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The OKW received orders from Hitler to prepare a plan for the attack on Poland in May 1939. (1). Hitler spent the summer in Berchtesgaden and the generals were summonsed there about every two weeks for about 10 hours. (2). In connection with the plan against Poland, witness recalls that Hitler gave the following information. Diplomatic discussions were in progress with Poland and in London under Danzig and the Corridor. The fortifications in the west were getting stronger and Hitler was not counting on an attack by France. (2). Keitel outlines the attack planned pursuant to Hitler's instructions (3-5). Just before the beginning of the Polish campaign, Hitler addressed the generals (5). On 22 August, Hitler made a speech saying it was very likely that this time it would come to a fight. (8) Generals present on 22 August listed (9-10). Keitel interrogated further about the speech of 22 August (10-18).