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Dear Mr Man,

Thank you for your letter about the Holocaust and Holocaust Denial. It is a very difficult question to write about briefly. There is no doubt that;

a) Some involved in the Holocaust Denial are NOT neo-Nazis, though obviously their arguments give neo-Nazis 'succour' indirectly

b) there are various problems concerning books which have been written about the Holocaust.

You say that you cannot read German, so I enclose something in French which has just appeared - I hope you can read French, or get the gist of it. It is based on the KGB archives, which are only just being studied. These seem to have revealed more direct references to the gassings in the Polish camps. (The line now accepted by academics is that people were not systematically gassed in the German camps, like Belsen and Dachau. The horror pictures of the dead from Belsen, for example, show people who died from typhus, malnutrition, etc.).

You ask for suggestions as to what to read on the Holocaust. R. Landau has published a new book this year. For more detail, you might like to consult the Wiener Library, including its Director, Dr. David Cesarani.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Eatwell.