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MEMORANDUM TO Major J. Monigan, Jr.  
FROM Dr. A. Pathy  
SUBJECT Admiral Horthy

Referring to your memorandum dated October 16, please find enclosed an outline of the main questions we would expect Horthy to answer in his paper with reference to the Nazi Master Plan.

I don't think the purpose could be achieved if we only ask Horthy to state specific events. What we are lacking to this moment is some sort of direct proof of the Master Plan instead of inferences from specific events.

Horthy's proclamation of October 15 is in itself an indictment against the Nazi doctrinal methods. It, therefore, seems to me that the chronology of the questions appearing in my outline should lead to a fair statement of the Master Plan as defined by Mr. Justice Jackson in his report to the President, dated June 6, 1945.

I intentionally refrained making a long questionnaire, having in mind to prepare a second and eventually a third outline, depending on the outcome of his first paper.

I would be glad to discuss with you the attached outline, and if you think it advisable, to translate it into Hungarian.

A. P.

Oct. 17, 1945

Copy: Maj. Gen. Sourvan

## OUTLINE

In your proclamation to the Hungarian people and Army which was broadcast from Budapest on October 15, 1944, you stated among other things:

a/ That Hungary was forced into the war against the Allies through German pressure.

b/ That in March 1944 the Fuhrer invited you to negotiation at Klessheim and detained you there, so that the German Army could occupy Hungary, despite your protests, during your absence.

c/ That during this same period, German political police invaded the country and arrested numerous Hungarian citizens, among them several members of Parliament, as well as the Minister of the Interior then in office.

d/ That at the same occasion, the Prime Minister only evaded detention by taking refuge in a neutral Embassy.

e/ That you received a firm promise from Hitler, that he would cancel the acts which violated Hungarian sovereignty, in case you appointed a Government enjoying the confidence of the Germans. That you acted on reliance of this promise, but that it was not kept.

f/ That under the shelter of the German occupation, the Gestapo tackled the Jewish question in a manner incompatible with the demands of humanity, applying the methods it had already employed elsewhere.

g/ That during the retreat of the German army in Hungary they turned the country into a theater of looting and destruction.

h/ That the Budapest Corps Commander was most treacherously attacked and abducted by Gestapo agents, who exploited the bad visibility of a foggy October morning when he was getting out of his car in front of his house.

l/ That subsequently German aircraft dropped leaflets against the government in office.

l/ That you realized that the German allies meant to rob the Hungarian nation of its freedom and independence.

Will you please elaborate on these declarations you made in October 1944, and indicate what happened later on that day, and how you were taken prisoner and your palace guard and the cadets of the Royal Military Academy murdered.

In the light of your own experience will you please state whether you have the knowledge or conviction or impression that Hitler's and his party's aim was to achieve domination of Europe or eventually the world, or to acquire for Germany a dominant or leading position in Europe and eventually the world.

Will you please state as accurately as you can all dates of events, names and functions of persons, nature, origin and probable whereabouts of communications and documents on which you base your proof, conviction or impression.

Do you have proofs or reasons to believe that the policy of Hitler and his movement was to achieve this aim of domination by any means

including brutal force, disregard of moral and legal rights and false propaganda.

Will you state the doctrinal, political, economic and military methods which in your knowledge or belief were;

Generally applied by the Axis;

Especially as to Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania.

Will you state how the German minorities in Hungary were directed and indoctrinated by Berlin, and what you know about the influence and interference with German minorities in other countries.

Do you know or think that the political and military preparations leading to the Anschluss, the annexation of the Sudetenland, the declaration of the Protectorate were planned events, and that the incidents which were the declared causes were provoked or staged incidents.

What was the advance information you and your military staff had on these events, as well as those leading to the invasion of Poland and the attack on the U. S. S. R.