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WITNESS: Bohle
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1540-1625
PLACE: Nurnberg

NAME HEADINGS : Bohle; Ribbentrop; Goebbels; Goering;
Himmler; Bormann.

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Witness' education and government positions (1-3).
As chief of the Foreign Division of the Party, witness had duty of organizing Germans abroad and informing them of developments in Germany (2-4). As Secretary of State in the Foreign Office, his duty was to coordinate Reich foreign policy and acts of Germans abroad (4-5). Choice of personnel (5-6). Foreign Division was concerned only with German citizens, and their loyalty (6-7). Witness's organization did not report on church or Jewish question to Germans abroad (8-10). It had nothing to do with the Bund in the U.S. (11-12). Witness does not know of any complete files on Germans abroad (12-14). Witness worked under Hess and Bormann, but accepts complete responsibility for the work of his office (14). He did not get on with Ribbentrop (15-16). Witness's organization never created incidents or dissension abroad (17-18-20). Conflict with SD, because latter used foreign Germans for SD work (19-20). Witness knew of rearmament and lebensraum, but did not want or expect war (22-25). The inner circle around Hitler consisted of Goebbels, Ribbentrop, Goering, Himmler, and Bormann (26). Ribbentrop was influential, but unpopular (26-28). Pearl Harbor was a surprise to the Germans (29).