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MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL DONOVAN

SUBJECT: Oaths of Party members, Party functionaries,
Government officials, and German soldiers1. Party Oath

The Organization Book of the NSDAP, edited by (Herausgeber) Reich Organization Leader of the NSDAP (Dr. Robert Ley), published by the Central Publishing House of the NSDAP, Franz Eher Successor, Munich, gives the text of the Party Membership Oath (Treuegelöbnis - literally "Pledge of Fidelity") on page 6 of the 1936 edition, on page 6,d of the 1938, 1940 and 1943 edition. This oath is to be taken by each candidate for admission to the NSDAP while facing the swastika flag in a membership meeting.

"I pledge fidelity to my Führer Adolf Hitler. I promise to show at all times respect and obedience to him and to the leaders whom he prescribes for me (die er mir bestimmt)".

When the Local Party Leader (Ortsgruppenleiter) tenders the candidate for admission to the NSDAP his membership booklet, he states (p. 6 of the 1936 edition: p. 6,e of the 1938, 1940 and 1943 editions):

"In the name of the Führer I present you with your membership booklet. Maintain your faithfulness to the Party as heretofore!"

2. Party functionaries

The text of the annual swearing-in of Party Functionaries (Politische Leiter), p. 16, all editions of Party manual, states:

"I vow inviolable (unverbrüchlich) fidelity to Adolf Hitler. I vow absolute obedience to him and to the leaders he designates for me".

3. German soldiers' oath

Attached is a certified translation (2061-PS) of the German Soldiers' oath and the oath of Government officials, both enacted by a decree, 1934 Reichsgesetzblatt, Part I, Page 785.

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Attachment (1)