

MEMORANDUM For: Col Straight,
Col Jaworski.

25 September 1945

1. After conferring with General Betts this evening the following program is announced for our activities in the immediate future:

a. The Dachau case will be given first priority over all other activities with a view to trial of the accused in possession within one month's time.

b. In furtherance of this program it is desired that the report of investigation in that case be brought to this office at the earliest possible date. See attached note to me from Major Kane in regard to this case. If you, Colonel Straight, are able to bring it up upon your return tomorrow and thus hasten its arrival here, I should appreciate it.

c. A team of the most competent personnel in sufficient numbers to develop the case in the shortest possible time will be placed on the Dachau case.

d. Because Colonel Chavez investigated the case, arrangements will be made to bring him into the office with another investigator who was also involved if the second investigator would be of benefit to us. If necessary, temporary replacement from this office of Colonel Chavez and the other member of the team is authorized. I suggest that this matter be discussed with the Third Army War Crimes Branch tomorrow.

e. Only sufficient personnel will be kept on the Gardelegen and Buchenwald cases as to prepare requests to the Group Control Council for such assistance of the Russians as is necessary to develop the cases. I apprehend that two types of requests should be made in these cases:

- (1) That authority be granted to enter the area principally for the purpose of interviewing witnesses,
- (2) That authority be granted to bring into the American zone those witnesses who are deemed essential to the trial of the case.

f. Returning to the Dachau case, at the earliest possible moment a list of principal accused and witnesses not known to be in custody will be prepared for submission to G-2. When it is prepared it will be delivered to General Betts who will hand-process it to General Sibert. I told General Betts that we should have such a list ready within four or five days after receipt of the report of investigation.

g. Prepare and dispatch to the War Crimes Office, Washington, D. C., a brief but informative cable as to the Hadamar trial. Something along the lines of the report to the Group Control Council is suggested.

2. Any other steps which would hasten the bringing to trial of the Dachau case which are deemed appropriate by either of you should be undertaken.

3. Check with PRD as to prior releases from this office (a) general information on past trials, (b) Hadamar case.

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