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Ghettos under Nazi Rule - Work[panel-title] – [unit title]

Translation: *D02 The passing of the Jewish labour organisation from the HSSPF to the Labour Department*

Letter (personal) by the Higher SS and Police Leader East (HSSPF Ost, Höherer SS- und Polizeiführer Ost), department Z, sgd. Krüger, to the head of the Labour Department in the office of the Governor General, Frauendorfer, Krakow, from 13.6.1940

After the police's task of registering [Erfassung] all of the Jews in the General Government obliged to perform forced labour in accordance with the second directive of implementation for the decree of 26 October 1939 on the introduction of compulsory work for the Jewish population from 12 December 1939 (V. Bl. G. G. P. I S. 246) has been concluded and the manner of proceeding for deploying Jewish forced labourers has been regulated through the directive issued by the Higher SS and Police Leader, given the increasing need for workers of every kind, in particular for public work measures, it is now necessary to not just register and steer the workforce of the Jewish population through the channels of free labour exchange but also apply the Labour Department's regulations on compulsory work.

For this reason I order with immediate effect:

- 1.) The central file on all Jews obliged to perform forced labour compiled at the Higher SS and Police Leader's office is to be entrusted to the Labour Department. The Department will ensure that the file is allocated appropriately to the respective districts and municipalities (of the Labour Offices).
- 2.) The ongoing registering of newly arrived Jews will be carried out by the Labour Department.
- 3.) The selection and provision of Jewish forced labourers for the individual work measures (deployment) is now also the responsibility of the Labour Department. It arranges the working conditions with the goal of achieving the best possible maintenance and utilisation [Ausnutzung] of the Jewish workforce.
- 4.) Should various deployment possibilities be available at the same time, the deployment is to be chosen for the work measure the head of the office for the Four Year Plan in the General Government, in consultation with the involved government departments [Dienststellen], identifies as the most urgent militarily or economically.
- 5.) Securing the carrying out of the measures for registering and deploying the Jewish forced labourers as well as regulating the stay and compulsory residential registration remains the task of the Higher SS and Police Leader.
- 6.) The correspondence on the registration and labour deployment of the Jews residing with the Higher SS and Police Leader is to be handed over to the Labour Department, who will continue this correspondence. A memorandum is to be written on the transfer of this correspondence, the existing directives and procedure instructions as well as the handover of the file with all its equipment. Fees still due from the files delivered to the Jewish councils are to be collected through the Labour Department by the municipal and city authority as quickly as possible.

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