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I, the undersigned Ernst von Raussendorff, residing at Essen-Bredeneu, having been instructed about the significance of an oath and warned that the making of a false affidavit is punishable, make the following deposition under oath for submission in evidence before the Military Tribunal in Nuremberg:

From 1934 until 26 March 1945 I worked as head of the agents' office of the firm of Krupp in Essen. I recollect- and having had recourse to the files I have also satisfied myself that my recollection is correct - that in connection with efforts made by Herr Krupp von Bohlen to obtain the release of our agent in Norway, Herr Hj. Krag, Oslo, the following communications came through my office:

- 1.) Telegram of Herr Krupp von Bohlen to Terboven, dated 29 January 1942
- 2.) Teletype message of Terboven to Herr Krupp von Bohlen, of 31 January 1942.
- 3.) Letter of Herr von Buelow to Herr von Bohlen, dated 7 February 1942.
- 4.) Communication without date of a man called Plotzki, to our Main Administration for Ore Mining in Essen, regarding the impending release of Herr Krag.
- 5.) Letter of Herr Krupp von Bohlen to Terboven, dated 21 February 1942.

These papers were kept in the files of the agents' office as carbon copies or as copies.

Essen, 28 January 1948

(signed) Ernst v. Raussendorff  
Ernst von Raussendorff

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I herewith certify the above signature of Herr Ernst von Raussendorff, Essen-Bredeneu, No.252 Alfredstrasse

Essen, 18 February 1948

- notary's seal -

(signed) Dr. Rust  
attorney-at-law (female)  
officially appointed to act in  
behalf of the notary Dr. Walter  
Ballas, Essen

Costs: \_

value RM 3.000.-

fee sect. 144, 26, 39 RKO

turnover tax 3%

RM 4.-  
- .12  
RM 4.12  
- 35 -

The Notary's deputy  
(sngd) Dr. Rust

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I, the undersigned Franz Pohlmann, residing at Essen-West, No.51, Hirtsieferstrasse 51, having been instructed about the significance of an oath and warned that the making of a false affidavit is punishable, make the following deposition under oath for submission in evidence before the Military Tribunal in Nuremberg

From the file on the former export agency's office for Norway, Krag Hj. Major, Oslo, No.I, which was started on 28 January 1920 and has been kept up until this present day, I have removed the documents listed under 1.) to 5.) in the affidavit made by Herr Ernst von Raussendorf on 28 January 1948, and in the place of the originals removed I have filed photo-static copies.

Essen, 28 January 1948

(signed) Franz Pohlmann  
- Franz Pohlmann -

No.218 in the Document Record for 1948

I herewith certify the above signature of Herr Franz Pohlmann, Essen-West, No.51 Hirtsieferstrasse, who identified himself by producing his personal card of identity for the British Zone, AP 38525 AAC.

Essen, 18 February 1948

- Notary's seal -

(signed) Dr.Rust  
Attorney-at-law (female)  
officially appointed to  
act in behalf of the  
notary Dr.Ballas,Essen.

Costs:

Value RM 3.000.-

fee according to sect. 144,26,39, RKO RM 4.-

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The Notary's Deputy  
(signed) Dr.Rust

DOCUMENT BOOK XVIII - BUELOW No.3  
EXHIBIT No. ..

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Agency's Bureau

To Dr. Hobrecker (initialed) Dr.H. 30 January  
" v.R.(von Raussendorff)

Urgent

Reich Commissioner TERBOVEN

C s l o

Expressing my regret to have missed you this morning and referring to telephone conversation of Herr von Buelow with deputy Gauler (Gau leader) Schlossmann, I present our urgent request for the release of our agent, Major Krag, who is being held under arrest as a hostage. Having worked together with him for almost 40 years we have come to know Major Krag as an honorable man with ethical standards who at all times has shown greatest understanding for the German standpoint. At present Major Krag, together with Dr. Plotzki, is looking after our Molybdenum interests in Norway which are of strategic importance and which would most seriously suffer were he to be eliminated. Considering, furthermore, his age of 75 years detention appears to be a great hardship. Hoping you will find it possible to comply with my request and conveying my best wishes to you for your extremely difficult and responsible activity,

Heil Hitler

Kruppbohlen  
Gfb (Gusstahlfabrik) 29 January 1942  
(signed) von Buelow

Business

Carbon copy: Herr Kyllmann  
" von Raussendorff  
Private secretary

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COPY

To Dr. Hobrecker (initialed) Dr. H. 9 February  
" v.R. (von Raussendorff)  
9 February

Teletype from Oslo of 31 January 1942  
by way of Gau Leadership of NSDAP Essen  
received at Private Secretariat on 3 February 1942

Secret

To Herr Krupp von Bohlen, Essen

S E C R E T !

Dear Herr Krupp von Bohlen !

I very much regret that for important and basic political considerations I am unable to comply with your request for the release of Major Krag. It has been conclusively established during the last raid which the British made on the Lofoten - when another 9 civilian Norwegians who were unarmed were carried away merely because of their being NS (National Socialists) - that upon the express request of the Norwegian Government for which the ex-king is responsible - the British Navy was given orders to capture each NS member on which it can lay hands and to take them to England. In view of this measure which makes a mockery of International Law I have arrested 20 personalities who are close to the King. Krag also is one of them, and is known as being on most intimate terms with the ex-King and as long as I am in Norway, he has certainly not shown his special understanding of German interests.

In view of the attitude taken by the ex-King, I am not in a position to take into account

for my measures of reprisal the age of the person in question. To me the life and liberty of one SS member is more important than the life and the liberty of the 75 years old friends of the ex-King. If the latter retracts his measures there will then be no need for me to take counter-measures.

As regards operations of the Molybdenum mines which - because of their strategic importance for the war - are being looked after by Dr. Plotzki and directly through the Reich Commissioner's office, Krag so far did not pay any attention to them whatsoever. One merely needs to give somebody else authority to sign responsibly.

I am convinced that you will appreciate these arguments.

Heil Hitler !

Your

(signed) Terboven

S E C R E T !

(initialed) H.S February

handwritten notation:

Herr v.Buelow advised that according to Dr.Plotzki's telephone call Krag, after all, was released on 14 February 1942.

(signed) B. (Bohlen ? )

Subject: Major Krag

Herr Alfried has asked me to inform you that he was able to see Herr Schlossmann who returned yesterday from Oslo. Herr Schlossmann had said that Gauleiter Terboven will not permit himself to be dissuaded from his decision; that he will carry through this measure of reprisal and that Major Krag will have to pay for it. That, furthermore, Gauleiter Terboven is convinced that Major Krag has not devoted himself to protect German interests in the way it was expected, quite particularly not as regards the ore mines in our care.

As there can be no question of making an appeal to the Fuehrer it will not be possible to do anything more under the circumstances. Herr Alfried shares our opinion that it also would not be advisable that you now send a reply to Gauleiter Terboven's teletype. We believe that the question as to whether and in which manner you may express your comments to Herr Terboven as regards the teletype message can wait until you have returned to Essen.

Dr.Plotzki recently informed <sup>me</sup> by telephone that he was able to call on Major Krag; that under the circumstances he was all right and that he is bearing up in the situation with calmness.

Carbon copy to Herr Kyllmann

Herr v.Reussendorff

Gfb.(Gusstahlfabrik) 7 February 1942

(signed) von Buelow

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Fried. Krupp A.G.

E s s e n

Main Administration for Ore Mining

Major K r a g will be released within the next few days.

i.A. (by order) signed Plotzki

post scriptum, handwritten:

According to telephone conversation between  
Dr. Plotzki and Dr. Scheibe the release took  
place on 13 February 1942

by way of  
Gaulleitung Essen

(signed) B.

S E C R E T !

21 February 1942

Dear Reich Commissioner Terboven !

I should like to come back to the matter of our representative, Major Krag. It grieved me deeply, that at the time you could not comply with my request to release him, all the more so as our officials because of closest cooperation are convinced that not only has Herr Krag at all times shown an understanding for the German point of view but that he also - to the extent that this was in his power - has given his support to German interests. I now hear that- notwithstanding the arguments which you expressed in your teletype message of 31 January - Herr Krag has been released and I am anxious not to lose time in expressing my joy to you and to assure/<sup>too</sup> my gratitude. I am sure that Herr Krag will never be disloyal towards us and it is my hope that he still will be able to render many a service to Krupps interests and with it to the interests of Germany.

Heil Hitler !

Yours very truly ,

(signed) Krupp Bohlen Halbach

(signed) H. 23 February

1) Dr. Hobrecker /Rademacher sigd. R 24 February

2) von Raussendorf (to be kept) for your information  
sigd. v.R. 25 February 21 February  
sigd. von Buelow

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