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Justice Robert H. Jackson, Chief of Counsel
Office of United States Chief of Counsel
for Prosecution of Axis Criminality

Dear Justice Jackson:

You told me during our conversation in New York last month that I should not hesitate to write to you whenever I had something of importance to communicate to you. I am doing so now, reluctantly, in connection with the following matter:

The newspapers recently carried lists of a few dozen top Nazi leaders who are to appear before the Inter-Allied Tribunal. It was a great disappointment not to find in these lists the name of a man who is probably more directly responsible for the destruction of the Jews than any other single Nazi. He is SS Obersturmfuehrer Adolf Eichmann, Gruppenleiter in the Reichs-Sicherheits-Haupt-Amt (RSHA), Section IV-B, Referent der Judenfrage (Expert in Jewish questions). His name is sometimes spelled Kichmann, and his aliases are Karl Eichmann, Ingo Eichmann, Wilhelm Eichmann, and Willi. His direct superior was chief of the whole RSHA Section IV, SS Gruppenfuehrer Mueller, who in turn was directly responsible to Heinrich Himmler, and the latter, to Adolf Hitler.

Eichmann was born on April 22, 1901, in Saron, a German colony in Palestine. His Party No. is 309,348; his SS No., 310,196. He has a perfect command of Hebrew, Yiddish and Arabic.

His activities covered the whole of Europe, wherever Jewish problems had to be "solved." He first reported for duty at Vienna; after the occupation of Bohemia-Moravia, he was sent to Prague; from there he went to Slovakia. He spent 1941-1943 in Berlin as Chief of Amt IV-B of RSHA, with numerous trips to occupied countries wherever the question of the liquidation of Jews arose. In the fall of 1943 he went to Denmark to organize the deportation of Danish Jews and it is definitely known that he was in Hungary liquidating the Jews there under the regime of Szalassi. There is hardly a single geographical section of Europe where the Jews were liquidated, that did not benefit from the direct guidance of Eichmann.

There are very strong indications to the effect that he was very closely cooperating with the so-called Grand Mufti of Jerusalem whose full name is Haj Amin al-Husseini, now in the custody of the French. As a born Palestinian, Eichmann had close relations with the so-called Grand Mufti. (Attached please find the article on these two men by Joseph Kalmer, "The Mufti and His Accomplice," which appeared in The Central European Observer of February 9, 1945, p. 8). And while the so-called Grand Mufti is at least in custody, it has to date not been made public what has happened to Eichmann. I think it would be very important to have him apprehended (if this has not already been done) and, in view of his direct guilt, arraigned along with other criminals at the great trial.

An extensive file on these two persons is now in preparation by us.

In the hope that this information may be of interest to you, and with my sincerest wishes for the success of your mission,

Cordially yours,

Jacob Robinson
Director

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