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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:

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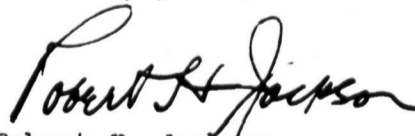
Maj. General William J. Donovan,
Director of Strategic Services,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

To carry out the duties and responsibilities vested in me by Executive Order No. 9547, designating me as Chief of Counsel for the United States in the trial and prosecution of war criminals, I have determined that it would be in the best interests of the Government to have all existing facilities used in the preparation of the prosecution and to create new facilities only when absolutely necessary. The urgency of our task makes this procedure the more imperative.

I wish therefore to confirm my understanding with you and the General Counsel of OSS that we shall rely upon your agency to assist us in all respects in preparing for the prosecution of the major European Axis criminals. This includes the collection, evaluation, integration and presentation of evidence of all types (including photographic), with such assistance from other Departments and agencies of the Government as may be required.

Sincerely yours,


Robert H. Jackson.