

STATEMENT

In August 1940 I learned from General von Zichlberg, who was attached to the headquarters of the OKH, that Hitler had ordered the construction of a bombproof command post in East Prussia as a future headquarters for Hitler himself and that it was planned to build a similar command post nearby for the OKH. This gave me reason to believe that Hitler was turning his thoughts towards operations against Russia. Nevertheless neither von Brauchitsch nor I received any instructions from the OKW. The OKH had up to that time never concerned itself with the thought of war with Russia. In order to at least establish the operational principles for the event of a military conflict with Russia, I directed a senior officer to summarize these principles and to present them in writing.

In December 1940, orders for the "Case Barbarossa" were transmitted to the OKH. We were informed that an attack on Russia was planned for the Spring of 1941.

(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
85862

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. 7.

(Signed) Paul A. Neuland
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