Finding aid for the Major Alfred G. Wurmser collection of Nuremberg Trial documents 6058

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
British War Crimes Executive. -- Archives
Wurmser, Alfred G., Major -- Archives
Autographs (manuscripts)
Letters
Nuremberg War Crime Trials, Nuremberg, Germany, 1946-1949--Archival resources
Photographs
Reports
Trials--Germany--Nuremberg--20th century--Archival resources

Box 1, Folder 1

Nurnberg Prison 1945-1946, Palace of Justice 1945-1946

Scope and Content
Original beige file folder with black lettering on the front and crest depicting the scale of Justice over a broken Nazi eagle. The inside of the folder contains the signatures of all 21 war crime defendants (out of 22; Martin Bormann was tried in absentia). The signatures are arranged in groups. This document may have been created and assembled by an American guard at the prison who had access to the prisoners during the trial. The signatures are on paper blocks pasted to the folder, and they are of different sizes and widths. The signatures are arranged next to mounted typed lists with last name entries only. The organization of the signatures and their positioning on each slip of paper might be explained by Colonel Burton C. Andrus's (commander of the Palace of Justice and the prison complex) decision to introduce a "social hour" for the prisoners while they were awaiting the decision of the court.
Box 1, Folder 2  **War Crimes Trial: Judgement and Verdict 1946 September**  
**Scope and Content**  
Bound document containing 16 pages of "British War Crimes Executive [E.S.]" stationery. Includes 2 passes giving access to the International Military Tribunal - Final Judgment - Session 5, Main Court, Seats 6 and 7. The first page is unnumbered and contains the Index. It is followed by a page containing the signatures of the 8 Allied Judges and their Alternates; Instructions; 2 pages with mounted black and white photographs depicting the judges and defendants; the names of the Judges and their Alternates; the floor plan of the courtroom; the seating plan of the accused; short biographies of the 21 defendants; 2 blank pages; and a page with 11 signatures (barristers, British legal advisors, prosecutors).

Box 1, Folder 3  **British War Crimes Executive [E.S.] stationery containing 53 signatures circa 1946**  
**Scope and Content**  
Signatures of: 13 chief prosecutors, counsels and assistants; 28 signatures of defense attorneys and associate counsels; 12 signatures of members of the French delegation; 12 signatures of members of the Polish delegation.

Box 1, Folder 4  **Nurnberg, by Charles W. Alexander 1946**  
**Scope and Content**  
12 signatures on front endpaper, including prosecutors, alternates, and Tribunal presidents.

Box 1, Folder 5  **Paul von Hindenburg letter 1931 April 28**  
**Scope and Content**  
4 pages, typed. Stationery is printed with "Der Reichspräsident". Letter from von Hindenburg to Dr. Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach at his Villa Hugel in Essen. Von Hindenburg thanks him for his outstanding work as president of the supervisory board of the Bank fur Deutsche Industriebefristungen.

Box 1, Folder 6  **Werner Eduard Fritz von Blomberg letter 1936 October 1**  
**Scope and Content**  
Typed and signed 1 page letter. Von Blomberg, German Generalfeldmarschall, Minister of War, and Commander in Chief of the German Armed Forces (until January 1938) writes to Dr. Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach allowing him "on special occasions only" to wear his old Hussar Regiment of the Guards uniform. The printed "Der Reichswar minister" heading on the paper has been crossed out and replaced by a "Der Reichskriegminister" stamp above it.

Box 1, Folder 7  **Visiting card inscribed and signed by Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach circa 1930s**  
Box 1, Folder 8  **Photographic postcard of Hitler circa 1930s**  
Box 1, Folder 9  **Two photographic reproductions of scenes from the first Nuremberg Trial circa 1946**  
Box 1, Folder 10  **Pencil sketch of Wilhelm Keitel during the Trial 1946 July 29**  
Box 1, Folder 11  **Typed translation of an article from the Luneburger Post titled "18th of April in the concentration camp [of] Sandbostel" 1945 October 9**  
Box 1, Folder 12  **Document fragment 1946 July 6**  
**Scope and Content**  
Stamped with "International Military Tribunal" stamp and signatures of Robert M. W. Kempner, chief US counsel) and Robert Servatius (defense attorney).

Box 1, Folder 13  **Document fragment circa 1946**  
**Scope and Content**  
Signature of Alfred Thoma, defense attorney.

Box 1, Folder 14  **Document fragment circa 1946**  
**Scope and Content**  
Signature of Dr. Walter Siemens, defense attorney.
| Box 1, Folder 15 | **Document fragment 1946 August 28**  
Scope and Content  
Signature of Joachim von Ribbentrop. |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | **British War Crimes Executive pass circa 1946**  
Scope and Content  
Issued to Captain A.G. Wurmser and his party to "work until such time as may be required to complete their task at the Court House. Military Police are hereby requested to exempt this party from all curfew restrictions." |
| Box 1, Folder 17 | **Foreign Office Library letter 1947 June 5**  
Scope and Content  
To Captain Wurmser in response to a request for a copy of the Rulings of the Tribunal. |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | **Photograph circa 1947**  
Scope and Content  
Major Alfred G. Wurmser and the other 12 members of the British War Crimes Executive. |