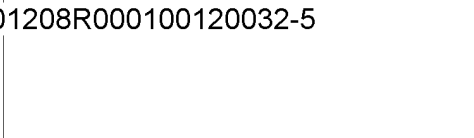


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# Nazi Records Said Altered

## Magazine Says U.S. Wanted Scientists

Associated Press

CHICAGO, March 11—U.S. officials doctored reports about German scientists and ignored information about their Nazi activities to get them into the United States after World War II, according to a magazine article based on declassified documents.

The actions conflicted with an order signed by President Harry S. Truman that said no "active supporter of Nazism or militarism" could be employed in the Project Paperclip program, according to the article in the April issue of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists.

The program, which hired 765 scientists and other specialists from 1945 to 1955, was designed to take advantage of German and Austrian expertise and prevent the remilitarization of Germany. The article did not say how many Nazis entered the United States using altered records.

The magazine said an 18-month investigation, based on formerly classified documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, showed that some of those hired in the program later were charged with war crimes at Nuremberg.

The Army has not seen the report and would not comment, a spokesman in Washington said.

Project policy required the War Department, forerunner of the Defense Department, to conduct back-

ground investigations of the specialists' wartime activities, the article said. Results were given to the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency, which operated under the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Some reports disclosed that specialists may have participated in experiments on humans, brutalized slave labor, and committed other crimes," the article said.

The intelligence agency at times requested changes in incriminating records of those they wanted to recruit, the article said. In other cases, it said, the intelligence agency gave the State Department "clean" forms for specialists with extremely damaging information in their backgrounds.

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