HELENA GÓRSKA

Strużki, 19 September 1948, at 1.00 p.m.: I, Sergeant Wł. Ząbek from the Citizens' Militia station in Tursko Wielkie, acting pursuant to the instructions of the Deputy Prosecutor, issued on the basis of Article 20 of the provisions introducing the Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 257 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, due to the unavailability of a Judge in the township, in consequence whereof any delay could result in the disappearance of traces and evidence of a crime, which traces or evidence might cease to exist before the arrival of a Judge, observing the formal requirements set forward in Articles 235–240, 258 and 259 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and with the participation of a reporter, Stanisław Sulicki, from the local Militia station, whom I have informed of his obligation to attest to the conformity of the report with the actual course of the procedure by his own signature, interviewed the person specified below as a witness. Having been advised of the importance of the oath and of the right to refuse to testify for reasons specified in Article 104 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and of the criminal liability for making false declarations pursuant to Article 140 of the Penal Code, the witness testified as follows:

Name and surname	Helena Górska
Parents' names	Andrzej and Marianna
Date and place of birth	18 December 1904 in [?]
Religious affiliation	Roman Catholic
Occupation	farmer
Place of residence	Strużki, commune of Tursko Wielkie, district of Sandomierz

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With regards to this case, I have the following information: On 3 June 1943, at about 6.00 a.m., the German gendarmerie came to Strużki, Tursko Wielkie commune, surrounded my

homestead and searched it for bandits. The German gendarmerie started burning the village of Strużki together with its residents who were in their homes. They also shot some people who were hiding in ditches with their small children. The German gendarmes returned to my yard and told me that the bandits had burnt the houses and escaped into the forest. The German gendarmes asked me why I was carrying my things out of my apartment. I replied that I was afraid that my house would be burnt down. The gendarmes said that they weren't going to burn my homestead and that it was spared. The German gendarmerie subjected the Polish residents to brutal and horrific treatment, such as burning them alive. While leaving Strużki, the German gendarmerie ordered us to bury these murdered people and said that all of them were bandits. Over 90 people were burnt and killed. This is all I know with regards to this case.

At this point the report was brought to a close, read, and signed.