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BASIC FACTS UNDERLYING PROBLEM CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Summary of discussion between Fuehrer and General Keitel of 21 April:

## A. POLITICAL CAPABILITIES

1. Rapid invasion out of clear sky is impossible. Word public opinion would produce dangerous situation. Would only be thinkable for last conflict without threat from other opponents.
2. Action after a period of tension and constant aggravation of situation.
3. Action as result of incident.

## B. MILITARY NECESSITIES

Cases 2 and 3 to be considered. In case 2 security measures will have been taken. Duration of RR-transports to be looked into.

1. Penetration of marchready columns at points conforming to strategic direction. (Enemy fortifications must be known, task forces created for given situations, roads reconnoitred. Simultaneous attack by Luftwaffe -- cooperation with Luftwaffe, isolation of garrisons, hampering of communications.)
2. "Dead Space" in first 4 days prior to commitment of main forces must be avoided under all circumstances. Must be bridged through motorized army, penetrating via PILSEN. Hamper mobilization.
3. Separation of transport movement for Western Powers from that for Czechoslovakia, a.) in order not to aggravate Western Powers, b.) but also so as not to arrive late, if necessary.

Basic Principles; Create "Accomplished Facts" so that

- a. help comes too late -- other powers don't attack.
- b. Allies take part (wolf's nature -- they want to share the loot)
- c. Czechoslovakia collapses from within.

Propaganda: Directions to Germans  
Threats to others

- Submit: 1. Fortifications (strength in detail)  
2. Distribution of nationalities within Wehrmacht.