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In the days before Pearl Harbor there were a lot of talks with Japan. (2) The Fuehrer at that time had worries. (3) He "saw the attitude of the United States 'short of war'" and he was worried because he knew there were certain groups in Japan which wanted to come to an agreement with America and he was afraid that if such an arrangement were made "that this would mean . . . the back free for America and the expected attack or entry into the war by the United States would come quicker." (3) "First our dealings with Japan were against Russia. It was Anti-Comintern. It was on the line of world perception. Then came the Three-Power Pact which was closed, as I think I said before here, in order to keep the United States neutral." (4) Witness also discusses the Keitel order of 5 March 1941, PS-384 (5 et. seq.)