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TO: MR. LOSTCHINSKY
FROM: DR. ROBINSON

As you know, we have been engaged for over a month in the preparation of material on the so-called Jewish count in the matter of our crimes. We understand that the authorities attach the greatest importance to the very plain fact that so many millions of Jews have disappeared — that this fact is the result of the deliberate policy of the Nazi regime. We, therefore, submitted to them the statistical survey on Jewish casualties, which you have seen. However, pondering on this problem, it occurs to me that the following objection might possibly be advanced. It may be argued that the figures we are giving for the Jewish population in the various countries at the moment of the occupation of these countries, or installation 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 furthermore be argued that numerous Jews might have escaped, and that in reality Jewish casualties are much lower than those given by us.

I, therefore, consider it of primordial importance to have a dossier established, containing statistics of Jews in Nazi-controlled or occupied countries, published by the Nazis themselves. We have such information for Poland. I am sure that the Nazis, following the same pattern elsewhere, used to take special census of the Jewish population in other countries.

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

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

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Lostchinsky.

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