Memorandum for the President

Re: Jewish People of Europe

On my recent visit to Europe I had the opportunity to talk to a number of persons about the situation of the Jews in Europe. I also took the occasion to visit the Jewish Displaced Persons center, which is located at Fürth (a suburb of Nuremberg) in the United States zone of Germany.

Although I do not want to pose in any sense as an expert in this matter, I have formed certain impressions and have a few thoughts to which I would like to give an to you.

The more one hears about the wanton murder of the Jews by the Germans, the more one wonders why this great crime has not shocked the conscience of mankind more than it has. The reason, I suppose is that it is difficult for anyone to grasp the full significance of the murder of over five million human beings. Newspapers are accustomed to speak of mass murder when a half-dozen victims are shot down by a gunman. What shall we call it when whole families die and the slaughtered are numbered by millions.

In talking with Justice Robert H. Jackson and examining the Nuremberg Trial Exhibits, I found how completely all of the unspeakable atrocities committed against the Jews, which many refused to believe at the time, have now been recorded and