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The Right Hon. The Lord Wright  
Chairman, United Nations War Crimes Commission  
Royal Courts of Justice  
Strand, W.C.2.

My dear Lord Wright:

Supplementing my letter to you of yesterday's date, I suggest for consideration that a practical way for the Governments represented on your Commission to furnish us with the desired proof would be to have each of them prepare an official summarized report upon the applicable items discussed in my letter.

I would expect that the rules of evidence to be applied by the International Military Tribunal would make admissible official Government reports, or the reports of officially authorized agencies of Government.

The desired reports might therefore take a form similar to the inclosed report of the U. S. Congressional delegation upon atrocities and other conditions in concentration camps in Germany, or of the comparable report of the British Parliamentary Commission. These particular reports, to be sure, deal with a limited subject, but it might be feasible to employ a like technique to cover the broader field.

The foundation for these proposed reports would be, I should assume, individual experiences of the nationals of the reporting Governments, data already compiled by their National Offices, and data from other sources known to the reporting Governments to be authentic; and the reports would presumably indicate, at least in a general way, their respective sources. In this manner, otherwise impossible masses of detailed materials could be presented at the trial concisely, effectively, and in such fashion as will bring out the common pattern discussed in my yesterday's letter.

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If desired, I should be glad to try to arrange for members of my staff to cooperate with the representatives of the respective Governments in the preparation of these reports.

Sincerely,

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U. S. Chief of Counsel