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Interrogation of Wilhelm KEITEL

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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED, AND SUBJECTS

1. Wilhelm KEITEL
  - a. Identification of Fuehrer order No. 2 (438-PS)
    - (1) Conduct of war against France and England (p. 1 - 2)
  - b. Identification of Fuehrer order No. 5 (439-PS)
    - (1) Treatment of Poland (p.3)
  - c. Identification of Fuehrer order No. 8 (440-PS) (p.4)
    - (1) Invasion of Holland, Belgium and Low Countries (p. 4 - 5)
  - d. Identification of Fuehrer order No. 9 (441-PS)
    - (1) Economic war against England (p.6)
  - e. Identification of Fuehrer order No. 16 (442-PS)
    - (1) Invasion of England (p.7)
  - f. Identification of Fuehrer order No. 18 (444-PS)(p.1)
    - (1) Conduct of war against France, The Iberian Peninsula, Atlantic Islands, Egypt, Balkans and Russia (p.7)
2. JODL
  - a. Familiarity with document 439-PS (p.3)
  - b. Initials on document 441-PS and document 442-PS (p.7 - 8)

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Keitel identifies Fuehrer order No. 2 with reference to conduct of war against France and England (438-PS) (p.1 - 2). He cannot identify the signature on the document, but he states that the officer who signed it must have belonged to Gen. Jodl's staff. The contents is familiar to him and he has no doubt about its authenticity. The document is a copy which was retained by the leadership staff of the Wehrmacht (p.2).

Keitel identifies Fuehrer order No. 5 (439-PS) with reference to treatment of Poland (p.3). He states that this is a copy, but he is sure that this document is correct. He recognizes the signature of Captain Trotha, who attested the correctness of the document. This document was written about one week after the completion of the Polish campaign (p.3). The contents of the document are familiar to Keitel. He thinks that Jodl could give more information about the signature on this document (p.4).

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Keitel identifies Fuhrer order No. 8 (440-PS) with reference to invasion of Holland, Belgium and Low Countries (p.4-5). He acknowledged his signature on this document. He claims that the Fuhrer looked this order over and ordered him to sign it. The document is an original order. Since there were several corrections made, he signed the order only "by order of the Fuhrer". He believes he recognizes the signature of Captain Trotha and notations for interoffice use of the Wehrmacht staff. This document originated in late November, 1939 (p.5).

Keitel identifies Fuhrer order No. 9 (441-PS) with reference to economic war against England (p.6). This document is a copy and the correctness is attested to by the signature of Captain Trotha. The contents of the document is familiar to Keitel (p.6).

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Keitel identifies Fuhrer order No. 16 (442-PS) with reference to invasion of England (p.7). He recognizes the actual words in the document and acknowledges his own and Gen. Jodl's initials (p.7).

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Keitel identifies Fuhrer order No. 18 (444-PS) (p.7-8) with reference to conduct of war against Franco, the Iberian Peninsula, Atlantic Islands, Egypt, Balkans and Russia. He acknowledges his own signature and Jodl's initials. (p.8)