

Hoover Pen-Pal Of Adolph Hitler's Nazi Henchmen

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A RESEARCH GROUP in Los Angeles has uncovered extensive communication between former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and top Nazi officials in the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol).

Documents show Hoover corresponded with SS officials who headed up Interpol even though Hitler was fully at war with most of Europe. Hoover had joined Interpol in 1938.

There were no strings to joining Interpol and no Congressional approval was needed. Hoover had been advised by his aides that they should join or the Secret Service might get control and have more power than the FBI.

Shortly after joining Interpol, Hoover was invited to attend the International conference which was sponsored by Heinrich Himmler of the SS. Hoover wrote that he would be unable to attend due to the work he had to do in Washington. The conference was never held as Hitler started his invasion of Poland in that fall of 1939. Even with the invasion of Poland, Hoover continued his correspondence with Interpol. Interpol files had already been used in Austria to execute 1000 dissidents and to place 75,000 Jews and others in concentration camps. The files were also used to recruit Ger-

man agents.

Documents obtained by the National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice (NCLE) show further correspondence between Interpol and the FBI director after Poland was invaded and after England and France declared war on Germany on Sept. 3, 1939. Hoover wrote, thanking Interpol, on Sept. 7, 1940 for their "guide for the international exchange of passport forms."

One of the released documents shows a request to Hoover from the Criminal Police Bureau of the Third Reich, i.e.: "May I ask a personal favor? I should be deeply grateful to you if you should send me a photo of yourself with a little dedication. In my office I have pictures of various criminal authorities with whom I am in constant contact. I should be very happy if I might complete my collection with your picture."

Hoover wrote back: "In accordance with your request I am happy to enclose my photograph, which it is a pleasure to autograph for you."

FBI Executive J.F. Buckley wrote to Hoover's advisor on Nov. 22, 1941 that Interpol showed an address in Berlin and that it had been in Vienna in the past (Vienna was under Nazi control from 1938 on). "Your advice whether any future com-

munication should be transmitted to Dr. Dressler (A Nazi sympathizer in Interpol) at the Berlin address is requested, in view of the fact that by so doing the bureau might be said to tacitly recognize the fact that Germany has taken over the International Criminal Police Organization. It is not known whether this would give any foundation for criticism of the bureau." The FBI wondered if Dr. Dressler should "still remain on the cordial list."

Hoover wrote four lines on Dec. 4, 1941, just three days before the Pearl Harbor bombing. "It is desired that in the future no communications be

addressed to the International Criminal Police Commission whose present location is Berlin, Germany, Very truly yours, J. Edgar Hoover, Director."

During the correspondence with Interpol the Genocide conference of the Jews was being discussed by Interpol. Known as the Final Solution Conference, it was finally held on Jan. 20, 1942, in Interpol headquarters in Berlin.

Hoover became the vice president of Interpol in 1946 and currently the FBI's strongest supporter of Interpol, even though they have extensive evidence of current SS involvement in Interpol.