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A f f i d a v i t .

I, Attorney Dr.Karl von Lewinski, born 2 December 1873 in Strassburg, living in Berlin-Dahlem, Boltzmannstrasse 1, am aware that I expose myself to punishment if I make a false statement in lieu of oath. I declare in lieu of oath that my statement is true and was made to be presented as evidence before the Military Tribunal Court at the Palace of Justice in Nuernberg.

Having stated this I shall now make the following statement in lieu of oath:

From 1925 until 1931 I was the German Consul General in New York and as such it was my duty, among other things, to inform myself concerning the economic conditions in the USA, in so far as they were of importance to the commercial relations between the two countries, and to make reports thereon to the Foreign Office. Since I, as a lawyer, was not familiar with these matters myself, I asked the Chief of the Department of Consulates of the State Department in Washington to tell me what rules his office had established for the corresponding reports by the American consuls. This information was generously given to me and I found out that the current reports of the consuls were made according to a unified and centrally prescribed system which in general made it obligatory to answer all questions that seemed important to the State Department. The consuls had to collect the necessary information on the spot, from agencies, chambers of commerce, industrialists and business men, which was done openly since a knowledge of the facts was, of course, to the interest of both sides. So I made my reports in the same way.

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Besides this regular official compiling of information, which embraced all branches of commerce and did not go into detail, we naturally provided information for individual concerns, which was requested by representatives of banks or firms which had German interests in the USA - or the reverse. This information gathering was not under the control of the corresponding consulates, but it was usual, in New York for instance, that the German representatives first got in touch with the consulate and received from the consul general or the commercial attache whatever information they had on hand. The Americans proceeded in a like manner in Germany, for instance in matters concerning the granting of long or short term credit to banks or industrial enterprises.

Berlin-Dahlem, 15 December 1947

signed: Dr.Karl von Lewinski

The above signature of the attorney Dr.Karl von Lewinski, Berlin-Dahlem, Boltzmannstrasse 1, executed in his own hand this day before me, is herewith certified and attested by me.

signed: Dr.Joachim Lingenberg