Witness states Himmler occasionally came to military conferences as head of the Laffen SS, but activities of other parts of the SS such as SD were never discussed at military conferences, and witness never officially heard about them in any way (5). Unofficially, he knew there were concentration camps. The whole German people knew about that, but they did not have the least idea of the conditions prevailing in them. (6) "As a matter of fact, it was the case that the whole German people were surprised at the conditions which prevailed in the concentration camps at the end. I got to know about it on the 7th of May through one of your newspapers, the 'Stars and Stripes.'" (7) Relations between witness and Hitler described. (8-10)