

## ALFRED WILK

Warsaw, 19 August 1947. A member of the District Commission for the Investigation of German Crimes in Warsaw, Acting Judge Halina Wereńko, heard the person named below as an unsworn witness. Having been advised of the criminal liability for making false declarations and of the obligation to tell the truth, the witness testified as follows:

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Name and surname	Alfred Wilk
Parents' names	Franciszek and Eleonora, née Więckowska
Date of birth	10 May 1910, in Łódź
Religious affiliation	Roman Catholic
Place of residence	Warsaw, Jaworzyńska Street 7, flat 7
Education	public school
Occupation	investigative officer at the Citizen's Militia main headquarters

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I stayed at the concentration camp in Auschwitz from 14 June 1940 until 20 January 1945.

I don't recall the name Kraus. In the photograph shown to me (the witness was shown a photograph of Franz Xaver Kraus, sent with the letter from 4 August 1947, no. 735/47 from the District Commission for the Investigation of German Crimes in Kraków), I don't recognize this functionary of the camp in Auschwitz. I don't think I know the person shown in the photograph.

As to the question of whether I was present when *Sturmbahnführer* SS Kraus shot several Muslims in the camp kitchen in January 1945, I respond that, in fact, I was not present during that incident, but I heard that such an incident took place. I heard that, having shot several Muslims, the *Sturmbahnführer* SS (I don't remember if it was Kraus, but I do

remember that it was the *Lagerkommendant* from Birkenau) supposedly threatened that he would shoot Szelest and demanded to know where he was at that moment. I also heard that Egersdörfer often defended Szelest.

I know that the *Lagerkommendant* from Birkenau often came to see *Lagerkommendant* Hössler in Auschwitz.

I don't know if the *Lagerkommendant* from Birkenau especially harassed Szelest and wanted him transported to Mauthausen, however it is possible. I only saw the *Lagerkommendant* from Birkenau from afar, so I cannot say what he looked like. I heard from my colleagues from Birkenau that the *Lagerkommendant* was a sadist and that I should stay away from him, but I cannot give any precise facts about his criminal activity. I think that engineer Plaskura (currently residing in Auchwitz at 3 Maja Street) should know more about the *Lagerkommendant* from Birkenau. He was the *kapo* of the engineers in Auschwitz and often had to meet him due to his function. Moreover, there is Czesław Jaszczyński (currently residing in Wałbrzych Sobiesin, Wolności Streer 4), who was a janitor in Auschwitz.

Alfred Barabasz (currently residing in Katowice, at the same street where Park 3 Maja is situated – I don't know the exact address; he is a chauffeur) might testify about the murder of the Muslims in the camp kitchen.

Anyway, I recall that several Muslims from the camp kitchen were murdered after the camp had been evacuated. Szelest, Barabasz, and I, together with a group of other prisoners, stayed at the camp, hiding from the authorities.

At this the report was concluded and read out.