

Interrogation of . . . . . HANS STUMPF  
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Witness described preparations of Luftwaffe prior to the Munich Pact with reference to Sudeten land and preparations prior to the entry into Bohemia and Moravia. States that all orders, plans, and directives from above were drawn and prepared as being measures for the defense of the Reich although he admits that in the light of his current knowledge he now realizes that they were also offensive plans.

States that he became Chief of Air Defense in 1939 and Chief of the First Air Fleet in 1940, and later Chief of the Fifth Air Fleet in Norway and Finland. Admits that while he was in Finland he was advised by his superior of Hitler's order (Document 498-PS) for the killing of commandos and paratroopers and states that this order was passed on to the officers in charge. Witness denies that the Air Force ever carried out this order at any time to his knowledge but admits that he did hear of instances where the land forces carried out the order in dealing with commandos and paratroopers. States that there is nothing in the order to indicate that Goering originated same but that as a matter of mechanics it must have had his approval.

From 1944 on, witness was Commander in Chief of the Air Fleet Reich but denies any knowledge of the Hitler order above mentioned being carried out by the Air Force on the continent where he was then located. He admits, however, that in 1944 he heard of instances where the land forces carried out this Hitler order.