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MEMORANDUM:

Subject: German Atrocities in Poland

1. On September 1st Colonel Taylor, Colonel Street, Dr. Lempkin, and Lieutenant Krieger conferred with Dr. Filip Friedman, who is a representative of the Jewish Central Committee for Poland (affiliated with the World Jewish Congress) and a member of the Polish War Crimes Commission.

2. Dr. Friedman exhibited to us various photographs of German atrocities, consisting of photographs taken by German soldiers and turned over to the Polish underground by the photographers who developed them. He also exhibited a number of translations of captured German documents concerning the handling of Jews, forced labor, etc. The originals of these documents and the authenticating data for the photographs are in Poland. We recommended to Dr. Friedman that the Polish government should, in parallel to the action being taken by other formerly German occupied countries, prepare an official report on German atrocities in Poland to be furnished to Justice Jackson for use at the trial. We informed Dr. Friedman that General Nikitchenko proposes to take this subject up with the representative of the Polish government in Moscow in the near future. Dr. Friedman saw no objection to this procedure as the best means of embodying the data under his control in Poland. He pointed out, however, that a comprehensive report would involve a great deal of work, and inquired whether the Russian or American components of the international trial group could send a few people to Poland to assist in preparing the report. I agreed to discuss this matter with Ivanoff (General Nikitchenko being absent) and with Mr. Alderman.



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