

June 23, 1945

Dr. Irving Brink
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Dear Dr. Brink:

We received your letter and material in the early afternoon yesterday. While your letter proved to be of great importance for us, we cannot say the same of the material. It was to us an unpleasant surprise to learn that the greatest part of the material we sent you was not used at all.

For a long time we were in the dark as to what the ideas of your group are with regard to the Jewish charge. Now we know from some documents and from your letter what it is you want. We completely agree, especially, with your personal outline, and we would be only too happy to work on it, provided a reasonable period of time is granted us.

I understand that you have your deadlines, and that probably the formulation of the charge will have to be submitted to the Advocate General's Office. These considerations, however, are of minor importance as compared with the major one, i.e., are we going to prepare something which will be of high standard, or not?

All of our group here agree that in these two days we cannot accomplish very much. We also agree that the material as it stands now may not be useful for our cause. It may discourage those who are friendly to us, and it may add fuel for the use of those who would like to have us out. Unless we are able to produce something very good, we should not commit ourselves at all.

Here are two alternative suggestions for remedying this unhappy situation:

1- Should you so desire, I would be prepared to send to you a squad of our best men qualified on the subject and in law, who have been working for years in this field, to work with you for the next week or two and to prepare something which will be of value. They would work on the material we have submitted to you (and some still to be submitted), covering practically all the aspects of the situation. In order to have the job expedited, they would not go into your materials which have so far not been touched, leaving that for a later stage in the developments. (By the way, Justice Jackson yesterday made a statement in London to the effect that probably only in late summer would the trial be held).

Should this first alternative be inconvenient, the second is herewith suggested:
2- On the basis of your documents and your letter, we would go to work here to draft the Jewish charge tentatively, later to be submitted to your superiors or to the Advocate General for approval. It is difficult at this moment to evaluate the time this job would take, but I am confident that we will be able to do it in 10 - 14 days (subject to editorial revision).

It is understood that I will be in close touch with my collaborators in either alternative and, if necessary, will also be ready to proceed to Washington to be present at the final stage of the drafting.

For your information, Dr. Jacoby, Singer, and Goldstein are all three prepared to start working, in one way or another, in accordance with your outline.

Please let me know by telephone what your desire is in the matter, and we will immediately proceed in accordance therewith.

You certainly will understand that, while some of my statements in this letter may not be very pleasant, they are all dictated by very grave apprehensions on the responsibilities involved and by a cordial relationship to you, personally. Nothing would be more welcome to us than to give you all possible aid and to produce something which will be good for our cause and, by no means least important, helpful to you.

Very cordially yours,

Jacob Robinson
Director

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P.S. It would be a great help to us if we could have the following material:

- 1- The R & A 2500 series containing official German statements and decrees proving that the Germans themselves were conscious of the illegality of their acts;
- 2- The study proving that the Nazis considered crimes a necessary and desirable method of terrorizing the opposition;
- 3- The data collected by SHAMP on the remaining Jewish population.

Our statistical tables have been revised once more and are now being mimeographed. I hope to be able to send them to you by Tuesday.