Dear Admiral of the Fleet,

As, owing to the non-arrival of all divisions, our position appears hopeless, the Führer last night dictated the enclosed political Testament.

Heil Hitler!

Your

(signature illegible, presumably Martin Bormann).
ADOLF HITLER

My Private Will and Testament.

As I did not consider that I could take the responsibility, during the years of struggle, of contracting a marriage, I have now decided, before the closing of my earthly career, to take as my wife that girl who, after many years of faithful friendship, entered, of her own free will, the practically besiegèd town in order to share her destiny with me. At her own desire she goes as my wife with me into death. It will compensate us for what we both lost through my work in the service of my people.

What I possess belongs - in so far as it has any value - to the Party. Should this no longer exist, to the State, should the State also be destroyed, no further decision of mine is necessary.

My pictures, in the collections which I have bought in the course of years, have never been collected for private purposes, but only for the extension of a gallery in my home town of Linz a.d. Donau.

It is my most sincere wish that this bequest may be duly executed.

I nominate as my Executor my most faithful Party comrade

Martin Bormann.

He is given full legal authority and all decisions. He is permitted to take out everything that has a sentimental value or is necessary for the maintenance of a modest simple life, for my brothers and sisters, also above all for the mother of my wife and my faithful co-workers who are well known to him, principally my old Secretaries Frau Winter etc., who have for many years aided me by their work.

I myself and my wife - in order to escape the disgrace of deposition or capitulation - choose death. It is our wish to be burnt immediately on
the spot where I have carried out the greatest part of my daily work in the course of a twelve years' service to my people.

Given in Berlin, 29th. April 1945, 4.00 o'clock.

(Sd.) A. HITLER.

As Witnesses:

(Sd.) MARTIN BORMANN.
(Sd.) DR. FUHR.

As Witness:

(Sd.) NICOLAS VON ELLOW.
By political Testament.

More than thirty years have now passed since I in 1914 made my modest contribution as a volunteer in the first world-war that was forced upon the Reich.

In these three decades I have been actuated solely by love and loyalty to my people in all my thoughts, acts and life. They gave me the strength to make the most difficult decisions which have ever confronted to mortal man. I have spent my time, my working strength and my health in these three decades.

It is untrue that I or anyone else in Germany wanted the war in 1939. It was desired and instigated exclusively by those international statesmen who were either of Jewish descent or worked for Jewish interests. I have made too many offers for the control and limitation of armaments, which posterity will not for all time be able to disregard for the responsibility for the outbreak of this war to be laid on me. I have further never wished that after the first fatal world war a second against England, or even against America, should break out. Centuries will pass away, but out of the ruins of our towns and monuments the hatred against those finally responsible when we have to thank for everything, International Jewry and its helpers, will grow.

Three days before the outbreak of the German-Polish war I again proposed to the British ambassador in Berlin a solution to the German-Polish problem - similar to that in the case of the Saar district, under international control. This offer also cannot be denied. It was only rejected because the leading circles in English politics wanted the war, partly on account of the business hoped for and partly under influence of propaganda organised by international Jewry.
I also made it quite plain that, if the nations of Europe are again to be regarded as mere shares to be bought and sold by these international conspirators in money and finance, then that race, Jewry, which is the real criminal of this murderous struggle, will be saddled with the responsibility. I further left no one in doubt that this time not only would millions of children of Europe's Aryan peoples die of hunger, not only would millions of grown men suffer death, and not only hundreds of thousands of women and children be burnt and bombed to death in the towns, without the real criminal having to atone for this guilt, even if by more humane means.

After six years of war, which in spite of all set-backs, will go down one day in history as the most glorious and valiant demonstration of a nation's life purpose, I cannot forsake the city which is the capital of this Reich. As the forces are too small to make any further stand against the enemy attack at this place and our resistance is gradually being weakened by men who are as deluded as they are lacking in initiative, I should like, by remaining in this town, to share my fate with these, the millions of others, who have also taken upon themselves to do so. Moreover I do not wish to fall into the hands of an enemy who requires a new spectacle organized by the Jews for the amusement of their hysterical masses.

I have decided therefore to remain in Berlin and there of my own free will to choose death at the moment when I believe the position of the Fuhrer and Chancellor itself can no longer be held.

I die with a happy heart, aware of the immeasurable deeds and achievements of our soldiers at the front, our women at home, the achievements of our farmers and workers and the work unique in history of our youth who bear my name.

That from the bottom of my heart I express my thanks to you all, is just as self-evident as my wish that you should, because of that, on no account give up the struggle, but rather continue it against the enemies.
of the Fatherland, no matter where, true to the creed of a great
Clausewitz. From the sacrifice of our soldiers and from my own unity
with them unto death, will in any case spring up in the history of
Germany, the seed of a radiant renaissance of the National-Socialist
movement and thus of the realisation of a true community of nations.

Many of the most courageous men and women have decided to unite their
lives with mine until the very last. I have begged and finally ordered
them not to do this, but to take part in the further battle of the
Nation. I beg the heads of the Armies, the Navy and the Air Force to
strengthen by all possible means the spirit of resistance of our sol-
diers in the National-Socialist sense, with special reference to the
fact that also I myself, as founder and creator of this movement,
have preferred death to cowardly abdication or even capitulation.

May it, at some future time, become part of the code of honour of
the German officer - as is already the case in our Navy - that the
surrender of a district or of a town is impossible, and that above
all the leaders here must march ahead as shining examples, faithfully
fulfilling their duty unto death.
Second Part of the Political Testament.

Before my death I expel the former Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering from the party and deprive him of all rights which he may enjoy by virtue of the decree of June 29th, 1941, and also by virtue of my statement in the Reichstag on September 1st 1939. I appoint in his place Grossadmiral Doenitz President of the Reich and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

Before my death I expel the former Reichsfuehrer-SS and Minister of the Interior, Heinrich Himmler, from the party and from all offices of State. In his stead I appoint Gauleiter Karl Hanke as Reichsfuehrer-SS and Chief of the German Police, and Gauleiter Paul Giesler as Reich Minister of the Interior.

Goering and Himmler, quite apart from their disloyalty to my person, have done immeasurable harm to the country and the whole nation by secret negotiations with the enemy, which they conducted without my knowledge and against my wishes, and by illegally attempting to seize power in the State for themselves.

In order to give the German people a government composed of honourable men, - a government which will fulfill its pledge to continue the war by every means, I appoint the following members of the new Cabinet as leaders of the nation:

President of the Reich: Doenitz
Chancellor of the Reich: Dr. Goebbels
Party Minister: Bormann
Foreign Minister: Seyss-Inquart
Minister of the Interior: Gauleiter Giesler
Minister for War: Doenitz
C-in-C of the Army: Schoerner
C-in-C of the Navy: Doenitz
C-in-C of the Air Force: Orwin
Reichsfuehrer-SS and Chief of the German Police: Gauleiter Hanke
Economics: Funk
Agriculture: Breke
Justice: Thierack
Education and Public Worship: Dr. Scholl
Propaganda: Dr. Hauman
Finance: Schwerin-Crossigk
Labour: Dr. Hupfauer
Munitions: Saur
Leader of the German Labour Front and Member of the Reich Cabinet: Reich Minister Dr. Ley.
Although a number of these men, such as Martin Bormann, Dr. Goebbels etc.,
together with their wives, have joined me of their own free will and did
not wish to leave the capital of the Reich under any circumstances, but
were willing to perish with me here, I must nevertheless ask them to
obey my request, and in this case set the interests of the nation above
their own feelings. By their work and loyalty as comrades they will be
just as close to me after death, as I hope that my spirit will linger
among them and always go with them. Let them be hard, but never unjust,
above all let them never allow fear to influence their actions, and set the
honour of the nation above everything in the world. Finally, let them
be conscious of the fact that our task, that of continuing the building
of a National Socialist State, represents the work of the coming centur-
ies, which places every single person under an obligation always to
serve the common interest and to subordinate his own advantage to this
end. I demand of all Germans, all National Socialists, men, women and
all the men of the Armed Forces, that they be faithful and obedient
unto death to the new government and its President.

Above all I charge the leaders of the nation and those under them to
scrupulous observance of the laws of race and to merciless opposition
to the universal poisoner of all peoples, international Jewry.

Given in Berlin, this 29th day of April 1945. 4:00 a.m.

Adolf Hitler.

Witnessed by

Dr. Josef Fuhr
Martin Bormann

Wilhelm Buergdorff
Hans Krebs.
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I, ESBIE SHERIFF, 2/C, WRNS, No. 36482, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages; and that the above is a true and correct translation of Document No. 3569 - FS.

ESBIE SHERIFF
2/C, WRNS
36482.
Dr. Joseph FUHR.

The name CEREBELS should be substituted for the name FUHR wherever it occurs in the above translation.