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Interrogation of STUCKART, Wilhelm, Dr.

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Witness states that he became Secretary in the Ministry of Interior in 1935. Admits that he is familiar with the Reichs Defense Law of 1935 and the law revising it in 1938, and that both were secret laws and were not published and both concerned the planning for war.

States that a plenipotentiary for economics was appointed in 1935 or 1936, but a plenipotentiary for administration was not appointed until 1938 or 1939. Recalls the existence of the Reichs Council for Defense and states that it was a large body, including all Ministries and certain officers of the Army and Navy and others, but states that to his knowledge it only met on one occasion. Witness denies ever having heard of the "C Man College".

Recalls formation of the Ministerial Council for the Defense of the Reich in 1939 and says it met regularly and issued numerous decree laws for about three months and that then so many outsiders, such as party leaders, began to sit in on its meetings, that it ceased meeting as a body and that thereafter proposed laws were merely circulated among its members for approval. Witness obviously attempts to minimize the relative importance of the Reichs Council for Defense and the Ministerial Council for the Defense of the Reich.