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A. EICHMANN
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Adolph Eichmann;
Dr. Josef Mengele

proposed testify against EICHMANN
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Helmut Felsch, Clinton Prison Number 36600, Dannemora,
New York, who is a ~~German~~ citizen, was sentenced in Court of
General Sessions, New York County, New York on July 15, 1960
to a term of one and one half years to three years for Grand
Larceny First Degree and Forgery Second Degree. A letter in
the file of Felsch at Clinton Prison reflects Felsch, while
in the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, attempted suicide
by hanging and for a period of time was a patient at the
Miami Sanatorium and Neurological Institute. This file also
reflects that Felsch was committed to Dannemora State
Hospital, Dannemora, New York, a mental institution for
New York State prisoners who become insane while incarcerated,
from August 3, 1960 to November 3, 1960. The diagnosis was
Psychosis with Psychopathic Personality, Schizoid Traits.
His condition on return to Clinton Prison was shown as
recovered from Psychosis.

The United States Immigration and Naturalization
Service has a deportation warrant lodged against Felsch at
Clinton Prison as a detainer.

Felsch furnished the following information to a
Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at
Clinton Prison on January 20, 1961:

He was drafted into the German Army in 1939. At
the time he was drafted he was engaged to a Jewish girl,
ROSA SILBERSTEIN from Hamburg, Germany. While he was in
the German Army he stole blankets, canned foods and
approximately 25 ration cards which he gave to his mother
and ROSA SILBERSTEIN. For this theft he was sentenced to
twenty-seven months in prison but was assigned to a Penal
Battalion of the German Army. This battalion was always on
the front line whenever there was fighting. When this

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battalion was not fighting, that is the particular battalion he was with, it was under the command of Adolph Eichmann. His battalion was under the command of Eichmann at Bitterfeld, near the City of Halle, Province of Saxony; and Lubartov, near the City of Lublin, Province of Upper Silesia. He was forced to break gold teeth from the mouths and tear gold rings from the fingers of Jewish and Christian victims ordered killed by Eichmann. He also has information concerning atrocities committed by Dr. Josef Mengele, who now allegedly operates a cafeteria in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and resides at Rosario, Argentina, near Buenos Aires. Felsch claimed to have seen Dr. Mengele in Argentina during his, Felsch's, employment as a merchant seaman.

Felsch stated that he has in his possession a twenty-eight page handwritten story prepared by him concerning atrocities of Eichmann and Dr. Mengele which he desires to have furnished to the Israel Government as well as to any other interested agency. He advised that he has directed a letter to the General Consulate of Israel, 11 E. 70th Street, New York City on January 16, 1961 but has received no reply to date. In this letter he offered to turn his story over to that Government for use at the trial of Eichmann. Felsch said that he desired no personal gain or any special favors or privileges for furnishing this story.

Felsch did note that he fathered a daughter by Rosa Silberstein, who would be approximately nineteen now and who is allegedly with her mother in Israel now. Felsch claimed that he was contacted by an official from the Israel Government from Washington, D. C. concerning his daughter and Rosa while he was incarcerated in Tombs Prison, New York City in 1958.

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