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(Examination of defendant FLICK by Attorney-at-Law Dr.DIX)
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Q: If I may interrupt you, if one looks at this list the picture that you have just described to the Court is reproduced. Payments to all parties from the Deutsch Nationals to the Social Democrats, so that if one wanted to explain them from a purely ideological point of view one would be faced by a puzzle, but you have already given the Court the answer. All these payments served the purpose of preventing HITLER's election, and, at the same time the election of the Nazis. But I must draw your attention to the fact that this list of donations, although it is a very slight sum compared with the others, which were made before the seizure of power in 1933, there is still a small sum which went to the National Socialist Party, or at least is entered as such and this sum, small though it may be, required an explanation in connection with what you have just said -- 50,000 Mark.

A: 50,000 Mark?

Q: Yes. If you would be so good as to look under number 9, small letter "d" -- have you got it?

"There it says NSDAP, probably put too high". You made an estimate but still you remembered this sum. It any rate, a certain sum, however small, was paid to the NSDAP and this you must explain to the Court.

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A: It's like this. At this time all parties approached one and asked for funds, money. I only bothered about important matters, about the main line. I did know that we occasionally gave small contributions in such cases. That was accounted for by the fact that after all, we wanted to be left in peace. At the same time a sum of money was given -- a sum of 100,000 marks -- to the Social Democrats, about double as much, --

Q: Yes. Well, they were also against HITLER.

A: -- and I was no more National Socialist than I was a Social Democrat. In such cases one just gave smaller donations which played no part financially, just in order to have a little peace. That is my explanation, but that in no way indicates support of the political direction of the parties; the general political direction was that which I explained just now.

Q: So that was it. I am very sorry that I wasn't present at the time when somebody knocked at the door of your office and was given something.

A: But it was no support of the system, just when somebody came who wanted a few thousand marks, we didn't send him away. Well, just think of the annoyance, the disadvantages we would have had. It wouldn't have been worth the bother. It was simpler to pay.

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