our going to Berlin." And it is obvious that one emphasizes his own arguments, but that was not decisive. The decisive thing was the difficulty of allocating materials for sale -

Defendant, I was merely asking you if the Commercial Committee on the 11th of March 1938 decided that the enlargement of the Frankfurt headquarters was to be postponed until you could investigate the possibility of moving to Berlin. Now was it or was it not?

I do not remember any such decision.

Now, ~~[illegible]~~ did you personally not know that Hitler would invade Austria for certain and that the invasion of Czechoslovakia might also take place?

No.

He had been very excited at the meeting. Even now, he was so excited remembering the occasion that it seemed they got news during the meeting that Austria was already occupied. "It was all new to me; the Anschluss came as a complete surprise."

But no, the date was very clear: he had underlined in his own memorandum a few days later - - March 11, 1938. He'd not wanted to let such an historic meeting pass into oblivion. He wrote a note to himself and filed it....

(here, quote Koeppler's entire memo. Maybe to be cut a little - - not much)

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Defendant, just a minute. Did you say you received news that Austria had just been occupied?

Yes, that is what it says. At the time, of course, one believed that Berlin would be a perfectly safe place.

Your file note itself mentions that the meeting was on 11 March. And that date is confirmed by the Minutes of the Meeting. Now, the invasion of Austria did not take place until the 12th, that is the

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