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To: General Donovan

From: Major Kelley

At the end of yesterday's session the defendants had developed a very obvious feeling that the trial was being conducted most fairly. They felt that the British Tribunal was going all out to see that they got an even break. On the other hand there were numerous comments that the United States' prosecution was trying to run a crooked course in not reading a part of one document and in introducing obvious forgery. They feel the documents presented, while they may prove part of the case against the tiny group concerned, are of great value to them in that the document itself, because of its secrecy, eliminates the remaining defendants.

The general opinion of the defendants to Hitler's "testament," was that they had never heard of these things, and that for the most part they are getting for the first time a true understanding of the Third Reich.

Comments by both Doenitz and Schirach indicated that the testimony of the men actually concerned in the documents could be used as proof that they themselves had never been a part of this so-called conspiracy.

GOERING has become extremely enthusiastic and has now labeled the group as a team of which he is "naturally" the leader. He expressed particular friendship for General Dpnovan and stated flatly that the general and myself are the only two individuals in the world in whom he really has any confidence. He was not concerned when he heard the rumor about his wife, and readily accepted the assurance that it was a false report.

As evidence of the development of group spirit, SCHIRACH is now parroting statements of GOERING to the effect that "of course in the courtroom we must present a united front -- we must stand together." He still admits between us that he does not really feel this way but adds that to make the best defense.