

# A Cetter from the führer

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Sehr geerte, Cabinet of the Third Reich.

For years now we have had to feel the pain of seeing our beloved Deutschland be destroyed. To see it robbed, to see it looted, to see it corrupted, to see it degenerated; to see it lose. Elements within our society have conspired this seemingly never-ending cycle of defeat and despair. The German people however have seen through the damnable lies and the intentional deceit of the despicable likes of those Marxists who took over this beautiful land in November 1918 through their revolution built on lies.

The most important of these lies, one which these criminals use repeatedly to try and morally justify their pathetic actions and constitutional breaches, is that Germany was responsible for the outbreak of the Great War. These lies in the interest of our enemies, and those who spread them, have, since the Treaty of Versailles, led to the severest oppression of the honest worker - the regular German man. It is thus plainly obvious that the German volk have increasingly grown aware of, and progressively infinitively saddened by, these happenings to their fatherland. Finally, the National Socialist movement has converted their will to real defensive action.

We have thus been entrusted by the responsibility to correct the grave degeneration our society has been subjected to over these 14 years. We have thus far performed admirably as a cabinet, the few first steps on the road to recovering deserved pride in our nation. It is clear to me that the cause of the distress that cripples our social, moral, and economic lives lies internally in the body of the Volk. Thus, our government must have the aim of eliminating all such afflictions on the völkisch life, in order to prevent any future obstacles on our road to real unstopping recovery. If left unchecked, these false Marxist doctrines will lead only to Communist chaos.

The recent burning of the Reichstag was merely an example of the criminality that these communist ideologies morally sanction and thus have created. I believe the German Volk and the rest of the world are not yet sufficiently conscious of the entire scope of such operations. I require that the arsonist and his accomplices be found and publicly executed immediately!

Returning to the larger problem then, it is clear that in the interest of not only Germany, but all of Europe, the government must very swiftly wipe out every trace of the worrying thinking linked to such phenomenon. Our next task, is to call upon the spiritual leaders of these destructive tendencies to answer for themselves and at the same time to rescue the victims of their seduction.

The Reich Government must simultaneously undertake a thorough moral purging of the German Volkskörper. The entire system of education, theatre, cinema, literature, press, and radio must all be used as a means to this end. They must be put to work to preserve the eternal values residing in the essential character of our Volk.

Germany has been crushed not only in character, but also greatly so financially. In the sphere of economics, our government must function with the simple law that the Volk does not live for the economy, and the economy does not exist for capital; but capital serves the economy and the economy serves the Volk. The army of unemployed must be integrated into the process of production and the salvation of the German peasant must be achieved at all costs. As

Chancellor, and as a National Socialist, I feel personally allied to German workers as former companions of my youth. The idle waste of so many production work hours is madness, and a crime. However, as we thus seek to protect the economic interest of the German Volk, we must not do so through State-organized economic bureaucracy, but by recognition of the rights of property, and by an utmost promotion of private initiative.

The German volk wishes nothing but to live equally to the rest of the world, and to live in peace. Our armies are currently disarmed and limited to the size decided in the Treaty of Versailles. This cabinet too must sincerely desire, as do I, to refrain from increasing the German army and weaponry insofar as the rest of the world fulfils its obligation and promise of radically disarming. Failure to do so, would leave us no choice, for again, Germany, over all else, wants to first be equal to the rest of the world.

In the achievement of all these goals for and responsibilities towards the German volk that we possess, we earned a great victory yesterday in the Reichstag with the passing of the Enabling Act. We must use our powers to ensure the crushing of disturbing developments within our nation, and to ensure swift movement along the path to ultimate and total recovery for Germany.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Adolf Hitler

# A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

To,

The Nazi Cabinet at the Summit on War and Politics,

As soon as you enter the room where the Nazi Cabinet is taking place, the date is March 24, 1933. You are not, a student playing a delegate at a conference. You are a German. You have seen the struggle of Germany for close to two decades. You have heard and seen the truth (more or less) in Hitler's words. You feel the pain of your Germanic brothers in Austria and elsewhere. You are a member of the Nazi Cabinet, as on that date, and until the end of your term, or the end of the upcoming world war.

Speaking of the world war, Germany lost. We know this now, because we possess the beautiful thing that is the advantage of hindsight. Since outside the cabinet we actually live over 70 (painful) years in the future, history has, or at least should have, taught us all that went on while the NatSocs were in power in Germany. We do not need to go over that again.

What I mean is, while as chairs we will not very significantly try and interrupt or command the flow of committee (of course, do keep in mind that I am still Hitler and so will have things to say regarding your decisions and arguments), it is clear from my perspective that I do not wish to see an exact re-enactment of actual history. I know what happened. You know what happened. We do not need a 2-day committee that more or less finishes in Stalingrad again. If I wanted to know exactly what happened in real life, I would read a book.

The beauty, or rather the potential beauty, of this committee is that you are allowed to alter history. Ever wondered what would have happened if Operation Barbarossa had not happened? What if Germany had militarized towards a stronger navy leading up to the war? What if Germany got the bombs first? What if Germany never allied Italy? Here is your chance to try it out.

With the only constraints being basic realism and the laws of physics (though, feel free to demand more focus on the occult if you can justify it – we want an accurate portrayal of the characters you are, after all), as a member of the Nazi Cabinet, you are free to shape history as you desire, as long as you can convince your colleagues, and Hitler, that it is the right thing to do for Germany.

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Sincerely,

Vijay Shah

# MINISTER AND CHARACTER PROFILES

### Alfred Hugenberg- Reich Minister

Alfred Hugenberg was an influential German businessman and politician. A leading figure in nationalist politics in Germany for the first few decades of the twentieth century, he became the country's leading media proprietor during the inter-war period. As leader of the German National People's Party he was instrumental in helping Adolf Hitler become Chancellor of Germany and served in his first cabinet in 1933.

Alfred Hugenberg was also a Doctorate in economics and a media tycoon in Germany. He served as Minister of Agriculture and Economics from January 1933-June 29th 1933.

As the Reich Minister of agriculture and economics, delegate you are required to come up with a sound economic policy for the coming year and to formulate a war time economic policy as well, should the need of war arise. As minster for agriculture we require you to give us updates and a rough estimate on the Nations output capacity and production and consumption rate during peace and war-time. Delegate using your influential and powerful position in the world of media you are expected to work closely with the Reich Minister of Propaganda and further the cause of our Fuhrer.

#### Franz Gurtner- Reich Minister for Justice.

Franz Gurtner was a German Minister of Justice in Adolf Hitler's cabinet, responsible for coordinating jurisprudence in the Third Reich. He was Hitler's chief legal aid and advisor.

Delegate as the Minister for Justice, and the Fuhrer's main legal advisor your main task would be to formulate laws which shall help us maintain the law and order in Germany and all German occupied territories. You shall also frame laws which shall help suppress the menace of the Jews and communists. Delegate you shall frame laws which shall help us crush and destroy any form of opposition to our cause and our Fuhrer. The laws that you frame and carry out shall do justice to the injustice that Germany faced in and since World War 1 at the hands of the Jews and other treacherous elements within our society - we shall make them pay and suffer.

#### Franz Seldte- Reich Minister of Labour.

Franz Seldte was co-founder of the German <u>Stahlhelm</u> paramilitary organization, a Nazi politician, and Minister for Labour of the German Reich from 1933 to 1945.

Delegate your job as the Reich Minister for labour is to ensure that at all time there is an adequate supply of man power to ensure that our industries especially our arms and ammunitions industries and our heavy industries have a smooth flow of man power to function at an optimum level of output. You are required to give us timely updates on the labour situation in the country, for example the number of able body persons who are fit for work, and also divide the labour force into various sectors depending on the requirement at a given time. You must address their grievances and solve all labour related issues immediately and bring them to the Cabinets notice. Delegate should a need for war arise, the entire Armed forces depend on a steady supply of raw materials and arms to ensure swift and decisive victory. Integrating the 'army of unemployed', as the Fuhrer puts it, into the economy through the rapid creation of jobs it is an absolute priority in order to uplift every German citizen from the state of despair they have found them in for quite a few years now. Therefore, delegate your job is of utmost importance to our plans and the Fuhrer expects you to fulfil your duty to the fullest.

#### Heinrich Himmler- Reichsfuhrer of the SS

Heinrich Himmler was <u>Reichsführer</u> of the Schutzstaffel (Protection Squadron; SS), and a leading member of the Nazi Party (NSDAP) of Nazi Germany. Heinrich Himmler quite clearly was after the Fuhrer himself the most powerful man in Germany, as head of the SS; he commanded one of the world's deadliest and largest elite forces ever seen.

Delegate as Reichsfuhrer of the SS you have one of the most important jobs. Since the timeline is set from 1933 onwards, it is your duty to build the SS into the feared and well trained force that we want it (and that it had gone on to) become. It is your job to formulate and divide the SS into the three factions those being the *Allgemeine SS* (General SS), *Waffen-SS* (Armed SS), and the *SS-Totenkopfverbände* (Administrators of the Concentration camps).

Your duty as commander of the SS is to ensure that your elite fighting force comprising of true Aryan blood, shall not only ensure the safety of the Fuhrer, but must also ensure the internal Security of Germany, eliminating anyone who tries to hurt either the Fuhrer or the Reich from within. The SS shall comprise of the best of soldiers and the smartest of men from families of true Aryan race. It is your duty to ensure the racial policy of our Fatherland is followed and upheld to the highest of regard and appropriately handle anyone or anything that shall try to oppose it or demean it in anyway. The SS must bring all individuals in Germany and German occupied areas to follow the Aryan way of life.

The armed wing of the SS must support the "Heer" (Army) in all its endeavours and missions as a special and highly trained force. It must also act as a watchdog on the troops and ensure their loyalty to our Fuhrer. The armed wing shall also act as an internal security force in case it is thusly needed under dire circumstances. They must be loyal and ready to die for their Fuhrer till the last man standing.

The Administrators of the Concentration camps must make sure the enemies of state pay for their sins and crimes. Use these camps as labor towards an increased supply of raw materials towards our recovery efforts.

Delegate you may be one of the most important members of the Reich Cabinet. You are not only commander of what we hope you can make the deadliest force in the

world, but also one of the closest and most trusted advisors to the Fuhrer. Your job is to advice the Fuhrer in all matters of state, economic or security. You must ensure complete and undying loyalty towards the Fuhrer and the Fatherland from all subjects and all members of the Nazi Party.

Delegate a lot rides on your shoulders and the outcome of our plans to establish Germany in a position of pride and glory once more depends a lot on you and your actions as commander of the SS and trusted advisor to the Fuhrer.

## Hermann Goring - Reich Minster without a portfolio.

Hermann Goring was a German politician, military leader, and leading member of the Nazi Party. After helping Adolf Hitler take power in 1933, he became the second-most powerful man in Germany. He founded the Gestapo in 1933, and later gave command of it to Heinrich Himmler. Göring was appointed commander-in-chief of the Luftwaffe (air force) in 1935, a position he held until the final days of World War II. By 1940, he was at the peak of his power and influence; as minister in charge of the Four Year Plan, he was responsible for much of the functioning of the German economy in the build-up to World War II. Hitler promoted him to the rank of Reichsmarschall, a rank senior to all other Wehrmacht commanders, and in 1941 Hitler designated him as his successor and deputy in all his offices.

Delegate in the initial stages of the Committee you shall be a Minister in the cabinet without a portfolio. As one of the Fuhrers most trusted aides you shall assist him and the cabinet with all necessary suggestions and recommendations. You shall also work extensively in the forming of the secret police (Gestapo).

As an ace pilot of the Luftwaffe, your views on the running and functioning of the airforce shall be required at all times and depending upon the course of the committee you could be handed any portfolio or cabinet position at any given time and not necessarily in accordance with History. Therefore, delegate as Hermann Goring you are expected to be at all times ready to accept any situation and challenge put in front of you and serve your fatherland and Fuhrer to the best of your ability.

# Joseph Gobbles: Reich Minister for Public Enlightenment and Propaganda

Joseph Gobbles was a German politician and Reich Minister of Propaganda in Nazi Germany from 1933 to 1945. One of Adolf Hitler's close associates and most devoted followers, he was known for his skills in public speaking and his deep and virulent antisemitism, which led to his supporting the extermination of the Jews in the Holocaust.

As Reich Minister of Propaganda and Public enlightenment delegate you job is to 'enlighten' the people of Germany of our cause, instigate the people against the Jews and communists, make them rise against the grave injustice that was meted out to us by the French and British after the world war, and motivate them to avenge the crime that was the Treaty of Versailles. Delegate you must instigate the people to come join our ranks and believe in our vision, using all the resources at your disposal to not only influence the people of Germany but also all those you believe in our cause around the world.

# **Konstantin Von Neurath: Foreign Minister**

Konstantin Hermann Karl Freiherr von Neurath was a German diplomat remembered mostly for having served as Foreign minister of Germany between 1932 and 1938. Holding this post in the early years of Adolf Hitler's regime, Neurath was regarded as playing a key role in the foreign policy pursuits of the Nazi dictator in undermining the Treaty of Versailles and territorial expansion in the prelude to World War II.

Delegate, you must foster good relations with all other nations and convince them of the righteousness in our claims and simple want of being equal to them. You must come up with a comprehensive foreign policy which shall suit our desire to get back that which we have so unjustly lost, and present these plans before the cabinet. You must also give us regular updates on all nations that could be possible allies or enemies.

Delegate it is your job to open dialogue with other nations and to send and receive communiqués on behalf of the Fuhrer.

## Lutz Graf Schwerin von Krosigk: Minister of Finance

Lutz Graf Schwerin von Krosigk was a German senior government official who served as Minister of Finance of Germany from 1932 to 1945 and Leading Minister of the German Reich (Chancellor) in May 1945.

Delegate as Minister of Finance we need an opening Budget speech from you. We need to know how much we have and how much we can spend toward investing into and rebooting our economy. On regular intervals we shall need updates on the state of the economy. As minister of Finance you need to collaborate with the Minster of Economics and all other ministers to come up with a comprehensive economic policy for the recovery we must complete.

## Werner Eduard Von Blomberg: Minister of Defence

Werner Eduard Fritz von Blomberg was a German Generalfeldmarschall, Minister of War, and Commander-in-Chief of the German Armed Forces until January 1938.

As Minister for war it is your responsibility to ready the defensive abilities of Germany as it seems clear that the lying allied scum have no intentions to make good on their promise of subject themselves to the same demilitarization they have forced upon us. Delegate your job is to make us battle ready at all times, our Armed forces need to be prepared and trained for any type of situation that we may have to face. The cabinet needs regular updates on state of our forces and their battle readiness.