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13 November 1945

TO: General Donovan

FROM: Major Kelley

SUBJECT: Goering

Can we get this book

AUFBAU EINER NATION by Hermann Goering: Published in English and German in 1933.

GOERING wants his defense counsel to use the above named book because it contains passages in which he describes his activities in the Gestapo in 1933. He thinks that in the book there are passages which will show that the Gestapo was directed only against Communists while under his control. It also shows that he felt HITLER's rise to power to be in the nature of a revolution. In this book he claims he has states that this so-called revolution while slightly bloody was nowhere near as ruthless as similar Russian or French revolutions. He is very pleased with his discussion with General Donovan and seems cooperative.

An additional medical observation concerning the benches in the court room for the defendants is of importance. The defendants' benches have no backs and since many of them are well along in years this will prove a trying hardship if the trial is of much duration at all. I noted this fact today and oddly enough three civilians mentioned it, comparing the soft plush seats in the rest of the room with the hard backless benches for the defendants. It is my impression that most of the defendants will not be too badly affected, but certain ones (KEITEL, DOENITZ, FUNK, GOERING, SEYSS-INQUART) who have rheumatism will certainly suffer, and after many days might well collapse. It would seem advisable medically to provide some sort of chair or bench which has some back support.

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