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INTERROGATION DIVISION SUMMARY

Interrogation of: Joachim von Ribbentrop
By : Col. Brundage, 31 August, 1945, a.m. Place: Nurnberg

PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED AND SUBJECTS

1. Ribbentrop
 - a. Appraisal of Three-Power pact (1)
(1) Attitude of U.S. toward Germany (2,3)
2. Hitler
 - a. Attitude toward diplomats (p.4,6)
3. Kuhn
 - a. No control of German Bund by foreign office (p.5)

GERMAN - AMERICAN RELATIONS

Ribbentrop said the intention of the 3-power pact was to keep the U.S.A. out of war (p.1). The attitude of the U.S.A. toward Germany had become increasingly hostile (p.2). The Fuehrer thought so because: (a) America disliked Germany's handling of the Jews and the Polish question; (b) American documents had been found in Warsaw of clearly anti-German character (p.2-3).

HITLER'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS

Hitler never had much confidence in his own diplomats. The intelligence work was concentrated in the hands of: (a) the Wehrmacht; (b) The S.D. (Sicherheitsdienst, Security Service), who had their agents "all over", and reported directly to the Fuehrer. He, Ribbentrop, hardly got their reports (p.4,6). As for Kuhn and the German 'Bunds' in the U.S.A., Ribbentrop did not know which agency controlled them, whether Bohle A.O. (Auslands-Organisation), or another, but it was not the Foreign Office (p.5).