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TO: General Donovan

FROM: Major Kelley

Subject: Goering, von Shirach, Jodl, Frank

✓ GOERING plans to call Lord Halifax as a witness, claiming to have written Halifax a letter three years before the outbreak of the war. He states that Halifax received this letter which could have prevented the war one year before Hitler started it.

VON SHIRACH states that he is guilty of being a member of the party. He is willing to accept punishment for anything the party did. He also admits that the development of the youth movement was his entire responsibility and he is willing to accept this. He is somewhat concerned over the situation in Vienna but admits that he signed orders coming from higher authorities dealing with the Jews.

JODL states that he had no idea about 90% of the indictment. He plans to uphold a soldier's obligation to obey orders from higher authorities. He also states that the guilt for Eastern atrocities has been suddenly reversed. "How can the Russians sit in judgment on us for barbaric measures against Eastern populations?" He also denies violently accusation of enriching himself by looting.

✓ FRANK has become immersed in the belief that the accused are to be subjects of a divine punishment. He has become extremely enthusiastic in feeling that the entire group has been weak in not shooting Hitler at least two years ago. He feels that they are in league with the devil and that now God is punishing them in a form more devastating than any punishment man has yet devised. He is bitter because the other accused do not pray for forgiveness but spend their time worrying about their own necks and casting about them all kinds of excuses to absolve themselves of blame. He is extremely worked up about this idea and places a large burden on Hitler and particularly Himmler. He seems to be at about the point where he might be willing to place the blame on other "weaker" members of the accused group. He has stated at least twice that if they plead not guilty he at least will plead guilty.