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SUBJECT: Editorial Analysis  
VIA: Maj. Walsh

The following editorial analysis for <sup>14</sup>September is sent to you in Nurnberg by Major Walsh as we do not yet have direct cable facilities.

Greater emphasis on Japanese war criminals with one-third of 92 editorials dealing with that subject. Demand immediate trial of Japanese criminals, especially those responsible for atrocities. 27 editorials dealt with German war criminals; 18 with Petain trial and 15 with Quisling trial. Same emphasis as previously on German trials. Quisling death sentence approved. Chicago Tribune news story for August 30: Dr. Hans Morgenthau, associate professor of political science at the University of Chicago, criticized German war trials: "I am doubtful of the whole setup under which these trials will be conducted. What, in my opinion, they should have done is to set up summary courts martial. Then they should have placed these criminals on trial before them within 24 hours after they were caught, sentenced them to death, and shot them in the morning....What has been done is only a makeshift, an effort to give the same kind of action legal aspect....These agreements are so dangerous precisely because they may so easily backfire. Who knows what will happen in 10, 20 or 50 years? Now we justify them on the grounds that political - and military - leaders in Germany, Italy, and Japan were aggressors - that they started wars of aggression. But by the same token Stalin is now guilty of starting an aggressive war against Japan - his declaration came just before Japan's capitulation, even President Truman might under strict interpretation be held guilty on the ground that he induced Stalin to enter the war against Japan."

  
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