

Bonn Asked to Release Doenitz From Prison

BONN, Germany, May 18 (Reuters) — A lawyer for former Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Hitler's successor as Fuehrer at the end of World War II, has asked the West German Government to intervene for his release from prison.

Doenitz was sentenced at the Nuremberg trials to ten years' imprisonment for war crimes. Otto Kranzbuehler, his lawyer, is asking that the sixteen months Doenitz spent in detention before the trial should be counted in the sentence.

This would mean Doenitz' release next Monday from Spandau Prison in Berlin, where he and the other leading Nazi war criminals are serving their sentences.

A Government spokesman said he had no official knowledge of the request. Any decision to ask for Doenitz' release by the wartime Allied powers, the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union, would have to be made by Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, the spokesman explained.

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