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Replying to yours of 16 March, I attach herewith a biographical sketch on the above subject. This was prepared from various memoranda here in our office.

I trust this will be sufficient information for General Donovan, but if he wishes more detailed data on any one phase of Bormann's activities, we will be glad to see what we can do on this if you will advise us.

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BORWIAN, Martin Ludwig

Born: June 17, 1900 in Halberstadt

Was educated in Eisenach and Weimar. In June, 1918 he joined Field Artillery Regiment 55 in Naumburg; was discharged in spring 1919. Served an apprenticeship on a farm in Mecklenburg.

In 1920 known to have joined an anti-Semitic association (Verein gegen Ueberhebung des Judentums); about the same time he seems to have joined "Organization Rosabach", responsible for all so-called "Feme-Morde" such as Rathenau, Erzberger, Kurt Eisner. In 1923 he became Abschnittsleiter (district head) in that organization. In connection with the so-called Marchiner Feme-Mord he was arrested and sentenced to one year in prison as accessory to a murder.

From 1927 on he devoted himself more or less completely to the organization of the National Socialist Movement. He joined the SA in Thuringia, was a collaborator of the newspaper "Nationalsozialist", and in April, 1928 became Gauvertragsführer (district manager) for Thuringia. In the same year he was called to Munich to become a member of the supreme command of the SA.

After Hitler came to power he became one of the top leaders of the Party; after Hess went to England he became his successor in many of his functions. He is now Chief of Staff of the Chancellery of the Party (Leiter der Partei Kanzlei); furthermore, he has a high command in the SS and the SA (Obergruppenführer), he is a member of the Reichstag, a member of the War Cabinet and a member of the Council for the Defense of the Reich (Ministerrats für die Reichverteidigung).

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Sent to Washington
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