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Interrogation of Hermann GOERING
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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED AND SUBJETS

1. Hermann GOERING
   a) "Aggressive war against Czechoslovakia
      (1) Knowledge of "Green Pagen" (p. 2)
      (2) Receipt of early plans of the army in September, 1938 (p. 5)
   b) "Aggressive war against Poland, England, France, Russia
      (1) Knowledge of Hitler's speech in Obersalzburg (p. 2)
      (2) Sponsorship of treaty with Russia (p. 3)

"AGGRESSIVE WAR AGAINST CZECHO- SLOVAKI"

Referring to the "green directives", he explained "green" was
a code name for any action against Czechoslovakia. The "green directives"
from 20 of May 1938 stated that in case an annexation of Sudetenland in a
diplomatic way should be impossible, military action would have to be
taken and the Czechoslovakian fortifications conquered. (2)

If Keitel and Jodl identified this document Exhibit 9, this date,
concerning "green directives", as a correct official document, then
Goering would not dispute it, since they must "know it". (p. 3) "As for
this document refers to preparations of the Luftwaffe, it reflects more
or less what was planned at the time. It was shown to Hitler and (according
to a remark on the bottom of the document) Hitler approved the general
ideas therein. (p. 4) Then later more exact commands were given. Goering
received orders regarding the intentions of the army at the beginning of
September, 1938, which he found fair, so he took up this matter with
Hitler the next morning. He was informed, especially as concerns the air
Force, as to what preparations and discussions were going on. He had to order
these as Commander in Chief of the air Force according to the policy laid
by the Fuehrer. (p. 5)

HITLER'S SPEECH IN OBERSAULZBURG

Referring to a speech of Hitler in Obersalzburg on 29 of August
1938, addressing the commanding generals and supreme commander, Goering
repeats that Hitler possibly said "my decision to attack Poland was arrived
at last spring", (p. 6) and that Hitler possibly said that he would assume
the risk of fighting at the same time against England, France, Russia and Po-
lend but that it was not Hitler's opinion (p. 6) Hitler did say: "Ever
since the autumn of 1933, and because I realized that Japan would not join
us unconditionally and that Mussolini is threatened by the nitwit of a king
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and the treasernble scoundrel of a crown prince, I decided to go with Stalin," (substantially) but admitted that he said that Hitler possibly said that there were three great statesmen in the world—Stalin, himself and Mussolini, he and Stalin properly viewing the future. As to the reference in this speech to stretching out his hand to Stalin, Goering states that he impressed upon Hitler (who in the prior part of 1938 had not thought of getting together with Stalin) the necessity of a reassurance treaty with Russia, fearing an isolation in the Polish question. At the end of June 1939 Hitler finally sent a telegram to Stalin.

"As to Hitler's reference "Redistribution of the World" with Stalin, Hitler may have meant "the order in Europe", the creating of the zones of interest between Russia and Germany. Goering insists that citation of the parts of this speech and the rest of the testimony appearing on pages 8 to 9 are nonsense, (P. 3 and 9), except that it was possible that Hitler said that Deladier and Chamberlain would not attack and go beyond a blockade, so then Germany would be self-sufficient" and the Russian raw materials" (p.10)