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September 24, 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The President on September twenty-fourth signed an Executive Order entitled "Appointment of the Member and Alternate Member for the United States of the International Military Tribunal Established for the Trial and Punishment of the Major War Criminals of the European Axis," a copy of which is enclosed.

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Very sincerely yours,

M. C. LATTA  
Executive Clerk

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State, x20  
Washington, D. C.

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Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D.C.

September 21, 1945

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Signed

The President,

The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting a proposed Executive order entitled "Appointment of the Member and Alternate Member for the United States of the International Military Tribunal Established for the Trial and Punishment of the Major War Criminals of the European Axis."

The proposed order, presented by the Secretary of State and forwarded for my consideration by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget with his approval, has been slightly revised as to form and language but no change has been made in substance.

As revised, the order has my approval as to form and legality.

Respectfully,  
*William*  
Attorney General

SEP 20 1945

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

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Herewith is a proposed Executive Order, presented by the Acting Secretary of State, appointing Francis Biddle of Pennsylvania, to be Member, and John J. Parker of North Carolina, to be Alternate Member, for the United States of the International Military Tribunal established August 8, 1945, for the trial and punishment of the major war criminals of the European Axis.

The proposed order provides that the said Member of the Tribunal shall receive such compensation and allowance for expenses as may be determined by the Secretary of State, and that the Alternate Member shall serve without compensation but shall receive such allowance for expenses as may be authorized by the Secretary of State.

The order also provides that the Secretaries of State, War, and Navy, and the Attorney General are authorized to provide appropriate assistance to the Member and Alternate Member in the performance of their duties thereunder, and may assign or detail such personnel, including members of the armed forces, as may be requested for the purpose.

The proposed Executive Order has my approval.

Very truly yours,

~~FRANCIS BIDDLE~~

Director.

The Honorable,

The Attorney General.

Enclosure.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1945

My dear Mr. Smith:

Reference is made to the recent announcement by the President of the designation by the United States of a member and alternate member of the International Military Tribunal established by the Government of the United States of America, the Provisional Government of the French Republic, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the trial and punishment of the major war criminals of the European Axis.

To validate these designations, to make provision for the compensation and expenses of the member and the alternate member, and to make provision for appropriate assistance to the member and the alternate member by the departments involved in this undertaking, there is enclosed a draft of a proposed Executive Order for your consideration and recommendation to the President for his approval. This draft was prepared jointly by representatives of the Department of Justice and the Department of State. It has not been cleared with the War and Navy Departments. It is suggested that, if the draft is satisfactory to you, appropriate clearance be obtained from these departments. Urgent action is necessary.

Any questions concerning the proposed draft may be discussed by your representatives with the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Herbert Wechsler, or the Budget Officer of the Department of State, Mr. Harry M. Kurth.

Sincerely yours,

*Alan Robinson*

Acting Secretary.

Enclosure:  
As stated.

The Honorable

Harold D. Smith,

Director, Bureau of the Budget.



SEPTEMBER 24, 1945

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR  
THE UNITED STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY  
TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED FOR THE TRIAL AND PUNISHMENT  
OF THE MAJOR WAR CRIMINALS OF THE EUROPEAN AXIS

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes, and as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

1. In accordance with Article II of the Charter of the International Military Tribunal established by the Government of the United States of America, the Provisional Government of the French Republic, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the trial and punishment of the major war criminals of the European Axis, pursuant to their agreement of August 8, 1945, I hereby appoint Francis Biddle of Pennsylvania to be the Member for the United States of the International Military Tribunal and John J. Parker of North Carolina to be the Alternate Member for the United States of the International Military Tribunal.
2. The Member for the United States of the International Military Tribunal shall receive such compensation and allowance for expenses as may be determined by the Secretary of State. The Alternate Member shall serve without compensation but shall receive such allowance for expenses as may be authorized by the Secretary of State.
3. The Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of the Navy are authorized to provide appropriate assistance to the Member and the Alternate Member in the performance of their duties hereunder and may assign or detail such personnel, including members of the armed forces, as may be requested for the purpose.

HARRY S. TRUMAN