromising nature. These include certain obituaries of Armed Forces members, notices of promotions, transfers, troop movements, military operations, firms soliciting skilled workers, etc. See ahead OKW 672-675, 684, 676 for a continuation of this series under another title. Duplicates omitted.

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> The last few folders (545-547, 549) contain more correspondence concerning censored articles, but fewer of the articles themselves. Included also is correspondence dealing with the problems of censorship, and controversies arising from violations of censorship regulations.

Folder 538 also contains an article "Interview mit einem Kriegsberichter," a useful short description of the men in the Propaganda-Kompanien.

Folder 539 also contains two articles concerning the conquest on May 11, 1940, of Fort Eben Emael, a key Belgian defense. Also correspondence on the censorship of Czech newspapers

Folder 540 also contains several articles which in theme are similar to the one entitled "Vorbereitung zum Endkampf gegen England." A Tagesweisung of Sept. 1940, also included, prohibited the publication of such articles. Also in 540 is a long (54 pp) typescript entitled "Die Geschichte einer Kompanie" describing in the form of a diary experiences in the Polish Campaign.

Folder 541 also contains more articles on the coming invasion of England. Also a short article commemorating the death of Generaloberst Freiherr von Fritsch which was suppressed because of the controversy that surrounded his name and the manner of his death.

Folder 545 also contains a long (62 pp.) report of the 3rd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, and its part in the fight for Rotterdam.

Folder 549 also contains a considerable amount of material on the censorship of the press in Prague by the German authorities.

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			OKW 541	FT	4459614	14	70/19818	Sept. 1940 - Oct. 1940
	973	973	OKW 542	$\mathbf{FT}$	4459932	5	70/19819	Oct. 1940
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	975	975	OKW 547	FT	4462509	10	70/19824	May 1941 - Aug. 1941
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Four folders of Geheim-Akten "Bild- und Filmangelegenheiten aller Art." Folders contain miscellaneous correspondence concerning the preparation and use of talking and silent pictures, mainly for purposes of propaganda. Included: correspondence concerning the activities of the Bild- and Filmberichter of the Propaganda-Kompanien, their equipment, etc.: instructions and requests for particular types of films and pictures sent to these companies by the W Pr.; numerous cover letters from these companies describing the picture and film material they are sending to the W Pr. (although there are relatively few of the actual pictures included): correspondence concerning censorship of films and pictures, including some of the actual pictures: letters from military attaches requesting propaganda films of pictures and describing the effect of such on the local authorities; material on Geistige Betreuung of the troops with films and pictures; some material on foreign films and German use of foreign film facilities, e.g., in occupied France. Duplicates omitted.

Folder 550, in addition, also contains correspondence concerning the preparation of a Sonderfilm "Deutsche Freiwillige in Spanien." Also instructions for the regulation and distribution of Kriegsbildmaterial. arrangements with the Bildpresse of the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda, payments for pictures, copyrights, etc. This folder and especially the following:

folder 551 also contain correspondence concerning an order by Hitler for extensive photographing of important German armament plants for propaganda uses. Also included in 551 is a complaint of the Propaganda Ministry about anti-German American films with an extensive list of approved Paramount and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer films.

Folder 552 also contains correspondence on "Übernahme der jüdischen Siritzki-Theater in Frankreich." Also a film script of a satire on Hitler seized at the Columbia Film S.A. office in Paris. Also a report-"Eindruck von den russischen Filmen 'Der 1. Mai in Leningrad' und 'Auf der Donau! - impressions mainly of military intelligence value.

Folder 553 also contains three copies of a Syrian magazine, translated Der illustrierte Krieg. Also considerable correspondence of the military attaches making arrangements for the showing of the film "Sieg im Westen" abroad. Included is an "Abschliessender Bericht über den Einsatz des Filmes 'Der Sieg im Westen'."

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Fremde Staaten." Contains a number of reports, some of them lengthy, dealing with the Czechoslovakian army 1935 - 1939 and with the occupation of Sudetenland in 1938. Among the reports are several entitled "Kampfwert des tschechosl. Heeres," several dealing with the relative percentages of different nationalities in the Czech army, and evaluations of troops and officers. These reports appear to have been written by Vertrauensmänner working for the General-stab des Heeres. Also included is a report prepared by the Psychologisches Laboratorium des Reichskriegsministeriums - "Völkerpsychologische Untersuchungen 7. Die Tschechoslowakei." The reports dealing with the occupation of the Sudetenland describe the experiences of the Propaganda-Kompanien, their effectiveness in reporting and in Geistige Betreuung of the troops during the operation.

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Four folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Fremde Staaten, Heere, Flotten." The folders were apparently in a series but contain diverse material and must be described separately.

Folder 554 contains correspondence and reports dealing with foreign armies and military preparations. Included are: a report "Kurze Übersicht über die sowjetrussische Wehrmacht" (17 pp.); reports on French and British preparations for mobilization; an investigation in Prague for documents revealing Czechoslovakian military agreements with other states and what information the Czechs possessed on the Wehrmacht prior to German occupation; correspondence dealing with German relations with foreign armies - both friendly (e.g., Italy) or in occupied areas (e.g., Slovakia); reports and commentary on foreign military arrangements, pacts, treaties and political developments; statements of prisoners of war, mainly Polish;

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letters and diaries of POW's considered of propaganda value: publicity considerations with regard to the sinking, by the Germans, of neutral shipping: reports on military developments in foreign armies: two large strategic maps "Gliederung der britischen Fliegertruppe (Heimat)" and "Standorte der britischen Fliegertruppe (Frontverbände)" both as of Jan. 1, 1940; a report "Französische Juden in höheren militärischen Dienststellungen."

Folder 555 contains material on the sinking of neutral ships, statements, letters, and diaries of prisoners of war, relations with foreign armies, developments in foreign armies (e.g., Russian) and Allied military arrangements, pacts etc., similar to the preceding folder. Also two more strategic maps of RAF units as of March 15, 1940. In addition the folder contains German copies, translations and photostats of allied documents which were captured and were considered of propaganda or intelligence value. Other material includes: a short but interesting letter of the OKW/Ausl. to the Auswärtiges Amt - "betr. Frang. Befehle für Einmarsch in Belgien" - it was felt that the information, whose source is not given, would be useful in a white book, April 1940; a copy of a French army order of 1917 thought in June 1940 to be of propaganda value, a German copy and translation of a British document describing instructions for setting up independent companies of guerillas at the local level - the originals were said to have been "Höchst Geheim," reports of French brutalities and atrocities reported to have been committed during the campaign in France and considered useful for propaganda: - a report of the pro-German Flemish leader Dr. Borms "... ther die ihm und anderen Flamen bezw. auch Volksdeutschen zugefügten Misshandlungen.." Conversely the folder also contains statements collected from the letters of or interviews with POW's interned in Germany indicating the good treatment they were receiving, or pro-German attitudes. Additional correspondence concerns the possible French use of Dum Dum bullets and the finding of British mustard gas bombs in Holland. A number of secret documents of French and Belgian origin have been removed.

Folder 557 contains much information on prisoners of war and POW-camps in Germany. Included are: correspondence and orders for Betreuerarbeit in POW camps such as "Richtlinien ftr die Betreuerarbeit:" reports on the use of British POW's to make propaganda broadcasts in English; a number of "Tätigkeitsberichte des geistigen Betreuers" in Stalags and Oflags and material on propaganda efforts in these camps, including Sprachunterricht in German, films, books etc.; a number of copies and

photostats of French Army Corps orders; a number of sworn statements of Volksdeutsche: "Protokolle über das Verhalten jugoslawischer Dienststellen und Zivilisten gegenüber Volksdeutschen" registering complaints of treatment - statements taken by the Wehrmacht-Untersuchungsstelle für Verletzungen des Völkerrechts; a request of North African French officers to be permitted to return home as Nazi collaborators plus relevant correspondence; "Abschrift einer vertraulichen Aufzeichnung des General Giraud, Oflag IV B Koenigstein: 'COLLABORATION'" June 1941; several reports on French POW Generals: "Benennung von zur Zusammenarbeit mit Deutschland bereiten kriegsgef. Franz. Generalen;" itinerary of "Reise der japanischen Marinekommission nach Danzig, Elbing, Gotenhafen und Swinemünde vom 25.4. bis 7.5.41." Also material on censorship and regulation of foreign correspondents.

Folder 558 like the preceding folder contains considerable material on POW's and POW camps, both in Germany and the occupied territories, more "Richtlinien für die Betreuerarbeit," distribution of propaganda materials, evaluation of POW mail for intelligence and propaganda purposes, material on the use of POW's as labor in industry (May 1941), and material on the use of disaffected POW's for propaganda, Additional reports similar to those in the preceding folder on French generals considered possible collaborationists are included. Also: "Bericht über die Mentalität der englischen Offiziere in O.Gef. Lager X C.Lübeck-Vorwerk." More Briefauswertungen of European civilian mail for attitudes toward Germany and the war are included.

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Three folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Organisation Wehrpflicht." The folders contain orders for organization, reorganization or transfer of Armed Forces agencies and units, plus a variety of miscellaneous orders to deal with specific situations. The contents of each folder, however, vary considerably, and can best be described individually.

Folder 559: "Organisation des Transportwesens der Wehrmacht im Frieden," including railroad and waterways maps of Germany (Jan. 1939);

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various OKH orders "Betr. Heeresaufbau 1939" referring to a volume on the subject which is not included in this folder: orders which created the Abteilung für Wehrmachtpropaganda (March 1939) out of the Presse-Gruppe of the Abteilung Inland and several other offices, including Stellung und Aufgaben of the new agency: reorganization and expansion of the Presse-Gruppe of the Luftwaffe; preparations for the reception and honoring of the Legion Condor (of the Luftwaffe) as it returned from action in the Spanish Civil War in late May and early June 1939: also propaganda uses of the Legion's exploits; material on British military preparations and mobilization taken from British periodicals (early 1939): instructions concerning "Unabkömmlichkeitsanträge für das Mob. Jahr 1937/38" (July 1939).

Folder 560: Offers by Dr. Walter Frank, President of the Reichsinstitut für Geschichte des neuen Deutschlands, to the OKW and Propagandaministerium of the services of his organization in case of mobilization (August 1939): orders for setting up of Militarverwaltung Krakau (Sept. 1939): various military organization and reorganization matters as the Wehrmacht moved into Poland: "Merkblatt für die geistige Betreuung der Truppe im Kriege: a number of documents on the setting up of "Funkwesen in den Ostgebieten und im General-Gouvernement." In addition, some examples of the numerous orders contained in the folders are: "Neugliederung der Infanterie, " several orders "Aufstellung von Fliegerhorstkommandanturen: " transfers and reorganizations of armed forces schools, etc.

Folder 561: like the preceding folder contains orders for the transfer of units, schools, more "Aufstellungen von Fliegerhorstkommandanturen," and Umbenennungen of OKW agencies. Additionally: "Dienstanweisung für den Wehrmachtbefehlshaber in den Niederlanden: " a long series of statements by persons accused of, and witnesses involved in the killing of four German flyers in Vimy, Departement Pas de Calais (June 1940): material on the Waffen-SS, Demobilmachung des Heeres (Oct. 1940); reorganization of Quartiermeister in the Wehrmacht: mumerous shorter orders such as "Bekämpfung von Fallschirmjägern, "moving of installations and supplies east to avoid British bombing. Also included at the end of the folder is a photostat of American origin of an order by Hitler in October 1940 that inmates of concentration camps and prisons should be used in bomb disposal duty but not POWs.

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Oberkommando der Wehr macht, Abteilung für Wehrmachtpropaganda	– R978	R978	OKW 559 OKW 560 OKW 561	FT FT	4467047 4467268 4467514
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1	70/19835	1937 - 1939
2	70/19836	July 1939 - Dec. 1939
3	70/19837	Dec. 1939 - 1941

Three folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Disziplin Rechtspflege/ Uberlieferungspflege - Wach- u. Sicherheits-Dienst." The folders contain material on general disciplinary problems; regulations concerning and cases of individual violations; breaches of security, security problems in occupied countries and counter-sabotage; problems arising from relations of members of the Wehrmacht with individuals in occupied countries; handling of the people in these countries: controlof border traffic; problems of telephone and telegraphic communications with other countries; radio propaganda.

Folder 562 also includes a discussion and enumeration of "Kriegsrechts-fälle" - incidents taken from the first World War with suggested solutions. Organized by Dr. Lehmann of the legal section of the OKW. Also orders for the organization of the military authorities in Danzig-Westpreussen, Posen and the operational area in the Polish campaign; "Gräberfürsorge der deutschen Wehrmacht;" regulations for the Feldgendarmerie; "Dienst-anweisung und Befugnisse des Heeresstreifendienstes;" instructions for the handling of POWs; "Stellung und Befugnisse des Befehlshabers der deutschen Truppen in Dänemark."

Folder 563 also includes considerable correspondence concerning the advisability of listing military offices in phone books; statements of German soldiers captured by the Dutch or Norwegians to the effect that they were mistreated; interrogation of General Henri Giraud and several other French officers, all prisoners of war, in incident involving an order by Giraud to shoot a parachutist. Göring wanted to press charges, but later dropped the affair; copy of the verdict in the Viny case of the murder of German flyers (see OKN 561); considerable material on the appointment of Abetz as ambassador to the Vichy regime, particularly as regarded propaganda activities in France and as to who would carry them out; several Rundfunkregelungen.

Folder 564 also includes reports of English radio propaganda in German aimed at the Wehrmacht; long (67 pp.) set of regulations of Amt Ausland/Abwehr entitled "Abwehrarbeit auf dem III-Gebiet in den besetzten Gebieten Norwegens, Dänemarks, der Niederlande, Belgiens und Frankreichs:"

Staatspolizeiliche Behandlung der im Reich eingesetzten ausländischen Arbeitnehmer aus den besetzten Gebieten im Westen und Norden."

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1	70/19838	June 1939 - April 1940
2	70/19839	April 1940 - Dec. 1940
3	70/19840	Jan. 1941 - July 1941

Two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Militarische Ausbildung, Luftangelegenheiten, Gasschutz, Nachrichtenwesen, Sanitätswesen."

Folder 565 contains a plan for "Raumung des Grenzgebietes: OKH "Lehrgänge Sommerhalbjahr 1939;" 2 sets of General Staff orders -"Ausbildung im Sommerhalb jahr 1939;" several itineraries and personnel lists for "Belehrungsreisen" for General Staff and OKW officers: correspondence on "Abhören susländischer Sender" (communist) in Czechoslovakia; itineraries of inspection tours of frontier fortifications; considerable material on "Bekämpfung von Fallschirmabspringern" - preparation of the populace etc. (1937); a 20 page report "Rundfunk und Landesverteidigung in den wichtigsten Staaten Europas" (Nov. 1937) prepared by Chi R.K.M. (Reichskriegsministerium); orders and correspondence on a "Wehrmachtpropaganda-Übungsreise" - personnel, itinerary, hotel arrangements: "Lehrgang für Presse- und Zensuroffiziere" - dealing with propaganda in wartime, course schedule, participants etc. (November 1938); scattered other material on radio propaganda, censorship of maneuvers, preparations for possible air warfare. (1938).

Folder 566: General Staff "Übungsabsichten für das Sommerhalbjahr 1939" and "Namhaftmachung von Offizieren für den Leitungs- und Schiedsrichterdienst für die Übung im Kempf um ständige Befestigungen vom 1 .-6.9.39:" short report on strength and weaknesses of Maginot Line, as known to the German military, June 1939; OKW "Übungsabsichten der Wehrmacht im August/September 1939; "OKH "Marsch- u. Gefechtstbung des Heeres 1939: "long (58 pp) Denkschrift "Soll Wien Tschechisch senden? Rechenschaftsbericht und Vorschläge," by Dr. Wolfgang Mühlberger, Sendeleiter für die tschechischen, slowakischen und ukrainischen Sendungen in Vienna; two "Rundfunk- Propaganda- Lageberichte" for late July and early August 1939: report of OKW/WNV Chiffrierstelle "Die deutschsprachigen Sendungen des englischen Rundfunks; Original typescript (65 pp.) "Das Spiel des Westens mit der Tschechoslowakei" by Oberst a. D. Emanuel Moravec: list -

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"Zusemmenstellung der ausländischen Sender, die Nechrichten in deutscher Sprache bringen. Stand vom 15.9.39. Diverse material on "Abhören ausländischer Sender: " other diverse material on radio propaganda, troop exercises, military training, preparation for mobilization. The orders for war games and military exercises are of particular interest as they indicate the movement of troops to strategic eastern positions for the planned campaign against Poland. Duplicates omitted.

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Two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Haushaltsangelegenheiten, Besoldung. Verpflegung."

Folder 567 contains two reports (ca. 30 pp.) "Entwicklung und Stand der wirtschaftlichen Lage in der Ernährungs-, Textil- und Lederwirtschaft" -Berichte Nos. 1 and 2 for 1939. The reports were prepared by the OKH Amtsgruppe Heeresverpflegungs- und Beschaffungswesen; a number of Nachrichtenblatter prepared by the OKW/Wehrwirtschaftsstab (OKW/W Stb) entitled "Wehrwirtschaft..." and the country which the report deals with. There are reports for Japan, Poland, France, Southeastern Europe, England and the U.S.A.; a report "Stand der deutschen wirtschaftlichen Lage" also prepared by the OKW/W Stb; the last half of the folder consists almost exclusively of reports prepared by the OKW/W Stb entitled "Zusammenstellung wichtiger wehrwirtschaftlicher Nachrichten." These reports are subdivided by countries and cover the period September - October 1939. Also included in the folder is scattered miscellaneous material on minor budgetary problems, the procurement of foreign periodicals in case of mobilization.

Folder 568 contains much additional material of the above variety. Included are: many more "Zusammenstellung..." reports for the period Oct. -Dec. 1939; additional "wehrwirtschaftliche"Nachrichtenblätter for Japan, Italy, Russia, Turkey; a number of reports prepared by the OKW/W Stb entitled "Liste der bei W Wi (Wehrwirtschaftlicher Abteilung) VIII liegenden Sonderberichte" - short reports of German commercial and press representatives abroad dealing with wehrwirtschaftliche problems in various countries two large, detailed maps - "Milgeogr. Uberblick über Südosteuropa; " a Führererlass of 23 Oct. 1939 plus Ausführungsbestimmungen of OKW setting up a Sonderstab für Handelskrieg und wirtschaftliche

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Kampfmassnahmen; a report - "Bericht K. 1, Entwicklung und Stand der Ernährungswirtschaft" (30 pp.) with Anlage "Kriegswirtschaftliche Verordnungen und Anordnungen auf dem Gebiete der Ernährungswirtschaft" (13 pp.) prepared by the OKH Amtsgruppe Heeresverpflegungs- und Beschaffungswesen; OKW/W Stb report "Kriegswirtschaftlicher Lagebericht Nr. 2;" miscellaneous other reports and information concerning Wehrwirtschaft, mainly abroad. Duplicates omitted.

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1	70/19843	May 1939 - Oct, 1939
2	70/19844	Oct.1939 - Dec. 1939

A single volume of Geheim-Akten entitled: "W.B. Böhmen-Mähren."
"W.B." as a classification is used in the subsequent files of the W Pr
(see below) to designate "Wehrmechtbefehlshaber" but in this volume
dealing with the Reichsprotektorat seems to be used also to indicate
Wehrmachtbevollmächtigte. The folder consists almost entirely of Tätigkeitsberichte of the various branches of the W Pr working in the Reichsprotektorat. The reports describe current activities in the areas of
W Pr competence, i.e., Truppenbetreuung, active propaganda, collection
of propaganda materials and military censorship (see OKW/519 "Organisation und Arbeitsweise der Wehrmechtpropaganda"). Also toward the end
of the folder are a few Propaganda Lageberichte from the Reichsprotektorat and several reports of excerpts from the Russian press - both of
these also prepared by W Pr.

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Three folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "W.B. Ostland" (Wehrmachts-befehlshaber Ostland). The folders contain Lageberichte of the Propaganda-Abteilung Ostland beim Wehrmachtsbefehlshaber Ostland. The reports describe current programs and activities carried out by the W Pr units in this command including propaganda through the press, radio, films and other media directed both at the German troops (Truppenbetreuung) and at

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the populace in the Baltic area and Ruthenia.

Folder 570 also contains in Anlagen to report # 2 three issues of a newspaper in Russian language called "Pravda" dated August 1941. The paper was printed by the Propaganda-Abteilung.

Folder 576 also contains Stimmungsberichte in the Anlagen to the Lageberichte. After report # 7 are two typescript German translations of propaganda radio broadcastsgiven in Estonian language.

Folder 745 also contains appended Stimmungsberichte as well as entirely separate Stimmungsberichte issued by the Propaganda Abteilung Ostland beim Kommendierenden General der Sicherungstruppen und Befehlshaber im Heeresgebiet Mord. These reports of current public opinion and the measures taken by the Propaganda-Abteilung to influence opinion, seem to have replaced the earlier Lageberichte after the Spring of 1942. The folder also contains several Politische Lageberichte of the W.B. Ostland.

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1	70/19846	Aug. 1941 - Oct. 1941
2	70/19847	Oct. 1941 - Dec. 1941
3	70/20575	Dec. 1941 - Sept.1942

Four folders of Geheim-Akten, the first three entitled "W.B. Miederlande." The folders contain weekly Lageberichte issued by the Wehrmachtbefehlshaber in den Niederlanden and distributed to the OKW. The reports are relatively short (3-5 pp.) and are primarily concerned with air war over the Netherlands. The bulk of each report describes enemy (i.e., R.A.F.) air attacks, bombings, German defense action, damage caused, casualties etc. At the end of each report are graphs - "Gemeldete Einfluge in und über die Niederlande," and often "Beobachtete Bombenabwürfe und Abschüsse." In addition these reports contain other material on the political situation, the press etc. Also the folders contain monthly "Bericht (e) über die Tätigkeit des Wehrmachtbefehlshabers in den Niederlanden..." issued from the same source.

Folder 581 also contains a report "Vernehmung der Überlebenden der englischen Zerstörer, ""Express, ""Esk, "und "Ivenhoe." (September 1940). Also a chart "Arbeitsgebietseinteilung des Stabes W.B.N." (Wehrmachtbefehlshaber in den Niederlanden).

Folder 747 also contains several short "Wehrmachtpropagandaberichte Niederlande" toward the end of the folder which are actually like

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1	70/19852	July 1940 - April 1941
2	70/19853	April 1941 - Dec. 1941
3	70/20577	Jan. 1942 - Dec. 1942
4	70/20578	Dec. 1942 - Dec. 1943

Three folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Propaganda - Abt. W.B. Belgien." The folders contain primarily bi-monthly Propagandaage- und Tätigkeitsberichte issued by the Propagandaabteilung Belien of the Militärbefehlshaber in Belgien und Nordfrankreich. The eports describe propaganda activities through the press, radio, periodcals, films etc., include reports on military censorship and Truppenetreuung, and also contain short Stimmungsberichte for the people in the occupied areas.

Folder 573 also contains a long (90 pp. plus Anlagen) "Jahresbericht er Propaganda-Abteilung Belgien beim Militärbefehlshaber in Belgien and in Nordfrankreich" (August 1941) similar in structure to the above eports but more detailed.

Folder 750 also contains some misfiled reports from Sept. 1940 plus some illustrated propaganda leaflets in Russian language printed by the ermans.

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1	70/19854	Oct. 1940 - Aug. 1941
2	70/19855	Aug. 1941 - Dec.1941
3	70/20580	Jan. 1942 - March 1942

Two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "W.B. Südost" (Vol. 1 is also marked "Serbien"). The folders contain monthly Lage- und Tätigkeitsberichte of the Propaganda-Abteilung "S" with the Militärbefehlshaber Sertien (after 1942 (OKW/744) Propaganda Abteilung "SO" with the Wehrmachtefehlshaber Südost). The reports describe general propaganda activities s well as the activity of the individual Gruppe charged with administraion, press, radio, film, etc. propaganda. Also reports concerning enemy propaganda.

Folder 743 contains also a single report of a newly set up OKW/W Pr Aussenstelle Belgrad (June 1941).

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "WB.-Norwegen." (Wehrmachtbefehlshaber Morwegen). The folder contains: Propaganda Lageberichte prepared by the Wehrmacht-Propagandaoffizier of the Wehrmachtbefehlshaber Morwegen which cover Stimmung der Bevölkerung, reports on the Norwegian press and current German propaganda undertakings. Also included are "Berichte über die Innere Lage Norwegens" issued by the Wehrmachtbefehlshaber Norwegen which are concerned with current political developments, attitudes of the populace, local and British propaganda. Also in the folder is a "Merkblatt für Fragen der Wehrmachtpropaganda (Für den Bereich des AOK Norwegen)" June, 1942, some correspondence of the W.Pr.O.

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Five folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "W B Frankreich," which with the exception of folder 577 contain primarily Lageberichte der Propaganda-Abteilung under the Militärbefehlshaber in Frankreich. The reports review current propaganda activities through the press, radio, films and cultural events plus "Aktivpropaganda." Included are reports of anti-German propaganda. Appended are Stimmungsberichte. Also included are reports from the same source entitled "Die Presse des unbesetzten Gebietes."

Folder 577 contains reports of the OKW/W Pr. Aussenstelle(n) Paris, Brussels, Nancy and Luxemburg concerning their organization and activities. The Aussenstellen were set up, according to a report in this folder, to supply the German troops with newspapers, periodicals and films until efficient mail service could be established. Also included in the folder is a directive issued by the Luftgaukommando Westfrankreich - "Für den Einheitsführer Nr. 44/1940 der Beiträge zur wehrgeistigen Führung der Truppe." In addition the folder contains single reports of the Aussenstellen in Vienna and Warsaw.

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Folder 578 also contains: Sample clippings from various French newspaper which follow the line (i.e., collaboration) laid down by the Propaganda-Abteilung in instructions for the French Press; a German photostat of an article by an Oberstleutnant v. Veltheim "Britische Propaganda im unbesetzten Frankreich und deren Bekämpfung;" two printed pamphlets "Ice Radio-Paris" and "Radio Paris vous presente La Rose des Vents" containing respectively reprints of selected broadcasts and letters from listeners, who were pro-German and collaborationists.

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Folder 579 also contains correspondence concerning Goebbels' efforts to get a Herr von Kondratowicz removed as Leiter of the Pariser Aussenstelle der Deutschen Wochenschau G.m.b.H.

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1	70/19848	July 1940 - Oct. 1941
2	70/19849	Sept. 1940 - April 1941
3	70/19850	May 1941 - Oct. 1941
4	70/19851	Oct. 1941 - Dec. 1941
5	70/20576	Jan. 1942 - March 1942

Eight folders of Akten entitled "Presseangelegenheiten - Schriftwechsel." The folders contain a diverse collection of correspondence dealing with the press and its relationship to the armed forces. The bulk of the material pertains to all phases of press censorship in the early years of the war. Included are letters from publishers and organizations to the W Pr and the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda, correspondence between these two agencies and other military and government agencies, and correspondence between the W Pr and its censorship officers in the Wehrkreise and with the Reichspropaganda-Amter. The correspondence with publishers and organizations concerns offers of material, requests for permission to publish certain material subject to military censorship, and instructions and restrictions issued by the W Pr. The inter-agency correspondence concerns transfer of particular censorship cases to the proper authority, complaints of censorship violation, request and instructions for the application of censorship in specific instances (e.g., the Luftwaffenfthrungsstab was concerned with the amount and type of information on the British bombing released for publication). Correspondence between the W Pr, its military censorship officers and the Propaganda anter deals with the problems of censorship in the local press, the regulation of correspondence of members of the armed forces with publishers and organizations (e.g., individual experiences written up for a hometown paper that contains censorable military information), obituaries of armed forces members with compromising information, local publications such as Werkzeitungen with information about former employees now in military service, and a variety of other instances which involve military censorship. Included are numerous newspaper clippings and published bulletins to which the correspondence refers, although the actual references are not always included. In addition the folders contain miscellaneous other material including some of the articles written by the Kriegsberichter of the Propaganda Kompanien (see OKW/538-547, 549), and several Tätigkeits- und Erfahrungsberichte of the censorship officers.

Folder 583 also contains some correspondence on the early problems arising from the control and release of official news reports dealing with mobilization and the war, as well as the regulation of distribution of newspapers and other reading material to members of the armed forces. The folder also contains correspondence between Keitel and Generalmajor a.D. Reinhardt, Reichskriegerführer, concerning the N.S. Reichskriegerbund (Kyffhäuserbund) e.V. and its organ, the Reichskriegerzeitung. Also included is a lengthy "Auszug aus den Erfahrungsberichten über die abgehaltene Wehrversammlung" (June 1939).

Folder 584 also contains a short "Stichworte für Unterrichtung der Truppe über die Notwendigkeiten des deutsch-russischen Paktes."

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2	70/19861	Feb.	1940 - May 1940		
3	70/19862	Dec.	1939 - Sept. 1940		
3a	70/19863	July	1940 - Dec. 1940		
4	70/30703	Dec.	1940 - April 1941		
5	70/30704	Nov.	1940 - June 1941		
6	70/30705	April	1941 - Sept. 1941		
7	70/30706	Aug.	1941 - Dec. 1941		

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Thirty-two folders of Akten entitled "Genehmigung von Veröffentlichungen aller Art." The folders contain correspondence concerning the publication of articles, reports, books, radio and movie scripts, maps, entries in encyclopedias and other material which was subject to military or political censorhsip; plus much of the actual material itself. The correspondence is between the W Pr and: its subordinate offices in the Wehrkreise and in field, the Zensurstellen of the different Wehrmachtteile in the Propaganda Ministerium, the various Reichspropagandaämter, publishers of periodicals and book publishers, and other agencies called in to examine material of a specialized nature. Included throughout the correspondence are many actual articles and manuscripts as well as newspaper clippings. However not all of the material to which the correspondence refers is included in the folders, and the tendency of the folders to contain merely the correspondence increases as the series progresses. Much of the material deals with articles written by the Kriegsberichter of the Propaganda Kompanien on various phases of the war, but the file as indicated above is very extensive and provides a good picture of publication activity and of censorship during the period covered.

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987	987	OKW 587	FT	4478696	1	70/19864	Nov. 1938 - Dec. 1939
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		OKW 590	FT	4479964	4	70/19867	June 1939 - Sept. 1939
988	988	OKW 591	$\mathbf{FT}$	4480390	5	70/19868	Sept. 1939 - Mov. 1939
		OKW 592	FT	4480953	6	70/19869	Nov. 1939 - Jan. 1940
		OKW 593	FT	4481468	7	70/19870	Dec. 1939 - March 1940
989	989	OKW 594	FT	4482126	8	70/19871	Feb. 1940 - March 1940
		OKW 595	FT	4482713	9	70/19872	March 1940 - May 1940
990	990	OKW 596	FT	4483382	.10	70/19873	May 1940 - June 1940
		OKW 597	$\mathbf{FT}$	4484043	11	70/19874	June 1940 - Aug. 1940
		OKW 598	FT	4484607	. 12	70/19875	July 1940 - Aug. 1940
991	991	OKW 599	FT	4485283	13	70/19876	July 1940 - Sept. 1940
		0KW 600	FT	4486002	14	70/19877	Sept. 1940 - Oct. 1940
992	992	OKW 601	$\mathbf{FT}$	4485728	15	70/19878	Oct. 1940 - Mov. 1940
		OKW 608	FT	4487461	16	70/19879	Mov. 1940 - Dec. 1940

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18	70/30709	Jan.	1941 - Dec. 1941
19	70/30710		1940 - 1941
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22	70/30713	March	1941 - April 1941
23	70/30714	April	1941 - May 1941
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25	70/30716	Jan.	1941 - June 1941
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Five folders of Akten entitled "Überwachen von Veröffentlichungen. Sperrung v. Schriften aller Art." These folders are a counterpart to the preceding "Genehmigung..." series (OKW/587-602, 762-777). They contain correspondence concerning military censorship of articles, reports, books, newspaper notices, radio scripts, pictures, and include some of the texts of the material referred to in the correspondence in the form of typescripts, newspaper clippings and galley proofs. In contrast to the preceding series these five folders contain primarily correspondence referring to material which was barred from publication by the censors or reported as a violation after publication. The circuit of correspondence is the same as the "Genehmigung..." series, i.e., between the W Pr and other government and military agencies, the most important being the Propaganda Ministerium; between the W Pr and its censorship officers with the Wehrkreiskommandos and with the Reichspropagandaamter; and between the W Pr and individual publishers of newspapers and periodicals. Where the material was of a specialized nature the W Pr referred it to the competent agency for approval. Grounds for Sperrung included revelations of information about the armed forces or the war effort which could be of value to the enemy, defamation of the armed forces, exploitation of connections with the armed forces, e.g., advertising articles considered

demoralizing for soldiers and civilians, plus material in poor taste, or of little value for propaganda. The W Pr issued the official prohibition, or in cases where it had been sent material such as newspaper articles which had already been printed, it issued the necessary warnings. Mixed in with the Sperrungen are instances of approval or approval with reservations.

Folder 603 also contains a very interesting article "Das Weltkraftwerk in der Urankugel - verspricht die Atomzertrümmerung doch noch Erfolge?" by a so called W. Gottwalt, a pseudonym for a man who was erster Assistent an dem Institut für Atomzertrümmerung. It was to be published by the Wissenschaftliche Korrenspondenzbüro, Akademia.

Folder 604 also contains a copy of a German language pamphlet published 6 Gordon Square, London W.C., 1 Dec. 1939. It appears to be intended more for emigres than as propaganda.

Folder 605 also contains a radio script on Brauchitsch plus a 30 page Kriegstagebuch des 5-Panzer Regiment.

Folder 778 also contains an article by General Rabenau, Chef der Heeresarchive. "Revolution der Kriegsführung" to be published in the Wochenschrift "Das Reich." It needed special clearance which Keitel and Jodl were unwilling to give. Summer 1940. Also four large maps of Northwest Europe late 1939 - the Westwall and the Maginot Line.

Note: Frames 4499999 and 2463964 are consecutive.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Propaganda für die Wehrmacht -mit Nr.-" The folder contains a "Geschäftsverteilungsplan der Abteilung für Wehrmacht-Propaganda (W Pr) im Oberkommando der Wehrmacht," April 1939. Inserted at this point, but not part of the original folder are two additional Geschäftsverteilungspläne of the W Pr for January 1940 and June 1944, the latter corrected in pencil to January 1945, see ahead OKW 622 for additional Geschäftsverteilungspläne. The folder contains primarily orders and reports describing the organization, activities, duties, and

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costs of Wehrmachtpropaganda. Included are "Blätter (für Wehrmschtpropaganda)" issued in 1939 and 1940 distributed by the OKW to the Höhere Dienststellen of the Wehrmacht describing the current procedure and lines to be followed in the conduct of Wehrmachtpropaganda and the duties of the W Pr-Offiziere. Material on expenditures includes "Richtlinien für die Bewirtschaftung der Wehrpropagandamittel" plus mumerous Verwendungsnachweise from the individual Wehrkreise. Also included are other various instructions for the W Pr-Offiziere, and correspondence from the Wehrkreise describing their W Pr personnel. Material is included at the end of the folder on military propaganda broadcasts.

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OKW 631-35, FT Oberkommando der Wehr-1003-1003-See below 637-39,795 macht, Abteilung für 1006 1006 Wehrmachtpropaganda

Nine folders of Geheim-Akten "Propaganda Angelegenheiten." They appear to be a continuation of the series OKW 519-526 (see above). The material in these folders is extremely diverse, but all of it is related to the program of active propaganda organized by the W Pr in conjunction with the Propaganda Ministerium and carried out by numerous military units and civilian agencies. The largest amount of material contained in the folders deals with the preparation and distribution of propaganda leaflets. Included are draft texts, actual examples, detailed description of the methods of distribution, reports evaluating their effect on the intended recipients. Likewise considerable material on enemy propaganda leaflets is included with examples. Much of the material in folders also deals with the current formulation of propaganda policy. This includes numerous instructions and orders issuing from the W Pr, the Propaganda Ministerium and other Höhere Dienststellen as well as suggestions, instructions from local army groups and civilian agencies as to specific policies to be followed. The material covers the full range of propaganda activities in all occupied countries, in areas of combat and those directed at enemy or neutral countries. Material similar to that in OKW 519-526 includes Rundfunkpropagandalageberichte compiled by the OKW/Chi describing propaganda broadcasts in enemy and neutral countries; descriptions of foreign radio propaganda for broadcast abroad; printed Wehrmacht-Propaganda-Lageberichte describing the current general situation: military attache reports on the effects of propaganda in foreign countries. Other material

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contained in this series includes Lage- and Tätigkeitsberichte of W Pr and other field units engaged in active propaganda; reports issued by the Auswärtiges Amt Inf. marked Streng Vertraulich entitled "Feindliche Hetzpropaganda betr. die besetzten und angegliederten Gebiete. "numerous descriptions of specific propaganda operations being carried on; evaluation of enemy propaganda and instances where it was exploited for counterpropaganda purposes; efforts to counteract enemy propaganda. From folder 795 onward the emphasis in the correspondence shifts from the war against England to the campaigns in Russia and in North Africa, although the diversity of the file continues, ranging from propaganda activities in Finland to the Balkans and the U.S.A. Of particular interest are the elaborate programs carried on in Russia to exploit the centrifugal tendencies in the Soviet Union - the minority nationalities and the question of land redistribution as opposed to collectivization. The following descriptions of individual items either highlight material of unusual interest or that which is atypical of the file.

Folder 631 also contains: Propaganda Abteilung, Chef der Militärverwaltung in Frankreich "Anti-englische Propagandawelle" (in France) October 1940.

Folder 632 also contains: a copy of the French Newspaper "Le Cri du Peuple" (1940) published by the collaborator Jacques Doriot plus "Rapport sur le Parti Populaire Français et Extraits de la Presse P.P.F." 1936 -1939. The P.P.F. was founded by Doriot in 1936.

Folder 795 also contains considerable correspondence concerning the request of Oberstleutnant von Veltheim, Luftwaffekontrollkommission Aix en Provence, for 5,000 Marks per week from the W Pr to support Doriot and his party (see above folder 631). Summer 1941. Two translated copies of captured Russian documents prepared by the political propaganda units of the 5th and 8th Russian armies for the eventuality of hostilities. The Germansfelt that the documents could be used propagenda-wise to prove Russia's aggressive intentions. (July 1941). A report "Fremde Handelsschiffahrt" (November 1940).

Folder 633 elso contains: "Denkschrift Fauzi Kautsi über die Kriegsführung gegen die Briten im irak.-syr. Raum." July 1941.

Folder 634 also contains: Propaganda Ministerium "Weisungen für die Tätigkeit der Propaganda-Abteilung und Staffeln im besetzten Gebiet der Sowjet Union." A Stimmungsbericht of the Propaganda-Abteilung W beim Befehlshaber des rückwärtigen Heeresgebiets Mitte is of particlular interest as it discusses the shooting of Russian POW's too weak to march further and its adverse effect on the Russian populace under occupation. Jodl suggested in a pencilled commentary that the propaganda should stress that the POW's wouldn't rather than couldn't proceed further. Also in the same report a discussion of land division and the dissolution of the collective system as a concern of German propaganda with commentary and suggestions by Schenkendorf (Befehlshaber des rückwärtigen Heeresgebiets Mitte).

Folder 635 also contains: Material on the use of the Russian actor, von Blumenthal-Tamarin, as an advisor for propaganda in Russia; a suggestion from the Führerhauptquartier for some anti-English propaganda directed at the French (February 1942); report "Zur Tätigkeit russischer Emigranten in Stadt und Gebiet Smolensk;" report of Propaganda Abteilung W "Über die Tätigkeit des 'Nationalen Arbeiter-Bundes' im besetzten russischen Sprachgebiet" (March 1942); other Abwehr reports from Russia; a correspondence between Viktor Baidalakow and Vladimir Despotuli of the Verlag "Neues Wort" (Nowojo Slowo) in Berlin concerning anti-German propaganda amongst Russian emigres, April 1942; correspondence and instructions concerning "Propaganda-Aktion über die Agrar-Reform in der Sowjet-Union." (February 1942). This plan was drawn up with the co-operation of the Propaganda Ministerium, the Reichsministerium für die besetzten Ostgebiete and the W Pr.

Folder 637 also contains more meterial on agrarian reform and propaganda in Russia; a considerable number of propaganda Flugblätter which were directed at the Russian minority nationalities, e.g., Armenians, Georgians, Calmucks etc. plus correspondence concerning them; correspondence and reports concerning a Denkschrift of Gauleiter Adolf Wagner (Bayern & Oberbayern) which raised the question of what were the limits of the Wehrmacht's competence outside the purely military sphere. The entire Denkschrift is not included but the section entitled "Das Propagandawesen der Wehrmacht" objected to the extent of the Wehrmacht's encroachment on Ausstellungen which it felt belonged in the sphere of the party (NSDAP Hauptamt Propaganda). A compromise seems to have been reached. This folder and the following

folder 638 also contain German propaganda Flugblätter in Arabic for distribution in Egypt and the Near East; a short printed "Richtlinien für die Aktivpropagenda in der Sowjetarmee" (September 1942); correspondence arising from an order by Goebbels in October 1942 to undertake an active propaganda compaign on the effectiveness of German weapons and weapons production to counter American armaments propaganda.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Artikel f.d. Presse - Heer -."
The folder contains requests for the publication of press notices or articles forwarded to the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda, Abteilung IV A (Inlandpresse) by the W Pr or requests sent to the W Pr itself for approval. The press notices are short and typescripts of them are usually included with the correspondence. They pertain to such subjects as official celebrations, visits of army dignitaries, new ordinances, unit and personnel changes in the army, dedications, important speeches and announcements. Many of the notices in the folder refer to organization and reorganization in the new Reich Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia. Other miscellaneous correspondence dealing with permission to publish articles is included. Duplicates omitted.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Artikel und Notizen für die Presse. - Kriegsmarine -." The folder contains requests for the publication of press notices plus the notices themselves similar to the above folder (OKW 606) except that they pertain to affairs in the Kriegsmarine rather than the army. The OKM (Oberkommando der Kriegsmarine) channeled such notices through the OKW/W Pr. The W Pr also cleared notices and stories concerning the navy with the competent naval authorities. Other miscellaneous correspondence concerning publication of articles, radio broadcasts included. Included also are several reports of ship sinkings and shipping losses in the first year of the war. Duplicates omitted.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Besuche, Vorträge, Besprechungen, Reden, Interviews." The folder contains primarily correspondence concerning Vortrage and Reden. This includes: requests by organizations sent to the OKW for suggested speakers on military subjects: requests for approval by individuals, e.g. retired officers who wish to give lectures on military subjects; arrangements between military and civilian agencies and the W Pr for lectures and speeches; several itineraries for official visits - e.g., much correspondence on a visit by Brauchitsch to Rheinmetall-Borsig, Werke Düsseldorf, in August 1939 including articles released to the press to publicize the visit: correspondence on arrangements to publish important speeches and announcements, e.g., text plus correspondence on "Ansprache des Oberbefehlshaber des Heeres vor den Kriegsschulen des Heeres in Reichsehrenmel Tannenberg am 20.7.1939: reports on the press's handling of official releases: correspondence on the increasing censorship of Vorträge. Included is a long (40 pp.) Vortrag of a Major Aschoff "Mit einer Panzer-Division durch Frankreich" submitted for censorship.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Abgabe von Material, Aufsätze, Schulungs- u. Anschauungsmaterial." The folder contains diverse correspondence pertaining to the collection and use of material of the title description. Included are requests from organizations, military units, libraries and publishers for such material in the form of pictures, reports, and regular publications assembled by the W Pr plus the correspondence concerning the distribution of this material.

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One folder of Akten mislabelled with the title of OKW 609, but whose code number was corrected to correspond to a second volume of material

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identical in subject to OKW 608 "Besuche, Vorträge, Besprechungen, Reden, Interviews" (see above description). As in folder 608 the bulk of the correspondence concerns Vorträge. Also similar to the latter part of that folder this second volume is primarily concerned with Vorträge which were submitted for censorship to the W Pr. The lectures are concerned with military topics of current interest. Also included programs of official meetings, e.g., Tagung der Rundfunkbeauftragten (June 1941).

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Four folders of Akten entitled "Bücher und Zeitschriften allgemein."
The folders contain correspondence concerning the approval by the W Pr of books and periodicals containing material on military subjects. Books, periodicals, and articles and excerpts intended for both were either submitted voluntarily by the publisher for censorship or for possible official endorsement, or came to the attention of the W Pr through their own or other official channels. Additional correspondence deals with efforts of the W Pr to sponsor, support, censor or suppress individual publications. As with other W Pr files as the war progressed censorship became more prominent and stringent. Also as with other files there is considerable interagency correspondence in which individual pieces are submitted to a competent agency for approval. Although some examples of the written work referred to in the correspondence are included, the file is mainly correspondence.

Folder 611 also contains a very long (317 pp.) printed proof text, a Sonderausgabe der Zeitschrift "Kurzbericht" (of the Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst E.V.) entitled "Chronik des Krieges" best described: "die gesamten diplomatischen und militärischen Dokumente und Berichte..."

Folder 782 also contains a long (74 pp.) typescript "Narvik - ein Heldenlied. Episoden aus dem Kampf unserer Marine- und Gebirgstruppen um den norwegischen Erzhafen" von Dr. Hans Steen, intended for publication in the Kölnische Illustrierte Zeitung; General Dietl, kommandierende General of the Gebirgskorps Norwegen, objected.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Allgemeine Wehrzeitschriften ("früher 1 u 10, 1 u 11, 1 u 12, 1 u 13") now 1 u 10/14. The folder contains correspondence and reports concerning Wehrzeitschriften. Much of the material in the first half of the folder is concerned with the reorganization or suspension of Wehrzeitschriften. Documents indicate that the Propaganda Ministerium in September 1939 ordered that Germany's 15,000 periodicals be reduced to 300, and the W Pr requested the 3 Wehrmachtteile to help reduce the number of Wehrzeitschriften. Annotated lists of those under scrutiny and some examples are included in the folder. The remaining military news services were reorganized in the period just after the beginning of the war. This included for example extension of the information paper for Frontzeitungen, the "Stimme der Heimat," and reorientation of remaining newspapers. Material on the organization of the Wehrdienstliche Schriftenstelle in Prag. The rest of the folder contains miscellaneous correspondence on both Wehrzeitschriften and other periodicals either read or considered suitable for the armed forces. This includes requests of publishers, inter-agency recommendations suggestion by the W Pr. offers of material, correspondence from the Wehrkreise.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Zeitschrift: 'Die Wehrmacht'." The folder contains correspondence concerned with the Zeitschrift "Die Wehrmacht." The main correspondents are Verlag "Die Wehrmacht" GMBH Berlin, the W Pr and OKW/Abteilung Inland. The former two worked closely together, the W Pr providing material to be published, technical assistance, as well as criticism and censorship. The correspondence is concerned with the coverage, reporting, of events and subjects related to the Wehrmacht as well as the preparation and transmission of articles for publication.

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Also included is some interesting correspondence on the efforts of Max Amann to gain control of "Die Wehrmacht" including a correspondence between him and Keitel in May 1939, the transfer of "Die Wehrmacht" to Amann's Eher Verlag early 1940, and a Vertrag between the OKW and the Zeitschrift regulating the new relationship. Interesting commentary by Keitel is included.

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Two folders of Akten entitled "Beschaffung und Verleihung von Photos und Filmen." The folders contain requests from publishers for photographs to accompany articles. The W Pr supplied these from their archive. Also requests from armed forces commands, military attaches and other photographs and films for propaganda purposes. Also correspondence between different agencies concerning the preparation and transfer of photographs and films for propaganda purposes. Some of the correspondence concerns captured or seized foreign film. Also correspondence between the W Pr and the Deutsche Wochenschau GMBH for the preparation of newsreels. Also correspondence between W Pr and its Bild- and Filmberichter in the field Propaganda Kompanien regarding preparation of pictures and films; correspondence between W Pr and film equipment companies regarding equipment. A few articles and reports are included, for which pictures were intended.

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Two folders of Akten entitled "Begutachtung von Filmen, Filmmanuskripten und Photos aller Art." The folders contain largely correspondence and scripts pertaining to motion pictures dealing with the
subject of the armed forces - newsreels, Unterrichtsfilme, patriotic
and propaganda films. The film scripts had to be approved by W Pr.
as well as the Propaganda Ministerium and other interested agencies.
The correspondence on each film production between the W Pr. the other
ministries, the authors of the scripts and the film companies producing
the films is contained in separate sections in the folders. Also

included are some publicity articles concerning the films and reports on the reaction to them when shown, some unfavorable. Included is film manuscript material, some in the preparatory stage, and some finished film scripts. Miscellaneous other material on individual pictures, foreign films is included.

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Four folders of Akten entitled "Genehmigung zur Veröffentlichung v. Filmen, Photos, Bilder, Karten, Zeichmungen." Folders consist mainly of correspondence dealing with the approval of still photographs for publication although material of the above subject description is included. Photographs, films, etc. whose subject made them liable to military censorship had to be approved by the W Pr and its censors or by another competent agency. Pictures intended for publication were sent in for approval by photographic firms, organizations, industrial firms (photographs of military equipment), publishers etc. Also many were submitted to the censorship officers in the Wehrkreise and sent to the W Pr central in Berlin for final approval. In addition pictures etc. which had already appeared and were considered either of special interest or objectionable were sent to the W Pr (e.g., by a Wehrkreiskommando) for appraisal.

Folder 616 also contains several film scripts for motion pictures. Folder 617 also contains detailed drawings of German uniforms and insignia.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Innerer Dienst, Standortangelegenheiten, Veranstaltungen besonderer Art. (Paraden pp)." Included in the folder are several orders of the Kommandantur Berlin and the Schutzpolizei for the formal reception of Hitler upon his return from the Czech coup,

March 1939. A number of "Einteilungslisten für den Offizier vom Dienst OKW." Kommandantur Berlin, arrangements for the Staatsbegräbnis for Freiherr von Fritsch, Admiral von Trotha and Gen.d.Inf. Karmann. Miscellaneous arrangements for parades, concerts, celebrations, receptions and diverse Veranstaltungen, e.g., the 25 Jahr-Feier Tannenberg, and visit of Count Ciano in Berlin, summer 1939, "Kommandierte Zuschauer und Truppenabordnungen zur Parade in Paris" (OKH July 1940). Instructions to the press concerning these events. Also a number of chronological reports of the Offiziere vom Dienst OKW.

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Two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Innerer Dienst und Geschäftsbetrieb."

Folder 695 includes material similar to the above arrangements for celebrations. "Grundsätzliche Weisungen des Ob.d.L. zur Geheimhaltung" (26 pp.). Material on military couriers. A variety of miscellaneous internal organizational orders and regulations of the OKW:including Dienstreisen, requisitions, reorganizations, authorizations, interagency communications, "Erkennungsmarken der Dienststellen des OKW," making up of the Verteiler for certain types of reports and communications, Dienstanweisungen etc.

Folder 696 includes similar organizational material plus other material on courier service. Some correspondence on the application of German law for Germans in occupied territories. "Richtlinien des Auswärtigen Amts für den Kurierdienst." One large page of statistics: "Die deutschen Verluste im 1. Kriegsjahre 1.9.1939 - 31.8.1940." Geschäftsverteilungsplan der Abteilung Ausland (gültig ab 1.11.1940)." Regulations concerning the handling of classified information and material. "Anschriften-Verzeichnis für alle Verschlusssachen" (May 1941), plus subsequent Anderungen.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Geschäftseinteilung, Geschäftsordnung, Arbeitspläne." This is a very useful folder containing numerous Geschäftsverteilungspläne for OKW agencies. Included are those for: Abteilung für Wehrmacht-Progaganda (W Pr) undated vorläufig ca. early 1939, Apr. 1939.

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Aug. 1939. Sep. 1939. Jan. 1940; see OKW/582 for June 1944 and OKW/2107 for June 1941. Inspektion des Reit-u. Fahrwesens (In 3), Feb. 1939; OKW Abteilung Inland, two vorläufig undated, Oct. 1937 (Reichskriegsministerium). June 1939: Reichsministerium des Innern. Jul 1938 (104 pp): OKW Allgemeine Abteilung (W Allg), Apr. 1939, Apr. 1940; Amtsgruppe Heeresveroflegungs- und Beschaffungswesen (Ag V III) OKH, Apr. 1939; Heeres-Personalabteilung 3 (P 3). Apr. 1939; Justitiare (Wehrmachtrechtsabteilung), June 1939; Allgemeines Heeresamt (Stab), Sep. 1939; (Inland II.) Weltanschauliche Führung, Oct. 1939; Wehrmachtrechtsabteilung (W R) Oct. 1939: Abteilung Heereswesen (AHA/Ag/H) der Amtsgruppe Ersatz- und Heereswesen (Ag/EH) des Allgemeinen Heeresamtes Nov. 1939: Inspektion des Erziehungs- und Bildungswesens des Heeres (In E B). Feb. 1940. July 1940: Heeres-Sanitätsinspektion (S In), Sep. 1940. Also included: a Verzeichnis der Heereskassen, June 1939, (32 pp); Hausverteiler für Umdrucke. Buchdruckerlasse usw. innerhalb des OKH., Sep. 1939; a sîmi-1st Hausverteiler etc. for the OKM. Sep. 1939; a Dienstplan der Gruppe Seelsorge. Nov. 1939: a Dienstplan Stab AHA (Allgemeines Heeresamt). March 1940. In addition the folder contains a considerable amount of material on the setting up of the Abteilung für Wehrmacht-Propaganda in early 1939. This includes numerous drafts of Geschäftsverteilungspläne. plus other organizational plans, matters of office space, communications etc. Other miscellaneous material in the folder pertains to Arbeitsplane and organizational plans of other agencies. Dienstanweisungen etc.

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Three folders of Akten entitled "Rundfunkengelegenheiten." The folders contain correspondence pertaining to the preparation and presentation of propaganda radio broadcasts concerning the armed forces. Such broadcasts were arranged through the W Pr, before its inception early 1939 by the Abteilung Inland (Pr) of the OKW. Also the W Pr. was responsible for the military censorship of broadcasts. Broadcasts related to the armed forces or involving armed forces personnel were arranged by the W Pr in conjunction with Abteilung Rundfunk of the Propaganda Ministerium, the relevant armed forces agency, and the Reichs-Rundfunk G.m.b.H. Some of the correspondence refers to foreign short wave broadcasts, but the bulk falls into the category covered by the Deutschlandsender and Deutscher Kurzwellensender of the Reichs-Rundfunk G.m.b.H.

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A number of actual scripts and programs of broadcasts are included. Standard subjects included descriptions of parts of the armed forces, of military operations, of trips and visits by dignitaries, and foreign shortwave propaganda broadcasts. Other correspondence covers commentary from listeners. criticism and suggestions from various individuals and agencies, reports of censorship, reports of foreign broadcasts. Much material is included on the distribution to the armed forces of radio receivers acquired from such sources as seizure from Jews.

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	•	OKW 735	FT.	2483315

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3	70/19907	Dec. 1939 - June 1940

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Rundfunkengelegenheiten." The folder contains; reports and correspondence of agencies concerned with radio broadcasting, primarily the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung u. Propaganda. Abteilung Rundfunk, and the W Pr: diverse reports of foreign language propaganda broadcast prepared by the Germans and broadcasted over short wave from Germany or from the occupied territories, correspondence on German radio service in the occupied territories and foreign radio services under German control: programs of B.B. C. German language broadcasts, miscellaneous reports on technical problems and effect of German propaganda broadcasts: monitoring of and illegal listening to foreign broadcasts.

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Two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Propaganda-Gerät." Folder 640 contains correspondence pertaining to the requisition and disposition of equipment used by the field units of the W Pr as well as to the development of such equipment which effort, according to the file, was coordinated by the OKW/Waffenamt. Equipment for still and motion picture photography, and radio broadcasting, was the main concern as well as such things as typewriters, loud speaker trucks for direct over-the-lines propaganda, and mobile film trucks for Truppenbetreuung. Included are some personnel lists of men in the propaganda companies and their duties.

Folder 641 contains more correspondence on the use of such equipment.

the techniques involved and the results obtained, under conditions of active operations. The last part of this folder also contains "Tätig-keitsberichte über die Arbeit der Abteilung im ersten Kriegsjahr" issued by the W Pr section of the Wehrmachtbevollmächtigte beim Reichsprotektor in Böhmen und Mähren.

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1 70/20459 April - Oct. 1939
2 70/20460 Oct. 1939 - Nov. 1940

Six folders of Geheim-Akten entitled variously Propaganda Kompanie Personelles," "Prop. Einh. - Personal.," "Prop. Personal.," but forming a single series of numbered volumes. The folders contain correspondence and reports pertaining to the activities of the Propaganda Kompanien of the W Pr serving with the field units of the three Wehrmachtteile. The folders include: correspondence on all manner of personnel changes in these companies, - assignment, transfer, promotion, removal. The Fachpersonal of these companies, the Wort-, Bild-, Film-, and Rundfunkbe-richter was made up of both civilian technicians and members of the armed forces. Also included are orders, Dienstanweisungen, instructions for training of personnel and for operations; personnel lists, Kriegs-stärkenachweisungen and Stellenbesetzungsliste.

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 March 1941 - April 1942

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Nine folders of Geheim-Akten entitled variously "Prop. Komp. Heer," and "Prop. Einh. Heer." They form a single series. The folders contain correspondence and reports pertaining to the activities of the Propaganda Kompanien of the W Pr serving with the army. Included are: Weisungen and Dienstanweisungen directed at all the propaganda companies and at individual ones, plus a variety of other instructions, regulations and requests. The Propaganda Kompanien returned Erfahrungs-Leistungs- and

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Tätigkeitsberichte reporting on all phases of active propaganda, war reporting and geistige Betreuung of the troops which they were carrying out as well as on matters of local organization of the companies. Much of the correspondence deals with the organization and reorganization of propaganda units as the scope of the war and of their activities increased. Such correspondence was between the W Pr and organizational agencies of the OKH such as the Generalstab des Heeres. Org/Abt or other army agencies who were affected by the changes. Also included is correspondence between the W Pr and the Propaganda Ministerium on specific propaganda problems and the regulation of competence between the local Propaganda-Amter and the Propaganda Kompanien with the army. Also included is material on personnel, Kriegsstärkenachweisungen. Stellenbesetzungspläne etc. similar to the preceding folders (OKW 642-647).

The first folder contains material on the early organization of the Propaganda Kompanien .- Technische Ausrüstung, Richtlinien etc.

The middle folders contain considerable material on the organization and creation of new propaganda units.

The latter folders contain many organizational schemes of the propaganda units. Kriegsstärkenachweisungen etc.

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	1019	1019	OKW 652 OKW 653	FT FT	2487681 2488051
			OKW 654 OKW 655	FT FT	2488384 2488712
	1020	1020	0KW 656	FT	2489144
	1020- 1022	1020-	okw 657-67	FT	See below

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2	70/20468	Nov. 1939 - May 1940
3	70/20469	April - Sep. 1940
4	70/20470	Sep. 1940 - March 1941
5	70/20471	March 1941 - Nov. 1941
6	70/20472	June 1941 - Oct. 1941
7	70/20473	Jan March 1942
ġ	70/20474	Feb Oct. 1942
9	70/20475	Oct Dec. 1942

Eleven folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Prop. Einheiten Kriegsmarine." These folders are a continuation of OKW/527-531. They contain material of a similar nature. i.e.. primarily Tätigkeitsmeldungen and Stärkemeldungen of the Marine Propaganda-Abteilungen and their sub-units, plus miscellaneous correspondence concerning the units. their organization and reorganization. By 1941 there were three Marine Propaganda-Abteilungen, Nord (Wilhelmshaven). West (Paris), and Sidost (Sofia) plus numerous Kriegsberichter- Halbkompanien

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						in various cities. Their main function seems to have been reporting by
						means of Wort-, Bild-, Film-, and Rundfunkberichte, and there is little
						evidence of the active propaganda or the Truppenbetreuung carried out by
						the Propaganda Kompanien attached to the army. Few of the Wortberichte referred to in the correspondence are included in the folders.
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•			OKW 663	FT	2491158	11 70/20482 Jan Sep. 1942
•			0KW 664	FT	2491369	12 70/20483 Feb March 1942
			OKW 665	FT	2491600	13 70/20484 April - Oct. 1942
	1022	1022	okw 666	FT	2491964	14 70/20485 Sep Dec. 1942
		•	okw 667	FT	2492221	15 70/20486 Aug.42 - April 1943
			UKW 796-9	9 FT	See below	Four folders without the usual "Akten" outer cover of the W Pr.
			0124 170 7	<i>)</i>		They contain actual texts of Wortberichte written by the Wortberichter
						of the Marine-Kriegsberichter Kompanien. These were reports written to
						be published as articles in various periodicals. Those contained in these
						folders are concerned with the war at sea and successes of the German
						navy. Sample titles: "Die armen Leute an Land! U-Bootsalltag im Mit-
		ě				telmeer." "Der Weg durch die Passage. Ein deutsches U-Boot im Kampf
						gegen die Schifffahrt der U.S.A." The reports have been censored and all but a few were freigegeben. The folders consist almost entirely of these
				* .		Berichte and the cover letters and correspondence usually found in such
						files are for the most part missing.
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			UKW 798	FT	2492862	70/21154 early 1944
			OKW 799	FT	2493157	70/21155 early 1944
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Two folders of Geheim-Akten wrongly entitled on the front cover

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macht, Atteilung fär Wehrmachtpropaganda "Tätigkeitsberichte -mit Nr.-" but correctly titled "Wortberichte" on the spine of the folder. Like the preceding four folders these two contain Wortberichte intended for publication written by the Wortberichter of the Marine Kriegsberichter-Kompanien. The folders contain both Berichte which were freigegeben and those which were gesperrt, when they were submitted to the W Pr for censorship with the majority falling in the latter category. The articles in the first folder are mainly concerned with the activities of the German navy in the sea war against England, and operations in the Atlantic, e.g., "Schnellbootjagd - einmal anders! Ein nächtlicher Vorstoss zur englischen Küste- .. " March 1941.

The first folder also contains a Stärkemeldung der Marine-Propaganda-Abteilung Nord for April 1941.

The second folder contains more correspondence, fewer Wortberichte. The articles include stories about operations in the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas. Also included: "Zusammenstellung der seit Beginn des Ostfeldzuges gemachten Film-Aufnahmen bis einschl. 15. Okt. 1941.", prepared by the Marine-Prop. Abt. Nord.

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2 70/20490 Aug. 1941 - 1942

Two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Tätigkeitsberichte ohne Nr." The folders contain monatliche Tätigkeitsberichte and Tätigkeitsmeldungen of the three Marine-Propaganda-Abteilungen, West, Nord and Sädost (see description OKW/657-667). The reports describe the activities of the Kriegsberichter and what they have produced.

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1	70/20487	Jan June 1942
2	70/20488	June - Dec. 1942

Six folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Presseangelegenheiten aller Art." They are actually a continuation of the series OKW/538-547,549 entitled "Artikel" which has been described in detail above. These folders contain identical material: articles and other printed matter censored and blocked from publication plus correspondence concerning them. In addition these folders contain a considerable amount of material on the censorship of the Czech press in Prague by the Militärzensurstelle Prag and of the

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	1025	1025	okw 675 okw 684 okw 676	FT FT FT	2495493 2495836 2496165
			okw 784	<b>FT</b> -	2496837
	1026	1026	okw 785	FT	2497464

Rumanian press by German (Zensurstelle bei der Deuts	chen Luftwaffenmission
in Bukarest) and Rumanian censorship officials. For	full description con-
sult OKW/538-547,549 on Serials 971-975.	

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Folder 675 also contains new regulations "betr. Zensur von Anzeigen und wirtschaftlichen Veröffentlichungen der Luftwaffenindustrie" issued by the Oberbefehlshaber der Luftwaffe, Führungsstab, March 1942 plus other correspondence on this subject.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Besprechungen, Pressekonferenzen, Presseberichte aller Art. PK-Berichte. -mit Nr.-" The folder contains material similar to the preceding folder on press and propaganda conferences, e.g., "Zusammenkunft der WPrO (Wehrmacht-Propaganda-Offiziere) vom 8.-10.1.40." The folder also contains other miscellaneous press material including clippings from the foreign and German press, correspondence of the W Pr with publishers. The last half of the folder contains Wortberichte prepared mainly by the Kriegsberichter of the Marine-Propaganda Kompanien plus correspondence concerning the censorship of these articles, and other correspondence referring to articles not included in the folders.

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One folder of Akten entitled "Besprechungen, Pressekonferenzen, Presseberichte aller Art. PK Berichte, -ohne Nr.-" The folder contains Tageseinteilungen and "Teilnehmerliste für den Lehrgang für Presse- und Zensuroffiziere vom 30.8.38 bis einschl. 3.9.38." Participants were officers of the OKW/Pressegruppe, headed by Oberst Wedel before it was expanded, early 1939 into the OKW/W Pr., plus other press and censorship officers. The participants heard a number of Vorträge by officers of

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the OKW/Pressegruppe on the role of the Rundfunk, Zeitschriften, Bücher und Broschüren, Bild- und Filmfragen, geistige Betreuung...im Kriege. Other lectures included "Die Grundlagen der Zusammenarbeit von Wehrmacht und Propaganda im Kriege." "Anforderungen an den Kriegsberichterstatter und den Zensur-Offizier" plus the function of press and censorship in wartime. The enclosures then jump to April 1939 after the W Pr was set up. Included is correspondence, reports on and excerpts from conferences held on press and propaganda matters. A printed report of the Auslandsamt der Dozentenschaft der Deutschen Universitäten und Hochschulen, "Reichstätigkeitsbericht 1. April 1940 - 30. September 1940." The rest of the folder contains a large number of Presseübersicht reports prepared by the W Pr IIIf which were sent to Major Dr. Ritter von Goss, Ic beim WB (Wehrbevollmächtigter)im Protektorat, Böhmen und Mähren. These reports run Jan. - April 1941.

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Two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Tagesweisungen." They contain numbered "Tagesweisungen für die militärische Zensur." The Tagesweisungen were prepared by the W Pr and sent by army telegraph to the various units of the Wehrmacht where military censors were stationed. Sample excerpts from the Tagesweisungen: "Berichte über Gefangenenlager sind künftig zu sperren, soweit sie nicht durch OKW veranlasst sind." (Nr. 22, Jan.41); "PK-Berichte und Schilderungen über englische Bombenangriffe auf Dänemark, Norwegen, Holland, Belgien und Frankreich sind unerwünscht und daher zu sperren." (Nr. 94, July 1940). A small amount of other correspondence on censorship and the Tagesweisungen are included.

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Fremde Staaten - Belgien - ."
The folder contains reports of the military attaché with the German Embassy in Brussels sent to the OKH, Generalstab des Heeres, Attaché-Gruppe. They are almost entirely press reports describing developments in the Belgian and French press considered of intelligence or propaganda value.

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Staaten - Ungarn.-" The folder contains an Abschrift of a memorandum originally signed by Vice-Admiral Canaris of a Besprechung he had with the Hungarian Oberst Ujazascy concerning Hungary's relations with foreign countries (July 1939). Included are reports of V-Manner of the Abwehr on conditions in Hungary. One such report concerns Henry Lebre, alias Francois Danture, editor of "Je suis partout" working in conjunction with the Ungarische Revisionsliga. (Aug. 1939). Also included are reports of the military attache with the German Legation (Gesandtschaft) in Budapest dealing with political and military conditions in Hungary, relations with foreign countries, particularly Rumania, propaganda, the press etc.

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Fremde Staaten - Norwegen -. " The folder contains reports of Abwehr V-Männer forwarded to W Pr by Amt Ausland/Abwehr on the political situation and opinion in Norway. After the beginning of the war in September 1939 the reports became concerned with naval and shipping affairs in Norwegian waters, and the attitudes in Norway toward the war. Also included are translations of articles from Norwegian newspapers. The latter 2/3 of the folder is concerned with Norway under German occupation. Included: "Militärische Durchfährungsbestimmungen zum Erlass des Führers über Ausübung der Regierungsbefugnisse in Norwegen vom 24. April 1940. " (Vorentwurf). Several reports from military attaches and the Amt/Ausland/Abwehr on opinion in Norway. A number of "Berichte über die innere Lage Norwegens issued by the Oberbefehlshaber Norwegen. "

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Aussenpolitische Nachrichten Frankreich. " The folder contains a variety of reports from occupied and unoccupied France, some of them very interesting. Included are: Amt/

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Ausland/Abwehr translation French document of proposals for peace terms in the event of a German defeat (written Paris Nov. 1939). "Vermerk ther die Organisation eines Reparationssystemes in Deutschland. " OKW/Wehrwirtschaftsund Rüstungsamt report "Die wehrwirtschaftliche Lage des unbesetzten Frankreich. Oct. 1941. Two Beurteilungen by von Stülpnagel and Abetz of the author Jean Fontency for service as head of the Kriegsberichterzug der Französischen Freiwilligen-Legion gegen den Bolschewismus. Oct. 1941. A number of reports: "Auswertung französischen, in Paris gefundenen Materials" prepared by the Abteilung Deutsche Presse, Hauptreferat Schnelldienst of the Propaganda Ministerium. An "Erlass des Militärbefehlshabers in Frankreich vom 28.9.41 betr. Geiselnahme." "Stenographie condensée des paroles prononcées par le général Weygand devant les officiers des armées de terre, de mer et de l'air le 29 octobre 1940 à Dakar. " Long V-Mann report through Amt/Ausland/Abwehr "Eindrücke und Beobachtungen aus dem unbesetzten Gebiet. " May 1941. A report of Oberstleutnant von Veltheim on Jacques Doriot and the Parti Populaire Francais (see OKW 632.795 on Serials 1003 and 1004). A report of the Deutsche Waffenstillstandskommission on French Youth organizations. A booklet "Pourquoi et comment fut décidée la demande d'armistice (10-17 Juin 1940)" par Charles Reibel. Senateur Ancien Ministre. Amt/Ausl./Abw. prepared translations of two "Orientierungsmitteilungen" distributed daily in Marseilles to de Gaulle followers. A V-Mann Meldung "Organisation de Gaulle im besetzten und unbesetzten Gebiet. Beob. Zeit: 30.11. - 2.12.40. A number of Stimmungsberichte such as "Pariser Stimmungsbericht. Was denkt Paris?" prepared by the Amt/Ausl./Abw. in Nov. 1940. German translation of a letter to Ambassador Bullitt describing a plan to transfer French gold reserves on American ships to New York, no date. probably Spring 1940. The letter was found in the French Defense Ministry. A German translation of French and Belgian documents on the military situation prior to the German offensive in the West, e.g., French General Staff "Die militärische und wirtschaftliche Lage Deutschlands. " early June 1940. In addition the folder contains numerous and diverse reports on all phases of the occupation in France. These include additional reports from the Abwehr. the Deutsche Waffenstillstandskommission, and the Militerbefehlshaber Frankreich; numerous Stimmungsberichte, evaluation of seized and censored letters, reports of propaganda activities and their success in France, particulary as the German invasion of France proceeded. Several classified documents of French or Belgian origin have been removed before filming.

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Fremde Staaten - Frankreich.-" An extremely diverse file dealing with occupied, unoccupied France and North Africa. Specific items included: Several reports on the Franzësische Freiwillige Legion which fought in Russia. More reports "Auswertung französischen. in Paris gefundenen Materials" similar to folder 685 above. Correspondence on "Zersetzungsversuch in Frankreich mit Hilfe einer Pseudoweissagung der 'Heiligen Odilie'." plus texts and commentary. A number of reports of the Deutsche Waffenstillstandskommission. Gruppe Wehrmacht Ic "Lage unbesetztes Gebiet." and "Lage franz. Mutterland (Auswertung von Berichten der Kontroll-Inspektion). " Several interesting reports on opinion, the political situation and propaganda in Algeria, Tunisia and Marocco prepared by the Abwehr W Pr officers and others. Other Abwehr reports deal with the political situation and developments in Vichy. Included are translations of speeches of Petain and Laval at a meeting of the French Propaganda Ministry. Nov. 1942. In addition the folder contains diverse other reports and interesting material: seized anti-axis propaganda in French, analysis of letters, V-Mann reports on all phases of the occupation, attitudes of the people etc. Several classified documents have been removed before filming.

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Three folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Fremde Staaten - Russland." The folders contain material on Russia, much of it in the reports of the Abwehr (Amt/Ausland/Abwehr). The contents of the folders vary considerably and can best be described separately.

Folder 687 contains material and reports on Russia from the period prior to the invasion in June 1941. Included are: a Soviet written Wirtschaftsbulletin "Die Sowjetunion in Wort und Bild" Nr. 5, in German language distributed in Scandanavia; Abwehr reports on conditions in Russia, the Red Army, propaganda e.g., "Berichte des U 419 Nachrichten aus den westukrainischen Gebieten der Sowjetunion: Ost-Galizien und Wohlhynien. "August 1940; "Zersetzungserscheinungen in der Roten Armee, "information from deserters, Oct. 1940: "Bericht über das Verhalten der Russen in den Randstaaten." Nov. 1940; OKW/Ausl. VIII "Politische Nachrichten fiber UdSSR" sent to AA including "Nach dem Besuch Molotows in Berlin." December 1940. military attaché reports on internal conditions, the Press, propaganda, current opinion: an Abwehr report on the occupation of Bessarabia, written Jan. 1941: Item

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excerpts from Briefauswertungen; report of Gruppe W Pr (IV) in Prague "Russische Presse," Spring 1941; German translation "Disziplinarstrafordnung der Roten Armee," 1941; OKW/Wehrwirtschafts- und Rüstungsamt reports beginning after the invasion of Russia entitled "Orientierung über die wehrwirtschaft-liche Bedeutung der besetzten russischen Gebiete," AOK 6 translation of a Soviet "Plan für die politische Sicherung der Armee-Operationen beim Angriff" prepared originally by the Chef der politischen Propaganda der 5. Sowjet-Armee. The plan was considered to contain proof of offensive intentions against Germany (see OKW/795 on Serial 1004). The folder also contains numerous Abwehr V-Mann reports on conditions in Russia.

Folder 688 contains: an "Ubersetzung der Propaganda-Anweisung des Armeekommissars der 8. russ. Armee v. 15.7.1941"; many more OKW/Wehrwirtschafts- und Rüstungsamt economic reports - "Zusammenstellung wichtiger Meldungen über die Ostgebiete" and "Orientierung über die wehrwirtschaftliche Bedeutung der besetzten und im Bereich der Kampfhandlungen liegenden russischen Gebiete": including maps of Russian industrial areas; report of unstated origin "Ce qu! attend actuellement le peuple Russe du Führer de l'Allemagne et des nations prenant part a la croisade contre le communisme, " July 1941: German translation of captured Russian documents: "Plan für die politische Sicherung der Armee-Operationen beim Angriff" originally written by the Political Propaganda Section of the Russian 5th Army; an order by Stalin to clear the army of the Northwest front of unreliable elements, Sept. 1941, and actual copies of Russian Army orders from the area of the Baltic military command, a plan: "Anregung zur Schaffung einer fingierten nationalrussischen Offiziersverschwörung innerhalb der Roten Armee. " The plan was that of Lt. Dr. Meissner. former Gesandtschaftsrat an der Deutschen Botschaft in Moskau. Also another translation of a Russian document "Stimmung der Bevölkerung im Generalgouvernement. Stand vom 1. Mai 1941," originally written by the Political Propaganda Section of the Russian 8th Army; Russian original of a "Rede des russ. Oberst Fomin anlässlich der 24. Parteikonferenz der 48. Schützendivision am 3. und 4.5.41 in Riga und Ergebenheitstelegramm an Marschall Woroschilow." Diverse other information reports on military operations, propaganda, conditions in Russia.

Folder 689 contains: a Vortrag on Soviet political instruction, Dec. 1941; some interesting examples of Soviet propaganda aimed at the conquered Slavic peoples, 1942; a Denkschrift of a Russian POW officer "... über die Bildung einer politischen Gegenregierung in Sowjet-Russland gegen Stalin, " Feb. 1942; material on the NSDAP Russlands; a Russian POW Tgb; "Plan zur Bekämpfung und vollständigen Vernichtung des Bolschewismus in der U.d.S.S.R., " March 1942. OKH, Heereswesen-Abt. (Abw) "Stimmungsberichte Ukraine," April 1942. Abwehr

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						report "Uberblick über die Lage in den besetzten Ostgebieten," April 1942; OKH, Heereswesen-Abt. (Abw) report "Organisation 'GIM'." In addition the folder contains reports, some of them very interesting, prepared primarily by the Abwehr. They include: numerous V-Mann reports on internal political conditions and information of intelligence value; reports on the Russian war effort; Russian propaganda directed at the Germans and at their own people; political problems; military operations; Stimmungsberichte of areas under German control; reports of Soviet internal difficulties; German efforts to exploit the centrifugal tendencies in Russia to their own advantage through propaganda (see Serials 1004-1006); German interest in anti-Soviet Russian POW's; intelligence information supplied by deserters. Also reports of German Army field units on the attitude of the local population.
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Besichtigung v. Einrichtungen d. Ausländer, Verkehr mit Ausländer, "and the second two simply entitled "Fremde Staaten, Heere, Flotten usw." The three form a series dealing with the United States. The major contents of the folders are the reports prepared from telegrams sent to Germany by the Militärund Luftattache in Washington, General Friedrich von Bötticher and the Charge d'Affaires of the German Embassy, Hans Thomsen. The reports were normally prepared for distribution by the Abteilung Ausland of the Abwehr. They dealt with the latest developments in the American press, public opinion, attitudes toward England and Germany, the political and military situation, and include relevant enclosures such as excerpts from the American press. In addition the folders contain miscellaneous other information reports from other agencies on the United States, Central and South America, and other area concerned with the foreign policy of the U.S., e.g., Japan. Also some Abwehr V-Mann reports.

Folder 698 also contains a number of reports entitled "Ubersee-Informations-dienst" prepared by the Deutsches Auslandsinstitut, in October 1939. Also a (26 pp.) "Bericht über Erfahrungen und Eindrücke meiner letzten Reise nach U.S.A.," June 1939, by an unidentified businessman.

Folder 691 also contains a report "Amerika am Scheidewege" written in Paris March 1941, author withheld. Also several reports from the military attache with the Deutsche Botschaft in Santiage, Chile, and the corresponding officer in Rio de Janeiro concerning German news and propaganda dissemination.

Folder 693 also contains more material from Santiago, Chile and Rio de Janeiro similar to above in folder 691. The Botticher-Thomsen reports stop shortly after December 7, 1941 and the rest of this folder contains correspondence from other American countries plus several OKW/Wi Ru Amt reports "Wehrwirtschaftliches Orientierungsblatt über die Kriegsschauplätze im Fernen Osten und Südostasien."

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Six folders of Geheim-Akten, the first two are entitled "ND-Mitteilungen," and the last four "Fremde Staaten. Unterrichtung der Waffenattaches." The folders contain daily chronological "für die Waffenattaches zusammengestellte 'ND-Mitteilungen'," prepared by the Abwehr. Each consist of one double page on which brief news summaries are listed by country under the headings:

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Politik, Wirtschaft, Krieg. Occasional cover letters with a Verteiler are included. OKW/574,575,739,740 on Serial 1032 have been transferred from AGO microfilm reel No. 21 and contain no frame numbers. Flash numbers given below.

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See below Two folders of Geheim-Akten entitled "Organisation Wehrpflicht." They are a continuation of OKW/559-561, a series of the same name, the folders of which were described individually above. Like those folders these two contain a variety of OKW orders.

Folder 692 contains orders related to the occupied territories such as: "Austburg der militärischen Hoheitsrechte im Elsass, in Lothringen und Luxemburg," Nov. 1940; "Beute und Beschlagnahme im besetzten Frankreich mit Ausnahme von Elsass und von Lothringen," Nov. 1940. Also "Zusammenstellung der vorläufigen Vereinbarungen zwischen der Reichsregierung und der rummischen Regierung über die deutsche Wehrmachtmission in Rummien," Nov. 1940; several koloniale Unterrichtungen with material on the de Gaulle movement in Africa, late 1940; "Besondere Anordnungen für die im Hoheitsgebiet Italiens oder in dem von der italienischen Wehrmacht besetzten Feindgebiet eingesetzten deutschen Truppenteile," Jan. 1941. The last enclosures are "Mob. Aufstellung(en) von Wehrmacht-Dienststellen (-Einheiten)." early 1941.

Folder 694 contains "Dienstanweisung für Militärbevollmächtigte in besetzten Gebieten," Feb. 1941. Other diverse orders related to administration in the occupied territories, control of border traffic, reorganization of OKW agencies and the use of foreign volunteers in the North-African war. Also in the folder: more "Koloniale Unterrichtungen," material on the use of the Reichsarbeitsdienst in the Eastern territory and Russia; "Freiwillige Schweizer Hilfsaktion für Osteinsatz (Red Cross, Oct. 1941; an Abschrift of proposals of Warlimont (Abteilung Landesverteidigung) for "Unterstellung der Kommandanturen under OKW" with approving comments by Keitel, Nov. 1941; an order for "Umbenennungen im Wehrmachtführungsstab" of Dec. 1941.

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Two folders containing printed (Geheim) Wehrmacht-Propaganda Lageberichte issued by the W Pr IVa every two weeks, and distributed to the OKW and agencies of the Wehrmachtteile. The reports are approximately ten pages long, and divided into sections: I "Allgemeine Lage"; II "Propagandaziele und -mittel"; III "Die Lage im einzelnen, " subdivided by countries; IV "Gegenmassnahmen, " subdivided "Aussere Front" dealing with propaganda efforts in Germany. Some cover correspondence is included.

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Four folders of Geheim-Akten with the cover title "Militärische Ausbildung, Luft- und Gasangelegenheiten, Kraftfahrbetrieb, Nachrichtenwesen, Sanitäts- u. Veterinärwesen" (title varies slightly). They are a continuation of the series OKW/ 565-566, described above, but like those folders contain diverse material that they must be described separately.

Folder 729 contains: material on matters pertaining to radio equipment and transmission and the taking over of French and Belgian transmitters for German use in the occupied territories; orders on the regulation of military transportation and courier service; regulations concerning telephone and telegraph service, some material on foreign - British and Russian - radio transmission is included as well as other miscellaneous material on aspects of the military Nachrichtenwesen and several Vorträge on the German campaign in Norway.

Folder 730 contains: material on foreign (enemy) radio broadcasting, and the monitoring of such broadcasts; several "Zusammenstellungen der Nachrichtenund Fremdsprachendienste im englischen Rundfunk," 1941. Also material on
German short wave, jamming of enemy broadcasts, telephone lines and communication of the W Pr. German radio in occupied areas - esp. the Balkans, and
the occupied Eastern territories (e.g., Sender Smolensk used for Truppenbetreuung and Russian language propaganda). Miscellaneous other material on
military communications, Luftschutz is included.

Folder 732 contains: material on radio similar to the above folder (OKW/730). including more "Zusammenstellungen der Nachrichten- und Fremdsprachendienste

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im englischen Rundfunk"; a vertraulicher Situationsbericht "Das Protektorat Ende Oktober 1941" by Oberst a.D. Emanuel Moravec; some comments on the uses of infantry by von Kluge (then OB. AOK 4, Ost) with critique by von Bock (OB. Heeresgruppe Mitte); a report on the 4th Army (Russia), Feb.1942; "Monatsbericht des Forschungsdienstes Seehaus," published by the Sonderdienst Seehaus des Auswärtigen Amtes; the radio monitoring service, Feb. 1942; material on propaganda incl. radio propaganda in Serbia; Italian-German jamming of enemy radio; several "Zusammenstellungen ausländischer Rundfunksender, die Nachrichten in deutscher Sprache bringen.," 1942; a number of Lage- and Tätigkeitsberichte from the W Pr Abteilungen with the Militärbefehlshaber Belgien und Nordfrankreich and the Wehrmachtbefehlshaber Sädost, 1942. Other material on radio, military transportation, Gasschutz, Luftschutz and miscellaneous propaganda matters are included.

Folder 731 contains primarily Stimmungs- and Lageberichte of W Pr units. Included are Stimmungsberichte prepared by the W Pr Abteilungen with the Militärbefehlshaber in Frankreich, the Militärbefehlshaber Belgien und Nordfrankreich, plus Lage- und Tätigkeitsberichte of the corresponding Abteilung with the Wehrmachtbefehlshaber Sädost and Stimmungsberichte of the Propaganda-Abteilung Ukraine. In addition the folders contain other reports from occupied Russia, of German propaganda and its effects: e.g., from Kiev, "Sonderbericht über die Werbung von Arbeitskräften zum Einsatz in Deutschland," April 1942. Also Dienstanweisungen and Richtlinien for propaganda activities in the Südost, Greece. Additional miscellaneous material on propaganda activities, geistige Betreuung and military courses are included.

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Two folders of Akten entitled "Kriegsführung."

Folder 619 contains miscellaneous correspondence of types that have appeared in the previous W Pr files under separate headings, and which should have been sorted out and filed separately. Material is included on POW camps, intelligence information from POW's, reports and descriptions of German soldiers for propaganda purposes, Truppenbetreuung, correspondence with Propaganda Kompanien, correspondence of the W Pr with agencies of the Wehrmacht on questions of news release, censorship,

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Briefauswertung, Sprachregelungen; incidents on the Western front during the phony war; and after the beginning of the invasion; Press reports; captured Allied materials, maps etc; diverse OKW orders. The folder is of interest as much of the correspondence deals with problems created by the beginning of the war - for instance how to go about reporting casualties, the handling of POW's for propaganda purposes etc. The folder has had some classified documents of French origin removed before filming.

Folder 620 like the preceding folder contains correspondence, dealing with the recently introduced state of war, in this case only the fall of 1939. It contains material as equally diversified as folder 619 but some of it is of a different type. Included are: the text of several propaganda articles prepared by the Propaganda-Kompanien: numerous telegraphed news reports of military operations from the W Pr to Wehrmacht Heeresgruppen, AOK's etc; typed Tätigkeitsberichte of the W Pr with a small intercoffice distribution. In addition the folder contains diverse correspondence similar to the preceding folder on various phases of news reporting, propaganda, censorship, Truppenbetreuung, and POW's (Polish). Also included is a Bericht der Sicherheitspolizei, Einsatzgruppe V über die "Stellungnahme des polnischen Regierungslagers zur Judenfrage" based on the brochure "Richtlinien für die Nationalitätspolitik, Teil I: Judenfrage" herausgegeben vom Lager der nationalen Einigung, Warschau 1938.

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Berichte aller Art." It contains Tätigkeits-, Lage-, Zustands-, Erfahrungs-, Presse-, and Stimmungsberichte prepared by the various W Pr Abteilungen, units in Germany and the occupied territories as well as by the W Pr Verbindungsoffiziere with German satellite armies. The reports deal with the activities of the propaganda units, phases of the propaganda program being carried out, the press, information of intelligence or propaganda value, attitudes of the local populace in occupied areas, troop morale, guerrilla warfare (Russia) etc. Included also a 40 page Abwehr report "Bericht zur Lage in den besetzten Ostgebieten," April 1943. Also an interesting copy of a communication from Keitel to Gen. d. Art. Müller on the campaign in Russia, winter 1942/43. Other miscellaneous military and information reports are included.

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "WB - allg. Dienstanweisungen und Richtlinien." The folder contains a few Tätigkeitsberichte on the activities of several propaganda units.

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One folder of Geheim-Akten entitled "Stalingrad," the folder contains a variety of materials concerning the campaign at Stalingrad, largely assembled for use as propaganda, and thus having strong tendency to stress such positive aspects of the struggle as the Germans were able to muster. Included are eyewitness descriptions, official reports and excerpts from reports, evaluation of individuals' letters from the front. The descriptions vary from interesting factual accounts to pure propaganda including heroic poetry and the preparation of a propaganda book "Stalingrad" in March 1943.

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One folder of Geheim-Akten "WB Prop. Abt. W." It contains Propagandalage- und Tätigkeitsberichte of the Propaganda Abteilung W of the Rückwärtiges Heeresgebiet Mitte (HQ Smolensk). Included in these reports are Stimmungsberichte for the populace in the command area, relations with Wehrmacht, reaction to propaganda etc. Also in the folder are maps of propaganda activity, and examples of German announcements and propaganda in Russian language. The folder also contains two Stimmungs-berichte from Prop. Abt. U (Ukraine), the latter of which is a photostated excerpt dealing with the May day celebration under the Germans and "Anwerbung von Arbeitskräften für das Reich."

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One folder of Akten entitled "Propaganda für die Wehrmacht - ohne Nr.-" The first part of the folder contains a group of essays on the role of censorship and propaganda in wartime collected before and during the period of the formation of the Abteilung fur Wehrmacht Propaganda in late 1938 and early 1939. Two are taken from Ludendorff's "Kriegserinnerungen." Other sources are the Psychologisches Laboratorium des Reichskriegsministeriums, the predecessors of the W Pr in the Abteilung Inland, and others. Included is a long Denkschrift "Wehrpropaganda und Wehrpolitik im wahren Staat" (63 pp) written by Major Dr. Husing of the Abteilung Landesverteidigung. May 1938. Also included is early organization material of the newly set up W Pr in the spring of 1939, Aufgaben, Dienstregelungen etc. The rest of the folder contains miscellaneous correspondence on propaganda activities mainly concerned with France - before and during the attack in the West.

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plus a Tätigkeitsbericht of the Prop. Abt. Frankreich. Sept. 1940.

One folder of Akten entitled "Propaganda für die Wehrmacht." The folder appears to be volume 2 of the series beginning OKW 754 (see above item), but its Heeresarchiv number indicates an earlier accession date and the contents cover roughly the same period. The folder contains correspondence, memoranda, Richtlinien, and orders covering all phases of Wehrmacht propaganda. Correspondence between the Wehrmachtteile on propaganda. correspondence between the W Pr and its field units, reports of field units, miscellaneous material on enemy propaganda.

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Very interesting folder on the employment of Mundpropaganda and Flüsterpropaganda in the last year of the war by the W Pr, particularly after January 1945. Included are memoranda on the use of Mundpropaganda; correspondence and reports on Aktion Semmering in Vienna. Aktion "M P A" in Hamburg. "Sondereinsatz Berlin," and other Mundpropaganda operations conducted by the W Pr. Also included are reports (similar to Stimmungsberichte) of opinions overheard in public places. For these operations armed forces members, preferably with good service records and the correct

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						war against England and France. Included is material on Hermann Rauschning as the author of propaganda directed against Germany including a memorandum by a Dr. Beditz containing interesting commentary on Rauschning and the development of his opposition to the Nazis.  Folder 756 shifts more to Russia after June 1941, and contains more reports and descriptions both of Russian and German counter propaganda. Like the preceding folder it is almost entirely concerned with Flugblätter. Some examples are included.					
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<b>?</b>	1038	1038	okw 809	FT	6510615	One small folder of unknown provenance issued by the W Pr entitled "Unterrichtsmaterial zum Kampf gegen die feindliche Propaganda." It contains a loose-leaf instructional pamphlet entitled "Der Kampf gegen					
			OKW 821	FT	6510640	die feindliche Propaganda, "consisting of annotated reproductions of propaganda, mainly Soviet, aimed at German troops. 1942 - 1943.  One small pamphlet of unknown provenance issued by the W Pr entitled "Richtlinien für Kampfpropagandisten Nr. 3" - recommended Einstellungen of Kampfpropagandisten toward U.S.A., Bolschewismus, Rassenfrage					
Pionier-Bataillon 47. (mot) Kompanie		,	okm 845	FT	6510665	etc. Aufgaben und Ziele der Propaganda im Osten. April 1944.  A printed booklet (51 pp) of Pionier-Bataillon 47, 2 (mot) Kompanie entitled "Anleitung für den Unterricht über Abwehr von Spionage, Sabotage und politischer Zersetzung in der Wehrmacht," designated as					
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Wehrmacht Nr. 3001 4.39 g Abw III (W) v.l.4.1939. Anhang A contains examples and illustrations of espionage and sabotage described in the main text.

A mimeographed booklet (41 pp) of the Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda, Minister-Büro, Referat von Wrochem, entitled "Der
Propagandakrieg gegen Deutschland. Nur für den Dienstgebrauch," issued in
January 1936. The booklet briefly describes the aim, method and content
of propaganda supposedly directed against Germany by other European countries and the U.S.A. The bulk of the booklet is devoted to statements and
press excerpts as examples of anti-German propaganda.

A photostat, provenance uncertain, of a booklet entitled "Richtlinien für Aktiv-Propagandisten Nr. 2" issued in January 1944 by the Abteilung für Jehrmacht-Propaganda. The booklet is devoted to outlining Active- or "Kampf-cropaganda" in Russia, particularly agrarian reform propaganda, and includes large "Erfahrungen" section describing experiences of individual Propaganda-Companien.

A small photostat, provenance unknown, of the famous appeal of the German generals of Heeresgruppe Mitte who were POW's in Russia to the German officer corps to end the futile struggle (July 1944), plus photostat of a similar appeal by the "Bund Deutscher Offiziere" from Moscow, August 1944, signed by Paulus, Seydlitz and others.

Two folders of Akten of the W Pr entitled "Allgemeines Bildungswesen, Film u. Bildwesen. Vorträge, Besichtigungen." The folders consist of corespondence on filmische Betreuung der Truppen. Much of the correspondence is between the W Pr and the NSDAP Reichsleitung, Reichspropagandaleitung, intsleitung Film. Other correspondence is between the W Pr, film companies and the field units engaged in Truppenbetreuung.

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A folder of Geheim-Akten of the W Pr entitled "Lageberichte Prop. Komp." (Propaganda Kompanien). The folder contains 51 numbered reports prepared by the W Pr Ib entitled "Lagebericht (Propaganda Kompanien) Nr.-" filed in order in the folder covering the period August 1939 to April 1942. The early reports are short and appeared every few days in the Fall of 1939. Thereafter they became longer semi-monthly reports in 1940 and monthly reports in 1941. The reports briefly review the activities of individual Propaganda-Kompanien under the headings "Berichttätigkeit," "Aktive Propaganda."

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?	1039	1039	okw 805	FT	65120033
Landesschützen- Bataillon 680			okw 819	FT	6512610
Freiherr von Lersner, OKH, Gen. z.b.V. Abteilung Heereswesen			okw 828	F <b>T</b>	6512776
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Der Oberbefehlshaber des Heeres	1040	1040	oka 871	. FT	6513372
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"Betreuung der Truppe, " and "Besonderes."

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A folder of uncertain provenance (several reports bear the Eingangsstempel "Heeres-Zeugamt Unna") containing regular numbered mimeographed reports "Material zur geistigen Betreuung der Truppe" issued by the Wehrkreiskommando VI, Gruppe Ic (Münster). The reports are four pages long and consist of short news summaries written-up in a highly propagandistic manner and divided into reports from the different theatres of the war and domestic news. The reports are filed in reverse chronological order in the folder and appeared once or twice a week. March 1941 - November 1943.

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One folder from Landesschützen-Bataillon 680 entitled "Wehrgeistige Führung." It is the file of the Abt. NSF (Abteilung Nationalsozialistische Führung) of the battalion containing directives and material for NS-Führung which were sent to the NSF-Offiziere in Wehrkreis X (Hamburg), by the Gr. NSF of Wehrkreiskommando X, the OKH, NS-Führungsstab d.H. and the Kommandeur der Kriegsgefangenen im Wehrkreis X. Also included several "Material zur geistigen Betreuung der Truppe" issued from Münster (Wehrkreis VI). Feb. - March 1945.

This folder appears to be the personal file of Oberstleutnant (1944) Freiherr von Lersner, OKH, Gen. z.b.V. Abteilung Heereswesen. It contains material on Wehrgeistige Führung, directed by this Abteilung including politisch—weltanschauliche Führung und Erziehung and geistige Betreuung und Freizeitgestaltung. Included are the personal notations of Lersner—his memoranda and drafts. Also included is some of the actual material produced by the Abteilung in the form of drafts or as Weisungen and Blätter printed by field units. In addition are other directives, Richtlinien, Vortragsnotizen within the Abteilung, schedules of courses for officers, text of Vorträge on the subject of Wehrgeistige Führung, memoranda of Besprechungen. Some reports from field units on Truppenbetreuung are included. See T-78 series H 34 for more material on the Abteilung Heereswesen. 1943 - 1944.

One folder entitled "Presse, Propaganda, geistige Betreuung, Grundsätzliches." A file belonging to Brauchitsch accurately described by its title. Included are directives of the Heereswesen Abteilung for the conduct of wehrgeistige Führung and of the Abteilung für Wehrmacht-

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V.O.L.S. des LGK WF b/Kdt. des H.G. Stidt	îr.		okw 807	FT	6514250
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Propaganda for the conduct of Wehrmachtpropaganda and Truppenbetreuung. Also included are text of agreement and correspondence (Brauchitsch to Keitel) on an Arbeitsabkommen between Rosenberg and Keitel increasing the amount of NS weltanschauliche Schulung und Erziehung in the OKW. Brauchitsch objected. (Dec. 1940 - Jan. 1941). Also a Führererlass on Wehrmachtpropaganda (Feb. 1941) (an original included). Also a high level correspondence on Zeitschriften and Berichterstattung including "Verbot konfessioneller Heeres-Zeitschriften" and the publication of a new Heereszeitschrift "Unser Heer," sponsored by Max Amann, Reichspresseleiter, May - July 1941. Also included the original of Keitel's order "Betr. Fotografieren von Executionen," Nov. 1941. See T 78, H 24 for more material on Brauchitsch. Sept. 1939 - Nov. 1941.

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Three printed books entitled "Weisungen für die militärische Zensur" published by the W Pr. The books exceed 100 pages each and contain detailed Weisungen on every phase of military censorship.

Folder 822. Provenance unknown. Entitled "II. Folge, Berlin 1941." Contains numerous corrected passages where the altered text is either pasted over or laid over the original text. In the latter case both versions have been filmed.

Folder 825 belonged to SS Standartenführer Gunter d'Alquen (SS Standarte Kurt Eggers). Like the previous volume it is "II. Folge, Berlin 1941," but contains alterations in the text different from those in OKW/822. Where possible both have been filmed.

Folder 824. Provenance unknown. Entitled "III. Folge, Berlin 1943." Contains no text alterations.

One folder originally belonging to the V.O.L.S. des LGK/WF b/Kdt. des H.G. Südfr. /Verbindungs-Offiziere, Luftwaffenstab(?) des Luftgaukommandos Westfrankreich beim Kommandanten des Heeresgebietes Südfrankreich. Containing printed, short (2-4 pp) "Mitteilungen für das Offizierkorps," issued monthly by the W Pr. They contain short articles of about a column's length discussing problems of leadership and the war to be brought to the attention of officers. Sample headings: "Gedanken des Führers über den nationalsozialistischen Offizier," "Inhalt der feindlichen Propaganda von heute." Also a liberal sprinkling of articles of the "Mensch und Schicksal" variety containing the usual National Socialist propaganda. Jan 1942 - July 1944.

One folder containing printed, short (usually 2 pages) "Mitteilungen für die Truppe" with the subheading "Die Mitteilungen dienen als Unterlage für Kompanie-Besprechungen. Es genügt auch, die Mitteilungen den Soldaten vorzulesen." They contain "news" articles, with a heavy emphasis on

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	:	1041	1041	okw 80	2 FT	6515141	and were issued daily. In addition occasional Sondermeldungen are incl Folder 802 varies somewhat from the others as it contains also "Meldu des deutschen Nachrichtendienstes über den Sender Sofia," and DNB-Meldu both prepared by the Nachrichtenabteilung Libyen. May 29 - July 25, 191	luded. ungen ungen
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Various	a a	1042- 1044	1042- 1044	OKW 81 See be		6516041 See below	Folder 812, Dec. 1, 1943 - July 16, 1944.  Nine folders containing daily printed "Nachrichten des Oberkom der Wehrmacht," "nur zur Unterrichtung der höheren Dienststellen."  two page Nachrichten were issued by the W Pr and contain short news ar	The
	+ <b>:</b>						devoted to the war situation on the various fronts, and political developments abroad. The collection is virtually complete from October 1940 January 1945, although there are noticibly fewer in the last year of the war. The last folder 2004 contains Nachrichten from Sept. 1942 to May	lop- to he
							which overlap the contents of volumes 2224/e and 2224/b. It was filmed last to avoid breaking the chronological sequence. The folders have no single provenance, having been collected from a variety of sources, e. Feldpostamt (mot) 309, Hafenkommandant Cherbourg, etc.	d. .o
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Reichspropaganda- amt Berlin			okw 829	FT	6518996
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Oberkommando der Weh macht, Abteilung für Wehrmachtpropaganda		1045 1046 1047	okw 2087 okw 1986 okw 2129	FT FT	6519305 6520245 6521344
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Folder 2249 a. Jan. 2, 1944 - Jan. 31, 1945. Folder 2004. Sept. 1942 - May 1943.

One folder of unknown provenance containing press bulletins from the Deutsches Nachrichtenburo and other news agencies, as well as clippings from the German and American press - all dealing with the American Navy. Included are articles on Navy appropriations, additions of new ships, activities of the fleet, its strength, its role in the European war etc. 1938 - 1941.

One folder of the Reichspropagandaamt Berlin containing primarily its own Presse-Rundschreiben of approx. two pages issued every week or two containing diverse foreign and domestic news items. The Rundschreiben are marked "Vertrauliche Mitteilungen! Nur zur Information, nicht jedoch zum Abdruck bestimmt!" Also included in the folder are Zensuranweisungen, and other directives for publishers issued by the Reichspropagandaamt. 1939 - 1944.

Two thick folders containing typewritten daily 2 - 4 page Pressetber-sichten cabled by the W Pr III to Major Dr. Ritter von Goss, Ic beim Wehrmachtbevollmächtigten für das Protektorat Böhmen und Mähren, Prag. They summarize the coverage given to current events by the press, other news of interest, and in 1940 the current accomplishments of the W Pr's Wort- und Bildberichter. Included is scattered other material on the press, an occasional report from von Goss to Berlin.

Folder 2087, April - Dec. 1939. Folder 1986, Dec. 1939 - Dec. 1940.

One folder of the W Pr containing vertrauliche Berichte prepared by the Aufklärungs-Ausschuss Hamburg-Bremen. From V-Mann reports in France, England, Turkey, Poland, Scotland, the reports are mainly Lageberichte of economic and political developments. The folder also contains a few Auslandsdienst reports on political and economic developments in other countries. May - June 1939.

One folder of unknown provenance containing "Mitteilungen der Publikationsstelle. Nur für den Dienstgebrauch." The Mitteilungen are articles of varying lengths dealing primarily with cultural and political problems of Eastern Europe, particularly Poland. Over half of the Mitteilungen were issued in 1936 and 1937 and most of these are translations of articles from Polish periodicals with such titles as: "Uber die heutigen deutschen Professoren," "Uber unsere Landsleute in den Slawischen Ländern und über die slawische Wechselseitigkeit," "Die Auslandspropaganda der Polen" (this last written in Germany). The rest of the Mitteilungen fall in the period 1940 - 1943 and were written in Germany. Titles include "Zur anglo-amerikanischen Kulturpropaganda in Schweden," and "Neues vom Schicksal polnischer Kriegsgefangener in der Sowjetunion," both 1943.

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One folder of the W Pr containing several copies of an approx. 30 page monthly booklet entitled "Wehrgedanken des Auslandes" (OKW, earlier Reichswehrministerium) - a single copy each from 1929, 1934, 1936 and several for 1939 which reprint articles on military subjects from foreign periodicals. Also: several other OKW booklets, one on NS Welt-anschauung; two "Politische Zeitungsschau vom Dienstag, vorgetragen von Ministerialrat Hans Fritzsche," July - Aug. 1939; miscellaneous correspondence on press advertisements from publishers and organizations; foreign press reports. Included is correspondence and memoranda from the W Pr's existence - registration of translators Sprachunterrichtung, arrangements for receptions etc, 1939.

A folder of Akten of the W Pr entitled "Allgemeine Angelegen-heiten der Beschaffung, Preisprüfung u. ä. Rohstoffe, " The folder's cover is an accurate description of its contents. Included is correspondence between the W Pr, firms supplying it and other government and military agencies plus reports and regulations concerning supplies, equipment and raw material used by the W Pr, e.g., paper, photo equipment, office supplies etc. Also included in the folder is a (34 pp) "Mitteilungen über die öffentlichen Finanzen des Auslandes, Augustbericht 1939," plus a 27 page "Anordnung 52 der Reichsstelle für Eisen und Stahl (Verbot der Herstellung und Lieferung bestimmter Gegenstände aus Eisen und Stahl)."

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A folder of Akten of the W Pr entitled "Halten und Auslegen von Zeitungen." The folder contains correspondence between the W Pr publishers of newspapers and military units concerning arrangements for the purchase or distribution of newspapers, their suitability for distribution among troops, and other matters of newspapers which concerned the Wehrmacht. Also included is other correspondence with the Propaganda Ministerium, local archives and others, concerning primarily Feldzeitungen or newspapers used as such.

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	1048	1048	OKW 2045	FT	6522841	A Stellv. Gen. Kdo. III A.K. (W.K.III) order, provenance unknown, of 24 Oct. 1939 dividing Ic/AO into 2 independent parts "Abwehrstelle" and Ic/Wehrmachtpropaganda plus a "Geschäftseinteilung der Gruppe Ic/Wehrmachtpropaganda."
Wi Rd Amt			OKW 2107	FT	6522846	"Geschäftsverteilungsplan der Abteilung für Wehrmacht-Progaganda (W Pr)" June 1941. See OKW/582,662.
			OKW 2220	FT	6522870	A folder of unknown provenance containing Stellenbesetzungen of Presse- Offiziere (Pro), Wehrmacht-Propaganda Offiziere (WPro), Marine Verbindungs-
		:				Offiziere (MVO), and Stabsoffiziere Propaganda bei den Heeresgruppen in the period Dec. 1944 - March 1945.
Oberkommando der Wehr- macht, Abteilung für			OKW 2227	FT	6522878	One folder of the W Pr containing directives and correspondence on administrative matters - militarische Veranstaltungen, payment, promotions,
Wehrmachtpropaganda						Diensteinteilungen, military leaves. Also included is material on the administration of the Offizierheim Speiseanstalten by the W Pr/Kasino-Offizier. July 1944 - April 1945.
			ok <b>w 17</b> 46	FT	6523290	Folder of unknown provenance containing photostats of typewritten lists prepared by the WPr/FdSt (W) entitled "Nennungen im Wehrmachtbericht v. 1.1 19.7.44." The lists contain the date, the unit, and the name of
				3 .		the officer in command. The skip from page 15 to page 17 appears to be only a numbering error. Jan July 1944.
Oberkommando der Wehr- macht, Abteilung für			OKW 1701	FT	6523316	A folder of the W Pr containing a printed "Kriegsstärkenachweisung für einen Wehrmachtbefehlshaber," May 1941, issued by the OKW/WFSt/Abt.
Wehrmachtpropaganda	•	to en	OKW 2250	FT	6523328	Landesverteidigung.  A folder of the W Pr containing "Allgemeine Dienstanweisung für Wehr-machtbefehlshaber (W Bfh)," issued in April 1941 by the OKW/WFSt/Abt. Landes-
			en e			verteidigung. It includes supplementary Anlagen explaining special duties of the Wehrmachtbefehlshaber, the relationship of the various Verbindungs-
			OKW 813	FT	6523385	Offiziere to him, and one entitled "Richtlinien für die territoriale Organi- sation der Dienststellen der Wehrmachtbefehlshaber." April - Dec. 1941. A book of uncertain provenance (bound, mimeographed) entitled
		•	OVM 912	FT	0727707	"Frankreich 1940. Bericht des I./I.R. 161," (Stab I, Infanterie Regiment 161), 131 pages. A description of the part played by the 161st Infantery
			•	-		Regiment in the offensive against France written in the form of a Kriegs- tagebuch. Included at the end is a 40 page Namenverzeichnis. The title
				" .		page bears the green stamp "Gesperrt, Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, Inland III." May - July 1940.
	•	. *	OKM 814	FT	6523520	One folder of uncertain provenance containing "Unsere Batterie. Kriegs-erlebnisse der 6. Batterie des schweren Artillerie-Regiments 54 (mot) in den
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Im Auftrage des Batteriechefs, Haupmann Berndt, zusammengestellt und bearbeited von Emil Heuberger, Kanonier, "92 pages. The text is typewritten with ink corrections and also bears the censor's green pencil. In addition the title pages bears the green stamp "Gesperrt, Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, Inland III."

A folder of unknown provenance containing a 21 page mimeographed "Kavallerie Regiment 18 Kriegs-Nachrichtenblatt." It is not dated but from the text appears to be the July 1941 issue of a monthly publication. The Blatt contains regimental news and reports from various individuals and Abteilungen.

Three folders of Geheim-Akten of the W Pr entitled "Haushalts-, Besoldungs-, Verpflegungs- u. Beschaffungs- Angelegenheiten."

Folder 736 is primarily made up of Wehrwirtschaftliche Nachrichten-blätter issued by the OKW/Wehrwirtschafts- und Rüstungsamt. Of two types the first consists of a "Zusammenstellung wichtiger wehrwirtschaftlicher Nachrichten," containing short commentaries by country; the second type consists of numbered "Nachrichtenblätter" devoted to the Wehrwirtschaft of a single country. Also included is a long (40 pp.) report "Wirtschaftliche Lage im Wirtschaftsgebiet Berlin," Jan. 1940. Also included are a few other miscellaneous economic reports.

Folder 737 contains Nachrichtenblätter similar to those in the above folder (OKW 736). In addition is included OKW "Einzelplan VIII, Haushalt der Wehrmacht für das Rechnungsjahr 1939" issued by the OKW Wehrmachthaushaltabteilung (67 pp.). Also other orders dealing with armed forces pay, supply, provisioning of troops.

Folder 738 contains more varied material than the above folders. Included are: orders, and information reports concerning economic regulations and conditions in the occupied areas of Europe; a "Wirtschafts-plan des Oberkommandos der Wehrmacht im Rahmen des Kriegshaushalts der Wehrmacht für 1940"; "Stellenpläne des Oberkommandos der Wehrmacht und der nachgeordneten Dienststellen für 1940." The middle of the folder contains material on occupied France and North Africa, similar to that in OKW 685 and 1605 on Serial 1027 including: material on governmental organization Vichy; a Militärbefehlshaber Frankreich report of a Dienstreise to Berlin, Jan. 1942; "Rapport sur la creation eventuelle d'une légion musulmane Nord-Africaine contre le Bolchevisme," 1942 plus translation; also Ausgaben problems for propaganda in France (Oberstleutnant v. Veltheim - see UKW/632 on Serial 1003, UKW/795 on Serial 1004 and UKW/685 on Serial 1027) as well as material on propaganda in the other occupied territories and Sweden. Additional material in the

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A folder of Geheim-Akten of the W Pr entitled "Beschaffungswesen, Industrie- Wirtschafts- und Rohstoff- Fragen." The folder contains mimeographed economic reports issued by the OKW/Wehrwirtschafts- und Rüstungsamt Stab. Prior to the war they were called "Stand der wirtschaftlichen Lage" and thereafter "Kriegswirtschaftlicher Lagebericht." These consist of 8-10 page reports dealing with Arbeitseinsatz, Transportlage, Auswirkung der Fliegerangriffe, Rohstofflage, Ernährungslage, Rüstungswirtschaft, Aussenhandel etc. Several other "Deutsche Aussenhandelslage" reports are included.

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folder includes a "Wirtschaftsplan OKW" for 1942, correspondence on Besatzungs-

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A folder of Akten of the W Pr entitled "Zusammenarbeit mit Zivilbehörden, Einsatz u. Hilfeleistung, Räumung v. Orten u. Gebäuden, Teno, WHW. # The folder contains much material on the participation of the Wehrmacht in the Winterhilfswerke (WHW) of 1938/39, 1939/40, and 1940/41; material on Unterstätzung der Landwirtschaft by the Wehrmacht: a pamphlet "Der unsichtbare Krieg und seine Abwehr durch den deutschen Soldaten, " put out by the NS Reichskriegerbund: two statements "Schilderung des Angriffs des Georg Elser, Täter des Münchener Attentats vom 8. November 1939" by Zoll-Inspektor Rieger and Zoll-Assistent Zipperer at Konstanz. According to Bullock (page 522-23 of the U.S. edition of the Hitler book) Elser, the pawn of a Gestapo faked assassination plot in the Bürgerbräukeller, was released near the Swiss border shortly before his seizure near Konstanz. Also included is correspondence on leaves of absence for Schriftleiter serving with the Wehrmacht to assist with increasing publicity duties of the press, winter 1940-1941. Other inclosures in the folder include material on charity and contributions for families of fallen men, collections for concerts. Red Cross contributions. gifts for outstanding members of the Armed Forces. Routine Red Cross contribution lists have not been filmed.

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Befehlshaber der Ordnungspolizei	1050	1050	OKW 830 831	•	See below	Two folders bearing the stamp "Anlage (Nos. 1 and 2) zu Funkmessleitstelle der Ordnungspolizei vom 4.2.43, Az 2366/51/8, Tgb.Nr. 303/43 (g)," and bearing the written identification "Anl. zu BdO. HF. (li) Tgb.Nr. 35/43 v. 27.1.1943." They are the first and second volume of daily (with some gaps) typewritten translations of messages sent and received by a secret radio transmitter in Czechoslovakia. The main receiver of the messages seems to have been London. Also part of the secret network in occupied countries were transmitters in France, Poland and Yugoslavia. The character of the messages and notations by the translator indicate that they were captured from the Czech partisans as transcribed messages rather than directly intercepted. It is possible, however, that some of the shorter messages were intercepted. The first folder consists of short numbered messages containing political and military
						information of intelligence value plus personal commentary. The second folder contains a few longer Militärische and Politische Nachrichten. Also includes detailed and often revised code and frequency designations for the Czech Geheimsender and its sister stations, some or all of the information emanating from London. In addition the folder contains translations of short reports entitled "Nachrichten des Kapitäns Nemo," and other longer reports written in Prague containing political and military information. These longer reports are not written up as radio reports and from the notations appear to have been intended for delivery by courier.  Heeresarchiv
3	1051	1051	OKW 830	l FT	6526049 6526223 6526428	Potsdam No. Dates 70/33287 April - Sept.1941 70/33288 July 1941 - Oct. 1942  A six page printed publication of unknown provenance entitled "RAK, Rassenpolitische Auslands- Korrespondenz Nr. 11" for November 1937. "Herausgegeben vom Aufklärungsamt für Bevölkerungspolitik und Rassen-
Oberkommando der Wehr macht, Abteilung für Wehrmachtpropaganda			okw 19 <sup>1</sup>	48 FT	6526435	pflege."  Folder containing "Geschäftsverteilungsplan der Heeres-Haus-halts-Abteilung OKH - AHA," April 1939.

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			OKM SJO8	FT	6526444
			OKW 2253	FT	6526453
SS Standarte "Kurt Eggers"			OKM 53111	FT	6526495

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Transocean Berlin report of unknown provenance "Repressalien im Protektorat nach Benesch-Rundfunkrede," Feb. 1943. Statement by K.H. Frank, Höherer SS-und Polizeiführer beim Reichsprotektorat in Böhmen und Mühren.

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A folder of unknown provenance containing several photostats of documents concerning French and British POW's, plans of the Geistige Betreuung in Stalag VIIIC for broadcasts in French from the camp, other Betreuung and treatment of POW's.

A (37 pp.) mimeographed report, provenance unknown, of the OKW (WR), entitled: Wehrmacht-Untersuchungsstelle für Verletzungen des Völkerrechts "Eidliche Berichte deutscher Heimkehrer über ihre völkerrechtswidrige Behandlung in britisch- nordamerikanischer Gefangenschaft," July 1944.

One folder entitled "Monat April. Aufgenommene Klartexte." The folder contains typewritten transcriptions of news broadcasts and messages picked up in the clear by Funkstelle Sonderzug "Skorpion" of the SS. They were apparently collected for the use of the Commander of the SS Standarte "Kurt Eggers," Gunter d'Alquen and his staff. Included are excerpts from news broadcasts of Allied and German stations in the last month of the war, with one report of similar excerpts entitled "Tagesinformation (Hausbericht) OKW/Wehrmachtpropaganda - SS Standarte 'Kurt Eggers' Erkennungs- und Informationsdienst." Also included are texts of messages sent from German sources including the Führerhauptquartier and one from the Commanding General of the Southern Command (Allied) on May 6, 1945 accepting the unconditional surrender. April - May 1945.

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