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WITNESS: Jodl

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Speaking of the plan to attack Czechoslovakia attached to Keitel letter to Fuehrer 20 May 1938 (PS-388) Witness says "General Keitel gave us instructions to have in view a possible conflict with Czechoslovakia. It is perfectly consistent that to make out a report, we always got the political directives which served as a base for our military developments." (3) "These political directives and suggestions were invariably made by the Fuehrer and given to Field Marshal Keitel, never by the foreign office." (3) Later in discussing the political implications of the same paper, witness says: "What the Fuehrer did want at that time was to reunite the 3½ million Germans living in Czechoslovakia with the Reich. In what way he would attain that objective I did not know yet at that time. Under certain conditions, he would have resorted to war." (12) The following then is recorded: "Q. Well, you don't really know, do you whether the Fuehrer had other plans for Czechoslovakia other than reuniting the 3½ million Sudeten Germans? A. This I couldn't say. What I can say and what we did know is that he wanted to do away to the largest degree possible with the injustices of the Versailles Treaty. One might say of this last war that it was perhaps accomplished by Germany, but of the previous war I must stress most emphatically that we were just dragged into it in spite of ourselves." (12)