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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of KEITEL, Wilhelm

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Persons implicated and subjects.

1. KEITEL, Wilhelm
 - a. Order to kill Giraud (p 1-5)
 - b. Keitel denies that "Order of July 4, 1944" concerning the killing of enemy aviators was issued to the armed forces (p 6-13)
 - (1) Identification of document 735-PS. Keitel's acknowledgment of his initials and personal notes on this document. (p 7)
 - (2) Identification of document 729-PS. Keitel's acknowledgment of his signature and initials on this document (p 10).
 - (3) Keitel does not identify document 733-PS (p 11)
 - (4) Identification of document 740-PS. Keitel's acknowledgment of his initials. (p 12)
2. JODL
 - a. His notes on document 735-PS (p 7)
 - b. His notes on document 729-PS (p 10)
3. WARLIMONT
 - a. His signatures on documents 735-PS and 740-PS (p 7, 12)
4. POLEK, Lt. Col.
 - a. His signature on document 733-PS (p 11)

Keitel, 29 September, AM, 1945

ORDER TO KILL GIRAUD

Keitel testified that on 20 April 1942 he had a telephone conversation with Canaris, Lahousen and Heydrich to the effect, that Giraud should be brought in dead or alive. He denies that in November 1942 he gave an order to Canaris to execute Giraud. He ordered Canaris to stop all surveillance of Giraud after he had escaped into the unoccupied zone of France. The reason was that Himmler had told him that in the future the Fuehrer wanted Himmler to handle the arrest of Giraud (p. 1-5).

ORDER OF 4 JULY 1944
TO KILL ENEMY AVIATORS

Keitel stated that this order was not issued to the armed forces. To bring this order back to Keitel's mind the interrogator presented document No. 735-PS regarding treatment of enemy terror aviators. Keitel identifies this document. It is signed by Warlimont and initialed by Keitel. He acknowledged also his personal note and Jodl's questions written on this document. He further acknowledged his notes "Director of Ministry, Berndt, got out and then shot and killed the enemy flier on the highway", and "I am against judicial proceedings. That does not work." Keitel thinks that this document proves only a conference about the order of 4 July 1944, which never was issued.

Keitel identifies further document No. 729-PS. He acknowledges his signature and initial "K". It was submitted to him by Jodl who made some notations on it.

Keitel does not identify the photostatic copy of a telephone memorandum --document 733-PS--addressed to the supreme command staff of the armed forces. He testifies that the document was signed by Lt. Col. Polek, who was subordinate to Warlimont.

Keitel identifies a photostatic copy of document 740-PS. It is signed by Warlimont and initialed by Keitel.

In spite of the documents presented, Keitel persists in his contention that the order of 4 July 1944 was never issued (p 6-13).