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SUBJECT: Financing War Crimes Trials

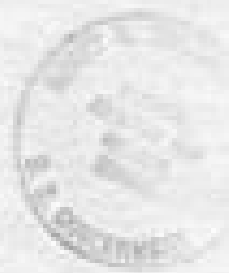
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There is attached a draft of a letter for your signature which instructs the War Department to pay for all costs incident to these trials beginning January 1, 1946. If you approve this proposed action please advise me and I will notify Justice Jackson, Mr. Keenan, and others affected by your decision. //

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