

## Reagan Library Topic Guide – Otto Ambros / W. R. Grace and Company

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## **AMBROS, OTTO AND INVOLVMENT WITH W.R. GRACE AND COMPANY**

### **Scope Note:**

Otto Ambros (1901-1990) was a German chemist and Nazi war criminal. His wartime work included researching synthetic rubber (polybutadiene) and creating nerve agents (sarin and tabun). After the war, he was tried for crimes against humanity at the Nuremberg trials. He was convicted for his use of slave labor from Auschwitz III-Monowitz concentration camp.

Ambros was granted clemency by U. S. High Commissioner of Allied Germany, John McCloy. He was released from prison in 1951. Later he became an advisor to chemical companies such as W.R. Grace, Dow Chemical and the U.S Army Chemical Corps.

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