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ADDITIONAL NOTES NO. 2 TO " MY POSITION IN THE OKW "

1. In spring 1939 already, a few months after I had taken charge of my new office in the OKW, KEITEL informed me, that he felt it necessary to put in a General officer as "Chief of the A.F.O. Dept."; for this reason General JODL would return to the OKW in the fall of 1939.

When I objected that just JODL should come back and secured the support of the OKH against his return, another gameral (von SODENSTERN) was selected, who was to take charge as Chief of the A.F.O. Dept. September 1, 1939, if peace would be preserved.

This proves that KEITEL from the very beginning of my return in office (November 1938) had had the intention to charge me transitorily only with the activities of the "Chief of A.F.O. Dept." It explains too why he kept me away during this period from essential tasks and important conferences.

- 2. During the stage of preparing the operations against POLAND I neither took part nor was informed of the conference, in which the C.I.C. and the Chief of the General Staff of the Army submitted the operation plans to Hitler.
- 3. In the conference at the Berghof, August 22, 1939 beside me all the chiefs of staff of the assembled generals were present.
- 4. Early in 1939 the Reichsfuehrer SS HIMMLER had my name put on the "black list" of the SS because of my resistance against the broadening of the Waffen SS. Witness: Col. HARALD MOMM, GREINER.
- 5. In March 1940, about one month before the opening of the campaign against NORWAY, I submitted a written proposal to JODL in form of a judgment of the situation to give up this operation. The suggestion was founded on the fact that the impending campaign in the West would pin down all French and British forces on Frenchsoil. Thus the main reason given by HITLER for the invasion of NORWAY would soon cede to exist. Witness: GREINER.
- 6. The disregarding attitude of HITLER towards me is further proved by his never asking me of my experiences resulting from my details in the U.S.A. and SPAIN.
- 7. When after the accident in which Minister TODT was kklled, the Chief 6KW (KEITEL) in 1942 gave an order concerning certain measures to protect high-ranking men of the OKW from air accidents, I was not among the persons nominated. In a later issue of the same order I was not mentioned either. Witness: Col von JOHN.

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