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It was stated yesterday by a responsible Poonoff official that American proposals for trial of war criminals are accepted in principle by the French government. There have been sent to Badeau, San Franissco, instructions regarding certain amendments and additions to the American draft which are desired, and he has been authorized to sign without further reference Paris agreement embodying substance of changes which the French desire.

Although appointment of a French representative to work with Justice Jackson has been agreed upon, selection is delayed because of the confusion in the Ministry of Justice in connection with the announcement yesterday of the appointment of a new minister.

It is the understanding of Poonoff that the French representative will be a high military officer with legal experience, and he expects that within a few days the appointment will be announced.

CANNON
3rd June, 1945.

My dear Judge,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 3rd May, which I have only just received. I was very glad to discuss with you, both in London and at San Francisco, this important matter of war crimes. I have recently had an opportunity of seeing Mr. Justice Jackson during his visit to London and had a most helpful conversation with him. I hope that the scene is now set for our two countries to make real progress, together with our Allies, in arranging the procedure for prosecuting the principal Nazi leaders and organisations.

Again with many thanks and with kindest regards,

[Signature]

The Honourable Samuel I. Rosenman.