MEMO

Mr. Marcus

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FROM: Mr. Marcus

As you know, we have been engaged for over a month in the preparation of material on the so-called Jewish census in the context of our analysis. It was understood that the authorities attach the greatest importance to the very precise fact that so many millions of Jews have disappeared — that this fact is the result of the deliberate policy of the Nazi regime. It is therefore important that the statistical survey of Jewish population, which you have been conducting, is accurate in so far that the following objections might possibly be overcome. It may be expected that the figures are giving for the Jewish population in the various countries at the present moment of the occupation or annexation of those countries, or establishment of Nazi regimes, may not exactly represent the real numerical strength of the Jews at that moment of occupation or control by the Nazis. It may further be argued that numerous Jews might have crossed, and that in reality Jewish estimates are much lower than those given by us.

I, therefore, consider it of paramount importance to have a complete and reliable statistical survey of Jews in Nazi-controlled or occupied countries, published by the Nazi authorities. I am sure that the Nazis, following the same pattern elsewhere, would take special care of the Jewish population in other countries.

May I ask you, upon your return to New York, to go through our files and papers, and try to establish in what countries there were Nazi figures of Jewish population under their control, and to have all these figures compiled into one table. Eventually, we should bring a new claim into one statistical table, namely, "The Jewish population in the country according to Nazi figures."

The group working on these problems (Prof. Goebbels, Dr. Speer, Mr. Goebbels, and Mr. Stahl) will be very anxious to discuss the matter with you in greater detail upon your return.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Marcus.

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