

6 October 1945

TO: Comdr. Donovan
 FROM: David Zablodowsky *DZ*
 SUBJ: Report, Presentation Branch

Presentation Staff on 6 October:

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| David Zablodowsky, Chief | |
| Capt. Dan Kiley, Asst. and Adviser to Col. Gill on Construction | |
| Lynn Olsen, Administrative Assistant | |
| Total Administrative Staff | 3 |
| T/3 Ian Hunter | |
| T/Sgt. Robert Konikow | |
| Total Editors | 2 |
| Lt. J. Johnson * | |
| Lt. J. Krush | |
| Ivan Spear | |
| Cornelia Dodge | |
| Total Graphic Designers & Draftsmen | $\frac{4}{9}$ |
| Total | |

(*Note: Lt. Johnson has been hospitalized for jaundice and is not expected back for a month)

Expected to arrive with ^w 2 weeks:

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| Jack Becker |) | Graphic Designers | |
| Melvin Buros |) | and Draftsmen | |
| JoAnn Sharples |) | | 3 |
| Selma Putnam |) | Graphic Assistant | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Expected Total within 2 weeks | | | 13* |

(*Note: Not including 3 men from Reproduction to be transferred administratively to us for the purpose of operating our own varitype and photostat machines now being reconditioned and set up: S/Sgt Milton J. Raport, S/Sgt. Julius LoBuono, T/4 Joseph T. McGuire)

Activities to Date: Captain Kiley has been on the scene helping in the selection of a courthouse and supervising the redesign and reconstruction of the Nurnberg courthouse since early July. By late August Lts. Johnson and Krush had arrived to assist him and, in the main, they have continued the architectural part of our work to date. On September 16 the rest of the persons on the first list above arrived to set up the nucleus for the complete functioning of a Presentation Unit. The list originally included Sgt. Robert Francis, Designer, who has just been sent home in order to

release two other persons in the second list of those expected within two weeks. (Sgt. Francis was PCS-London, with R & A Branch and stayed with our group merely for the purpose of helping us become established.)

Since September 16 our main effort has continued to go into architectural and reconstruction problems since there is no one else here capable of handling them with a knowledge of the great variety of requirements and the goal to be achieved. As new groups of working personnel belatedly arrive with new requirements of working space and functional facilities, our planning and design work has grown more and more complex and has involved more of our staff. We are now at work on a three dimensional model of the courtroom for the final approval of the 4 Chiefs of Counsel. All the furniture and fixtures of not only the courtroom but also of such technical units as sound, reproduction, photography, etc. have to be designed in detail by this Unit under the responsibility of Captain Kiley. Furthermore, it must be remembered that the courtroom is, from an architectural point of view, merely the center of a host of related activities and functions which make the Palace of Justice a veritable municipality. Thus our Unit has had also to design the cafeteria, a snack bar, a press room, an information center, etc. etc. Capt. Kiley has also necessarily had to act as Space Allocation Officer under Col. Gill.

Since the arrival on September 16 of the group of 6 persons, our Unit has also been kept busy with a variety of small designing duties having to do with passes, letterheads, shoulder patches, signs, internal organization charts, etc. People desiring these services have turned to us not only because we were the only designers on the premises, but also because we seem sometimes to be the only group aware of all the problems to be solved in such matters as security, traffic control, etc. Parenthetically it may be stated that our experience in San Francisco as a unit has, in all these connections, been paying off dividends in superior knowledge-ability.

On the substantive side not much has been turned out in volume simply because we have not yet been approached with firm requests for such work except by Dr. Neumann. In collaboration with his staff we have just completed a very large and complex chart on the organization of the Reich government, its structure and personnel. Our previous similar chart on the Nazi Party has already been used in the interrogation of Robert Ley. The government chart is similarly being used in the examination of people like Lammers and Stuckert. Both charts as well as a third one on the OKW may very well form part of the permanent trial exhibits once they have been authenticated by the defendants, and altered accordingly.

Comdr. Donovan has also discussed with me certain ideas for other trial exhibit charts having to do with the indictment as such, but the execution of these naturally waits upon the handing down of the indictment and the collaboration of R&A. Several other charts of a similar nature which we executed tentatively in Washington before our arrival here, e.g. the organization of SS, SA, Occupied Territories, etc. are now, for the first time, coming to the attention of individuals in the Documentation and Interrogation Divisions. This heightened interest in ~~job contributions~~

in our shop's contribution toward the pre-trial legal work and toward the courtroom exhibits is by now an old story with us. All our work has been greeted with enthusiasm by almost every section of OCC. It is an absolute certainty that our present staff will not be able to meet all these expectations even if we were to cut down drastically (as we cannot do in the case of the architectural work) on all other than substantive work. Col. Gill himself was immediately convinced of this fact when we presented it to him and he authorized us to procure 7 more persons from Washington. This we have been unable to do because of the reorganization of the Presentation Branch in Washington into the State Department. Nor have we been in a position to outbid the Army for the services of 3 of our personnel in Berlin. The result is that we are promised 4 more people from Washington if we return 1 now and Captain Kiley later. We may need some assistance in recruiting qualified personnel from the Army and perhaps also in recruiting our 3 Presentation men in Berlin. If we could offer them the same advantages as the Army has now presented them with--namely, discharge from the Army in return for a 6 months civil service contract--I am fairly certain we could get them and there is no doubt about our needing them.