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Preliminary report on information obtained from
CS/211 - General der Infanterie Dietrich von
CHOLTITZ, Commandant of PARIS, captured PARIS
25 Aug 44.

FOREWORD

This report contains information obtained from the above PW by direct interrogation and in conversation with :-

CS/158 - Oberst Wilhelm LUDWIG (AOK 7)	Capt'd LE MANS 8 Aug 44
CS/212 - Oberst Hans JAY (Feld Kommandantur 757, PARIS West)	Capt'd PARIS 25 Aug 44
CS/213 - Oberst Rolf MÜLLER-RÖMER (Nachrichten Kommandantur PARIS)	Capt'd PARIS 25 Aug 44
CS/214 - Oberst Karl UNGER (Chef des Stabs Kommandantur CROSS PARIS)	Capt'd PARIS 25 Aug 44

and with a Junior American Army Officer.

Note: The German text of S.R. conversations reproduced verbatim is given in the Appendix.

I. CAREER

PW is a cinema-type German officer, fat, coarse, benenocled and inflated with a tremendous sense of his own importance. This latter quality causes him to talk freely and at times garrulously. He is at present very much concerned with appearing in the most favourable light possible in the eyes of his captors and adopts the attitude that he had foreseen the outcome of the war because of his insight into historical necessities.

V TREATMENT OF THE JEWS

General von CHOLTITZ admitted his active participation in anti-Jewish measures to General von THOMA in the following conversation: (German text Appendix (c))

CHOLTITZ: The worst job I ever carried out - which however I carried out with great consistency - was the liquidation of the Jews. I carried out this order down to the very last detail.

THOMA : The whole thing is done on HITLER's orders. EHERRACH said yesterday again: "HITLER has no idea that the people have been hanged." Ha! Ha! Ha! It's a good thing that you can now produce such unimpeachable proofs.