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AFFIDAVIT

I, Erich Mueller, Nurnberg, after having been cautioned that any false statement on my part will render me liable to punishment hereby declare the following on oath, voluntarily and without coercion:

I assume that Auschwitz was assigned to Herr Eberhardt by Colonel Wedel, who belonged to the staff of the Procurement Dept. of the Army Ordnance Office. The negotiations were all conducted by the department Eberhardt. Reiff has been to Auschwitz; he also negotiated with an SS office in Berlin concerning the building extension. The fuse program was operated under the key word "IWAN". For some time it was also planned to install a 3,7 cm anti-aircraft auto-production. However, this project was again dropped. Difficulties also arose with regard to the procurement of machine for fuse production due to the fact that another fuse factory in Werl (Union Zuenderfertigung) wanted to extend its plant too. The firm in Werl finally took over Auschwitz. Our evacuation plant was erected somewhere else. This decision was made by the Army Ordnance Office by virtue of its authoritative conduct of the war. I do not know whether the firm Krupp received any compensation for the machines. Herr Janssen may know about this. It may be assumed that an important reason why the Ministry of Armament and ammunition and the Army Ordnance Office erected the fuse workshop in Auschwitz was, that there were laborers available from a concentration camp who could be employed in addition to the skilled workers of the firm.

I have read the two pages of this affidavit carefully, made the necessary corrections in my own handwriting and initialled them and I hereby declare an oath that in this affidavit I have stated the full truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature:) E. Mueller
(Signature of deponent)

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Sworn to and signed before me this 22 day of May 1947 at Nurnberg
by Erich Mueller

(Name and address of deponent)
known to me to be the person making the above affidavit.

(Signature:) Andrew Heuser
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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION

I, Gerta KANNOVA, No. 20151, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages, and that the above is a true and correct translation of Document No. NIK-10341.

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