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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of JODL, Alfred

By: Lt. Colonel Hinkel, 7 September 1945 p.m.

Persons and organizations implicated, and subjects

1. JODL
 - a. Discussions with Keitel re action against Czechoslovakia (6-7)
 - b. Document File No. C000260 (6)
 - c. Document File No. C000262 (6-7)
 - d. Provocation for Polish border incidents (8-9)
 - e. Personal statement explaining Hitler's thoughts preceding the Polish campaign (10-12)

ANALYSIS OF TESTIMONY

Jodl under oath states that he discussed action against Czechoslovakia with Keitel along outlines of document "Grundlagen fuer Studie von Gruen", file No. C000260 (p.6), of 22 April 1938 (p.1), in a general way; also discussed was a sequence of thoughts as outlined in document, file No. C000262 (pp.6-7)

Jodl admitted it was important to know what incidents would take place rather than having to wait for them to occur, as this would give the military definite advance notice when to strike. (p.8) That German soldiers were dressed in Polish uniforms, sent across the border and ordered to make an attack on German patrols in order to create an incident might have taken place. (p.9)

He reads into the record a written memorandum explaining Hitler's actual thoughts and considerations previous to the campaign in Poland, i.e., why Germany should make war in 1938 rather than in 1943. (p.10) These conclusions are drawn from ideas expressed, and statements made by Hitler in numerous conferences and meetings with Jodl in the field. (pp.11-12)