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Following is summary Berlin document center data Johann von Leers, who may be identical with person same name employed Fgyptian propaganda agency:

OCB USIA CIA OSD Born January 25, 1902, Vietsluebbe, Germany. Law degree. Joined Nazi party 1929. Same year member staff DER ANGRIFF, Nazi newspaper. Prior 1933 and throughout Nazi era extremely active speaker and prolific writer for Nazis, concentrating on anti-Jewish theme. Sample speech theme: 'UNSERE AUFGABE 1ST ES, UNERBITTLICHEN HASS (Against Jews) ZU PREDIGEN". Prior 1933 arrested several times for anti-Jewish campaign and advocating overthrow German Government. 1936 joined ALLGAMEINE (general) SS, gained rank STURMBANNFUEHRER (major). Served in SS race office, SS personnel office, SS head office. Member SA reserve. 1938 became BUNDESSCHULUNGSLEITER of the NS STUDENTENBUND. Joined NS DOZENTENBUND 1939 became deputy GAU (district) DOZENTENFUCHRER for Thuringia. Became head of foreign policy and foreign information section of DEUTSCHE HOCHSCHULEFUER POLITIK. Served as HAUPTSCHRIFTLEITER of "WILLE UND WER", published by Reichs propaganda LEITUNG. 1939 became Professor Jena University, specializing in "racial aspects of legal, economic and agricultural history".

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