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TO: General Donovan
FROM: Dr. von Schlabrendorff
SUBJECT: Dr. Diels' Report

In a very clever compilation Dr. Diels' report gives a picture that does not present the truth.

It is obvious that many details are incorrect, for example:

The leader of the Prussian police, mentioned on page 2, was not named KLAUSENER, but KLAUSNER. He was murdered by the Nazis on June 30, 1944. Horst Wessel was killed in 1930, not 1931 (Page 3). It was not Schleicher's intention to give the Nazis a part of the power (Page 5), but rather to deprive them of power. On 30 January 1933, Papen became Prussian Minister President, not Goering (Page 6). The Secretary of State von Bismarck, my father-in-law, mentioned on Page 7, resigned on account of Goering. Diels remained. Contrary to Diels' statement (page 7), Grauert was a member of the party. The Reichstag fire (page 7) was engineered by Goering. I am convinced that Diels knows all the connections. In any case, Warlimont knows everything about it. The Police President of Berlin, von Levetzow, was also a member of the party (page 8). It is not true that Diels was arrested as a result of the events of July 20 (page 20). Diels was arrested because of remarks he had made against a Lt. Col. Roedern. He was an SS Standartenfuehrer. He married the niece of Goering for purely political reasons. He is actually the founder of the Gestapo.

Within the Nazi Party there were two groups - one following Goering, the other Himmler. It may be correct that Diels fought against the Himmler group. But he was on Goering's side. Since Diels is very clever and adroit, he recognized earlier than others that the war would be lost. Therefore he began already during the war to change his tactics. He even permitted himself to make remarks against Himmler since he was sure that Goering would protect him.

When evaluating Diels, one must separate character from intellect. His intellect is developed to an extent far above the average. His character has not developed accordingly. Diels should be considered as no more than a good witness against the crimes of the Nazis.