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PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The regular meeting of the Planning Committee was held at 2040 hours, 20 November 1945, in Room 316. Present were:

- Robert G. Storey, Chairman
- Major General William J. Donovan
- Mr. Sidney S. Alderman
- Mr. Thomas J. Dodd
- William H. Baldwin, Secretary

After receipt of a memorandum from Comdr. Kaplan stating that the deadline for the furnishing of translations of documents relied upon by Section 3 as evidence had not been met, Colonel Storey directed the Documentation Division to take whatever steps were necessary to complete the translations and to deliver them to Comdr. Kaplan by the evening of 21 November.

Mr. Dodd advised the meeting that several witnesses have been brought to Nurnberg and that the Section Chiefs were not notified of the arrival. Affidavits were prepared and the signature of the witnesses obtained thereon without consultation with the Sections. Mr. Dodd addressed a memorandum to Colonel Amen requesting that, in cases where the affidavit has not yet been prepared on witnesses, he be given an opportunity to consult and advise as to the suggested contents. The Committee approved a motion that another memorandum be sent to Colonel Amen asking him to send the Planning Committee notice as soon as a requested witness arrives and that the proper Section head be likewise notified.

The Committee approved the motion that a meeting be held each night at 2030 hours with the exception of Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Dodd's memorandum to Colonel Storey of 19 November 1945 having to do with the joint participation with the U. S. of the French and Soviet Delegations was read to the meeting. Mr. Dodd suggested, with respect to joint participation of the French on Spoliation and Forced Labor, that the U. S. should retain the Forced Labor and allow the French the larger part of the Spoliation. Regarding joint participation with the Soviet Delegation, it was Mr. Dodd's suggestion that the U. S. retain all of the Forced Labor features of the case in the East leaving for the Soviet Delegation the spoliation features in their country. The Committee approved the above suggested plan and authorized Mr. Dodd to start discussion with the other nations along those lines.

With regard to a request from the British for copies of the U.S. briefs on individual responsibilities for use in connection with the final summation of the case, it was agreed that there is no objection to their having them when they have been completed by Section 5.

A memorandum from Comdr. Kaplan, subject: Testimony and Affidavits of Schuschnigg, dated 19 November 1945 was reviewed by the Committee. The decision was reached that no objection exists to the use of affidavits executed by Schuschnigg. Mr. Alderman was asked to advise Comdr. Kaplan of the Committee's approval.

General Donovan read to the meeting statements made by Goering which dealt with his early movements and actions, his meeting with Hitler and the growth of the Nazi Party.