

Defendant ALFRED JODL

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In 1932 Jodl was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Wehrmacht in the Army Operations Department in Berlin, thereafter he rose to positions of eminence and power among the Nazi conspirators. In 1935 he became a Colonel and Chief of Landsverteidigung and of OKW Operations Department; in 1939 he was made a Major-General and Chief of the Supreme General Staff, OKW, this latter assignment he held until the end of the war in 1945; in 1940 he was promoted straight to full artillery General from Major-General in an acknowledged recognition by Hitler of his services in helping plan the German victories in the Low Countries and France; and in 1944 he was promoted to the rank of Colonel-General. Jodl used the above-mentioned positions and particularly his key situation as Chief of Staff of the OKW, in such a manner that:

(a) He participated in the plans and preparations of the Nazi conspirators for wars of aggression and wars in violation of international treaties and, among other ways, materially assisted in the execution of these schemes by preparation of the detailed military plans designed to effectuate them,

(b) He participated in the launching and waging of wars of aggression and wars in violation of international treaties and, among other ways, materially contributed to the success of such moves by personally authorizing and directing the day-to-day, high-level staff work without which the armies in the field could neither have begun nor succeeded in such operations.

(c) In many cases he personally authorized, directed, or officially approved of the activities of Nazi Governors and

other authorities of occupied territories thereby assuming specific personal responsibility for the war crimes [Note: perhaps specify] and crimes against humanity [Same comment] committed in such territories [Note: check this with Committees 2 and 3].

(d) In accordance with the Fuehrer Principle he executed and assumed responsibility for the execution of all the military and other plans of the Nazi conspirators, participating in the planning as well as the execution thereof.

[Note: there is a question of date at which Jodl became Chief of Staff of OKW - above from Foreign Office says 1939 - Who's Who says 1942 - so does Neuman's "Outline"]