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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

(1) The individuals who participated in the Nazi conspiracy herein described, as leaders, organizers, instigators and accomplices, both in the planning and execution phases of the conspiracy are too numerous to specify in this indictment. They included, however, the individuals named as defendants herein, as major participants. Each of said defendants played a responsible role, and made a major and knowing contribution to the development and execution of the Nazi master plan and to the particular and more detailed plans conceived and executed in the implementation of the Nazi master plan.

(2) As hereinafter more particularly set forth, most of the defendants named herein accepted and held appointments to responsible offices in the German government, and in the Nazi Party and its affiliated organizations. These offices were designed to enable the incumbents thereof to promote the planning and execution of plans in the Nazi conspiracy, or were susceptible of being exercised for the purpose, and the defendants accepted appointments thereto for that purpose and exercised those offices to that end.

(3) The following separate statements for each named defendant set forth for each some of the offices held by him, referred to above, and examples of his responsible participation in the planning and execution of the Nazi conspiracy.

(4) The named defendants having been leaders, organizers, instigators and accomplices who participated in the formulation and execution of the Nazi master plan and conspiracy to commit the crimes set forth in this indictment are individually responsible for all acts performed by any persons in execution of such plan, including the persons not named as defendants herein.