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MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL DONOVAN:

From: Major Kelley

The general reaction of all the defendants after the first week of trial is one of stiffening resistance to the trial, and they are obviously being pulled closely together by the common danger. One of the factors which seems to have influenced them most strongly is the large number of errors apparently made by the prosecution in the organizational chart. The major mistake seems to have been regarding Schirach, who was made a cabinet member according to the prosecution's chart, and who, to judge from the unanimous opinion of the defendants, never held such a high position.

SCHIRACH feels that he can explain the working of the Hitler Youth and that its enlarged organization was a result of voluntary joining rather than of enforced enlistment. He is willing to admit his guilt in the handling of the Vienna Jews, but as yet is not ripe for a good confession.

SAUCKEL seems to have achieved a feeling of group spirit which is tying him in to the others. He is obviously a weak personality and may later be broken down.

RIBBENTROP is becoming increasingly bitter because of the lack of cooperation his lawyers are receiving. He has asked his attorney to demand assistance from the Tribunal in securing witnesses.

SCHACHT survived the week surprisingly well, and while he admits the documents presented Friday, he is working along the line that preparations made as early as 1935 to rebuild the country will be extremely difficult to prove as early preparations for war.

KLITEL is swinging to a much more anti-Hitler viewpoint, and may soon be willing to shift the entire burden of war preparation onto Hitler.