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Germans and the Holocaust – The Decision-Making Process

Translation: *C02 Rosenberg letter to Bormann about the preparations for the opening of the Institute for Research on the Jewish Question*

Reichsleiter Martin Bormann,
Munich 33.

6 March 1941

Subject: Frankfurt conference.

Opening of the Institute for the Study of the Jewish Question.

Dear Party Comrade Bormann!

Preparations for the Frankfurt conference have thrived and it may be expected that things will run smoothly. Those guests we chose from abroad will probably also attend. This whole issue was discussed with the Foreign Office, which directed the necessary inquiries to the other states through our diplomatic missions.

I would ask the Führer to give me the opportunity to hold a lecture dealing with these questions. As I am speaking at a mass meeting about the Jewish problem, I must know to what extent the Führer authorises discussing this problem. Besides the general historical depiction of the development of our struggle and the fundamental imperative to solve the Jewish problem for Germany and the whole of Europe, two questions demand special attention:

1. When alluding to a territorial resettlement, can the island of Madagascar be named along the lines I have formerly done in an essay, which you are familiar with? This essay was approved by the Führer in principle, but at the time it was delayed for a number of months.
2. Is it possible to deal with the position of Jewry and its power in the United States, both under Wilson as well as more recent developments [?] In this respect, there is so much authentic material available that such a speech in front of a larger forum would certainly have a greater informative effect. Even if a polemic directly against President Roosevelt is out of the question, it can hardly be averted to speak rather generally of leading people in power.

In connection with this, I wanted to also report to the Führer about the results in the West and consultations held with the Armed Forces High Command (OKW).

As the Reich Marshall has certainly reported to the Führer, a consignment of the art objects has arrived in Munich. The other 26 waggons will depart Paris at the beginning of new week for the designated destinations. I would then report the completion of the mission to the Führer and request that I may be permitted to present the most important objects to him personally.

Heil Hitler!

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