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W. Keitel
Field Marshal retired

13 Sept 45.

To the Interrogator in charge,
Col Amen

Final summary on the interrogation under oath of 13 Sept, in the afternoon:

1) The document entitled "Memorandum and Directives on the Operations in the West of 9 Oct 39", put before me is in my opinion no real "document", as long as the signature is missing. If actually published in the presented form, it must have at any rate been signed, too; otherwise it would not have been issued.

2) This document is reflecting the ~~person's~~ original and decisive views and conceptions of the "Fuehrer" of that time in a correct way.

3) According to contents, structure and phrasing, the document could only have originated from Hitler's own pen. No member of the OKW (High Command of the Armed Forces) or other "advisor" or military expert has participated in it.

4) It is addressed to the three commanders of the branches of the armed forces and is to be at the same time a verification for the Chief of the OKW.

5) The "instructions" delivered in Flensburg-Murvik by the OKW, make it easy to ascertain whether and what sort of "instructions" have been worked out according to these "directives", which in this form did not represent final orders and whether they were presented to the Fuehrer for execution.

6) I don't recall any more whether I actually received this "memorandum" at the time; I cannot remember it!

7) It is quite possible that according to Hitler's habits, he planned at that time to lay down precisely in the document his personal thoughts, suggestions, intentions and demands which he had expressed several times then and later on, for the purpose of a strict condensation; however, he gave only oral instructions. This procedure was his habit and way, that is, he did not always discard his "memoranda" but sometimes wanted to keep them for the tradition of war history.

8) If, however, the "memorandum" was discovered or confiscated at one of the recipients in question, it also was issued. However, as the signature is missing, I cannot believe that.

9) It can be seen from the draft, how Hitler formed his conceptions independently and without external influence, in order to act accordingly and to carry them out.

signed: W. KEITEL

I, FRED NIEBERGALL, 2nd Lt. Inf. O-1335567, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages; and that the above is a true and correct translation of original handwritten note.

Signed: FRED NIEBERGALL.