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Report By: Lt. J. Curtis

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. G. O. Hyde  
Colonel Fixel

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

No information can be located on SCHMIDT, Paul, a German witness, requested by OSHIMA. He is believed to be in NURNBURG, Germany. Sources: CIC, CIS, Sugamo, Who's Who in Japan, China and Manchuria.

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SCHMIDT, Paul - Nurnburg, Germany

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- (a) The nationality of the witness is German.
- (b) Foreign Office interpreter for H, tler, von Ribbentrop and all major conferences during crucial period between 1935 and 1945. This witness can testify as to the extent to which his conferences were reported and shaded by German interests for progaganda purposes. This witness was described as one witness with "great knowledge" at the Nurnburg Trial and knows the background and the development of German-Japanese relations from actual contact.

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