1 September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

Subject: Conference with General Mikitchenko on
German atrocities in Poland

1. I conferred with General Mikitchenko (and Mr. Troyanovsky) on the above matter
late in the afternoon on August 31.

2. General Mikitchenko gave a general description of
documents and sources available in Poland which he
thinks would be valuable for purposes of our proceeding.
These include archives at Lodz and Warsaw in the possession
of the World Jewish Congress, and other documents at Warsaw
in the Ministry of Justice. General Mikitchenko expressed
himself as being grateful to Mr. Lempkin for furnishing
this information, stated that he was returning to Moscow
the following day, and that in the course of his visit
to Moscow he will take up these matters with the repre-
sentative of the Polish government and try to have the
data made available to the Chief Prosecutors.

3. I presented General Mikitchenko with a copy of
my memorandum of August 31 (copy attached hereto).
General Mikitchenko said that he would take this matter
up with the representative of the Polish government in
Moscow and try to obtain the original report, together
with authenticating information to make it usable at the
trial.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL KITCHENBERG

31 August 1945

1. I have in my files a photostat copy of a report on Jewish persecutions in Poland, dated May 25, 1944, and prepared by one Iskoki, who signs as Director of the Department of Interior and Inspector of Internal Security of the Executive Committee. This report appears to have been forwarded by the Delegate of the Polish government to the Polish government in London. I also have an English translation of the report. The translation and the photostat of the original report were transmitted by the Polish Ambassador to the United States (J. Stepanowski) to the War Refugee Board in Washington, D.C., on January 22, 1945, and were later turned over to Justice Jackson's staff in Washington by the War Refugee Board.

2. The report contains numerous eye-witness accounts of conditions in the Tawack Prison in Warsaw and in the following concentration and extermination camps: Czestochowa, Urszulinke, Majdanek, and Ravensbruck. It contains evidence concerning these camps and prisoners, including the names of the German staff at Majdanek, which appear to be valuable for the purposes of our case.

3. The original report must have been in the possession of the Polish government in London, and may or may not now be in the possession of the Polish government in Warsaw. If the report is to be used at our trial, it would seem advisable to try to obtain the original report and to interview the person or persons who prepared it with a view to establishing its authenticity and reliability and generally to establish its official character.

4. This matter appears to be clearly within the province of Committee No.

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