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I beg to add the following data to my "Lebenslauf".

By chance, I learned from Gen. JOOL in a conversation June 23, that the Fuehrer - as I had always had meant to feel - really suspected me of participating in the riot of July 20, 1944.

Asking JOOL for more exact information to day, I understood that the suspicion came out when August 1, 1944 about 4 p.m. I had just started in a plane from St. Au., then in East-Prussia to pay an official call on Feldm. VON KLUGE, then C. i. C. in the West. This visit had been suggested by me towards JOOL because I thought it absolutely necessary that after almost 2 months of hardest fighting in the Normandy, at last a ^{high ranking} member of the staff should collect personal impressions on the spot. - Shortly after my start, Gen. JOOL now tells me, he was summoned to see the F. by himself and requested by the F. to call me back at once. When asking for reasons he learned that the F. suspected me of a secret understanding with

Fu. von KLUGE (who - as I then did not know yet - was said to be at least an accessory of July 20). - Gen. ZOLL answered - as he now informed me - that he did neither know nor think of any connections I should have with others of July 20 - which is true - and asked the F. to refrain from calling me back. The F. agreed and ZOLL was satisfied by instructing me the same evening by phone, "still on German soil," to keep my eyes open with regard to any observations connected with July 20". (There were none.)

After Sept. 6, 1944 however, when I had ^{already} withdrawn from H. Au., ZOLL tells me, the F. spoke to him piece-meal on the same subject. At this occasion, I understood, the F. went as far as to suspect my entire attitude during stay in H. Au., urging again the point of my alleged secret connections with Fu. von KLUGE. Gen. ZOLL says he had granted that in the first period of war, I had been closely connected with the Prussian General Staff - which is true - but by and by stayed off from it. Besides, he believed to know me sufficiently from my peace and war-time record to state that I was not able of illloyalty.

Thereafter, the F. had no more come back to his suspicion, at least not towards him.

I report this because it shows to the evidence - as I tried to prove already by various indications - which position I really held in H. Au. and which kind of relationships I had to the Fuehrer.

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