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TRANSLATION OF AFFIDAVIT No.6
OFFICE OF U.S. CHIEF OF COUNSEL

STATEMENT

The most important department in the OKW was the Operations Staff -- in much the same way as the General Staff was in the Army and Air Force and the Naval War Staff in the Navy. Under Keitel there were a number of departmental chiefs who were equal in status with Jodl, but in the planning and conduct of military affairs they and their departments were less important and less influential than Jodl and Jodl's staff.

The OKW Operations Staff was also divided into sections. Of these the most important was the section of which Warlimont was chief. It was called the "National Defense" Section and was primarily concerned with the development of strategic questions. From 1941 onwards Warlimont, though charged with the same duties, was known as Deputy Chief of the OKW Operations Staff.

There was during World War II no unified General Staff such as the Great General Staff which operated in World War I.

Operational matters for the Army and Air Force were worked out by the group of high-ranking officers described in my Statement of 7 November (in the Army: "General Staff of the Army"; in the Air Force: "General Staff of the Air Force").

Operational matters in the Navy were even in World War I not worked out by the "Great General Staff" but by the Naval Staff.

(Signed) FRANZ HALDER

CITY OF NURNBERG: SS

Before me, ROBERT BENSON, Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force, 85862, an officer duly qualified to take oaths, appeared Colonel General FRANZ HALDER, to me known, who in my presence signed the foregoing "Erklärung" (statement) consisting of two pages in the German language with amendments initialed by him, and swore that the same was true on the 13th day of November 1945.

(Signed) Robert Benson
ROBERT BENSON
Fl. Lieut. RAF
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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: (The above acknowledgment of oath appeared in the original in English)

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION
OF DOCUMENT

I, PAUL A. NEULAND, Major, QMC, ASN O-385720, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages; and that the above is a true and correct translation of Affidavit No. 6.

(Signed) Paul A. Neuland
PAUL A. NEULAND
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