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TO: Maj. Gen. Wm. J. Donovan

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SUBJECT: Potential Witnesses

1. Attached is a list of potential witnesses which, upon our suggestion, will be submitted by Section 1 (Col. Wheeler) to the Board of Review. As I had an opportunity to point out before, this list is not meant to be exclusive or final, but an attempt was made to assemble witnesses according to subject matter as well as political and religious affiliation; ~~and~~ in several cases we shall possibly use the candidate only as a lead to more important personages eligible for testimony at the trial.

2. Regarding Messrs Hülse and Focke, we have been able to establish that none of them has been interrogated here nor is any record about them available.

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LIST OF POTENTIAL WITNESSES

HEIMANNSBERG, Magnus - Now Police President of Wiesbaden; member of left-wing branch of Catholic Center Party; formerly Police Commander in Berlin; was provisionally retired by the Papen government in 1932 and dismissed by the Nazis in 1933; can testify to the Nazi system of terror.

SCHNABEL, Franz - Now head of the Education Department of the Landesbezirk of Nord Baden; lives in Karlsruhe; was a prominent educator before 1933 and a member of the Catholic Center Party; can testify concerning the impact of the Nazis on the German educational system.

WURM, Bishop - Confessional Bishop of Stuttgart; prominent conservative and church figure; can testify to the persecutions of the Protestant churches.

ANSCHUTZ, Hans - Now chief of the Legal Department of the Military Government Administration in the Heidelberg area; lives at Bachstrasse 23, Heidelberg; was a prominent judge of the Landgericht in Mannheim; member of no political party; can testify to the restrictions placed by the Nazis upon the independence of the Judiciary.

LESSER, Erich - Now President of the Landgericht of Hanau; was a prominent judge prior to Hitler; remained in office for some time after 1933 until his Anti-Nazi sympathies became known; suggested by Dr. Kempner.

HEIMERICH, Herman - Now Oberprasident of Westmark Province; a leading civil servant since 1916; former mayor of Keil and Lord Mayor of Mannheim; dismissed by the Nazis in 1933; a prominent member of the Social Democratic Party; can testify to the purge of civil servants, the restrictions on freedom of elections and the terror regime; now lives in Heidelberg.

MULLER, Oskar - Now Minister of Labor of the Province of Hessen; a prominent communist who spent many years in concentration camps; can testify to the terrorist methods used to wipe out opposition parties; now lives in Wiesbaden.

LOBE, Paul - Former President of Reichstag immediately preceding Goering; leading member of Social Democratic Party; reported to be active in Military Government Circles; now lives in Berlin; can testify to the early period of terror, including legislative measures taken in an effort to stem the terror program.

HEUSS, Theodor - Now Minister of Education in Stuttgart; former member of the Reichstag; was well known free lance writer and editor of a weekly periodical until 1933; politically belongs to the Democrats; can testify to the Nazi control over the press and the expression of opinion within Germany.

STEGERWALD, Adam - Now Regierungsprasident in Wurzburg; leading organizer and official of the Christian Trade Unions; former Reich Minister of Transportation and Minister of Labor; leading member of the Catholic Center Party (right-wing); can testify to the smashing of the Christian Trade Unions and the Nazi control of German labor.