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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED WORK FOR MR. PAUL SCHEFFER

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I should like to suggest the following problems upon which Dr. Scheffer might make a valuable contribution to our war crimes program. Topics are listed in the order of their importance to us.

- I. Relations between Army leadership and the Nazi Party up to 1939. ~~This is one of our most serious lacunae.~~ It is suggested that the discussion include the attitude of the military leadership, individually and collectively, toward the following Nazi policies:
 - a. elimination of political opposition
 - b. elimination of trade unions
 - c. persecution of the Jews
 - d. re-armament
 - e. the annexation of Austria
 - f. the seizure of Prague
 - g. the Condor Legion in the Spanish Civil War
 - h. the launching of the attack on Poland
- II. Known personal and financial connections between the military leaders and high Party officials.
- III. Lines of defense which the high Nazi leadership might pursue against the charge of seeking to dominate the European Continent by launching aggressive war.

If possible, we should appreciate Dr. Scheffer's concentration upon the first two problems listed, as these are of far greater importance than the third in the present phase of our war crimes work.

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