TO: Colonel R. O. Storey  
Chief, Documentation Section/OCC

FOR: Major William H. Coogan

FROM: Roger Dow

SUBJECT: Crimes by Germans against Germans

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter to War Crimes Branch regarding disposition of reports or letters on crimes by German nationals against persons who are or formerly were German nationals and which are not within the competence of either WCB or OCC.

TO: Colonel C. B. Nickelwait

FOR: Captain Edmund Frans

FROM: Roger Dow, OCC Liaison with WCB

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1. On the suggestion of Justice Jackson's office at Nurnberg, I went to Frankfurt on Friday to find out what disposition should be made of cases involving crimes of Germans against Germans. A large number of such cases have come to our attention or yours, and obviously should be investigated and tried by the competent authority. Neither the War Crimes Branch nor the Office of the U. S. Chief of Counsel has such competence, however.

2. The problem was discussed with Major F. H. Oppenheimer of the Legal Branch, G-5 USFET (Main), who said that all such cases came properly under the Legal Branch, and would be ultimately tried in German courts.

3. In the future, therefore, all cases involving Germans only, with no American nationals involved, and having no general policy aspects of interest to OCC, should be referred for action to:

   Chief, Legal Branch, G-5
   USFET (Main)
   APO 777, U. S. Army

cc: Major F. H. Oppenheimer (2)
   OCC/Nurnberg