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STATEMENT

Commanders-in-chief of Luftflotten were the highest troop commanders in the German Air Force. The status and authority of these commanders-in-chief, as far as subordinate troops were concerned, were equivalent to those of the commander-in-chief of an army group or of an army.

Until the summer of 1944 they bore the designation of Befehlshaber, but had the authority of an Oberbefehlshaber of an army group or of an army at the front. From the summer of 1944 on they bore the designation of Oberbefehlshaber. No change in their functions and in the extent of their responsibility was effected by this change in designation.

(Signed) BRAUCHITSCH

CITY OF NURNBERG: SS

Before me, WALTER H. RAPP, Captain, Cavalry, ASN O-454231, an officer duly qualified to take oaths, appeared Colonel BERNDT von BRAUCHITSCH, to me known, who in my presence signed the foregoing "Erklärung" (statement) consisting of one page in the German language with amendments initialed by him, and swore that the same was true on the 16th day of November 1945.

(Signed) Walter H. Rapp
WALTER H. RAPP
Captain CAV
O-454231

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: (The above acknowledgment of oath appeared in the original in English)

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION
OF DOCUMENT

I, PAUL A. NEULAND, Major, QMC, ASN O-385720, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages; and that the above is a true and correct translation of Affidavit No. 8.

(Signed) Paul A. Neuland
PAUL A. NEULAND
Major QMC
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ERKLÄRUNG

Die Luftflottenchefs waren die höchsten Truppenbefehlshaber der deutschen Luftwaffe. Rang und Befugnisse dieser Luftflottenchefs waren denen eines Oberbefehlshabers einer Heeresgruppe oder einer Armee gleichgestellt, soweit sich dies auf die unterstellten Truppen bezieht.

Bis Sommer 1944 führten sie die Dienststellungsbezeichnung Befehlshaber, hatten aber die Befugnisse eines Oberbefehlshabers von Heeresgruppen oder Armeen an der Front. Ab Sommer 44 erhielten sie die Dienststellenbezeichnung "Oberbefehlshaber"; hierdurch waren keinerlei Änderungen in ihren Aufgaben und Verantwortungsbereich gegenüber früher verbunden.

gez. BRAUCHITSCH

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