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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of KEITEL, Wilhelm

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Persons implicated and subjects

1. KEITEL

- a. Identification of document 451-PS, referring to Crete operations (p. 1-2)
 - (1) Keitel's signature
- b. Identification of document 452-PS, Fuehrer Order No. 29, in reference to Italy and occupation of Crete (p.2-3)
 - (1) Keitel's initials
- c. Identification of document 453-PS, Fuehrer Order No. 30, concerning Iraq (p 3-4)
 - (1) Keitel's signature
- d. Identification of document 454-PS, Fuehrer Order No. 31, concerning the organization of the occupied Balkans (p. 4)
- e. Identification of document 455-PS, Keitel's Order No. 31, concerning the occupied Balkans (p.4-5).
- f. Identification of document 456-PS, a draft for changes on Fuehrer's Order No. 32, concerning attacks on Turkey, Iraq and use of French African ports (p.5).
 - (1) Keitel's initials on this document
- g. Identification of document 457-PS, containing OKW instructions for the Sonderstab "F" (p.6).
 - (1) Keitel initiated and signed this document
 - (2) "F" as code word
- h. Identification of document 458- PS, Order No.33, concerning strategic instructions for the Russian front (p.6-10)
 - (1) Keitel's initials on this document

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(2) Bombing of Moscow as "reprisal" for the Russian attack on Bucharest and Helsinki"

- i. Identification of document 459-PS, supplementing Fuehrer's Order No. 33 concerning the war against Russia(p.10-11).

(1) Keitel's signature on document.

- j. Identification of document 460-PS, Fuehrer's Order No.34, concerning instructions for the war in the east(p.11-12)

(1) Keitel's initials on document

2. JODL

- a. Handwritten notes and initials on document 451-PS(p.1-2)
- b. His initials on document 452-PS (p.2-3)
- c. His signature on document 456-PS (p.5)
- d. His initials on document 457-PS (p.6)
- e. His initials on document 458-PS (p.6-10)
- f. His connection with order in document 459-PS (p.10-11)

3. CHRISTIAN

- a. His initials on document 452-PS (p.2-3)
- b. His signature on document 453-PS (p.3-4)
- c. He prepared document 460-PS (p.11-12)

4. HITLER

- a. His signature on document 452-PS (p.2-3)
- b. His signature on document 453-PS (p.3-4)
- c. His signature on document 458-PS (p.6-10)
- d. His signature on document 460-PS (p.11-12)
- e. His oral order in document 459-PS (p.10-11)

5. WEIM

- a. His certification on document 454-PS (p.4)

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6. KIRCHBACH
a) His certification on document 455-PS (p.4-5)
7. WARLIMONT
a) He wrote document 456-PS (p.5)
b) His initials on document 457-PS (p.6)
c) His initials on document 458-PS (p.6-10)
8. FELMY
a) Document 457-PS contains directions for him regarding operations against Iraq (p.6)
9. HOSSBERG
a) His initials on document 457-PS (p.6)
10. BRAUCHITSCH
a) His connection with order in document 459-PS (p.10-11)
11. BUECHS
a) His certification on document 459-PS (p.10-11)

AGGRESSIVE WARS

Keitel recognized a photostatic copy of document 451-PS, referring to the Crete operation. He acknowledged that he had read this document and had signed it himself. He further recognized, on page 3, a note on this document which was written by himself. The notes over the initial "J" on the 5th page and the notes on the last page were handwritten by Jodl. (p.1-2)

Keitel recognized a photostatic copy of document 452-PS, Fuehrer Order No. 29, in reference to the participation of Italians

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in the occupation of Greece. There is no doubt in his mind about the signature of Adolf Hitler, the initials of Jodl, Christian (Jodl's adjutant) and his own (Keitel's) (p.2 - 3).

Keitel identifies photostatic copy of document 453-PS, Fuehrer Order No. 30, concerning Iraq. He recognized the signature of Adolf Hitler on page 4 and the signature of Christian and his own (p.3 - 4).

Keitel identifies document 454-PS, Fuehrer Order No. 31, concerning the organization of the occupied Balkans. Keitel states that he had seen this document and said it is an original. It is certified by the Air Force Major Weim, who was a member of the staff (p.4).

Keitel identifies document 455-PS, his own order No. 31, concerning the occupied Balkans. He acknowledged that he himself worked this order out and that Kirchbach, who was employed by the Wehrmacht Fuehrungsstab, certified it (p.4 - 5).

Keitel recognized document 456-PS, a draft for changes on Fuehrer's Order No. 32, concerning attacks on Turkey, Iraq and the use of French African ports. Warlimont wrote it, gave it to Jodl and Jodl turned it over to Keitel. Jodl signed the document and Keitel put his initial "K" on it, after he had seen it (p.5).

Keitel identifies a photostatic copy of document No. 457-PS. It contained OKW instructions for the Sonderstab "F". "F" was a code word for military missions in connection with the Arabs for future operations against Iraq. Keitel acknowledged that he initiated and signed this document. The directions went to General Felmy. Keitel identifies the initials of Gen. Jodl, Warlimont and Hessberg (p.6).

Keitel identifies document 458-PS, Order No. 33, concerning strategic instructions for the Russian front. He identifies the original signature of Adolf Hitler, the initials of Jodl, Warlimont and his own. Keitel explains the words in quotation marks, i.e., "Reprisal for the Russian attacks on Bucharest and Helsinki", as an order to the Air Force to bomb Moscow. He believes that Jodl or Hitler put the quotation marks on the document. He does not believe that the reason for the quotation marks was that there were no Russian attacks on Bucharest or Helsinki (p.6-10).

Keitel identifies document No. 459-PS, supplementing Fuehrer Order No. 33, concerning the war against Russia. This order was given by Keitel orally, and taken by a stenographer and then sent out to the various commanders. Hitler gave the order originally to Brauchitsch and asked him to send it out over Keitel's signature. Jodl and Keitel were present. Buechs certified Keitel's signature (p.10-11).

Keitel identifies document 460-PS, Fuehrer Order No. 34, concerning instructions for the war in the east. Hitler signed it and Keitel initialed it. It was prepared by Christian, Jodl's adjutant, who initialed it also (p.11 - 12).