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Dear Telford:

Thanks for your letter of January 28. Our Librarian received on Thursday last a letter from Mr. J. R. Gass, Acting Director of your Document Division, which does indeed indicate that a lot of material is on the way to the Law School. To review the whole business in detail: --

Your memorandum indicated that the Library should now have the following five items.

1. Blue volumes of the English edition of the IMT trial.
-- We have these.

2. Red set of volumes "Nazi Conspiracy and Aggression."
-- We have these.

3. German and French editions of the IMT trial. --
We have the French edition and have ordered the German.

4. Mimeographed transcripts of the proceedings in open court in the twelve later trials. -- Mr. Gass' letter says that the "court transcripts," in English, were forwarded from Nurnberg on January 18, 1949. This shipment has not yet been received. Transcripts in German were not forwarded; and of course the Ministries Case is incomplete at this date. (I enclose copies of Mr. Gass' letter, and of the form of receipt and explanatory memorandum of January 3, 1949 attached to his letter.)

5. SEA's. -- The form of receipt indicates that the shipment of January 18 includes "SEA; English Translations; German Photostats" of Documents IMT, NI, NO, NG, NOKW. It is not clear that these are comprehensive, because the explanatory memorandum speaks of broken sets of both the IMT and N documents. But your Chief Director is reassuring at least on the N documents.

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When the shipment arrives I shall have it examined as promptly as possible and let you know precisely what it contains. I suppose that this information will be available to you at Nurnberg in any event.

To save you the trouble of reconstructing the balance of the memorandum you left with me (and to suggest subtly the path of honor and duty), I set out the items, beyond the five dealt with above, which you listed as being necessary to a complete collection:

Documentary: (1) Actual documents on which SEA's are based. (2) Document books in German and English. (3) Briefs, motions, etc. filed by prosecution or defense. Oral: (1) IMT interrogations. (2) Later interrogations: (a) Recordings; (b) German copies; (c) Summaries in English.

I neglected to ask, when you were here, whether there is any means of securing the records of trials held in the French zone under quadripartite enactment. Also, is there any means of assembling at least the statistics about the other trials mentioned at the beginning of your "Outline of Research and Publication Possibilities." I suppose there is no way of dealing with the Russian trials except at a diplomatic level, but there remain the other trials where the prospects may be more hopeful.

An informal committee has been set up, consisting of Professors Langer and Friedrich and myself, to develop the ideas discussed at the luncheon meeting. I am really very hopeful that we can promote some good work.

It was a great pleasure to see you and everyone sends regards. We are all indebted to you for making the trip here, and for your help. Felicia reports a most enjoyable time with you on the way to New York, and wants to be remembered.

I hope to see you during the Spring; and many thanks for the invitation to stay with you. Prepare the littleneck clams!

Good luck on the voyage to Nurnberg.

Sincerely yours

Ken
Could you send me about 6 more copies of your "Outline of Research"? I'd be much obliged.