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Persecution and Deportation in Western Europe – General Introduction

Translation: *A08 Notes on the deportation status in France*

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Note

The Tuesday meetings with the Department for Jewish Affairs at the Security Service (SD) have not taken place for a time due to the transfer of SS Captain DANNECKER (SS Hauptsturmführer), but recommenced yesterday at my urging.

Yesterday I requested a status report on the Jewish deportations and heard that up until yesterday 32,000 Jews have been transported to the East and that from 12,000 stateless Jews from the unoccupied sector only 7,000 have been transferred.

For September 13 trains each carrying 1,000 Jews are available, for October presumably the same number.

It would have been possible to have one train a day for October, i.e. to have 31 trains, but unfortunately the SD Paris could not exploit this cooperation because French operations in the unoccupied territory, particularly after the pastoral letters and sermons from various pulpits, as well as meddling by the American representation in Paris and the English broadcaster in London – were carried out dismally, so that the number of Jews originally estimated is not available.

This is all the more regrettable because, as the Reich Security Main Office (Reichssicherheitshauptamt) has already notified that, from 15 November at the latest through to spring, no further trains can be made available due to transport difficulties.

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