

To SS-Obersturmführer Dr. Schneider or
SS-Sturmbannführer Sievers personally!

Statement

Strictly Confidential!

Re: Situation report on 10/16/1942

- 1.) Following my return, the working relationship with the leader of the department, SS-Sturmbannführer Leib, was immediately improved and cleared up. Despite the denial of the receipt of a bulletin from Amt VI with guidelines for the work of "Ahnenerbe" representatives (during my visit at the GFL in Copenhagen I was able to determine that the bulletin had gone out everywhere), in practical terms I have been allowed full freedom of operation.
- 2.) The external working relationships are now as before catastrophic. I am unable to receive any visitors and speak with them confidentially, as is sometimes necessary. As long as I cannot seek out confidants through whom I could from the outset get into the situation of the applicants (an essentially impossible situation), I cannot establish any relations.

The department has put in a request for new rooms. Whether the confiscation of the desired houses will be carried out, when this might happen and when the necessary renovation would be complete, cannot be foreseen. Probably the year will pass before it is resolved! Furthermore, the house newly taken for the GFL is so small that after consultation with SS-Sturmbannführer Leib no more than two small rooms on the top floor could be considered for our workplace (one should compare this to the Reichskommissariat Department for Science and Education)!

The provision of a separate house for an agent and one staff member was denied initially by SS-Sturmbannführer Leib (and not unjustly!). Larger properties in which sufficient space could be provided us cannot be found for the time being.

- 3.) An apartment for the representative of the "Ahnenerbe" has not yet been provided and is unlikely to be obtained in the foreseeable future, as the furnishings are unavailable.
- 4.) In the attached note on the discussion with Ministerial Councilor Dr. Huhnhauser there is a summary regarding the other material needs for the work of the "Ahnenerbe" representative here. To that list should be added (compare to the already delivered statements on meetings with SS-Standartenführer Fehlis and SS-Obersturmführer Dr. Ritz) that a long start-up time should be calculated, as the psychological requirements just as much as the purely technical and transport work difficulties can only be overcome through continual work with a long view of things.

Under these circumstances I ask that all steps be taken to ensure the revocation of the decision of Ministerial Director Mentzel which plans for me to be on assignment in Posen in January and February

and which in practical terms would mean that my work here would cease from the middle of December to March. An interruption of the work would mean that we would have to start all over again in March. At the same time, Huhnhäuser's Reichskommissariat Department does not want to set back his plans and his work for an extended period of time, which is also not practically feasible as it has already advanced too far to be interrupted. The Ahnenerbe should engage here and work with its own representation, as an interruption of the work in January and February is impossible!

Otherwise I have decided to not give any lectures in Posen without preparation. I cannot justify it to myself, being so careless. I find it just as careless to give old news to those on military leave. Should I give a lecture in January, I would have to begin immediately with the preparations. As this is impossible here with the poor working conditions and lack of the scientific establishment, my removal must be immediately envisioned, which is only more urgent as I would need to begin the semester already in December.

I ask that the questions posed here be clarified as quickly as possible and that it be communicated to me through FS in particular whether the steps with Mentzel have met with any success. Under the circumstances, it can be attempted to engage Higher SS- and Police Leader (North) SS-Obergruppenführer Redieß, but I do not expect much from this.

Oslo, 10/17/1942

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