Washington, D.C.
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My dear Dr. Robinson,

With regard to our telephone conversation of this noon I am sending you my ideas on the entire war crimes situation.

First, it has been made clear to me by Beaumont and others that my report (or indictment) will be virtually the first and last word on the subject as far as the United States War Crimes Office is concerned. The group going to London early in July contemplates no further work on the subject.

In view of this situation I believe that we both are anxious to see to it that as thorough a job as possible be done.

When the report is completed it should contain the following:

I. A short chapter proving the existence of a preconceived anti-Jewish conspiracy on the part of the Germans, the implications of this charge, and the purposes this conspiracy was meant to serve.

This, as well as all other chapters, must be written in such a restrained and dignified a tone as possible. The case is sufficiently strong to warrant understatement.

II. A concise and clear-cut analysis of the different types of crimes committed against the Jews (only by the Germans; there is to be no mention in this particular report of the collaborationists), including religious desecration, violation of the dignity of men, segregation, forced labor, etc.

These must be shorter and more to the point then your preliminary studies. It should also clearly establish the overall responsibility of the various German agencies and their subordinate sections. In the interest of brevity, it should not be broken down country by country, except as illustrations of specific points, but should contain a general discussion of how the crime was perpetrated.

III. (The most important chapter) The responsibility of the various German agencies for crimes committed against Jews by country.

I am completing a preliminary study for this section but, as you can readily see, it requires amplification.

Secondly, it is based on accumulating material and lacks
evidence of further responsibility available in other
documents, books, periodical literature, eye witness
accounts, official and semi-official statements of
key officials of these agencies, etc.

Also wherever possible, the direct chain of command
from the highest to the lowest authorities should be indi-
cated.

Further information on what is desired is available
to you in the general discussion of the project which
I presented during your visit here.

Thus, as you can see, there is a considerable amount
of work to be done in so short a space of time--far,
far too much for one man working alone--ignoring my
present difficult personal situation.

Therefore, I should be most anxious to have the
assistance of your colleagues and yourself in the prepa-
ration of this indictment which must be just as com-
plete as the crime itself.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. I was sorry to learn, through our mutual friend Dr.
Schoch, of the illness of your wife. I hope it is
not serious.