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Interrogation of von BLOMBERG , Werner
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Werner von Blomberg, 5 Sept. 1945
a.m.

Names: Blomberg, Fritsch, Hitler.

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November 1937, Berlin.

Werner von Blomberg first Chief of the Office of troops in the Reichswehr Ministry, then Supreme Commander in East Prussia commanding the 1st Inf.Div. Since fall of 1931 head of the military delegation to the disarmament conference in Geneva (p.2). From 30th Jan. 1933 till 25-26-27- Jan 1938, Minister for War, and the Supreme Commander of the German Armed Forces. Exiled from that date for a year then returned to Germany to live, received a special order from the Fuehrer that he was to retire completely from public life, and not to have any official connections with either the Government or the army (p.1). The external reason for his dismissal was a marriage to his secretary, however the real cause was that Hitler and the Party desired to get rid of him (Blomberg) and Colonel General Fritsch (p.2).

To his knowledge, Hoszbach was the last adjutant of the Fuehrer. His task was to keep liaison with army, and at the same time was chief adjutant of the Fuehrer (p.3). When asked whether he recalled a conference in Berlin on Nov. 10, 1937. (Hoszbach minutes quoted and referred to on page 6-21) at which Hitler made a speech about expansion of his foreign policy, he stated that he could not precisely remember the people present, or remember the content of this meeting due to the frequency of such meetings at which the Fuehrer gave his fantasy free play (p.4). After having Hoszbach minutes is referred to on page 6-21 von Blomberg stated now that the contents were repeated to him, he remembered the occasion of the meeting. (p.21)