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Interrogation of Hermann GOERING
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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED, AND SUBJECTS

1. Hermann GOERING

- a) Aggressive war against Czecho-Slovakia
 - (1) Knowledge of "Green Plan" (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 at Obersalzberg (p. 6)
 - (2) Sponsorship of treaty with Russia (p. 3)

AGGRESSIVE WAR AGAINST CZECHO - SLOVAKIA

Referring to the "directives Green", 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 actions would have to be taken and the Czechoslovakian fortifications conquered. (2)

If Keitel and Jodl identified this document Exhibit A, this date, concerning "green directives", as a correct official document, then Goering would not dispute it, since they must "know it". (p. 3) As far as 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 papers regarding the intentions of the Army at the beginning of September, 1938, which he found not good so he took up this matter with Hitler the next morning. He was informed, especially as concerned 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 AT OBERSALZBERG

Referring to a speech of Hitler in Obersalzberg on 22 of August 1938, addressing the commanding generals and supreme commander, Goering admits 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 Poland 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 nit-wit of a king

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and the treasonable 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 the 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. 8 and 9), except that it was possible that Hitler said that Daladier and Chamberlain would not attack and go beyond a blockade, so then Germany would be self-sufficient" and the Russian raw materials" (p.109)