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DOCUMENT ROOM INTERROGATION ANALYSIS

WITNESS: Goering  
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Beginning with the war, witness was Chairman of the Ministerial Council for Defense of the Reich. Council formed in order to free Fuehrer from some of the current business. It only met two or three times during the entire course of the war. (1). However, in order to help the Fuehrer, witness often signed papers, including laws, for him. He did this as "Chairman of the Ministerial Council for Defense of the Reich." (2) It was in this capacity he signed a decree of 28 March 1940 shown to him, entitled "Second law on Financial Measures concerning police" shown to him. The police were financed by the Minister of Finance. (3) Witness admits he organized the Prussian Secret State Police and identifies a photostat of the decree of 26 April 1933 by which this was done. (3) At first Himmler was in charge of Secret State police elsewhere in Germany and Diels handled it in Prussia. Later, he also headed this organization in Prussia. In 1936 Himmler was named Chief of the Police Forces of the Reich under Minister Frick. The decrees effecting this discussed. (4 - 8) Witness admits that in March 1933, he established concentration camps in Prussia. (8) Prussian Secret State Police had jurisdiction over all concentration camps in Prussia. (8) Explanation of decrees appointing Witness Economic and Production Leader of the Reich 18 October 1936, and decree appointing Sauckel Plenipotentiary for Employment of Manpower 31 March 1942. Sauckel was appointed by Hitler and reported directly to him, but was made responsible to witness as commissioner for Four Years Plan and directed to work within framework of that plan "in order to prevent the crossing over of responsibilities". (10 - 12)