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EXHIBIT No.

A f f i d a v i t .

I,

Willy KRAUS,
born 23 September 1905 at Cologne-Deutz,
at present living at Alpe, Dieringhausen-Land,
Regierungsbezirk Cologne,

having been warned that I render myself liable to punishment by giving a false affidavit, declare herewith on oath that my statement is true and has been made to be submitted as evidence to the American Military Tribunal at Nuernberg, as well as to other Allied or German authorities or courts.

On the evening of 23 October 1944, Essen was very heavily bombed by the Allied air forces. Also the cast steel factory was very severely hit. I myself, that night, was on duty at the headquarters of the plant's air defense direction in my capacity as chief of the plant's air defense for the cast steel factory. Directly after the end of the raid, Herr von BUELOW appeared at the air defense headquarters. He told me that on the way to the main administration building he had had an accident with his motor-bicycle. On his lip or lower jaw he had a cut that was bleeding profusely. In spite of this injury Herr von BUELOW proposed to continue on his way in order to see what he could do about the effects of the heavy bombing in the factory and in the camps. I urgently advised Herr von BUELOW to desist and to go to the hospital instead to have stitches put in his wound, which to me appeared dangerous and continued to bleed severely. Finally, after prolonged hesitation, he agreed and promised to drive to the hospital.

I should like to take this opportunity of stating quite generally that, after air-raids, Herr von BUELOW was always one of the first of the chiefs to appear at the command post in the main administrative building, to be immediately available for rendering any assistance necessary, which he did most energetically each time.

I have carefully read this affidavit, consisting of one page; I declare that it is true and sign herewith as follows:

Essen, 4 March 1948

signed: Willy KRAUS
(Willy Kraus)

I certify and testify that the above signature, affixed before me, is that of Herr Willy KRAUS.

Essen, 4 March 1948

signed: Dr. MASCHKE
(Dr. Maschke)

Joint Counsel for the Defendant von
BUELOW

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