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WITNESS: Jodl

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In August 1939 witness went from Vienna where he was stationed to Berlin, because in case of war he had been designated as a member of the Supreme Staff of the Chief of Staff of the OKW - the Chief of Staff within the OKW. Official title: Der Chef des Wehrmachtführungstabes in Oberkommando der Wehrmacht. (2) General Warlimont "was my successor as chief of the section of National Defense, because the organization to which I was attached in August 1939 was only formed during the war. In other words, General Warlimont had taken exactly the same position I held before in working out the plan "Green." (5) The Fuehrer did not contemplate any campaign against France in November. He contemplated a campaign in the winter, when canals etc. would be frozen. Weather conditions were not favorable then to attack. (6) The decision to attack France in the Winter had been taken "already as far back as October 1939." (7) Witness states Hitler's reasons for his decision to attack in the West. (10) Witness admits he worked on the plan to attack through Holland and Belgium. (12) "Q. I take it then, that your attitude concerning the attack of France was that the most militarily feasible operation should be used regardless of whether it meant the invasion of countries with which Germany was at peace? A. I don't hold this opinion unreservedly, but I do hold that when a nation is fighting for its life itself then it has the right to use such means as it can to carry on warfare." (13)