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E01 A letter regarding the misuse of Jewish craftsmen in Tomaszów

General Government
District of Radom
District Leader [Kreishauptmann]
Tomaszów

To the
Security Police

Subject: training workshop of the community association for Poland in Tomaszów,
Pilicastrasse 12.

The Jews working in the craft workshops, and namely from all crafts such as carpenters, tailors and shoemakers, are currently coming to work in very few numbers. It is particularly noticeable that the carpenters are almost totally missing. As a consequence, the orders placed with the workshops by the various offices and departments, the German Army and the Organisation Todt cannot be carried out. Because it is not known how long the Jewish craftsmen from the workshops will be available, I have to insist that the orders approved by the Army, the Organisation Todt and other offices and departments must be finished on time. To achieve this it is an unavoidable requirement that the craftsmen of the workshops are made fully available.

As has been observed, a section of the craftsmen – this is particularly the case with the carpenters – is being used for the clearing work within the Jewish residential area. This clearing work, which does not demand any skilled craftsmanship, can be carried out by others rather than the craftsmen who are so urgently needed.

For this reason I request that you deliver back the craftsmen such as carpenters, tailors and shoemakers taken from the workshops and deploy instead those Jews for the transport work etc. within the Jewish residential area who are not craftsmen. Should these Jews not be available in sufficient numbers, I request that it be considered to take some of the Jews working for the Organisation Todt in the factory for lasts in the Jewish residential area, because significantly more Jews are working there as in the craftsmen workshops.

I emphasise again that my sole concern is to ensure that the orders placed by the Army, the Organisation Todt and offices and departments with the workshops of the community association are all finished before the possible conversion of the aforementioned operation.

I would be grateful for a notification of the course of action undertaken in this respect.

[signed] Glehn