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Annexe: Provisional inventory

Protocol on the selection of archival records outside the appraisal process of documents found

In accordance with the provisions of point (e) of Section (11)(1), Section (11)(3) and point (d) of Section (49)(1) of Act No. 499/2004 Coll., on Archiving and Records Management and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), and on the basis of the selection of archival records outside the appraisal process carried out ex officio from documents found by the company Insolvenční správci, v. o. s., CRN 22800085, in the premises used by company VÚK Panenské Břežany, a. s., in liquidation, CRN 25604716, to which the company Insolvenční správci, v. o. s., was appointed as the insolvency administrator, the State Regional Archives in Prague as locally and subject-matter competent Archives draws up this Protocol on the selection of archival records outside the appraisal process.

The press conference held on 22 March 2018 announced the discovery of audio-visual documents from the 1952 trial of Rudolf Slánský. According to publicized information, documents stored in 14 metal and 6 wooden storage crates were found by the insolvency administrator in the bankrupt factory in Panenské Břežany. The insolvency administrator subsequently called experts, namely historian Petr Blažek and filmmaker Martin Vadas, who according to media reports briefly inspected and photographically documented the material, reported serious damage and mediated contact with the National Film Archives. By the finders, according to the Czech Radio report, the found crates should contain “negatives of picture and sound, duplicating positives, magnetic tapes, combined prints as well as re-photographed copies of archival documents from the provenance of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia”.

Due to the non-standard procedure of the insolvency administrator who did not contact the relevant State Regional Archives pursuant to point (a) of Section (48)(1) and point (d) of Section (49)(1) of Act No. 499/2004 Coll., on Archiving and Records Management and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter also referred to as the “Act”), and handed over the found documents to the National Film Archives, which immediately took them over to prevent further degradation, the Department of Archival Administration and Records Management convened on 16 April 2018 a joint meeting of all involved entities to ensure steps towards the precise identification of audio-visual documents found, including a decision on their permanent storage.

The meeting concluded that, according to Constitutional Act No. 496/1990 Coll., on the Return of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia’s Property to the People of the Czech and

Slovak Federative Republic, the provisions of point (a) of Section (3)(3), the archival records, including written, visual and audio recordings arising from the activities of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia until 30 November 1989, were to be handed over to the then State Central Archives in Prague, of which the National Archives is a direct successor, within 30 days of the date of entry into force of the Act (i.e. by 31 January 1991). If, according to the publicized description, these are visual, audio and other recordings from the trial of Rudolf Slánský, in particular “re-photographed copies of archival documents from the provenance of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia”, these could be documents collected for the investigative so-called Kolder Commission, which were part of the group stored in the former Archives of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, considering that “Films from the trial of Rud. Slánský et al., Audio recordings from the trial of Rud. Slánský et al., Audio Recording from the trial of Oatis, Green International and OKD” are mentioned under vol. 21 archival unit no. 470 in the original finding aid elaborated in 1966 by Václav Vovsík and Romana Sagačová in the Archives of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. This group of documents without item no. 470 is now stored in the National Archives in Prague under NAH no. 1261. When handing over archival records and film and audio recordings of the former Archives of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia to the State Central Archives / National Archives, these documents were not handed over for storage.

Within this selection of archival records outside the appraisal process, carried out pursuant to point (e) of Section (11)(1) and Section (11)(3) of the Act, all documents found in amount of 6 wooden crates with microfilms and microfiches, 188 media with negatives of picture, sound, duplicating positives and combined prints, and 177 reels of audio recordings, whose preliminary identification as well as identification of the physical condition of the documents was and is carried out by the National Film Archives and the Department of Archive and Programme Funds of the Czech Radio, where the NFA handed over magnetic tapes with audio recordings (handover protocol of 9 April 2018), **were selected by the State Regional Archives in Prague among archival records.** Provisional inventory of film documents from the finding, drawn up by the National Film Archives, is annexed to this Protocol.

Documents selected among archival records will be, on the basis of this Protocol, given the above facts and in order to consolidate the archive group NAH no. 1261, *Communist Party of Czechoslovakia – Central Committee 1945–1989, Prague*, **handed over for storage in the National Archives** on the date agreed between the National Archives and the transferors (National Film Archives and Czech Radio, Department of Archive and Programme Funds), but **not later than 19 May 2018.** Pursuant to Section (16)(1) of the Act, archival records shall be entered in the National Archival Heritage Register.

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Provisional inventory of film documents from the finding drawn up by the National Film Archives

Cut negative (picture)

Name, section	Material	Length	Part	Number (our)	Note
Trial, I.	cut negative (picture)	312	2	96	mould
Trial, I.	cut negative (picture)		4	110	clean
Trial, I.	cut negative (picture)		3	118	mould
Trial, I.	cut negative (picture)		1	172	clean
Trial, II.	cut negative (picture)		4	115	clean
Trial, II.	cut negative (picture)	158	2	169	clean
Trial, II.	cut negative (picture)		3	171	clean
Trial, II.	cut negative (picture)		1	173	clean
Trial, III.	cut negative (picture)		1	104	clean
Trial, III.	cut negative (picture)		4	113	clean
Trial, III.	cut negative (picture)	324	2	166	clean
Trial, III.	cut negative (picture)		3	170	clean
Trial, IV.	cut negative (picture)		3	98	clean
Trial, IV.	cut negative (picture)	171	2	163	clean
Trial, IV.	cut negative (picture)		1	174	clean
Trial, IV.	cut negative (picture)		4	175	clean
Trial, V.	cut negative (picture)		3	99	clean
Trial, V.	cut negative (picture)	203	2	165	clean
Trial, V.	cut negative (picture)	334	1	168	clean
Trial, V.	cut negative (picture)		4	176	clean
Trial, VI.	cut negative (picture)		3	121	TEST, clean
Trial, VI.	cut negative (picture)	237	2	164	clean
Trial, VI.	cut negative (picture)		1	167	clean
Trial, VI.	cut negative (picture)		4	179	mould
Trial, VII.	cut negative (picture)	302	1	100	sticky
Trial, VII.	cut negative (picture)	228	2	105	clean
Trial, VII.	cut negative (picture)		3	120	clean
Trial, VII.	cut negative (picture)		4	178	clean
Trial, VIII.	cut negative (picture)		4	114	clean
Trial, VIII.	cut negative (picture)		3	122	incipient decomposition at the core
Trial, IX.	cut negative (picture)		4	109	clean
Trial, IX.	cut negative (picture)		3	123	clean
Trial, X.	cut negative (picture)		4	106	mould
Trial, X.	cut negative (picture)		3	117	clean
Trial, XI.	cut negative (picture)		3	94	clean
Trial, XI.	cut negative (picture)		4	102	clean
Trial, XII.	cut negative (picture)		3	93	clean

Trial, XII.	cut negative (picture)		4	112	clean
Trial, XIII.	cut negative (picture)		3	119	TEST OF 2ND TAKE, clean
Trial, XIII.	cut negative (picture)		4	107	clean
Trial, XIV.	cut negative (picture)		3	97	clean
Trial, XIV.	cut negative (picture)		4	108	clean
Trial, XV.	cut negative (picture)		3	95	clean
Trial, XV.	cut negative (picture)		4	111	clean
Trial, XVI.	cut negative (picture)		4	103	mould
Trial, XVI.	cut negative (picture)		3	116	clean
Trial, XVII.	cut negative (picture)		4	177	clean
Trial, XVIII.	cut negative (picture)		4	101	mould
	Boxes total	48			
	of which clean	40			
	of which mouldy	6			
	decomposition	2			

Cut negative (sound)

Name, section	Material	Length	Part	Number (our)	Note
Trial, I.	cut negative (sound)	334	1	191	substantial damage at the core
Trial, I.	cut negative (sound)	312	2	61	clean
Trial, I.	cut negative (sound)	269	3	126	clean
Trial, I.	cut negative (sound)	288	4	144	clean
Trial, II.	cut negative (sound)	251	3	127	mould
Trial, II.	cut negative (sound)	247	1	131	clean
Trial, II.	cut negative (sound)	265	4	137	mould
Trial, II.	cut negative (sound)	158	2	190	clean
Trial, III.	cut negative (sound)	291	4	138	clean
Trial, III.	cut negative (sound)	312	3	157	clean
Trial, III.	cut negative (sound)	246	1	162	clean
Trial, III.	cut negative (sound)	324	2	180	clean
Trial, IV.	cut negative (sound)	312	1	130	clean
Trial, IV.	cut negative (sound)	188	4	145	clean
Trial, IV.	cut negative (sound)	289	3	158	clean
Trial, IV.	cut negative (sound)	171	2	181	mould
Trial, V.	cut negative (sound)	315	3	156	clean
Trial, V.	cut negative (sound)	334	1	132	clean
Trial, V.	cut negative (sound)	312	4	146	clean
Trial, V.	cut negative (sound)	203	2	183	clean
Trial, VI.	cut negative (sound)	258	1	129	clean
Trial, VI.	cut negative (sound)	150	3	143	clean

Trial, VI.	cut negative (sound)	304	4	147	clean
Trial, VI.	cut negative (sound)	237	2	182	mould
Trial, VII.	cut negative (sound)	228	2	60	clean
Trial, VII.	cut negative (sound)	315	3	124	clean
Trial, VII.	cut negative (sound)	304	1	128	clean
Trial, VII.	cut negative (sound)	290	4	148	clean
Trial, VIII.	cut negative (sound)	306	3	125	clean
Trial, VIII.	cut negative (sound)	292	4	149	clean
Trial, IX.	cut negative (sound)	321	3	133	clean
Trial, IX.	cut negative (sound)	272	4	160	clean
Trial, X.	cut negative (sound)	288	3	135	clean
Trial, X.	cut negative (sound)	308	4	159	clean
Trial, XI.	cut negative (sound)	205	3	139	mould
Trial, XI.	cut negative (sound)	290	4	151	clean
Trial, XII.	cut negative (sound)	170	3	142	incipient decomposition
Trial, XII.	cut negative (sound)	293	4	161	clean
Trial, XIII.	cut negative (sound)	241	3	141	mould
Trial, XIII.	cut negative (sound)	279	4	150	clean
Trial, XIV.	cut negative (sound)	311	3	136	clean
Trial, XIV.	cut negative (sound)	289	4	153	clean
Trial, XV.	cut negative (sound)	308	3	140	clean
Trial, XV.	cut negative (sound)	229	4	152	clean
Trial, XVI.	cut negative (sound)	210	3	134	clean
Trial, XVI.	cut negative (sound)	385	4	192	substantial damage, in paper
Trial, XVII.	cut negative (sound)	312	4	155	clean
Trial, XVIII.	cut negative (sound)	324	4	154	clean
	Boxes total	48			
	of which clean	39			
	of which mouldy	6			
	decomposition	3			

Duplicating positive

Name, section	Material	Length	Part	Number (our)	Note
Trial, I.	duplicating positive	312	4	63	mould
Trial, I.	duplicating positive	258	6	83	clean
Trial, I.	duplicating positive	334	1	84	mould
Trial, I.	duplicating positive	334	5	85	mould
Trial, I.	duplicating positive	304	7	86	mould
Trial, I.	duplicating positive	246	3	87	mould
Trial, I.	duplicating positive	247	2	88	mould
Trial, II.	duplicating positive	312	1	59	mould

Trial, II.	duplicating positive	228	7	65	decomposition at the core
Trial, II.	duplicating positive	324	3	66	clean
Trial, II.	duplicating positive	237	6	67	mould
Trial, II.	duplicating positive	203	5	68	mould
Trial, II.	duplicating positive	171	4	69	mould
Trial, II.	duplicating positive	158	2	74	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	315	7	70	mould
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	315	5	71	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	284	4	72	decomposition at the end of blank
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	321	9	73	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive		16	75	mould
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	269	1	76	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	205	11	77	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	311	14	78	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	308	15	79	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	251	2	80	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	312	3	81	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	306	8	82	clean
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	241	13	89	mould
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	288	10	90	mould
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	170	12	91	mould
Trial, III.	duplicating positive	150	6	92	mould
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive		15	45	mould
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	200	7	46	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	188	4	47	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	312	5	48	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	279	13	49	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	291	3	50	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	386	16	51	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	388	1	52	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	304	6	53	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	272	9	54	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	324	18	55	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	312	17	56	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	293	12	57	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	308	10	58	mould
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	290	11	62	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	281	14	64	clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	265	2	195	delivery note separately, clean
Trial, IV.	duplicating positive	292	8	196	delivery note separately, clean
	Boxes total	48			
	of which clean	28			
	of which mouldy	18			
	decomposition	2			

Combined print

Name, section	Material	Length	Part	Number (our)
Trial: Final words: Frank, Clementis, Margolius, Fischl, Šling, Simone, IV.	combined print	386, 312	16, 17	43
Trial: Final words: Slánský, Geminder, Frejka, Frank, Clementis, IV.	combined print	289, 229	14, 15	44
Trial: Judgements: Closing words of the Presiding Judge and accepting of sentences, IV.	combined print	324	18	40
Trial: Prosecutor's speech, Testimony of Slánský, I.	combined print		1, 2	31
Trial: Testimony of Clementis, Witnesses Jiráček, Novomeský, Horváth, II.	combined print		1, 2	33
Trial: Testimony of Fischl, III.	combined print	518	15, 16	10
Trial: Testimony of Frank, III.	combined print	621	7, 8	16
Trial: Testimony of Frank, III.	combined print	621	7, 8	24
Trial: Testimony of Frank, Witness Švermová, III.	combined print	601	9, 10	14
Trial: Testimony of Frank, Witness Švermová, III.	combined print	601	9, 10	23
Trial: Testimony of Frejka, III.	combined print	520	1, 2	11
Trial: Testimony of Frejka, III.	combined print	601	3, 4	12
Trial: Testimony of Frejka, III.	combined print	520	1, 2	22
Trial: Testimony of Frejka, III.	combined print	601	3, 4	34
Trial: Testimony of Frejka, Witnesses Holý, Hájek, Jančík, III.	combined print	466	5, 6	21
Trial: Testimony of Geminder, Witnesses Reiman, Klinger, I.	combined print		6, 7	15
Trial: Testimony of Geminder, Witnesses Reiman, Klinger, I.	combined print		6, 7	29
Trial: Testimony of Hajdů, Witness Dufek, II.	combined print		5	28
Trial: Testimony of Hajdů, Witness Dufek, II.	combined print		5	2
Trial: Testimony of Löbl, Witness Kacerovská, III.	combined print	205	11	19
Trial: Testimony of Löbl, Witness Kacerovská, III.	combined print	205	11	1
Trial: Testimony of London, II.	combined print		3, 4	30
Trial: Testimony of Margolius, III.	combined print	411	12, 13	20
Trial: Testimony of Margolius, III.	combined print	411	12, 13	3
Trial: Testimony of Margolius, III.	combined print	311	14	18
Trial: Testimony of Reicin, IV.	combined print	304, 290	6, 7	7
Trial: Testimony of Reicin, IV.	combined print	600	8, 9	8

Trial: Testimony of Reicin, IV.	combined print	594	6, 7	26
Trial: Testimony of Reicin, IV.	combined print	292, 308	8, 9	42
Trial: Testimony of Reicin, Witnesses Freisleben, Orenstein, IV.	combined print	308	10	38
Trial: Testimony of Reicin, Witnesses Freisleben, Orenstein, IV.	combined print	308	10	9
Trial: Testimony of Simone, Witness Just, II.	combined print		6, 7	13
Trial: Testimony of Simone, Witness Just, II.	combined print		6, 7	25
Trial: Testimony of Slánský, Witness Vondráček, I.	combined print		5	27
Trial: Testimony of Slánský, I.	combined print		3, 4	32
Trial: Testimony of witness V. Nový, Closing speech of the Prosecutor, IV.	combined print	290, 293	11, 12	41
Trial: Testimony of Šling, IV.	combined print	288	1, 2	5
Trial: Testimony of Šling, IV.	combined print	553	1, 2	36
Trial: Testimony of Šling, Witnesses Patzák, Lomský, IV.	combined print	291	3	37
Trial: Testimony of Šling, Witnesses Patzák, Lomský, IV.	combined print	291	3	4
Trial: Testimony of Šváb, Witnesses Závodský, Hložková, Valášek, IV.	combined print	188, 312	4, 5	35
Trial: Testimony of Šváb, Witnesses Závodský, Hložková, Valášek, IV.	combined print	500	4, 5	6
Trial: Testimony of Fischl, III.	combined print	518	15, 16	17
Trial: Closing speech of the Prosecutor, IV.	combined print	279	13	39

Templates

Name	Material	Length	Part	Note	Number (our)
Trial, Epoch I	templates		7 parts	20 January 1953	188
Trial, Epoch II	templates		7 parts	26 January 1953	189
Trial, Epoch III, Section I	templates		parts 1–8	3 February 1953	187
Trial, Epoch III, Section II	templates		parts 9–16	5 February 1953	184
Trial, Epoch III, Section II	templates		parts 11–18	16 February 1953	185
Trial, Epoch IV, Section I	templates		parts 1–10	16 February 1953	186

Decomposition

Name	Material	Length	Part	Note	Number (our)
Reel 16 mm				total decomposition	193
Film stock 35 mm				total decomposition	194

