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Scope and Content of Collection

Contains records of the District Commission in Katowice to Investigate the Nazi Crimes of the Silesia territory. Records are very diverse and include files of investigations of German crimes; files on wanted war criminals and verdicts of criminal trials against war criminals, including the case of the crew of KL Auschwitz and its chief officer, Rudolf Hoess; administrative files, including lists of the members of the Commission; case files of SS and Gestapo officers, German physicians, and collaborators, the verdicts of German Sondergerichte; also contains questionnaires concerning locations and facts of German crimes.

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