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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of JODL, Alfred

By: Lt. Colonel Hinkel, 31 August 1945, p.m.

Persons and organizations implicated, and subjects

1. JODL
- a. Occupation of Memel
 - (1) Armament Program

Jodl submits a written statement to be included with his verbal statement made on 28 August 1945. Says it is a summary outlining (a) the general sentiments prevailing in the Officers Corps in 1937 and 1938; (b) the preparations by the General Staff for mobilization and war; and (c) a short declaration of his conception of obedience (p.2).

OCCUPATION OF MEMEL PLANNED.

Admits a provision was made in the plans "Green" prepared in 1938 for an occupation of Memel in the event of a conflict between Poland and Lithuania (p.3,4). As far as he knew the intention existed to take advantage of a Polish-Lithuanian conflict to obtain Memel; states that most likely he was informed of this intention by Keitel (p.4).

The military leaders were sure that in no case would Hitler execute the plans "Green" if there was danger of intervention by a big power (France) (p.5).

ARMAMENT PROGRAM.

General Thomas drew up the program for the armament requirements of the German Army. Jodl denies having had anything to do with armament preparations himself. He never participated in any consultations with the Fuehrer until after the outbreak of the war, and even after that he never discussed the armament program with the Fuehrer. Asserts he did not issue orders in the Fuehrer's name with respect to armament unless in the capacity of a letter carrier in Keitel's absence (p.6).