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Brief of
Interrogation of Ernst John von FREYEND.

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VON FREYEND was adjutant to KEITEL from August 1942 until the end. As such, his duties were principally as personal attendant to Keitel, caring for messing, billeting, mail, telephone connections, visits and conferences, visitors, arranging trips, preparing official functions, sending congratulatory messages, taking care of personal requests of Keitel and supervising assigned transport. He stated that he had no work to do in connection with Keitel's military functions, that he was never consulted with regard to planning operations, and that he was not informed by Keitel of any of the matters in which Keitel was interested.

Von Freyend stated that on occasion he attended with Keitel the general discussions at Hitler's headquarters where large numbers of officers were present and reports were given of the general situation. Military orders were sometimes issued by Hitler during these discussions. Von Freyend stated that he was never present at any private conferences between Hitler and Keitel.