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**PART 1: LIBRARY SEIZURES IN BELGIUM BY THE
EINSATZSTAB REICHSLEITER ROSENBERG (ERR)**

***WITH AN APPENDIX: Victimized Owners, Quantities of Loot, and
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SIX ORIGINAL ERR BELGIAN LIBRARY SEIZURE LISTS *(October 2020)*

These six lists, naming 150 victims, were prepared during occupation by the ERR Working Group for Belgium and Northern France (AG/HAG BelgNfr) – the most important, and now best-documented, German agency of cultural plunder in Belgium.

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The ERR Collection in TsDAVO, Kyiv: Documenting Wartime Cultural Plunder with Belgian ERR Office Files and Related Documents

Availability of ERR documents, and especially those relating to Belgium, increased dramatically with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the opening of long-hidden archives in Eastern Europe. Indeed, the largest group of original ERR records anywhere in Europe finally surfaced and became available for research in Kyiv (Kiev) during the period of *glasnost* in the late 1980s, first publicly reported in 1990. Among them were the long-lost Belgian ERR office files.¹

This most important “Rosenberg Collection” – now online and freely accessible in Kyiv – had been captured in several different batches by Soviet Ukrainian officials in the summer and fall of 1945. One sizeable portion has been documented as arriving in Kyiv with a major ‘trophy’ shipment from Dresden in November 1945. Those, together with more found elsewhere, were kept under wraps throughout the Soviet period in central state archives of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic. Because they also contained extensive files from ERR operations in Ukraine, they avoided the mandatory transfer to Moscow for most other German wartime records. Following Ukrainian independence in 1992, more open research became possible in the renamed Ukraine state archives, including the one now known as the Central State Archive of the Highest Agencies of Power and Administration of Ukraine (Tsentral'nyi derzhavnyi arkhiv vyshchych orhaniv vlyady ta upravlinnia Ukraïny), or TsDAVO, the major archive for post-revolutionary state records in

¹ Patricia Grimsted, who was then working with Ukrainian archivists on various projects, had access to these ERR records in Kyiv during the summer of 1990. They were first mentioned publicly by Grimsted and Hennadii Boriak at a conference in Kyiv in August 1990. See Grimsted’s article, “The Fate of Ukrainian Cultural Treasures during World War II: The Plunder of Archives, Libraries, and Museums under the Third Reich,” *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* 39, no. 1 (1991), especially pp. 55–58; expanded with documents as a monograph in Ukrainian, *Dolia skarbiv Ukraïns'koï kul'tury pid chas druhoï svitovoï viiny: Vynyshchennia arkhiviv, bibliotek, muzeïv*, trans. and ed. Hennadii Boriak (Kyiv: Arkheohrafichna komisii AN URSSR, 1991; 2nd edn., L'viv, 1992), pp. 8–12.

Ukraine.² In the early 1990s Belgian specialists learned that this surviving ERR collection in TsDAVO contained an especially large number of ERR files from Belgium.

As noted in Part 1 of the Belgian introductory text (on this website), at the end of August 1944, as they were retreating, the ERR Belgian Main Working Group (**HAG BelgNfr**) shipped out one crate – with the bulk of their Brussels office records – as part of their last rail transport to the Reich. The ERR Belgian files were in the freight car destined for the ERR art repository in Nikolsburg (then annexed to Austria, *now* Mikulov, Czech Republic).³ Their safe arrival in Nikolsburg, as the ERR reported to Headquarters, ensured the survival of those files, in contrast to the records of many other ERR units in occupied countries that were destroyed or lost at the end of the war. Before the impending arrival of the Red Army in Nikolsburg in April 1945, apparently the ERR shipped that crate of original Belgian ERR office records west, towards the Reich, but its journey was interrupted during the brutal end of the war, probably in Silesia.

Subsequently, one major batch of ERR files captured by Ukrainian archival scouts in the summer of 1945, arrived in Kyiv in a November ‘trophy’ shipment from Dresden.⁴ Most of the ERR files, including a portion of those from Belgium, were first deposited in what was then the Soviet Central State Historical Archive in Kyiv (TsGIAK/TsDIAK URSR) in December 1945, where they were initially processed only in March 1951 (fond 276s, 207 files). Other captured ERR files were found elsewhere.

Apparently, the contents of the Belgian crate had not remained intact, because documents constituting three fragmentary Belgian files were first deposited in the separate Soviet-period predecessor of TsDAVO, then still in Kharkiv (initially processed in 1960, as TsDAZhR, fond 1776s). That would explain the present separate **TsDAVO fond 3674** (with the initial 1940–mid-1941 name of the ERR), which today contains only three files, all of Belgian provenance, with some of the earliest AG Belgien documents (August 1940–December 1942).⁵ However, that separate fond now appears as a purely artificial and incomplete grouping, because ERR Belgian office files, including some of the earliest ones, had been initially dispersed in different Soviet Ukrainian archives.⁶

² See more details about the German archives and their fate in Kyiv in Patricia Kennedy Grimsted, *Trophies of War and Empire: The Archival Heritage of Ukraine, World War II, and the International Politics of Restitution* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press for the Harvard Ukrainian Institute, 2001), especially pp. 314–329. See also the TsDAVO coverage in updated Ukrainian chapter in the Grimsted, *ERR Archival Guide*, projected for release later in 2020 at www.errproject.org/guide.php.

³ Vogel to ERR Stabsführung Berlin, 24 Aug. 1944 (with the wagon designations), BArch (Berlin-Lichterfelde), NS 30/25, fol. 27. Includes “one crate of documents of the HAG (for all of the ‘Arbeitsvorhaben and their securing in the Reich).” Arrival in Nikolsburg is apparent in the previous report of Lommatzsch to Stabsführung Berlin, 6 Sept, 1944, NS 30/25, fol. 25. See the Belgian Introduction, Part 1, note 160., fol. 25.

⁴ The official acts of transfer to the Central State Historical Archive in Kiev (TsGIAK/ TsDIAK) say that they were received from Dresden, see Pashchin, chairman of the Committee on Cultural and Educational Institutions of the SNK UkrSSR, to TsDIAK, 12 December 1945, TsDAVO, 4703/2/3, fol. 1.

⁵ Details of the archival history and breakdown of the fonds was published in the Ukrainian chapter of *Reconstructing the Record of Nazi Cultural Plunder: A Survey of the Dispersed Archives of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR)*, IISH Research Paper 47 (Amsterdam: International Institute of Social History, in association with the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, 2011). An expanded and updated version is *forthcoming* at <http://www.errproject.org/guide.php>.

⁶ This interpretation is based on the fact that the files contain predominantly in-coming original documents on Berlin letterhead, and out-going copies of communications addressed to the Berlin ERR Headquarters, as well as correspondence with German occupation authorities in Belgium. The three Belgian files now in **fond 3674** were apparently first held by the Soviet predecessor of TsDAVO.

Many files, in what is now the much larger ERR **TsDAVO fond 3676**, contain portions of the ERR BelgNfr office records, while other out-going documents from Belgium (i.e. reports to ERR HQ in Berlin or, after 1943, to the ERR evacuation research and library center in Ratibor, Silesia, now Racibórz, Poland), or of Belgian relevance, are scattered in other files in fond 3676.

The abundance of ERR files of Belgian provenance in Kyiv provide extensive data on the ERR AG/HAG BelgNfr ‘work projects’ (*Arbeitsvorhaben*, AV), as the ERR termed their numbered confiscations. These include ‘daily reports’ (*Tagesberichte*, TB) and individual ‘work project reports’ (*Arbeitsberichte*, AB), as well as correspondence, making it clear that a large part of the contents of the crate of AG/HAG Belgien records sent from Brussels to Nikolsburg in August 1944 is now in Kyiv. Unfortunately, however, that complex of office records from Belgium was not kept together, and since their consolidation in TsDAVO in Kyiv, they became further dispersed and intermixed with fragments of ERR files from other sources in the large ERR Collection in that archive.

Of particular importance, the Kyiv ERR Collection also comprises a few segments of the ERR administrative records from Berlin and, especially starting in 1943, from the ERR research centre in Ratibor. Also in fond 3676 are scattered intermixed components of ERR documents from other occupied Western countries, but the survival of the ERR Brussels office files explains the large and significant component of Belgium files in Kyiv, in contrast to the relatively few ERR files from other occupied Western countries. Most important for Nazi seizure of Soviet cultural valuables, including libraries and art, the Kyiv collection contains the extensive surviving ERR files from the occupied regions of the USSR.⁷

Long held in secret in Kyiv, regrettably, none of these ERR records were available to the Western Allies for postwar restitution processing of retrieved looted cultural property in Germany and Austria. Nor were they ever utilized by Soviet authorities in research to identify cultural losses and potential recovery of ERR and other seizures of cultural property from German-occupied Soviet territories. Soviet – and even today, Russian – specialists, have never trusted German documents, or realized how essential ERR detailed wartime reports and correspondence are in documenting seizure and migration of various cultural property during wartime occupation.

During the Soviet period, the ERR records in TsDAVO Ukraine were never appropriately arranged and described according to their offices of provenance and creation. The lack of appropriate Soviet archival processing can be attributed to the absence of Soviet incentive to utilize the ERR records in tracing seizure and displacement of cultural property, although portions of these records were utilized in documenting Soviet collaborators during occupation.⁸ Besides, Soviet archivists lacked appropriate experience with NS bureaucracy.

Following independence, Ukrainian authorities, like their Soviet predecessors, refused restitution of German NS wartime records to Germany. Accordingly, the ERR records in Kyiv could not be integrated with related portions of the ERR files captured by the U.S. Army and returned to West Germany in the 1960s, most of which now held in the German Bundesarchiv (BArch) in Berlin-Lichterfelde.⁹ Nor were the ERR files in Kyiv reprocessed following their

⁷ See more details, along with more bibliography in the forthcoming updated Ukrainian chapter of the Grimsted *ERR Archival Guide* (www.errproject.org/guide).

⁸ Utilization by the NKVD/MVD is apparent in some of the files in TsDAVO, 3676, series 4.

⁹ Russian and Ukrainian authorities both refused restitution of wartime German records to Germany, but since 1990, German academic centres encouraged training of Ukrainian specialists, who have published extensive analysis of these records, mostly focused on the Ukrainian components or Ukrainian-related aspects. See more details in the forthcoming updated Ukrainian chapter of the *ERR Archival Guide* at www.errproject.org/guide.php.

revelation and opening for research during the period of *glasnost* and *perestroika* and Ukrainian independence, although Ukrainian archivists did translate the original Russian series finding aids (*opisi*) into Ukrainian.

With the increasing concerns since the 1990s to identify and document cultural treasures still displaced, particularly in the West, many long-hidden and still unidentified, attention focused on this exceptional ERR documentary trove in Kyiv. Indeed, these ERR records of their extensive cultural seizures in countries throughout German-occupied Europe have already proved important in documenting many claims.

The opening of the former Soviet archives, along with these concerns, also brought Western commercial vendors to Kyiv. The American library microform firm Thompson Gale prepared microfilms of selected portions of the TsDAVO ERR Collection. In connection with that project, English translations of the often inaccurate original Soviet inventories (*opisi*) of the two ERR fonds were prepared as finding aids.¹⁰ Simultaneously, Ukrainian specialists compiled an ambitious so-called “Reference-index” for the ERR Collection, with Russian-language description of individual files. Extensive name, institutional, and geographic indexing (ca. 150 pp.) in German and Russian were included.

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Deiatel'nost' operativnogo shtaba Reikhsliaitera Rozenberga v okkupirovannoi Evrope v period Vtoroi mirovoi voiny. Spravochnik-ukazatel' arkhivnykh dokumentov iz kievskikh sobranii [Activity of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg in occupied Europe during the Second World War: A reference-index of archival documents from Kievan collections]. Introductions by Hennadii Boriak and Liubov Dubrovina. Kyiv, 2006; Derzhavnyi komitet arkhiviv Ukraïny; National'na biblioteka Ukraïny imeni V.I. Vernads'koho; TsDAVO; Thompson Gale.

As described therein, the ERR Collection includes the two fonds with original ERR files:

TsDAVO fond 3674 (ERR)—with only three files from the ERR Belgian Working Group in a single series, *Opys* 1); and

TsDAVO fond 3676 (ERR)— with five series (*opysy*), only the first two of which are entirely of ERR provenance, with ERR documents from all over Europe. Belgian-related files are found in only the first two series (*opysy*):

Series (*Opys*) 1, 253 files (nos. 1–240).

Series (*Opys*) 2, 44 files (nos. 1–40, 29a–v, 30a).

Series (*Opys*) 3, 48 files, contains personnel files of German staff in occupied Ukraine.

¹⁰ Advertised as: Ukrainian Archives, *Cultural Policies and Plunder of the Third Reich in Occupied Europe: Files of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg Kiev* (Woodbridge, CT, and Reading, England: Primary Source Media [2007] 226161), 45 reels. Now marketed under the Cengage consortium: https://www.cengage.com/search/productOverview.do?N=197+4294916945+4294904141+4294904579+4294904551&Ntk=P_EPI&Ntt=913310543186935140908981007734634884&Ntx=mode%2Bmatchallpartial&showMoreIds=4%7C2. The reel guide reproduced an English translation of the Soviet-era inventories (*opisi*), but with inadequate explanation (and not currently openly available on the website).

Series (*Opys*) 4, 496 files (nos. 1–491, plus 41a–d), contains only several ERR files. Many others have Soviet NKVD/MVD annotations; among others are files from Commando Stumpp, dealing with ethnic Germans (*Volksdeutsche*).

Series (*Opys*) 5, 43 files, found in Latvia with scattered documents from the RMbO.

TsDAVO fond 3206, Series (*Opys*) 5:

The third fond in the ERR Collection, **TsDAVO fond 3206**, Reich Commissariat of Ukraine (RKU), **Series (*Opys*) 5**, contains surviving records of the Provincial Administration for Libraries, Archives, and Museums (Landesverwaltung der Archive, Bibliotheken und Museen, LV ABM). That was the German occupation cultural agency under the RKU that took over the staff and functions of the ERR in Ukraine from December 1942 through the German retreat in the fall of 1943 (with major cultural seizures).¹¹ No Belgian related documents are included.

In the early 2000s, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) started its ERR Project, sponsoring digitized online versions of remaining ERR files in various European archives, including TsDAVO in Kyiv and the Bundesarchiv in Berlin-Lichterfelde. Initially, there was hope for *virtual* integration of ERR documentation online from many archives. Initial program provisions were actually designed with such an aim at the start of the Claims Conference ERR Project, but the complexity and varying arrangement of the ERR documents, as well as their wide dispersal in many countries, defied such a virtual integrative solution.¹²

In the process of negotiations for digitization, the Claims Conference and the Bundesarchiv also discussed the strong desirability of the Bundesarchiv rearranging and cataloging the ERR files. Yet the German government insisted that this should only be done if and when the paper files are returned to Germany. Thus digitization proceeded on the basis of the prevailing much less-than-satisfactory Soviet archival arrangement of the records.

Unfortunately, with the microfilm project underway, and the Russian-language *Spravochnik-ukazatel'* already published, Ukrainian archivists were unable to reprocess the TsDAVO ERR records before digitization. Nor have they yet been able to provide adequate German and/or English reference access as projected. Nevertheless, since September 2010, digitized PDF versions

¹¹ Those remaining records of the Provincial Authority for Archives, Libraries, and Museums (LV ABM), as presently arranged, constitute the Fifth Series (*Opys* 5) of TsDAVO fond 3205 (RKU); Ukrainian archival scouts recovered these remaining files in Troppau (*Czech* Opava), the last LV ABM working office after evacuation from Kamianets-Podil'skyi, Ukraine. See also the forthcoming updated Ukrainian chapter in Grimsted, *ERR Archival Guide*, for more details.

¹² The dispersal and processing problems were considered at some length in joint meetings in Kyiv and Berlin, with German and Ukrainian archivists, Dr Grimsted, and the Claims Conference Research Director, Dr Wesley A. Fisher. At that point Ukrainian archivists were already finalizing the microfilm project and the *Guide-Index* for the three fonds on the basis of the Soviet arrangement of the existing fonds and *opisi*. The initiated attempt of the Claims Conference ERR Project to provide 'virtual' reprocessing proved much too complicated and costly, given the wide dispersal of ERR files. The holding repositories (including TsDAVO) opted to digitize their own holdings as currently arranged; most are described in the initial Grimsted digital guide, *Reconstructing the Record of Nazi Cultural Plunder: A Survey of the Dispersed Archives of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR)* (Amsterdam: International Institute for Social History, 2011; in cooperation with the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam), sponsored by the Claims Conference. Updated chapters of the Grimsted *ERR Archival Guide* are now available at www.errproject.org/guide.php.

can be freely downloaded of all individual archival files in the three fonds in the TsDAVO ERR Collection on the Internet at <http://err.tsdavo.gov.ua/>, thanks to the Claims Conference ERR Project and the cooperation of TsDAVO.

Subsequent to publication of the *Spravochnik-ukazatel'*, its descriptive text and indexes were adapted as the basis of the reference system for description and indexing of the files for the online digitized TsDAVO ERR Collection. Thus the helpful Russian-language document descriptions in this *Reference-Index* are now accessible in the current online digital version of the original files.

Foreign researchers without knowledge of Russian, however, have been at a loss in locating relevant ERR documents for a given project or research subject. Only to a limited extent could they be aided by the name, institutional, and geographic indexing, but in the online version, indexes are only in Russian (in Cyrillic), while the German-language indexing (in Latin alphabet) were not included. Even more serious, regrettably, since 2014, programming problems that arose have made it virtually impossible to utilize the indexing functions, because file numbers are not coming through. Even if (and when) those indexing functions are restored, researchers will need access to the printed edition (or updated digital version) for use of the German/Latin-alphabet indexes (most important for the German-language ERR documents). The difficulty of locating and retrieving specific needed documents in the jumbled files (especially in fond 3676, series 1) still seriously impedes research, even for those fluent in Russian.

Currently, great improvements are under development in Kyiv. As of early 2020, a new Ukrainian archival website platform is in testing stage. It is to be hoped that it will soon be ready to be adapted and tested for use for the TsDAVO collection. The new platform will be accessible in other languages, and will also provide access to Kashevarova's recently updated, more extended indexing.¹³

At the same time, the numerous extant documents involving Nazi cultural seizures identified in connection with the present Belgian project has raised attention to the pending reference problems of the TsDAVO website, and increased incentive for more systematic descriptive data to increase international public availability of the collection. The present initiative, in connection with the Webpage for **Nazi-Looted Libraries in Belgium**, sponsored by the **Claims Conference ERR Project**, has led to the provisional register of Belgian-related documents that follows.

THE BELGIAN COMPONENT IN THE TsDAVO ERR COLLECTION

As already noted above, Belgian-related documents are found in both the small **TsDAVO fond 3674** with only three files from the ERR Belgian Working Group. Many more additional files from the ERR Brussels office records, as well as scattered individual Belgian-related documents (some extending through March 1944), are intermixed in many files in the main ERR fond (**TsDAVO, fond 3676**), including some of mixed provenance from ERR operations all over Europe, especially the **first series (Opys 1)**. Intermixed in that fond are also documents relating to ERR operations in German-occupied countries elsewhere in Europe, along with the even more extensive (but also often still jumbled) ERR records from occupied areas of the Soviet Union, from the Baltic countries and northwest Russia to Ukraine and Crimea.

¹³ The new platform is under development by the Ukrainian firm Archival Information Systems, directed by Kyrylo Vyslobokov, to whom the authors are grateful for demonstrating the new platform and discussing the ERR Collection reference development with Patricia Grimsted in Kyiv in September 2019.

Ten years before the TsDAVO collection was launched online, Belgian specialists at CegeSoma, purchased seven reels of microfilm from TsDAVO in late 1999, consisting of highly selected ERR files relating to Belgium. Regrettably, the dispersal and difficulty of locating relevant Belgian files resulted in the choice of little more than a quarter of the ERR Belgian-related documents in the TsDAVO collection.¹⁴ Nevertheless, use of the freely downloaded files since the 2010 launch of the TsDAVO ERR Collection website has greatly enhanced the availability in Brussels of remaining relevant ERR documents.

During the last two decades since the Buysse Commission Final Report (2001), further research in Kyiv, and with the online TsDAVO collection (after 2010), has identified many more of the Belgian-related ERR records in Ukraine. As a result, growing out of preparation of this website for **Nazi-Looted Libraries in Belgium**, we are now able to extend reference coverage of Belgian-related ERR files. While our accompanying Excel chart combines data about each of the 150 ‘work project’ (*Arbeitsvorhaben*, AV) Belgian victims, it also provides citations to specific ‘work project reports’ (*Arbeitsberichte*, AB) and ‘daily reports’ (*Tagesberichte*, TB) in TsDAVO for most of the 150 numbered ERR priority confiscations between August 1940 and February 1943 (to the extent currently available).

Because so many of the various ERR documents of Belgian provenance or relevance are scattered in the two TsDAVO fonds containing ERR files (fonds 3674 and 3676), we have compiled the full register that follows of all identified Belgian, or Belgian-related documents in those two fonds, which should aid retrieval. We are fortunate that Natalia Kashevarova, the Ukrainian specialist who compiled the initial Kyiv *Guide-Index* for the TsDAVO collection, agreed to participate in our Belgian project and verify these lists that follow.

TYPES OF GERMAN ERR DOCUMENTS

Before turning to that TsDAVO Belgian register itself, it may prove helpful first to identify and explain the function of the most important specific types of ERR documents remaining among the Belgian files, with their specific locations now scattered in many different files within the TsDAVO complex. In the Introduction above, we already introduced the unique registration system in Belgium for seizure operations – ‘work projects’ (*Arbeitsvorhaben*, AV), as the ERR called them – as is apparent in the first five posted seizure lists and many related documents.

The ERR also used a standardized system of brief reports on each of these ‘work projects’ (*Arbeitsvorhaben*, AV), which they entitled *Arbeitsberichte* (work [project] reports, AB). Below we provide a list of the surviving work reports (AB) for most of the 150 numbered AV, with their archival signatures in the TsDAVO collection. These are also listed in the Excel chart – Column 11 – for each of the 150 individual work projects (AV) for which they have been found.

Often even more important for details about the individual work projects (*aka* seizures) are the usually much more fulsome ERR AG/HAG BelgNfr ‘daily reports’ (*Tagesberichte*, TB) remaining

¹⁴ See Dirk Martin. “Something New: Archives from the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg from Kiev have been brought to the Centre War and Society (CegeSoma) in Brussels,” *Spoils of War. International Newsletter*, no. 7 (August 2000), pp. 71–75; at: <http://www.lostart.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/6742/publicationFile/224/Spoils%20of%20War%207.pdf>. These microfilms are still available on CegeSoma, but their research value is now superseded by the availability of files online from the entire TsDAVO ERR Collection at <http://err.tsdavo.gov.ua/>. The finding aid for these microfilms at CegeSoma is being updated accordingly.

with the ERR Belgian records in TsDAVO, fond 3676. We have added current archival locations with TsDAVO signatures in Column 11 of the Excel chart for the daily reports already identified for individual work projects (AV) (as of mid-2020). A summary list below combines the listings for these documents, according to the files in fond 3676 in which they are found. (The three Belgian files in fond 3674 do not contain any daily reports.) In addition, some of these references appear in footnotes for specific work projects discussed in the Introductory essay, while more are cited in the supplemental “ERR in Action” essay in preparation.

Daily reports or work reports providing supplementary information have not been located for relatively few work-project confiscations executed through AV 150 (26 February 1943), as listed in the accompanying Excel chart. Accordingly, we can now document comprehensively the most important ERR library seizure actions in Belgium. It should be noted, however, that some of the most important ERR seizures are among those most poorly documented. This is particularly true of seizure operations that were first handled by the RSHA (i.e. SD) and then subsequently dealt with and actually seized under ERR auspices.¹⁵

ERR REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL SEIZURES (*ARBEITSBERICHTE, AB*)

The unique ERR numbered system of ‘work projects’ (AV) in Belgium also carried over into the types of records the ERR kept in their Brussels office, many of which survive in the two ERR fonds in TsDAVO in Kyiv.

Short ‘work reports’ (*Arbeitsberichte, AB*) for ERR Belgian confiscations, give summary data on the 150 individual seizure operations or ‘work projects’ (*Arbeitsvorhaben, AV*), as the ERR called them. Some may be no more than a few sentences, while larger ones may be a page or more with a summary crate list at the end. Where works of art were found, these are often listed.

The work reports (AB) for all but 26 of the individual 150 work projects (AV) have recently been identified in the course of our research, indicated for each on the Excel chart combining a list of the 150 AVs, with file and folio numbers in Column 11.

Arbeitsberichte (Work Reports [for AV Projects]) (AB)

Folio references in the Kyiv files are indicated for each AV in the accompanying Excel chart.

AV 1–8, 10–16	TsDAVO, 3674/1/1, fols. 1–194, 229 ¹⁶
AV 9	TsDAVO, 3674/1/2, fol. 217
AV 20–30, 32–36, 42	TsDAVO, 3676/1/239, fols. 898–927
AV 33–48	TsDAVO, 3676/1/167, fols. 1a–127
AV 49–52, 55–59	TsDAVO, 3676/1/163, fols. 1–23
AV 60–82	<i>missing</i>
AV 83–100 –	TsDAVO, 3676/1/168, fols. 2–42
AV 101–116 –	TsDAVO, 3676/1/169, fols. 2–120
AV 117–136 –	TsDAVO, 3676/1/170, fols. 2–100
AV 138–150 –	TsDAVO, 3676/1/217, fols. 16–100

¹⁵ See, for example, the seizure of the books and archives from the **National Institute of Social History (AV 134, 152 crates)**, and the Jesuit Seminary in the former Saint Augustine Monastery in Enghien (**AV 133, 196 crates**), both of which are discussed in Section 4 of the Introductory essay.

¹⁶ The final work reports (AB) for the initial confiscations, AV 1–8, were entitled ‘Abschliessende Berichte’.

Work reports (AB) for the 150 AV confiscations are lacking for AV 17–19, 60–82, and AV 137.¹⁷ More detailed data about the seizure and the resulting cultural loot can usually be found in other surviving ERR documents, now dispersed in the two fonds of ERR records (3674 and 3676) in TsDAVO.

SPECIAL REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL SEIZURES

The ERR Belgian staff also prepared special more detailed reports or analysis for many of their largest and most important confiscations of books and archives, most of which have also been preserved in the Kyiv files. More detailed reports survive for several of those seizure operations of special interest to the ERR, as mentioned in the Introduction (Part 1).¹⁸ For example, extensive reports remain for the major libraries of Hymans, Grégoire, de Laveleye, and de Sturler; these include substantive analysis with a thematic presentation and evaluation of the materials.¹⁹ The library and archives of Jean, duc de Guise, is another example.²⁰ Similar, but even more detailed reports, were prepared on the Jesuit library of Enghien by specialists in church history.²¹ Some books and archives from seized libraries were found in the ERR Brussels depots at the end of the war after the ERR departure, but details are not available.

ERR DAILY REPORTS: TAGESBERICHTE (TB), AND OTHERS

More details about specific seizure operations will often be found in the *Tagesberichte (TB)*, or ERR **daily reports**, than the finalized brief **work reports** (*Arbeitsberichte, AB*); one or more daily reports survive for most of the 150 AV's through the end of 1941. In providing a record of daily activities of one or more of the ERR Belgian AG/HAG staff, the daily reports describe visits to the homes, offices or other institutions, of the victim. On occasion, if more than one ERR officer was involved, a second report may have been prepared. These documents often include notes about accompanying GFP, SD, or other officers, as well as comment about the individual owner or institution. Frequently they include interesting analysis and commentary about the materials found, their importance for ERR research or propaganda activities, and the proposed destination, such as the ZBHS (since 1942 in Austrian Carinthia), IEJ in Frankfurt, or other ERR branch such as the Sonderstab Musik or the Sonderstab Bildende Kunst.

¹⁷ No work reports (AB) remain for AV 31, and AV 53, which comprise materials collected in the ERR offices, or for AV 54, which combined materials from an unspecified number of unnamed Antwerp Jewish lodgings.

¹⁸ More examples for which detailed reports are available are discussed in the forthcoming supplemental article on "The ERR in Action," for which additional documents identified are being referenced in footnotes.

¹⁹ See, for example, Wörmke, ERR HAG BeINFr, "Übersicht in Stichworten über Arbeitsvorhaben Hymans; Laveleye, Grégoire, (de Sturler)" (4 Oct. 1941), TsDAVO, 3676/1/164, fols. 3–5.

²⁰ See especially, Ebeling, Vogel, and Grothe, "Arbeitsberichte," 19–26 September 1940, 11 March 1941, TsDAVO, 3676/1/1, fols. 140–88. See also Vogel's summary reports sent to Berlin, November 1940 and March 1941, in BArch NS 30/71.

²¹ For example, Oberbereichsleiter Härtle and Kulp, "Bericht über die Überprüfung des Jesuiten-Kollegs in Enghien am 29. April 1942," 1 May 1942, TsDAVO, 3676/1/140, fols. 456–57; and Noack, "Bericht über die Arbeit an der Auswertung des Archivs des Jesuitenkollegs Enghien," 27 November 1942, BArch NS 30/74 (the latter, noticeably found among ERR files in Germany).

Many of these reports list other names and addresses (in many cases former lodgings) of additional named individuals, organizations, or institutions – on detailed ‘hit-lists’ prepared in advance – that were inspected on the same day. As they reported, the ERR agents did not locate many listings named in their ‘hit lists,’ or if actually inspected, there were no yields of desired cultural property. These additional reports may also indicate smaller findings the same day that were later combined in a numbered AV confiscation entry from the ERR Brussels office.

Folio numbers for daily reports covering many of the 150 work projects have recently been identified in the course of our research. Where available, the file and folio numbers are indicated in Column 11 of the accompanying Excel chart. Noticeably, all remaining *Tagesberichte* from August 1940 through December 1941 are to be found in TsDAVO, fond 3676, as indicated in the Belgian ERR Register below, with files covering runs in five different files, some with overlapping coverage. Daily reports have not been found, however, for 1942 and early 1943, when the HAG BelgNfr was still actively seizing library materials for the final 30 ‘work projects’(AV 121 through AV 150).

Tagesberichte (TB)

15, 16, 19–23, 27, 31 August 1940–31 March 1941	TsDAVO 3676/1/161, fols. 1–539 (<i>gaps</i>) ²²
5 December 1940–10 March 1941	TsDAVO, 3676/1/239, fols. 706–877
26 February–30 June 1941 and April 1941–December 1941	TsDAVO, 3676/1/159, fols. 559–843
1 April–31 December 1941	TsDAVO, 3676/1/162, fols. 1–596 (<i>gaps</i>)
24 November 1941	TsDAVO, 3676/1/235, fols. 1–3

Surviving ‘**progress reports**’ (*Tätigkeitsberichte*) cover only one longer period from December 1940 through June 1941. Like the *Tagesberichte*, these longer period reports also give names of many other premises searched that did not result in full-scale seizures. They serve as a control on some of the seizures covered, but often with less detail than the *Tagesberichte*.

Tätigkeitsberichte

5 December 1940–22 February 1941;	TsDAVO, 3676/1/239, fols. 879–897;
6–11 January 1941	fols. 310–311
23 February 1941–28 June 1941	TsDAVO, 3676/1/159, fols. 844–880

The ERR also prepared weekly reports (*Wochenberichte*), but few have been found from Belgium. Copies of the weekly reports indicated as sent to Berlin appended to covering memoranda, however, have not been preserved among the TsDAVO ERR files of Berlin provenance, nor in the BArch Berlin-Lichterfelde files (NS 30).

²² Some ‘Tagesberichte’ from August 1940 are [presumably erroneously] marked ‘Arbeitsberichte’; see Register below for details.

Monthly reports (*Monatsberichte*) were apparently sent to Berlin, but few have been found. Only **one annual report** and **two monthly reports** have surfaced in TsDAVO files, both of which are now among a files of ERR Headquarter records:

Muchow, “Abschlussbericht der HAG BelgNfr **für das Jahr 1943**,” 25 Mar. 1944,
TsDAVO, 3676/1/162, fols. 129–137.
Vogel, HAG BelgNfr “Monatsberichte” Nov.1943 3676/1/162, fols. 138–140;
Dec. 1943 3676/1/162, fols. 141–148.

One unsigned retrospective report for the ERR first half year in Brussels is also preserved:
“**Bericht**” – **15 Aug. 1940–29 Jan. 1941** (3 Feb. 1941) – 3676/1/239, fols. 219–221.

Often, reports on significant seizures were submitted to the military occupation authorities (MB BelgNfr) and/or to Berlin HQ, which also provide further information about individual ‘work projects’ and, frequently, evaluation of specific loot. Many of these will be found in the office correspondence files listed in the register below.

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The compilers of this entire Belgian project wish to emphasize the crucial importance of the ERR Collection in Ukraine, which includes most remaining office records of the ERR Belgian Working Group, now digitized online, thanks to the **Claims Conference ERR Project**, in cooperation with Ukrainian archivists, on the website of the Central State Archives of Supreme Bodies of Power and Government of Ukraine (TsDAVO). We are grateful to Kyrlyo Vyslobokov, director of the Kyiv firm, Archival Information Systems, responsible for the ERR Collection website, now developing a more sophisticated website platform, which we hope will soon make these documents more accessible. We particularly appreciate the expertise of Nataliya Kashevarova, of the Institute of History of Ukraine, whose published Russian descriptive “Reference-Index” of the collection has served as a finding aid for the TsDAVO files. She also attentively checked over our “Survey Register” of the Belgian component, for which we are most grateful.

Individual Country Coverage: Belgium

Register of ERR Documents in TsDAVO Relating to Belgium

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Following the model of the following register of Belgian-related documents in the TsDAVO ERR Collection, more detailed country-by-country description of documents or series of documents relating to other countries outside the former Soviet Union, are now underway to provide or assist with increased reference access. Given the prominence of the Belgian component among the Kyiv ERR files for Western European countries, and their importance as a basis for documenting ERR archival and library plunder in Belgium in the current project, it is fitting that the Belgian component be the first to be described in more detail.

TsDAVO, fond 3674

All three files in **fond 3674**, the first of the three fonds in the TsDAVO online “ERR Collection” are of provenance in Belgium, having been created by the Working Group – later the Main Working Group for Belgium and Northern France (AG/HAG BelgNfr) – during the initial years of wartime occupation.

TsDAVO, fond 3676

The second ERR fond 3676, as is clear from the remainder of the list that follows, however, has at least **sixteen files** with all or a significant portions of documents from or directly relating to the Belgian Working Group (AG/HAG BelgNfr), but only in the first two series, while additional Belgian-related documents are scattered in at least **eight other files**, as listed below. No Belgian-related documents are found in the final three series of fond 3676.

TsDAVO, fond 3206 [RKU], opys 5

The third fond in the TsDAVO collection – **fond 3206 [RKU], opys 5** – contains surviving records of the Provincial Administration for Libraries, Archives, and Museums (LV ABM), as noted above, is not covered here. While these remaining LV ABM files contain significant data about the fate of cultural treasures looted from Ukraine, there are no documents of specific relevance to Belgium.

**AG/HAG BelgNfr Documents in the TsDAVO ERR Collection, Kyiv:
Summary Register (*files in fonds 3674 and 3676*)**

Most documents in Groups 1 and 2 are presumably of provenance in ERR AG/HAG BelgNfr office records (sent from Brussels to Nikolsburg 22 August 1944); others are outgoing documents from Brussels addressed to ERR HQ (Berlin or Ratibor) or other agents.

(1) TsDAVO, fond 3674, opys 1, files 1–3,

3674/1/1: ERR AG BelgNfr, Brussels, August–December 1940, March 1941

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Reports and final report (Arbeitsberichte and Abschliessender Bericht on confiscations: Belgian Masonic organizations and lodges, Brussels, Antwerp, Liège (AV 1–8)):	17 Aug.–2 Sept. 1940	1–113, 190–194
Grand Orient de Belgique (AV 1)	17–24 Aug. 1940	1–32
Suprême Conseil de Belgique (AV 2)	24 Aug.–2 Sept. 1940	33–97
Antwerp: lodges (AV 3–6) Federation of Zionists (AV 8)	22–23 Aug. 1940	98–116
Arbeitsberichte (Work Project reports),		114–194
Union Anglo-Belge (AV 16), Alfred Stern (AV 15) Leo Kubowitzki (AV 14)	1, 2, 5, 7 Oct. 1940	114–127
Librarie Cosmopolis (AV 13)	10 Sept, 8 Oct. 1940, 4 March 1941	128–139
Jean d'Orléans, duc de Guise (AV 12), and special report on archives	7–23, 26 Sept. 1940 11 March 1941	140–188
Agence Dechenne (AV 10)	4–6 Sept.–12 Oct. 1940	189
Antwerp (AV 3–6, 8) and Liège (AV 7)	22–23 Aug. 1940	191–194
Office correspondence/ telegrams with Berlin (and others):	7 Sept.–20 Dec. 1940	195–265
for example: Sonderstab Musik – Inquiries and notes	19 Sept.–12 Dec. 1940	228–237
Office notes and telegrams with Berlin (and others)	5 Oct.–12 Dec. 1940	238–265

3674/1/2: ERR AG BelgNfr, Brussels, January–December 1941

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Office correspondence with Berlin, and others, RE staffing, office finances and exhibition plans (<i>not all in chronological order</i>):	2 Jan. –29 Dec.	1–242
Amt Bildende Kunst, Scholz, RE art in Rothschild home (AV 80)	3, 20 June	31, 33–34
Ebeling report on transport of seized materials (from Brussels to Berlin) 20 Jan. 1941	21 Jan.	111
Amt Bildende Kunst, Scholz, RE art found in palace of Jean, duc de Guise (AV 12)	27 Jan., 4 Feb.	137–138
Sonderstab Musik – MSS requests	24, 26 Sept.	199–200

3674/1/3: ERR AG BelgNfr, Brussels, January–December 1942

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Office correspondence with Berlin HQ, and others, RE staffing, office finances, exhibition plans for “Deutsche Grösse” and “Kampf um Europa” exhibits, etc.; Includes Muchow correspondence with various Hohe Schule institutes and ZBHS:	2 Jan.–30 Dec.	1–301
Sonderstab Musik	26 May–30 Aug.; 2 Oct.–1 Dec.	257–261, 266–270
Institute for Religious Studies, Halle/Saale, RE Catholic collections, Enghien (AV 133)	28 Sept.–15 Dec.	249–253
Amt Vorgeschichte, Stampfuss brief report on historical museums in Belgium, Oct. 1942	14 Dec.	255–256
Amt Volkskunde und Feiergestaltung, Institut für Deutsche Volkskunde	10 July–18 Dec.	263–265, 272–281
ZBHS, IEJ, and Weltkampf	8 Jan–2 Dec.; 26 Feb.–28 Nov.	176–179, 282–301
Muchow correspondence with RMbO and Dienststelle Westen, including: M-Aktion arrangements	2 March–22 Dec.	302–351
with von Behr: Fine arts collections: Andriess (AV 127); art collection of Isidor Callmann	13 May–12 June	352–353
List of ERR Belgian Work Projects (Arbeitsvorhaben, AV 1–16)	[n.d.]	361

(2) BELGIUM–related files,

Many of these files are also presumably also from Belgian ERR AG/HAG BelgNfr office records (as the heading indicates), sent from Brussels to Nikolsburg 22 August 1944.

Others from ERR Berlin/Ratibor records, but some are of intermixed provenance.

TsDAVO, fond 3676, opys 1

3676/1/159, ERR, AG BelgNfr, Brussels, February–June 1941

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Office Correspondence with Berlin and elsewhere, Mostly administrative (<i>appended reports not included</i>) (<i>chronological order reversed in all three segments</i>)	9 March–30 June	1–558
[Wörmke] brief report on seizure of Bloch books (AV 86)	4 June	116
Ebeling's letter to Robert Scholz (Sonderstab Bildende Kunst) listing artists of paintings found in Leo Rothschild home (AV 80)	3 June	119–120
Ebeling's report on seizure of three 'anti-German' paintings in house of Degouse de Numegeres (AV 67)	26 May	152
Receipts (<i>Bescheinigung</i>): seizure of three pieces of art (Chagall, Rops, majolica)	31 March, 2 April	439, 453– 454, 746– 747
Tagesberichte (daily reports):	13 Feb.–30 June	559–843
Transport of books and journals Leo Rothschild (AV 80), 21 June 1941	26 June	584
Vogel report on excursion with Stampfuss through Northern France, with list of Masonic lodges and Jews Lille, addenda to Judenliste (list of Jews) List of Free Masonic lodges in Northern France	3–7 May	674–680, 681 678
Reports on confiscations: David van Buuren (AV 60), Braverman (AV 61), Cohen (A 62), Weinberg (AV 63), Speyer (AV 42), Rittersmann (AV 55)	11, 28 April	691, 726– 727, 777, 805
Tatigkeitsberichte (progress reports)	23 Feb.–28 June	844–880

3676/1/160, ERR, AG BelgNfr, Brussels, July–November 1941

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Office Correspondence with Berlin and elsewhere (<i>chronological order reversed; appended reports not included</i>) RE staffing, office finances etc. Reports on confiscations:	2 July–25 Nov.	1–186
Sturler (AV 113), Hymans (AV 110)	7 Aug.	75–78
Laveleye (AV 111), Bosman (AV 99), Soesmann (AV 91)	22 July, 5, 7 Aug.	79–80, 101, 107
Stampfuss, crates for Amt Vorgeschichte	2 July	185–186

3676/1/161, ERR, AG BelgNfr, Brussels, August 1940–March 1941

Description (<i>chronological order reversed</i>)	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Tagesberichte (daily reports):	1 Sept. 1940–31 March 1941	1–492
Grothe report, duc de Guise collections (AV 12)	13 Sept. 1940	473–74
Stampfuss on museums Cinquantenaire, Namur, Thienen, and Antwerp	15–27 Sept., 2 Oct. 1940	441, 453–455
Stampfuss with Prof. Reinerth visit, Amt Vorgeschichte	7–27 Nov. 1940	281
Gerigk, Sonderstab Musik	8, 11 Nov. 1940	326, 333
[Tagesberichte] , <i>mistakenly entitled 'Arbeitsberichte' (work reports)</i>	17, 19–26, 28–31 Aug. 1940	493–499, 503–508, 511–513, 519, 522–523, 528
Tagesberichte (daily reports)	15–17, 19–23, 26–27 Aug., 1–4 Sept. 1940	500, 509–510, 514–518, 520, 524–527, 529–539
Arbeitspläne (work plans)	17–26 Aug. 1940	540–547

3676/1/162, ERR, AG BelgNfr, Brussels, March–December 1941

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Tagesberichte (daily reports, TB) <i>(chronological order reversed) with gaps for special reports</i>	1 April–31 Dec.	1–596
Wochenbericht (weekly report)	31 March–6 April	597–598
“Frankfurt” visit for Rosenberg’s IEJ opening address	25–29 March	599

3676/1/163, ERR AG/HAG BelgNfr, Brussels, November 1940–March 1943

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Arbeitsberichte (Work Project reports), for AV 49–52, 55–59	27 Feb–21 March 1941 18 Nov. 1942	1–23
Vogel, “Bericht zur Lage der [HAG BelgNfr] für den Monat Februar 1943,” with reaction to “Crisis on the Eastern Front”	5 March 1943	25–30
Vogel, “Bericht zur Lage der [HAG BelgNfr] für den Monat März 1943,” Press and propaganda work <i>(nothing RE seizures and shipments)</i>	2 April 1943	31–39
Adler (AV 52), contents of crates F.A. XVII–XX	[n.d.]	41–44
Photographs <i>(no captions)</i>	[n.d.]	45–46

3676/1/164, ERR AG/HAG BelgNfr, Brussels, June 1941–March 1943

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Shipping documentation AG-Belgien to Berlin	June–July, Nov. 1941	1–2v, 6–7
Report on libraries of Hymans (AV 110), Laveleye (AV 111), Grégoire (AV 48+112)	4 Oct. 1941	3–5
Belgian ERR Library Seizure Lists (now online):		
List #1 (including valuation of looted collections)	14 Oct. 1941	36–42
List #2	8 Dec. 1941	8–17
List #3	8 Jan 1943	23–29, 46–52
List #4	[n.d.]	53–66, 67–71
List #5	[n.d.]	72–84
Shipping documentation and crate list for 22 March 1943 transport – Supplement to #4 and #5	9, 22, 25 March 1943	30–35, 44–45

3676/1/165, ERR, AG/HAG BelgNfr, Brussels, November 1943–May 1944

Description	Folio(s)
Reports, articles and propagandistic essays, various topics	1–364

3676/1/166, ERR, AG/HAG BelgNfr, Brussels, September 1940–December 1942

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Office Correspondence, Ebeling and Muchow with MB BelgNfr, including reports on library, archival seizures, and art: Van Zeeland (AV 56), Spaak (AV 49), Wauters (AV 128), Dens (AV 22), Vandervelde (AV 57), Huysmans (AV 45), Grégoire (AV 48+112), de Laveleye (AV 111), Hymans (AV 110), Speyer (AV 42), Errera (AV 35) Diamond Workers Union (AV 126) Baron Lambert and Baron Cassel (art)	Sept. 1940– 10 Dec. 1942	1–631

3676/1/167, ERR, AG BelgNfr, Brussels, December 1940–September 1941

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
List of Work Projects (Arbeitsvorhaben), AV 33–48	[n.d.]	1
Arbeitsberichte (Work Project reports) for AV 33–48 (<i>chronological order reversed</i>)	Dec. 1940– Sept. 1941	1a–127

3676/1/168, ERR, AG BelgNfr, Brussels, June–August 1941

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
List of Work Projects (Arbeitsvorhaben), AV 83–100	[n.d.]	1
Arbeitsberichte (Work Project reports), for AV 83–100 (<i>chronological order reversed</i>)	June–Aug. 1941	2–42

3676/1/169, ERR, AG BelgNfr, Brussels, [1937–1940] August 1941–July 1942

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
List of Work Projects (Arbeitsvorhaben) AV 101–116	[n.d.]	1
Arbeitsberichte (Work Project reports), for AV 101–116 (<i>chronological order reversed</i>)	Aug. 1941–June 1942	2–124
Victor de Laveleye (AV 111), letters, articles	Oct. 1938, Sept.–Oct. 1939, Feb. 1940	125–138

3676/1/170, ERR, AG/HAG BelgNfr, Brussels, November 1941–June 1942

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
List of Work Projects (Arbeitsvorhaben), AV 117–136		1
Arbeitsberichte (AB) (Work Project reports) for AV 117–132; 134–136 (<i>chronological order reversed; most reports lack AV nos.</i>), some with related documents; <i>AB lacking for Jesuit Seminary, Enghien (AV 133)</i>	Nov. 1941– June 1942	1a–100
List of seized paintings from collection Hugo Andriessse (AV 127), 28 crates (29 paintings and 22 carpets)	10 March. 1942	29–31

3676/1/212, ERR, AG/HAG BelgNfr, Brussels, October 1940–May 1942

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Office Correspondence (<i>appended reports not included</i>)	[1937], 17 Oct. 1940– 29 May 1942	1–641

3676/1/217, ERR, AG/HAG BelgNfr, Brussels, June 1942–June 1943

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Schema for library classification for the Hohe Schule	June 1942–June 1943	1–100
ZBHS and other institutes: with lists of library and exhibition materials of interest to the Sonderstab Weltanschauliche Information, and the Institut für Biologie und Rassenlehre (Aussenstelle Stuttgart)	8 March–18 June 1943	1–14
List of Work Projects (Arbeitsvorhaben), AV 137–150	[n.d.]	15
Arbeitsberichte (Work Project reports) for AV 137–150 (<i>reverse chronological order; most reports lack AV nos.</i>): with lists of seized books	June 1942–March 1943	16–100

3676/1/235, ERR, AG/HAG BelgNfr, Brussels, November 1941– June 1944

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Tagesbericht (daily report)	24 Nov. 1941	1–3
Correspondence and documentation on Film and Propaganda exhibits:	Nov. 1941–June 1944	4–402
“Deutsche Grösse,” Brussels	Nov. 1941–March 1942	4–391
“Deutsche Grösse,” Brussels	April 1943–June 1944	405–415, 493, 498, 500
Anti-Soviet pamphlet “Wÿ zagen het Sovjet-Paradÿs! Vlaamsche soldaten brieven van het Oostfront, and other films	8 March–4 April. 1943	392–395, 403–404
Anti-Bolshevik propaganda exhibit “Das sind die Sowjets” (Such are the Soviets)	1–3 March 1943	396–402
Office Correspondence, receipts, films	4 April– March 1943	403–457, 504–525
Tract on “United States of Europe” (46 p.)	19 Oct. 1943	459–483
Correspondence with Brachmann, RE Enghien library and archive (AV 133)	24 Oct–12 Dec. 1942	495–497
Institute für Religionswissenschaft, Halle, RE Exhibit for Rosenberg, 22 Dec. 1942	29 Oct.–12 Dec. 1942	504ff

3676/1/239, ERR, AG BelgNfr, Brussels, August 1940– June 1941

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
AG staff payments and financial receipts, Brussels	Aug.–Oct. 1940	1–10
Office Correspondence, Ebeling and Muchow with MB BelgNfr – covering finances, staff, travel, reports on inspections and seizures (<i>in reverse chronological order</i>)	Aug. 1940–10 March 1941	11–309
N.B. Bericht (15 Aug. 1940–31 Jan. 1941)	3 Feb. 1941	219–221
Tätigkeitsbericht (Progress report)	(6–11 Jan. 1941)	310–311
Outgoing Office Correspondence, AG BelgNfr	20 Sept. 1940–10 Jan. 1941	312–705
Tagesberichte (daily reports)	5 Dec. 1940–10 Mar. 1941	706–877
Tätigkeitsberichte (progress reports)	5–17 Dec. 1940– 16–22 Feb. 1941	879–897
Arbeitsberichte (AB) (Work Project reports) for AV 20–30, 32–36, 42 (<i>chronological order reversed</i>)	16 Nov. 1940–30 Jan. 1941	898–927

(3) Additional files with scattered BELGIUM–related documents,

Most are presumably files from ERR Berlin/Ratibor HQ office records.

TsDAVO, fond 3676, opys 1

**3676/1/140, ERR HAG Ostland, including AG Estonia and
Sonderstab Religionswissenschaft, May 1942–August 1943**

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Härtle and Kulp, “Bericht über die Überprüfung des Jesuiten-Kollegs in Enghien am 29. April 1942” (AV 133)	1 May 1942	456–457

3676/1/144, ERR HAG Ostland, Riga, 1942–1943

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Dr Vogel, “Berichte zur Lage der HAG Belgien u. Nfr für Juni 1943,” Covers research and propaganda reports and exhibitions	2 July 1943	144–152
Dr Nerling to Muchow, and Muchow to HAG-Ostland, Riga: “Zusammenstellung bibliographischer Hilfsmittel”	9 Dec. 1942; 5 Feb. 1943	155–157

3676/1/171, ERR, Berlin/Ratibor, HQ, September 1943–August 1944

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
START of FILE: ERR weekly and monthly reports from ERR offices in France, Netherlands, Ukraine, Baltic States (Ostland), Belarus (Mitte), Yugoslavia (Südosten), Italy		1–128
ERR Abteilung “Auswertung West,” Muchow report: France and BelgNfr,	1 April–30 June 1944	22–27
HAG BelgNfr. Muchow HAG annual report for 1943; Vogel monthly reports, November, December 1943	25 March 1944; Nov, Dec. 1943	129–137; 138–140; 141–148

3676/1/172, Einsatzstab Rosenberg, HAG FR, February 1942–July 1943

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
<i>Other documents:</i> RE books seized, sorting and book analysis, with many specific inquiries; Paris IEJ, and anti-Masonic journal, French library seizures and Jewish address lists	Feb. 1942– July 1943	1–289, 317– 323, 325–326
Belgium: Copy of Muchow report to Berlin RE 17 May 1942 Berlin transport of books and NISH shelving (AV 134)	17 May 1942	264

3676/1/205, Einsatzstab Rosenberg, 1942–1944

Description	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Reports, summaries, and translations of various texts, most RE USSR and Balkan states	May 1942; 4–22 Aug., 25 Nov. 1943; 18 April 1944	1–244
Sonderstab für Bibliotheksaufbau:	May 1942	
in Paris Descriptive list of library acquisitions: MSS, autographs, bibliographies and catalogues, periodicals and serials	May 1942	245–250
in Holland: Manuscript acquisitions from nine Dutch libraries Library purchases—list of books and reference works; works of German-Dutch mysticism	May 1942	251–254
in Brussels (pp. 11–14), surveys of acquisitions from Belgian libraries; 40 MSS copies	May 1942	254–257
Ostbücherei Westeuropäischen Abteilung Berichte (reports) #3, #5	May–June 1943	262–277
Ostbücherei, deutschsprachige Abteilung (German-language section, from USSR), Bericht (report) #6	June–July 1943	278–282
ZBHS, Jahresbericht 1941/42, [<i>only fragments from</i>] Appendix. Includes coverage of library of the duc de Guise (AV 12), seized from Belgium	[n.d.]	283

TsDAVO, fond 3676, opys 2

**3676/2/1, ERR, Stabsführung/Inventarisierung und Auswertung,
Berlin, 1941–1942**

Description (Belgian-related Documents)	Date(s)	Folio(s)
Friedrich Adler (AV 52), survey of seized materials, 3 crates (no code), Brussels	Dec 1941, n.d.	1–3

3676/2/3, Einsatzstab Rosenberg, Stabsführung/Abt. Auswertung, 1942[–1943]

Description (Belgian-related Documents)	Date(s)	Folio(s)
[signature illegible] “Übersicht über das Material, die Freimaurerei betreffend, beschlagnahmt bei dem Juden u. Freimaurer L.Pels [AV 123] in Brüssel,” Survey of seized materials, 1904–1915	[n.d.]	30–32
Dr. Wu[nder]/Hi, Stabsführung Abt. Auswertung zur Kenntnis, “Bericht über den Besuch in Neuwied” Am 9. 10. 1942, Aussenstelle Neuwied, Paris; mentions 450 Liftvans, 15,000 books; 200,000 books; art collections	10 Oct. 1942	36–38
Waldemar Reichardt, “Aktenvermerk: Vortrag [Lecture] des Pg. Reichardt in Belgien und Holland” – lecture on “Bolshevik Propaganda” in Brussels	14 Oct. 1942	39–39v
Reports on Ostarbeiter (enclosure [Anlage] to previous) Waldemar Reichardt, “Bericht über die Besichtigung der Lager von Ostarbeitern in Belgien,” Berlin, (Camps Waterschei, Winterslag, Houthalen)	14 Oct. 1942	40–42
“Arbeitstagung des Referats Westen und Südosten am 4., 5., und 6. Dezember 1942” Freitag, den 4.12.42 nachmittags: Eröffnung der Tagung durch den Leiter des Referates 1. Referat Muchow: Bericht über die Arbeit in der HAG BelgNfr. 2. Prof. Noack: Bericht über die Arbeit in der Jesuiten-Bibliothek Enghien [AV 133]	11 Jan. 1943	83–85

3676/2/26, ERR, Stabsführung, Berlin/Ratibor (incoming), April 1943–July 1944

Description	Folio(s)
Belgium, HAG BelgienNFr, Brussels , Muchow notes sending copy of letter to MB Belgien regarding confiscation of Jesuit Enghien library and Archives (AV 133) (attached letter [Anlage] missing), 17 April 1943	1