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A. Not exactly in these words you have used. Rearmament was independent of these reasons. ~~But~~ The primary purpose was to make it possible to act. It would still be necessary to discuss whether ^{or not} there existed the question of Austria or Sudeten or Danzig. Rearmament was necessary independent of all these aims. He would have rearmament because of the position of Germany in the center of Europe + ~~Germany~~ Germany had to be strong either to be aggressive or defensive, - ^{depending on circumstances} But apart from the question of basic economic mobilization unless more necessary, he did not have enough gold or enough foreign exchange to buy as we wished in foreign markets.

But the premise of any foreign policy was to be equal to our neighbors ^{that was why I joined the Party} because it stood for a strong Germany, rearmament and concentration of political power. When we talk of rearmament and economic policy took would have happened irrespective of the Austria and other questions or of these questions no danger of war from Russia.

But obviously these problems did exist

and so you will
understand ~~the~~ reasons
and purpose of my
actions to me



My propensity
was to be in company
with other men in
the party - I was not
a radical - there was I
a radical man
not only because

of my oath - I tried my best to do that
man and when I go down I shall
still be loyal to him - I have had
many honors but my greatest title
was given by the German people when
they called me "the most loyal soldier of
the Father".

No matter what he did to me -
I never would have raised my hand
~~against~~ against him or plotted against
him, his decision ^{as far as the country} even tho I may love

To me it was a matter, unimportant
whether ^{he was} right or wrong - once he
decided ~~that~~ I accepted - That
was the practice I followed and in
that I will continue even if I am
condemned to die +

Deep in my heart the last
two hours when he changed towards me I
had bitter conflicts + I had to endure
during that period the constant ^{upbraiding} ~~upbraiding~~
me and manures against me of Hummel +

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as did the danger of war with Russia.

And you had already stated in 1936 that you were not that war between Germany & Russia was inevitable +

and even before that - unless you say '32 - you held that view

~~that~~ Hitler agreed with you -

~~that~~ These thoughts were in your mind when you took charge of the 4 year Plan -

~~Had you~~

You never hesitated to state them openly and publicly -

Do you know ^{that} the defendants here have heard
say so - ~~that~~

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During this period I
suffered deep humiliation in
his presence and the presence
of others because of his attacks
upon me. But I would
not reply to him in public -
and after I would wonder
if I could endure it. Long -
But then I remembered that
my success would be
Gerrits or Hummer
or even Brunson who
was the current and most
of all + I could not let
them see the German people
and so I stayed on.

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who had set up a state within the state
of Himmler as the base being and
his agent was by Brunner who was
constantly with Hitler and the jealous
enmity of Goebbels +

And all this changed Hitler
towards me - At the end of 42 my
bad days began + we had differences
in the use of the Air Corps - Tensions
developed between us which never existed
before - They did not appear on the
surface but they were there -

In 1944 the decline was rapid
and in 1945 I felt he detested me -
The basic cause was his insistence
that we should ~~make~~ make full
application of our Air Force in every
theatre of war - ~~fast~~ +

Hitler had such a nature
he always had to look for some
one upon whom he could place
the blame -