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Interrogation of Wilhelm Keitel and Nikolaus von Falkenhorst
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Persons and Organizations implicated, and subjects

1. KEITEL

- a. Identification of document 498-PS and 503-PS, regarding execution of Commandos (p. 1-4)
- b. Knowledge of execution of English commandos in Stavanger, Norway (Dec. 508-PS and 527-PS), (p.4-8,13)
(1) Order to Falkenhorst (p.9)
- c. Discussion of document 526-PS, regarding killing of Norwegian seaman in 1943 (p.15-17)

2. VON FALKENHORST

- a. Incident at Stavanger (p.9,12)
- b. Relation to incident described in document 526-PS regarding killing of Norwegian seamen (p.15-17)

3. JODL

- a. Relation to orders in documents 498-PS and 503-PS (p.1-4)

4. RAEDER

- a. Relation to orders in documents 498-PS and 503-PS (p.4)

5. HITLER

- a. Initiation of orders in document 498-PS and 503-PS (p.1-4)
- b. Order in documents 508-PS and 527-PS (p.4-8)

Order to Execute Commandos

Keitel had issued an order on the same subject" by order of Hitler" in August 1942. The (October 1942) order and the accompanying statement even "Hitler's Conception and his work", were issued either by Jodl or Keitel, but "there was no

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collaboration by any department within OKW in the order" (p.1). Keitel identified documents 498-PS and 503-PS as authentic and stated they were among the papers surrendered at Spangsbury (p.2). The order was binding on the Navy, which was at that time under the jurisdiction of Raeder (p.4).

EXECUTION OF BRITISH COMMANDOS AT STAVANGER, NORWAY

Does not remember an incident involving the capture of a group of English Commandos in Stavanger, Norway in November 1942, and their execution pursuant to the Hitler Order (pp 4-8). Refer 508-PS and 527-PS)

Von Falkenhorst then entered the interrogation room and repeated his statement made on 24 October (PM) that he had spoken to Keitel on the telephone and, "I asked him whether anything could be done so that those particular people would not be shot. I am referring now to the incident that took place at Stavanger. He told me that the Fuehrer's order had been issued and that I would have to abide by it". (p.9) He then went on to say, " the executions took place in Stavanger. The order was passed on to the Army Corps, to the Divisions, and to the Generals concerned. They were duly executed, and I couldn't do anything. They had already received the order previously." (p.12) Keitel replied, "If Colonel General von Falkenhorst says that that took place, I cannot doubt it". (p.13)

KILLING OF NORWEGIAN SEAMEN

Keitel was shown 526 (PS) and recalled the incident reported therein to the effect that a group of Norwegian seamen were captured in March 1943 off the Coast of Norway and were promptly executed pursuant to the Hitler Order. He stated the executions could have been directed by the local Navy Commander with or without prior clearance with von Falkenhorst.(p.15-17)