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Johann Rattenhuber (Brigadeführer, Chef RSD)

I saw Rattenhuber at his house, Haus Nr. 110, Schafflach bei München on 30 October 1955.

On the burial of Hitler's and Eva Braun's bodies he said that he knew nothing at first hand. It was not he who had given the orders for the burial: Schedle was not under him but Günsche. He had not imposed an oath of secrecy, but might have told his men not to talk about the events of the day. On the evening of 30 April he had met an SS-Scharführer in the passage of the Bunker who had asked him where he could find more petrol, as the bodies were not yet consumed: Rattenhuber had referred the man to Kempka. The man also asked for a flag to wrap the bodies for burial, but Rattenhuber said there was no such thing. Later the same man told him that the bodies had been buried in a bomb-crater in the garden. Rattenhuber believes this to be true. He did not know the man, who was a young man.

Of Bormann's death he knows nothing: Bormann was behind him in the escape. Rattenhuber was already across the Weidendammer Bridge when the explosion occurred.

Rattenhuber was captured, wounded in the foot, in the Schönhäuser Allee and flown direct to Moscow soon afterwards. He was in the Butirka, then the Lubianka prisons, and was afterwards removed to prison at Volkovo. He was interrogated closely upon the events in the Bunker in 1945, but not afterwards. He was accused of having enabled Hitler to escape to the Argentine by airplane or U-Boat. He always insisted that Hitler was dead. On one occasion a Russian Generaloberst interrogated him and said, 'We have heard enough of these fairy-tales, come now, tell the truth'.

Baur was imprisoned at Vladimir. He now lives at Seefeld Hechendorf am Pilsensee. Another source recommended by Rattenhuber is Gen. Major Rausch, former O.C. 18 Panzerdivision, who now lives at Lansberg a/Lech.

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Rattenhuber heard that Glünsche had been at Volkovo prison before he himself, Rattenhuber, was there.

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