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June 16, 1945

Miss Gilligan,
Judge Rosenman's Office,
The White House.

I am enclosing a copy of a self-explanatory telegram which the British Embassy forwarded to the Department for its information.

A copy has also been sent to Justice Jackson.

Katherine Fite

Enclosure:
Text of Telegram
from British Ambassador,
June 13, 1945.

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Text of telegram from British Ambassador, Moscow
to Foreign Office, dated June 13, 1945.

I sounded Molotov yesterday. He said that subject to some minor amendments the Soviet Government were prepared to accept American proposal for setting up of an international tribunal by the four powers as well as for an organization for investigation of crimes. Appropriate instructions were being sent to the Soviet Ambassador at Washington.

2. Soviet Government's view, generally speaking, was that perpetrators of crimes that could be pinned down geographically would not be brought before the international tribunal but would be tried on the spot.

3. The cases of Paulus and the other German generals in the Russians' hands might be made subject of discussions, at which consideration should be taken of the help certain of these had given to the Russians. Meanwhile, they were being held in a camp for officers. I got the impression that Paulus would turn out to be one of those who had helped.

