

Interrogation of . . . . . Alfred JODL  
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JODL was interrogated concerning a statement made in a speech by him on 7 November 1943 at Munich to Reich and Gauleiters. The speech was titled "The Strategic Position at the Beginning of the 5th Year of the War" (Document L-172). The particular statement appeared in Para 12, Page 15 thereof and was to the effect that even as far back as during the western campaign, HITLER had informed JODL of his (HITLER's) fundamental decision to take steps against "this danger" (referring to "Bolshevik East") the moment the military position made it at all possible. JODL admitted that the statement appeared in the speech but stated that it was incorrect as the first time he had heard HITLER state his intentions with regard to RUSSIA was at the meeting at the Berghof in July 1940 some five weeks after the conclusion of the western campaign. JODL could not account for the statement in the speech, stating that the only explanation he could give was that in the "fluency of his writing" the error was committed. JODL would not concede at any time that the statement may have been correct as set forth.

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