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Interrogation of . . . . . RAEDER

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Raeder was interrogated concerning Document C-170 which he identified as a photostatic copy of the official extracts from the Naval War Staff war diary. The paper itself was prepared by naval archivists who had access to the admiralty files, and C-170 appears to be a resume of the material contained in the war diary with file references to the papers which were the basis for each entry. He has no doubt as to the authenticity of the entries made in the document, and as an indorsement of its accuracy took copious notes on the events there set forth. Apparently the paper had, in addition, an introduction (einleitung) but he was not familiar with it.

The marginal note on page 31, item 168, was apparently written by the person who prepared the paper, presumably one of the naval archivists, but Raeder was unfamiliar with the handwriting. He was of the same opinion as to item 106. He was unfamiliar with the particular lettering contained in the margin other than that in general it referred to files and the files represented the official files of various sections of the Admiralty, but the precise reference in any case was unknown to him.

Raeder also identified Documents C-75 and C-152. C-75, according to him, merely established the general policy of collaboration with Japan but no detailed undertakings were yet arrived at. Document C-152 was an accurate report of Raeder's conversation with the Fuehrer which resulted from the receipt of the directive in C-75. Raeder is still to be interrogated on Documents 376-PS and C-74 which were unavailable at the time of this interrogation.