

Extract from Guidelines by Heydrich for Higher SS and Police Leaders in the Occupied Territories of the Soviet Union, July 2, 1941

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- a) To the Higher SS and Police Leader (Hoehrer SS- und Polizeifuehrer)
SS Obergruppenfuehrer Jeckeln...
- b) To the Higher SS and Police Leader
SS Gruppenfuehrer von dem Bach...
- c) To the Higher SS and Police Leader
SS Gruppenfuehrer Pruetzmann...
- d) To the Higher SS and Police Leader
SS Oberfuehrer Korsemann...

Owing to the fact that the Chief of the Order Police invited to Berlin the Higher SS and Police Leaders and commissioned them to take part in Operation Barbarossa without informing me of this in time, I was unfortunately not in a position also to provide them with basic instructions for the sphere of jurisdiction of the Security Police and SD.

In the following I make known briefly the most important instructions given by me to the *Einsatzgruppen* and Kommandos of the Security Police and the SD, with the request to take note of them.

...4) *Executions*

All the following are to be executed:

Officials of the Comintern (together with professional Communist politicians in general.

top and medium-level officials and radical lower-level officials of the Party, Central Committee and district and sub-district committees.

people's Commissars.

Jews in Party and State employment, and other radical elements (saboteurs, propagandists, snipers, assassins, inciters, etc.) insofar as they are, in any particular case, required or no longer required, to supply information on political or economic matters which are of special importance for the further operations of the Security Police, or for the economic reconstruction of the Occupied Territories....

Source: Yitzhak Arad, Yisrael Gutman, Abraham Margalio (Eds.), *Documents on the Holocaust, Selected Sources on the Destruction of the Jews of Germany and Austria, Poland and the Soviet Union*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem 1981, Document no. 171, pp. 377-378.