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DOCUMENT ROOM INTERROGATION ANALYSIS

WITNESS: Jodl

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PLACE: Nurnberg.

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Witness elaborates on his views expressed on the previous day on the legitimacy of attacks on neutral countries during war. (1 - 6) Witness believes it never legitimate to attack a country of whose neutrality one is sure. He attempts to distinguish between Switzerland, which he regarded as in that category, and Holland or Belgium, which he says "did represent a very serious military menace, and this at the very moment when we were about to launch the attack against France." (3) Witness has some difficulty in fitting the case of Denmark into this theory. (4) Even before December, 1940, the Fuehrer spoke to Keitel and Witness about "his general conception in regard to Russia. It was probably somewhere in August, 1940." (10) It might have been the end of July. Hitler asked witness to study possibilities of a campaign against Russia in the late summer of 1940. Witness gave Warlimont permission to study the problem. After study, witness reported orally, with written notes, that such a campaign was impossible. (12) Hitler did not then revert to the problem until November, 1940. (12)