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This entire interrogation deals with the part played by the witness in the German march into Austria in 1937. The story of the unsuccessful Nazi "putsch" in 1934 and the murder of Dolfuss is told (pages 16 - 19). The remainder of the interrogation deals largely, although not entirely with events between the meeting at Berchtesgaden, 12 February 1938, which resulted in appointment of witness as Austrian Minister of Interior, and the German march into Austria. Of particular interest is the witness's statement that he first learned of his appointment as Austrian Chancellor on 11 March 1938 by phone from Goering, his story of his telegram to Hitler the afternoon of 10 March reporting the Government's intention to hold a plebescite and Hitler's reply (page 29) and the recital of events on the day itself (pages 32 to 34).