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Brief of
Interrogation of Walter DUCH.

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DUCH was interrogated principally regarding the interference of Bormann in the decisions reached by the Party Supreme Court of which Duch was the Chief Justice. He said that when Hitler put Bormann in charge of Party jurisdiction in 1943, his (Duch's) job was practically finished as the Party Chancellery then decided the cases. He said this was the reverse of the previous situation where the Party Supreme Court had decided as to whether or not Party members should be punished and resolved itself into the situation where the Party Chancellery made the decision and it was up to the Party Supreme Court to justify it. Duch mentioned that his position with respect to this was particularly difficult because he was Bormann's father-in-law, although he did not get along at all well with Bormann.

Duch was questioned regarding the particular cases reported by his secretary, Therese Reinwald, wherein Bormann had interfered with the administration of Party Justice. These cases were: The Wagner case; the Frank case; the Amann case; the Telschow and the Oldenbourg case. Duch's recollection regarding each case was quite vague but he stated that he would think them over and try to furnish additional information at the next interrogation.