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Witness is unable, after thinking the matter over, to recall having heard anything from von Blomberg about the meeting of 5 November 1937. (2) "Q. It is a fact, is it not, that the peak of the German army reestablishment was aimed at some point of time between the years of 1943 and 1945? A. Well the general conception among us military people was such that we told the Fuehrer, "My Fuehrer, you may do all you like, but we can't contemplate any war before six or seven years." (3) On being asked (9) whether he knew of a study made by von Fritsch in the winter of '37 and '38 in which the possibilities of carrying out operations against Czechoslovakia were investigated, witness replied, "I never came across such a study by General von Fritsch, but I take it that he may have written it as at that time it was contemplated to take certain measures or action against or with regard to Czechoslovakia." The OKW was formed only after von Blomberg withdraw. (11) "Then Keitel became the chief, the head of OKW and the OKW became what I would call the staff of the Fuehrer himself." (11)