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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Dr. Ungar

TO : Mr. William Naugust (361)

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1. Reference the question raised by Mr. Caming's memo, this subject, to you of 19 May 1947 - of which I had received notice indirectly from several sources before you sent it to me.

2. Any further reassignments of personnel on the I. G. Farben Team should be made by someone intimately informed of our actual trial requirements and who will assume the responsibility for the consequences of such action. I cannot assume any such responsibility in the case of Dr. Ungar, (or in any other case until we are ready for trial). I think only General Taylor, or Mr. DuBois, is in a position to assume such a responsibility at this stage. Our staff is over-burdened, our trial date has been set. The required evidence is not at hand on many of the counts, and particularly on the slave labor count. As I have stated a number of times, I had assumed after the recent major reorganization that we should be free of the costly process of struggling over bodies, at least until our trial date.

3. We have one analyst, Mr. Elban, working with Mr. Minskoff on Auschwitz, and one analyst, Mr. Apoteker, working on slave labor outside of Auschwitz, with Mr. Van Street. Dr. Ungar can alone assume the task of tying Farben into the general slave labor program, of rounding up many of the live witnesses, and of perfecting much of our evidence. He is heavily committed until after the trial begins and will probably be committed for some time thereafter. I have given a release date of 1 September 1947 to you in another memorandum. After the Farben trial opens and before 1 September, it is anticipated that a considerable portion of his time may be spent on matters other than Farben, but I cannot see now how we can give up a first claim on his services before 1 September.

4. It is somewhat unfortunate that the superlatives and the "unlesses" in Mr. Caming's memorandum arise out of a part-time loan which I arranged with Mr. Caming after Dr. Ungar had already done some work on Farben and was scheduled to give his full time to Farben. Certainly Mr. Caming (last paragraph, page 2) should not have predicated the possible performance of his group on "loans" and perhaps he has used the words "continued assignment" somewhat loosely.

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