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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Doenitz's statements concerning Laconia case
and wireless order issued in connection thereto

- I. DOENITZ
 - a. Reason for wireless order 17 September 1942 (1, 2, 33)
 - b. In Doenitz's opinion wireless order does not violate Prize Law (right of capture)

(Statement 24 October 1945)

Doenitz maintains that his wireless order of 17 September (3) (1942) subsequent to the Laconia case, was necessitated by tactical considerations of successful submarine warfare in the face of constantly impending attacks by allied air-craft (1,2,3). He deeply regrets and considers isolated the case of Captain Eck (3).

In the second statement he advances the opinion that his wireless order of (17th) September 1942 prohibiting rescue at sea of victims of sinking by submarines does not constitute a violation of the Prize Law (right of capture).