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B. Deliberations, Decisions, and Measures leading to the
Surrender of the Organization to the US Army

1. Deliberations

While working together the staff members came to similar conclusions concerning the true character and real intentions of National Socialism and of Communism. Furthermore, the different officers in question came to the same conclusions concerning the effect that the total defeat of Germany would have on the situation of Germany itself, of Europe, and of the world. Thus toward the middle of 1944, Gen GEHELEN, Lt.Col BAUN, and Lt Col WESSEL became convinced that:

a. In the future, world politics will be determined exclusively by the US and the USSR.

b. The US will represent the democratic system, based on the individual rights of man, and will have the responsibility of protecting the Western Nations.

The USSR will represent the principle of dictatorship:
Collectivism against individualism;
Atheism against religion;
State economy against private enterprise,

c. A shattered Germany will be between the West and the East in a state of agony. For the next decades Germany will be in no position to become again an independent factor in European politics.

In addition to that, the historical period of national states seems to be over in Europe, and is to be replaced by a union of the European nations on an equal cultural and economic basis. This process of development, however, has not yet taken any visible form.

d. Germany with the loss of the war will also lose the greatest part of her national strength and most of her economic productivity. For these reasons she will not be in a position to fulfill her mission as barrier against the East.

e. Large parts of Central Europe - including Germany - will be overrun by communism.

f. The German people, deprived of their political independence, have to make a decision either for the East or for the West.

The decision for the East would mean a communist Germany combined with gradual loss of her national characteristics to a predominant slavie influence.

The decision for the West would mean the possibility of preserving the remaining basic intellect and strength of the German people and the possibility to become a member of the family of Western nations,

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