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Interrogation of Wilhelm SCHEIDT
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SCHEIDT, who acted as a war historian for the German Army, was interrogated principally with regard to his opinions as to what his research work had disclosed on the subject of HITLER's intentions and when they first became generally known. SCHEIDT stated that he believed that Germany turned from defensive to offensive armament at the time of the incidents involving von BLOMBERG and von FRITSCH (late 1937 and early 1938) and that he believed that HITLER announced his intentions openly for the first time in May 1939. SCHEIDT further stated that he believed HITLER all along had an intention to go to war with RUSSIA.

It was SCHEIDT's opinion that things which happened were steps in plans that HITLER had, although some of the steps taken were not in accordance with what HITLER thought. It was not until May 1939, according to SCHEIDT, that HITLER realized that he would have to go to war with ENGLAND, something which he had theretofore sought to avoid.

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