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To : War Department  
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces  
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Rr : UKX 33596 13 April 1945

To Marshall for Somers Office Asst Secy War from  
Weir and Cutter care US Mil Adv EAC American Embassy UK  
Base signed Eisenhower UKX 33596. TOP SECRET. Repeat to  
SHAEP Main for McCloy, Asst Secy War.

Proposal made by Lord Chancellor in his letter of 6th  
April is subject.

This proposal was submitted by Chancellor to War Cab-  
inet for advice at 12th April meeting.

Lord Simon last night informally advised General  
Weir that War Cabinet unanimously favored a purely political  
disposition of the five or six arch criminals. They would  
perhaps accept Chancellor's proposal of a document arraigning  
these arch criminals supported by a full enumeration of facts  
but only as a record of the grounds of political action.

They would not propose to permit any hearing or give  
arch criminals any opportunity to defend. This clearly not  
consistent with views in 22nd January memorandum mentioned  
below and is not the middle course originally suggested by  
Lord Simon.

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*Judge P. ...  
White House*

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Formal communication of conclusions of War Cabinet not yet received by Judge Rosenman who leaves today for Washington. Lord Simon promises a memorandum which we will send by courier.

For other than top six or seven, War Cabinet seems to have been favorably impressed by proposal on common enterprise theory substantially as outlined in 22nd January memorandum signed by Secretaries Stettinius and Stimson and Attorney General Biddle.

On his return Judge Rosenman will advise State Department and seek instructions.

Under present circumstances we doubt any progress can be made here for the moment but any further guidance which can be given will greatly assist Mr. McCloy or us if subject comes up next week.

Please advise Bundy and Mackworth.

End.

ACTION: Mr. McCloy

INFORMATION: Gen. Hull  
Gen. Henry  
Gen. Bissell (State & Justice)  
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