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1 September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

Subject: Conference with General Nikitchenko on German atrocities in Poland

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

2. Dr. Lempkin gave a general description of documents and sources available in Poland which he thinks would be valuable for purposes of our proceeding. These comprise archives at Lodz and Warsaw in the possession of the World Jewish Congress, and other documents at Warsaw in the Ministry of Justice. General Nikitchenko expressed himself as being grateful to Dr. 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 representative of the Polish government and try to have the data made available to the Chief Prosecutors.

3. I presented General Nikitchenko with a copy of my memorandum of August 31 (copy attached hereto). General Nikitchenko 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 useable at the trial.



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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL NIKITCHENKO

1. I have in my files a photostat copy of a report on German persecutions in Poland, dated May 20, 1944, and prepared by one Kalski, 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. Ciechanowski) 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 Pawiak Prison in Warsaw and in the following concentration and extermination camps: Oswiecim, Arzezinka, Majdanek, and Ravensbruck. It contains evidence concerning these camps and prisons, 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 Two.



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