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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of SEYSS-INQUART

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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED AND SUBJECTS:

1. SEYSS-INQUART

- a. Preparation for Austrian invasion
- (1) Visits to Germany in 1937 (6)
 - (2) Concessions to Nazis (8)
 - (3) Relationship with Dr. Muehlmann (17)
 - (4) Banned Nazi uniforms (20)
 - (5) Request for German troops (29)

PREPARATION FOR AUSTRIAN INVASION

Immediately after his appointment as State Counselor in May 1937, Seyss-Inquart visited Germany. He talked with Hess and Goering (1-4). Reported to Schuschnigg after his return.

Later he recalls another trip to Germany late in 1937 (6), which he did not mention to Schuschnigg. Contrary to Schuschnigg's request to curb the Nazis, he made more and more concessions (8), and condition was getting worse instead of better (10-11).

Had leadership for part of National Socialist Organization in Austria during these days (12). Dr. Muehlmann, his close friend illegal National Socialist in Austria, was at Berchtesgaden when Hitler demanded of Schuschnigg to appoint Seyss-Inquart Minister of Interior (17). He and Dr. Muehlmann were furthering the National Socialists in Austria (15).

Made speech making tours around Austria permitting National Socialists Uniform which were banned (20). Gave Schuschnigg reason to believe he would support him on a Plebiscite (22) and later on reversed his position (23).

Talked with Goering March 11. Request of Reich was that:
"the plebiscite be postponed" (27)
"Schuschnigg must resign" (28)

Sent telegram to Berlin, saying civil riots and commotion had broken out, requesting German troops march into Austria - while there were actually no such riots or commotions and no German troops were required (29).