

49.01

OFFICE OF U.S. CHIEF OF COUNSEL
FOR THE PROSECUTION OF AXIS CRIMINALITY

DOCUMENT ROOM INTERROGATION ANALYSIS

WITNESS: VON RIBBENTROP DATE: 30 Aug. 45 1030 - 1210
BY : Col. Brundage. PLACE: Nurnberg

NAME HEADINGS: HITLER, VON RIBBENTROP

INDEX HEADINGS: AGGRESSIVE WAR - Pre-1937 - Austria, Czecho-
slovakia, Poland.
PREPARATIONS FOR WAR - Diplomatic, Military

Discussion of Hozzbach notes of conference 5 November 1937 attended by Hitler, Von Neurath, and military leaders. (8 - 31) The bulk of Ribbentrop's answers are an attempt to deny knowledge that Hitler had the plans in question or to be as vague as possible about them. He admits that Hitler often said that it would be necessary for Germany to get more space to support her population (9) and that there was no talk of buying additional space (12) but says "how to solve the space problem was something to me which was all rather dark." (12) Witness says he was of the opinion that Germany must have a powerful military instrument like the others, and adds "with power you can do anything in the world, you see, also in negotiations settle these vital questions. This was my aim." (39)