

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR GRACE TULLY.

I spoke with the President this morning about this memorandum on Punishment of War Criminals.

He says he wants to take it on the ship with him to read on the way over.

Will you please place it in the appropriate basket?

S. I. R.

January 20, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

Trial of Nazi War Criminals

As you know, I have been holding conferences in my office with representatives of the Departments of State, War and Justice on the above subject. As a result of these conferences, I am submitting to you herewith a set of recommendations signed by Secretary Stettinius, Secretary Stimson and Attorney General Biddle.

I am also submitting separately a suggestion from the State Department as to the general kind of memorandum of international agreement which would carry out these suggestions.

We all believe that the plan here submitted would not only result in speedy and effective justice but would establish an essentially fair procedure which would meet the approval of enlightened public opinion not only of today, but of future generations.

Ambassador Davies has sat in on some of these conferences and is in general agreement with the recommendations here made -- except that he believes that the international court should not be exclusively military, but should include some civilian judges. He is submitting a memorandum to you which is hereto attached.

S. I. R.