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SUMMARY OF INTERROGATION OF

Erwin Lahousen

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By: Colonel Amen

PERSONS CONCERNED: Schmundt, Goering, Keitel, Jodl, Canaris, Von Brauchitsch, Halder, Jeschonnek, Student, Reichenau

SUBJECTS: Immunity of German Soldiers from Prosecution for Killing Russian Prisoners of War; Plans for the Invasion of Belgium and Holland

DOCUMENTS: Lahousen's Personal File

Lahousen identified numerous documents from his files and explained which ones were most important to translate. He also executed the rewritten affidavit submitted by Col. Hollers. He further testified that he recalled that an order had been issued to the effect that German soldiers who killed Russian prisoners of war by reason of alleged Bolshevik ideology were not to be prosecuted, and specifically recalled that a lieutenant colonel who had killed 11,000 such prisoners of war and received a year's imprisonment as the result of a court martial therefor had been pardoned by General Schmundt on the ground that there should be no punishment for such killings. Lahousen stated that he had never seen the actual order but had discussed it with other named German officers.

Lahousen further testified that he had been present at a conference in 1940 where various questions relating to the invasion of Belgium and Holland had been discussed including a proposal to prevent the blasting of a bridge over the Maas River by dressing up forty or fifty German volunteers in Dutch uniforms. He identified as being present at this conference, among others, Goering, Keitel, Jodl, Canaris, von Brauchitsch, Halder, Jeschonnek, Student, Reichenau, and other corps and division commanders. Lahousen will continue to discuss this conference at his next interrogation.