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We, the undersigned, the commission of the Leovo Region of Kishinev District of the Moldavian SSR, have drawn up this document about the following regarding the establishment and investigation of the evil deeds of the German-Romanian invaders and their accomplices.

Composition of the commission:

Chairman of the Commission: Mikhaylov Nikolay Grigor'yevich - Secretary of the RKP(b)/M [Russian Communist Party (Bolsheviks)/Moldavia?]

Members: Yeremenko, Afanasiy Makarovich - Chairman of the Leovo Region [RO] Council of Workers' Deputies

Isakov, Leonid Ivanovich - Chief of the Leovo RO NKGB

Rannev, Filipp Prokof'yevich - Chief of the Leovo RO NKVD [Ministry of Internal Affairs]

Kogan, Zakhar Solomonovich - Doctor of the Leovo Regional Hospital

Kharlamov, Vladimir Nikiforovich - Resident of the city of Leovo,

During the period from 20 October through 7 December 1944 the commission made a study [and] statement of the transcripts of the questioning of witnesses and an inspection of the site of the evil deeds of the German-Romanian occupiers during which it was established:

During the first half of July 1941, as soon as the district of Leovo was occupied by German-Romanian forces, at the instruction of Lt. Col. Petr Georgiyevich MUNTEAN of the 4th Romanian border detachment, 1558 of the Jewish population in the city of Leovo were arrested, including children, and sent in the direction of the city of Kishinev; on the route behind the village of Sarateny, at the instruction of Lt. Col. MUNTEAN, 55 of the weak and elderly of the Jewish population were shot; one group of 20 was shot in the northern part of the village 500 meters, the second group of 35 in the eastern part 250 meters from Sarateny, whose bodies were not buried for a long time and after some time were plowed under, as a consequence of which for three years they had almost completely decomposed on the surface of the ground. Thirty Romanian soldiers under the command of Lt. Col. MUNTEAN took part in the shooting.

The second day after the shooting of the Jewish population, at the instruction of this Lt. Col. MUNTEAN two of his subordinate Romanian soldiers, Ivan Kirilovich O?V?ChA and Dacil Ivanovich PETRYA arrested Komsomol member Vera Dmitrievna SYRBA and her mother Maria Georgievna SYRBA and they were shot in the presence of Lt. Col. MUNTEAN behind the village of Sarateny in the northern part in a ravine 500 meters from this village; they did not permit the bodies to be buried for a long time and for a long time they lay on the surface of the ground, and only after the bodies were somewhat covered with earth which

also were reduced to dust during three years in the surface of the earth.

The 2nd Romanian Border Guards Detachment headed by Capt. Viktor BOLYANESCU, passed through the territory of the Bestemac, Cazanlic, and Sarata Noua village councils and at his instruction the entire Jewish population living in these village councils was arrested. A total of 210 people were arrested, of which 10 people were shot on the spot. In the northern part of the village of Cazanlic 300 meters 78-year-old Yakov MARKOVICH and Malka MARKOVICH, his wife of the same age, were shot; in the village of Bestemac, also behind the village seven people were shot in the eastern part, a woman with three children and the rest were elderly [men]; in the village of Sarata Nuoa at the southern edge of the village IOS'KO, the Secretary of the village council, was shot, in which officers of the above unit Gheorghe STANCULESCU and Ion IONESCU took part. The bodies also laid for a long time on the surface of the ground, and after some time were covered with some earth, which decomposed for three years on the surface of the ground; besides this eight beautiful women were selected from the Jewish population at the instruction of Capt. [BOLYANESCU], [who were sent to the] village of Seleshty located 500 meters from the village of Cazanlic where they were raped for two days in the empty house of a priest. BOLYANESCU and two officers, Gheorghe STANCULESCU and Ion IONESCU, participated in the rapes, after which the Jewish population was herded in the direction of the city of Kishinev, the consequences [of which] are unknown.

The 2nd Romanian Border Duards Detachment headed by Major Vasily Georgiyevich MARINESCU passed through the territory of the Tomai village council; at his instruction five local village activists were arrested and shot, Ivan Mikhaylovich Andryunaki; Kondrat Georgiyevich Patrashko; Artem Ivanovich Na[n]iy; Ivan Mironvicih Ostrovsky, Secretary of the regional council. The named village activists were shot on the square opposite the; two soldiers of this unit, Danil Kirilovich LESKO ad Ion Georgiyevich GALU, participated in the shootings. Major MARINSECU was also present during the shootings. The bodies of those shot were buried in two graves by the relatives of Mikhail Andrunaki [SIC] and Mariya Patrashko living in the village of To[mai].

All the bodies were autopsied in the presence of the commission, from which was compiled a medicolegal report which is attached to this document, in view of which all the described bodies were completely decomposed, which did not provide for an opportunity to establish the circumstances of the murders.

The Romanian punitive organs subjected to arrest and torture in Leovo Region the Soviet activists, who did not manage to retreat into the rear of the country; a total of 47 Soviet activists were subjected to such arrests and tortures, one of which was the chairman of the Kotovsk collective farm, P[it]eshty village, Leovo Region, was shot by Zakhar D'YAKOV, the sector policeman of the field gendarmerie of [Pliozhsky] Sector.

