

From: JES

To: General Donovan:

When Major Kelley dictated his report to you today, he talked with me some about the defendants, and I thought the following bits would be of interest to you even though the major did not include them in his statement:

It has become increasingly clear that the defendants are shaping up into a homogeneous group, all accepting Goering as their leader, with each of these good minds contributing to the general defense. This, says the major, will make the case much more difficult.

The method of conviction by documents is viewed with mixed glee and disdain. A document, whereas it convicts one or two beyond a doubt, does equally well in exonerating the rest, in their opinion. Such a case was being discussed by ~~XXXXXX~~ Raeder and Doenitz, ~~XXXXXX~~ and Doenitz made the remark: "The Americans are preparing my defense for me - typical Yankee humor!"