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Draft Copy of the Madagascar Project, Sent to
Rademacher, The Head of Jewish Affairs in the German
Foreign Office

Thee Dannecker

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Kurfuerstenstrasse 116

Foreign Office

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To

Location Secretary Rademacher

Berlin

Dear comrade Rademacher!

By messenger I sent you a copy of the draft “Madagascar Project” for your personal use. I request to treat the matter as especially confidential.

Heil Hitler!

Your Dannecker

Original for information to

Minister Luther

With the request to return

The plan itself was prepared by Gruppenfuehrer

Reich Main Security Office:

Madagascar Project

The following draft represents the summary of the preliminary work carried out until now by the Security Police for the project of settling these Jews, numbering appr. 4,000,000 in Madagascar. In order to avoid constant contact

with other nations, a settlement on an island abroad is to be preferred to any other solution.

3\ Preliminary work.

a\ All offices commissioned with the execution have first of all to carry out an exact registration of all the Jews in their territories. They are responsible for the application for and issuing of all – for the evacuation of Jews required – preliminary work, as issuing of documents to the individual Jew, seizing and utilization of property, as well as the assigning to transports. The first transports should consist mainly of farmers, construction experts, tradesmen and families of manual workers as well as physicians. These are so to say sent and settled there as advance troop for the purpose of preparing the accommodations for the mass which is to follow.

b\ The Jews are permitted to take up to 200 kg unrestricted luggage per person. Jewish farmers, tradesmen, physicians etc. must, if they possess any, take with them the entire equipment which is required for the carrying-out of their profession. The regulations in force govern the taking of rare metals.

c\ The property of the expellees which remains in the country is to be reported to a “Trustee Office for Jewish Property” which is to be set up for this purpose in each country. The total sum, after the real estate has been sold, will be brought into a central expellee fund which has to be established, which will be set up like the emigration funds in Vienna or the emigration fund in Bohemia and Moravia, and will make use of these funds and other funds in individual countries as subordinate funds.

Ideas about the foundation of an inter-European Bank

For the utilization of Jewish property in Europe.

The main thought is, so to say in one attempt to replace the Jewish influence in economic matters in Europe by the German influence, without causing interference in the economic structure of the individual countries by the closing down of big Jewish firms. The Jewish capital in Europe would be administrated by the now bank which would function as trustee, and by and by, if the necessity arises, would be realized and after the costs of the resettlement action which had been advanced by the bank had been paid,

would be handed over to the Reich treasury as advance payments for the values which the Jews received in Madagascar.

In addition the bank would administrate as trustee the soil, building etc. belonging to the State of Madagascar as far as these things are required and are intended to be used for the settling of the Jews. In the course of the settlement action it would by and by hand these values over to the Jews.

The Jewish property seized by the bank would not be sufficient to pay these values in cash. The bank would have to take the rest of the payments from the Jews and would currently have to hand them over to the Reich treasury. The Jewish property in Germany could, as this has been done so far, be seized by the offices of the Reichsfuehrer-SS or the Reich Main Security Office, as these offices already possess the required experience. From these offices the payments would be handed on to the bank.

For the seizing of the foreign values a similar organization would have to be provided for in the State treaties which are to be concluded with the individual European countries about the regulation of the Jewish question.

The bank would have to advance the necessary money for the expenses of the resettlement action if the Reichsfuehrer-SS would demand it. The individual Jew takes with him a greater amount of portable luggage only. For the rest he receives a claim to be cashed by the Jewish community "Madagascar".

The Inner German settlement contracts could be used as sample for the providing of soil to the Jews in Madagascar. A kind of saving association could be founded for providing the Jews with the necessary equipment and for the utilization of the Jewish products in Madagascar, so that the Jews would have no commercial contact with the outside world. Only the department authorized to buy the products would form the association, which also would handle the sale into the German Reich territory or to foreign countries.

Berlin, August 12, 1940

(signed): Radomacher.

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