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MEMORANDUM TO MR. JUSTICE JACKSON

SUBJECT: Denmark Report on War Crimes

At 4:00 o'clock this afternoon I held a conference with Dr. Schramm-Nielsen at the Danish Embassy regarding the Danish war crimes report, pursuant to Mr. Justice Jackson's letters of 5 and 6 July 1945. Dr. Schramm-Nielsen explained that prior to July 25, 1945, Denmark was not a member of the War Crimes Commission and for that reason it did not receive copies of the Justice's above mentioned letters, nor did it receive a copy of the corresponding letter from the British War Crimes Executive. Dr. Schramm-Nielsen now has copies of the Justice's letters through the kindness of Colonel Hodgson.

The result is that Denmark has not started work on its report. It does have the basic investigations and information, but it will be necessary to summarize these in a condensed report with annexes referring to the basic documents, information, etc., and Dr. Schramm-Nielsen says it will take some time to get this done.

He briefly outlined what he thought they could show under the four main heads of the Justice's letter, as follows:

1. Infiltration through the strong German minority in Jutland; economic and political penetration. The main difficulty about this branch is that the Germans burned most of the pertinent documents.
2. The Germans certainly made a non-aggression agreement with Denmark a few months before she was invaded, and certainly never intended to keep the agreement. This is deemed very important from the Danish point of view.
3. The actual invasion of Denmark.
4. Practically all of the Jews and practically all of the police were removed from Denmark and taken to Germany, and the police was replaced by the worst element of gangsters and criminals.

Dr. Schramm-Nielsen will undertake to have his Government furnish its report in English, properly and officially authenticated as a governmental report, by about the first of

October. He says it will be impossible to get it to us sooner.

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