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Interrogation of Alfred JODL

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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED, AND SUBJECTS

1. Alfred JODL

- a. Foreign policy as expansion movement (p. 1-16)
- (1) Reestablishment of German army (p. 4)
 - (2) Circumvention of Versailles Treaty (p. 4)
 - (3) Propagation of territory contiguous to Germany (p. 5)
 - (4) Insufficient living space (p. 8)
 - (5) Natural resources and raw material (p. 16)
 - (6) Return of colonies (p. 2)

CONFERENCE IN REICHSMINISTRY 5 NOVEMBER 1937

November 1937 Jodl was Chief of Section of National Defense of Wehrmacht. Declines he attended conference on 5 November 1937 with Hitler, Blomberg, Fritsch, Raeder, Goering, Neurath, Colonel Hozzbach (Fuehrer's adjutant) (p. 1-2).

With reference to the government's foreign policy, Jodl assumed "that after the reestablishment of the German army the provisions of the Versailles Treaty would be done away with" (p. 4). Thought of propagation of territory contiguous to Germany (p. 5). Foreign policy was an expansion movement (p. 7). Problem of insufficient living space was discussed by Jodl (p. 8). Wehrmacht was interested in political situation (p. 9). Gist of political discussions was attitude of England (p. 10). Solving of Germany's problem involved living space, countries of German history, of German population (p. 12). Says he was convinced Germany had enough raw material and natural resources if well developed to provide the German people with a sufficient standard of living (p. 15); that Germany was developing to such an extent that it could hold its own (p. 16).

COLONIES

He remembers words of the Fuehrer during the war that neither England nor France had definitely rejected the return of colonies (p. 20).

SECTION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IN WEHRMACHT

Says as Chief of Section of National Defense in Wehrmacht he was only concerned with the national defense, its reorganization, its expansion from 7 to 36 divisions. Blomberg was head of the Wehrmacht at that time. Jodl remembers that Blomberg told him about the meeting of 27 August 1943 in connection with the fleet (p. 26).