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The Reichsführer-SS

Head of the SS Main Office

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Re: Establishment of a Germanic Research Institute, e.g. a Norwegian Research Association

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To the

Managing Director of the

“Ahnenerbe”

SS-Obersturmbannführer Dr. Sievers

Berlin-Dahlem

Dear Doctor,

I wished to have copied for you the comment of SS-Hauptsturmführer Professor Dr. Schwalm, which he provided me at my request. Unfortunately we were not able to accomplish this due to a lack of typists. Please send this comment and ensure from your side that we receive this central summary. It is impossible to accomplish anything in the long run if we have two research centers within the SS. It is completely inappropriate for people to think that they can destroy the general structure through personal ambition.

Heil Hitler!

SS-Gruppenführer

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To the

Reichsführer SS

And Head of the German Police

Field Headquarters

Reichsführer!

During my official trip to Oslo I ascertained that SS-Obersturmbannführer Dr. Richert, who was the agriculture man in the Einsatzstab Wegener and who only rediscovered his SS heart after the reorientation and realignment, wants under all circumstances to open a research institute, or more specifically a Norwegian Research Association. I ask to be able to submit a clear report on this topic from SS-Hauptsturmführer Professor Dr. Schwalm of the "Ahnenerbe" as an attachment. When I appeal to you on this issue, Reichsführer, it is not out of a craving for power or to clarify any "responsibilities", but rather for a much deeper and very serious reason.

The foundation "Ahnenerbe" was established at the time through an order of the Reichsführer-SS. After much hard work, after much trouble – even felt on a personal level by the Reichsführer SS, after many growing pains, the "Ahnenerbe" has now begun to build a reputation for itself. In a short period of time it would inevitably far surpass the high schools of the Reichsleiter Rosenberg and become the national socialist research center. That is only possible when we have firm centralization within our own ranks, that is, when everything that has to do with real research, regardless of which area, comes to the "Ahnenerbe" and is managed centrally from there.

In particular it is urgently necessary that in the Germanic countries only the "Ahnenerbe" and its representatives are highlighted as the only scientific institution of the Reichsführer-SS and the only one negotiating with the scientific authorities. For this reason I ask permission to propose that the "Ahnenerbe" be named and highlighted through an SS order as the only scientific research center of the Reichsführer-SS in Germanic countries.

My goal is that the "Ahnenerbe" be later funded at least in part by the party. I hope in the long run to enable the Ahnenerbe to be partly funded through the proceeds of the Education Office. For the

Germanic Volunteer Headquarters I have in mind the possibility of funding them entirely within the Germanic countries. It would not be terribly difficult to introduce this provision throughout the Reich at a later point. It does however in my opinion necessary for the strict centralization I have proposed.

SS-Gruppenführer