

Interrogation of . . . . . Eric MANSTEIN  
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MANSTEIN was interrogated principally regarding his military career. He stated that he had been a professional soldier from 1906 and had held various assignments, including duty with the General Staff. From 1936 to February 1938, he was the chief one of four principal assistants to General BECK, then Chief of Staff of the OKH (von FRITSCH was Commander-in-Chief thereof). MANSTEIN stated that the General Staff of the OKH took the position during the time that he was a member thereof that a two-front war could not be maintained and that Germany's political activities would have to be conducted accordingly. It was his opinion that BECK was retired in October 1938 because he wrote a memorandum to HITLER wherein he stated that action against CZECHOSLOVAKIA would result in war.

The interrogation of MANSTEIN was interrupted and will be resumed.

HINKEL