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Re: Utilization of property on the occasion of settlement and evacuation of Jews.

To the Chief of the SS-Garrison Administration L u b l i n.

To the Chief of Administration Concentration Camp Auschwitz.

Without taking into account the overall regulations which are expected to be issued during October, pertaining to the utilization of mobile and immobile property of the evacuated Jews, the following procedure has to be followed with regard to the property carried by them - property, which will in all orders in the future be called goods originating from thefts, receiving of stolen goods, and hoarded goods:

1. a. Cash-money in German Reichsbank notes have to be paid into the account: Economic and Administrative Main Office 158/1488 with the Reichsbank in Berlin-Schöneberg.
- b. Foreign exchange (coined or uncoined), rare metals, jewellery, precious and semi-precious stones, pearls, gold from teeth and scrap gold have to be delivered to the SS Economic and Administrative Main Office. The latter is responsible for the immediate delivery to the German Reichsbank.
- c. Watches and clocks of all kinds, alarm clocks, fountain pens, mechanical pencils, hand- and electrical razors, pocket-knives, scissors, flashlights, wallets and purses are to be repaired by the Economic and Administrative Main Office in special repair shops, cleaned and evaluated, and have to be delivered quickly to front line troops.  
  
Delivery to the troops is on a cash basis through the Post Exchanges. 3 - 4 price grades are to be set and it has to be made sure that each officer and man can not buy more than one watch.  
  
Exempt from sale are the gold watches, the utilization of which rests with me. The proceeds go to the Reich.
- d. Men's underwear and men's clothing including footwear has to be sorted and valued. After covering the own needs of the concentration camp inmates and in exceptions for the troops they are to be handed over to the Volksdeutsche Mittelstelle. The proceeds go to the Reich in all cases.
- e. Women's clothing and women's underwear including footwear, children's clothing and children's underwear including footwear have to be handed over to the Volksdeutsche Mittelstelle against payment. Underwear of pure silk is to be handed over to the Reich Ministry of Economics according to orders by the SS

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Economic and Administrative Main Office. This order refers also to underwear sub d).

- f. Featherbeds, quilts, woollen blankets, cloth for suits, shawls, umbrellas, walking sticks, thermos flasks, ear-flaps, baby-carriages, combs, handbags, leather belts, shopping baskets, tobacco pipes, sun glasses, mirrors, table knives, forks and spoons, knapsacks, suitcases made from leather or artificial material are to be delivered to the Volksdeutsche Mittelstelle. The question of payment will be decided later.

The own needs in quilts, woollen blankets, thermos flasks, ear-flaps, combs, table knives, forks and spoons and knapsacks can be furnished from Lublin and Auschwitz from these stocks against payment from budget funds.

- g. Linen, such as bed sheets, bed line, pillows, towels, wiping cloths, tablecloths are to be handed over to the Volksdeutsche Mittelstelle against payment.

Bed sheets, bed linen, towels, wiping cloths and table cloths can be furnished for the needs of troops from these stocks against payment from budget funds.

- h. Spectacles and eyeglasses of every kind are to be handed in to the Medical Office for utilization. (Spectacles with golden frames have to be handed in without glasses together with the rare metals). A settlement of accounts for the spectacles and eyeglasses need not take place with regard to their low value and their limited use.

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- i. Valuable furs of all kinds, raw and cured, are to be delivered to the SS-WVHA.

Ordinary furs (lamb, hare and rabbit skins) are to be reported to the SS-WVHA, Amt B II, and are to be delivered to the clothing plant of the Waffen-SS, Ravensbrueck near Fuerstenberg (Mecklenburg).

- k. All items mentioned under the letters d, e, f, which have only 1/5 or 2/5 of the full value or are useless altogether will be delivered via the SS-WVHA to the Reich Ministry for Economics for utilization.

For the decision on items which are not mentioned under the letters b - i, application for a decision as to their utilization should be made to the Chief of the WVHA.

2. The SS-WVHA will establish all prices under observation of the legally controlled prices. This estimation however can be made later on. Petty evaluations which only waste time and personnel may be eliminated.

Average prices for single items have to be established in general. For instance, one pair of used men's trousers 3.0 RM, one woollen blanket 6.0 RM etc.

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For the delivery of useless items to the Reich Ministry for Economics average kilo prices will have to be established.

It has to be strictly observed, that the Jewish Star is removed from all garments and outer garments which are to be delivered. Furthermore, items which are to be delivered have to be searched for hidden and sewed in values, this should be carried out with the greatest possible care.

By Order,

Signed: FRANK  
SS-Brigadefuehrer  
and Brigadier General of the  
Waffen SS

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I, Frank W Young, AGO D-429702, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages, and that the above is a true and correct translation of Document No. NO-724.

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