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Excerpt from a circular issued by the Ministry of the Interior, August 18, 1939 – IV b 3088/39 – 1079 Mi, regarding the requirement to register children and newborns with handicaps.

"1. For elucidation of scientific questions in the areas of congenital malformation and mental underdevelopment, the registration of relevant cases as soon as possible is essential.

2. I therefore order that any midwife who assists in childbirth — even in cases where a physician has been called in later to assist with the delivery — must report to the local public health department should they suspect that a newborn has the following serious congenital handicaps:

- (1) idiocy and mongolism (especially cases associated with blindness and deafness);
- (2) microcephaly (abnormally small head, especially the rear portion of the skull);
- (3) hydrocephaly (water on the brain), from severe to progressive in degree;
- (4) malformations of any kind, especially missing sections of limbs, serious deformations of the head and spine [spina bifida and anencephaly], etc., and
- (5) paralysis, including Little's disease [a form of cerebral palsy]

For maternity hospitals and maternity wards in hospitals, registration should be made by midwives only if the senior physician (paragraph 5) is absent or not able to report.

1 Further, all physicians are to register children under the age of three who have one of the disabilities specified in paragraph 2, items 1-5, if physicians become aware of such children through their practices.

2 Midwives are to receive compensation of 2 Reich marks for the trouble they have taken. Payment of this amount is to be done by the local public health department. This is in addition to the fee to which she [the midwife] is entitled."