MEMO

Mr. Bamberger
FROM: Mr. Bamberger

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As you know, we have been occupied for some months in the preparation of material on the so-called Jewish count in the matter of our absence. It is important to understand that the authorities attach the greatest importance to this very precise fact that as many millions of Jews have disappeared — that this fact in the light of the deliberations of the Nazi regime, i.e., therefore, submitted to them the statistical survey on Jewish communities, which you have done. However, predicting on this problem, it occurs to me that the following situation might possibly be correct. It may be expected that the figures we are giving for the Jewish population in various countries at the moment of the occupation of these countries, or installation of Nazi regimes, may not exactly reflect the real numerical strength of the Jews at the moment of occupation or control by the Nazis. It may further be argued that numerous Jews might have escaped, and that in reality Jewish population is much lower than those given by us.

I, therefore, consider it of paramount importance to have a complete, established, containing statistics of Jews in Nazi-controlled or occupied countries, published by the Nazi Consulates. To have such information for Poland, it is sure that the Nazis, following the same pattern elsewhere, must have 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 that there are only figures of Jewish population under their control, and to have all these figures then compiled into one tabulae. Probably, we should bring a new chain into one statistical tables, namely, "The Jewish population in the country according to Nazi figures."

The group working on these problems (Prof. Gershon, Mr. Suldman, Mr. Nechut and Mr. Slavin) will be very anxious to discuss the matter with you in greater detail upon your return.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Bamberger.

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