

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE SECRETARY

May 18, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR
JUDGE ROSENMAN

In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum of May 15th, I am very glad to enclose a translation of the memorandum from Jules Basdevant.

Vera N. Gallop
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Secretary to Mr. Stettinius



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[TRANSLATION]

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[On calling card:]

Suggestion offered purely personally.

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The courts instituted by virtue of the present arrangement shall take cognizance of penal suits brought, under the conditions hereinafter specified, against those who, by the lead which they have taken in the preparation and carrying out of the policy of aggression and invasion of foreign countries pursued by the Axis Powers in violation of international law and treaties, by the atrocities and persecutions which they have committed, encouraged or tolerated in their own countries and even in violation of the laws of those countries, by the war of aggression which they started and by the conduct of the war in violation of international law, of the laws of humanity and of the dictates of the public conscience, have made themselves responsible, as chief authors, instigators or accomplices, for the crimes committed by the military forces and authorities in the service of the said Powers and particularly of the various attempts on honor, life, liberty and property, so well as for maltreatment of prisoners of war and deported persons, of which the said military forces and authorities have made themselves guilty in so far as those acts were committed in violation of the laws and customs of war and treaties.

