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Notes on Meeting of Representatives of Four Powers on
Information Center for Defendants' Counsel, held on
8 October 1945.

Present for The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - Major Hill; for The Provisional Government of the French Republic - M. Mounier and Professor Handrich; for The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - General Alexandrov, Lt. Colonel Rosenblitt and Lt. Colonel Piradov; for The United States of America - Colonel Storey, Colonel Wheeler, Major Wallis and Lt. Barrett. Interpreter for USSR - Lt. Doman.

Col. Storey distributed a proposed form of notice to the defendants of the establishment in Room 54 of an Information Center for defendants' counsel respecting evidence to be listed and described. This form has not been formally approved. It has not been determined whether the court or the prosecutors would give the notice. The list of documents to be attached to the notice will not necessarily include all documents to be introduced at the trial. It has been recommended that the list will be served upon the defendants not later than 22 October 1945. The Information Center will also contain certain sets of decrees, laws, etc., such as are contained in the Reichsgesetzblatt, of which there are more than one copy in the Office of U. S. Chief of Counsel library.

The following representatives were designated to meet at 10:00 a.m. on 9 October 1945 in Col. Storey's office to go to Room 54 and make arrangements for physical facilities and consider the problems involved: Great Britain - Captain Wormser; French Republic - Professor Handrich; USSR - Lt. Colonel Osoll; and United States - Lt. Barrett.

Each of the four nations will furnish one German-speaking officer to give information to the defendants in the Information Center about documents there. Arrangements will be made among these officers for rotating their periods of duty there.

To eliminate duplication between the different nations' lists of documents to be made available to the defendants' counsel, each nation will submit its list by 17 October 1945. The lists can then be combined.

The language in which the lists will be submitted will be German.

For the purpose of the documents to be made available in the Information Center, it will not be necessary to make full translations into German of all long documents. The German-speaking officer can explain their contents to the defendants. Ultimately, however, it will be necessary to translate into German all documents before they are introduced into evidence. The chief prosecutors have agreed at Berlin that each government would translate its own documents into German. The Russians will have a German translating group as well as an English one in Nurnberg.

The Russians will telephone Berlin today as to when their documents will be sent to Nurnberg. They have been sent from Moscow to London to Berlin. The French documents are expected from Paris this week.

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