MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

December 10, 1943.

I called Mr. Palin of the British Embassy to inquire concerning a reply from London to the cable which Mr. Thorold had agreed to send when he was here on November 24. Mr. Palin advised me that he was very distressed over the fact that no reply had been received, and he explained that a cable had gone out on November 24 and that a follow-up had been sent on December 3. He advised that if no reply is received within the next few days he will send another urgent cable to London.

I then mentioned to Mr. Palin that in conversations with Mr. Meltzer, the latter had mentioned that he had discussed this program with Mr. Palin and that he had also furnished Mr. Palin with certain documents. Mr. Palin said that early last summer, Mr. Meltzer had called him and had discussed with him the proposal of the World Jewish Congress. Mr. Palin said that the only document which he had received from Mr. Meltzer was a copy of a cable to Berne, asking for further details of the program. He stated that he asked Meltzer for copies of the incoming cables from Berne, which apparently gave details of Reigner's plan, and in addition, he, Palin, wrote Meltzer asking him for a copy of any reply which was received to the cable to Berne asking for details. Palin added that he never received a reply from Mr. Meltzer and never had any further conversations with Meltzer concerning the program.

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