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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JUSTICE JACKSON

1. There has come to my attention the inclosed memorandum prepared by Dr. Franz Weidenreich, who was formerly Professor of Anthropology at the University of Frankfurt.

2. He suggests as a possible group from which defendants might be selected the German anthropologists who took over in the German Universities under the Nazi Regime, and who provided a pseudo-scientific basis for the German racial laws and theories, and who advocated the extermination of "inferior" races.

3. It occurs to me that such individuals, particularly the more outstanding of them, might very well be considered major war criminals and be made defendants in the trial if cases against them can be developed.

4. Weidenreich, himself, points out in his memorandum that he has no detailed information as to what these anthropologists did subsequent to 1940, and it appears that this is another instance of the material being in Europe rather than here.

5. It seems to me that it would be an excellent thing if cases against one or two of these people could be developed and accordingly I am forwarding Weidenreich's memorandum, to which he has appended a list of leading anthropologists who have lent themselves to the Nazi Regime, together with an indication of the institutions with which they were connected.

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1 Incl.
Dr. Franz Weidenreich's memo

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