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TO : CO X-2 Germany
SUBJECT : Dr. Friedel
Ref. in HERRING's Vetting Form and in
Operational Report for period: 1-15 Nov 45.

1/ Dr FRIEDEL has uncovered all the documents pertaining to the activity of GÖRING's "Zentral Handelsgesellschaft Ost für landwirtschaftlichen Absatz und Bedarf m.b.H. (ZO)".

2/ These documents give details on work of the ZO which handled requisitioning of food, money, and raw materials from the German-occupied Russian Zone and from the Baltic Countries. The documents themselves are of no interest to us though they certainly must be of value to the War Crimes Committee, and consequently they were turned over to Third Army Documents Section for disposition.

3/ The only point of interest contained in these papers is the fact that the ZO had willing cooperation (at least at first) of many Russians. The ZO employed some 518,000 Russian helpers (433,499 Ukrainians, 14,463 Byelorussians, and 70,496 Baltic nationals). It could possibly be of interest to know how willing this cooperation of such a large group of Russians has actually been.

4/ The documents are to be processed by the Third Army Document Section partly in Preising and finally at Kassel, so the possibly inquiry may be directed to Kassel. Dr. Wolf FRIEDEL who was at one time employed in the office (a few months in 1941) is being used by the Document section to put these documents in order. FRIEDEL has already written an initial report on the subject which is hereby sent to you in its original form.

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