Memo for Mr. Dubois

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Special Assistant to
Deputy Chief of Counsel

The Deputy Chief of Counsel requests the employment of Mr. Abe Weissbrodt, now with the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., as Special Assistant for a limited period.

Mr. Weissbrodt was formerly on the Staff of Financial Branch, G-5, USFET, and the Finance Division, U. S. Group Control Council, and the Division of Investigation of Cartels and External Assets, Office of Military Government. These offices made an extensive investigation of I. G. Farben, its structure, operations and activities in preparing Germany for war. During the course of the investigations, Mr. Weissbrodt interrogated many members of the I. G. Farben Board of Directors (Vorstand) both formally and informally on a variety of subject, ranging from the use of cartels by I. G. Farben as an economic weapon against the United States, to the financing of Nazi propaganda abroad by I. G. Farben subsidiaries, and the use of camouflage devices with which to finance the German military machine by purchases abroad.

In the course of such investigations, Mr. Weissbrodt acquired a particular familiarity in these specialized fields. In addition his contacts with the principal officials of I. G. Farben have given him an insight to the nature and character of these men, who will be either witnesses or defendants at the Trial. As Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Counsel, Mr. Weissbrodt will act as adviser and consultant on the specialized matters with which he has previously dealt with, and in addition his duties will include making such special investigations and interrogations as the Deputy Chief of Counsel may request; to prepare legal memoranda, trial briefs, document books, and other related matters. The work will entail a high degree of responsibility, the exercise of initiative, subject only to general supervision of the Deputy Chief of Counsel.