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Note on an interview with Max Wünsche at his home  
 Wuppertal, Witalds Becherstr. 25, from 12<sup>30</sup>-2pm,  
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- 1.) Max Wünsche was Ordnungs Officer and then pers. Adjutant bei Hitler from Pilsen 1935 until Kriegsausbruch, and then again after the Westfeldzug until soon after the visit of Prinz Paul and Princess Olga (the 2nd visit.)
- 2.) Hitler's love of England cost him the war. Wünsche recalls a telephone conversation between Hitler, in Rauchzimmer der Reichskanzlei, and another, of following content: "Es ist nicht unsere Aufgabe England zu zerschlagen. Wir sind nicht in der Lage, die Erde Englands - das Empire - anzutreten." He speaks of the "verheerende Wirkung" if England's Empire were destroyed. This was July or August 1940 (?)
- 3.) In about July 1940 Wünsche was sent in person to Italy with a letter from Führer to Duce. Wünsche handed it to v. Mackensen (has photo of this.)
- 4.) Of Kannenberg, Wünsche says he was ein Art "Hausnarre", with complete Narrenfreiheit beim Führer. He knew how to exploit his position when Führer was particular zufrieden with a banquet etc. Wünsche objected to Kannenberg's treatment of Reichskanzlei staff and reproved him: "Wenn die Möglichkeit des Beschwerdens bei der Deutschen Arbeitsfront bestünde, wären Sie längst Hausintendant gewesen!" Unter Tränen Kannenberg reported this

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assault on his vanity to the Führer, in August or September 1940. The Führer ordered Brückner, es soll das/ aufklären. This war nach dem Besuch Prinz Paul und Prinz Olga auf dem Berghof (vgl. Bormann Tagebuch v. 18.10.1940). Much to everybody's surprise, Hitler ordered Wünsche beurlaubt und Brückner zur Truppe versetzt, while he kept Kannenberg on. Kannenberg is now dead; his widow is believed to be in Düsseldorf. (Kannenberg war ein "Haustyrann").

- 5.) Wünsche believes Baroness Sigi Laffert is also dead now. He is adamant that there was never any question of an affair between the Führer and her - she was just one of his circle, whose company he found attractive.