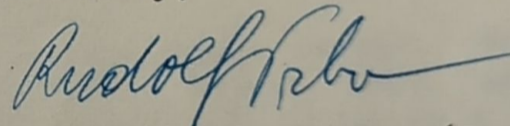


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As a result, attempts are being now made so that the actual events are being replaced by a fantastic Hagadah-type story about some connection of a "Jewish working group in Slovakia" with Auschwitz and some completely invented "Jewish resistance organization" which enabled me and Wetzler to collect statistical data in Auschwitz and "smuggled me out". My system of collecting and memorizing all the data contained in the Vrba-Wetzler Report would require some detailed explanation which is far beyond the scope of this letter and can be understood only within the frame of a detailed knowledge of the administrative system imposed by the Nazis in their Auschwitz-Birkenau complex during the years 1942-1944, as well as a knowledge of my mnemotechnical methodology. In view of the technicalities involved in carrying out the escape, it is ridiculous to assume that I (or Wetzler) carried any papers, plans, or gas-cannister labels with us, as claimed by instigation of Otto Kulka and Yehuda Bauer from Jerusalem. All statistics, maps, and other information contained in the Vrba-Wetzler Report were carried from Auschwitz exclusively by memorization and recorded on paper in Slovakia on 25 April 1944.

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