

**Telegram sent from the Führerbunker
15:15 on May 1, 1945**

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GRAND ADMIRAL DÖNITZ --

Most secret -- urgent -- officer only

The Führer died yesterday at 15:30 hours. Testament of April 29th appoints you as Reich President, Reich Minister Dr. Göbbels as Reich Chancellor, Reichsleiter Bormann as Party Minister, Reich Minister Seyss-Inquart as Foreign Minister. By order of the Führer, the Testament has been sent out of Berlin to you, to Field-Marshal Schörner, and for preservation and publication. *Reichsleiter Bormann intends to go to you today and to inform you of the situation.* Time and form of announcement to the Press and to the troops is left to you. Confirm receipt.

-- GÖBBELS