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*Following question are based on
EC 416 - Minutes of Cabinet
Meeting - 4 Sep 36*

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You speak in the minutes of "the risk in the field of foreign affairs which the Fuehrer runs so continuously".

What risk did you have in mind?

Did you feel that war was imminent at the time of this meeting?

Was not that the implication of your statement to the meeting "if war should break out tomorrow we would be forced to take measures from which we might possibly still shy away at the present moment. They are therefore to be taken"?

You state in the minutes "The Fuehrer is going to speak very soon to the industrial leaders and expose to them his fundamental thoughts".

What were these fundamental thoughts?

Did he ever express them to the industrial leaders?

What industrial leaders were there?

You state that the Fuehrer achieved "recognition on the part of France that we need a stronger Wehrmacht than France herself".

When did the French say that?

Why did you say that "all measures have to be taken just as if we were actually in the stage of imminent danger of war"?

Did you mean that Hitler had settled upon a policy which might make war come at any moment?

If such war broke out, would it not be because of the actions taken by Germany?

On 22 January 1940 you appointed the defendant Funk in his capacity as Economic Minister and Reichsbank President, to develop a program for the new economic order under German domination. Is this true?

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1986 PS - Report of the
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