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" Correspondence between Herr Oberberghauptmann FLEMMING
and Herr Oberberggrat v. VELSEN . during the period August 1932 -
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Confidential

To Herr

Oberberghauptmann FLEMMING
Berlin W. 9
Leipzigerstr. 2

Dear Herr Oberberghauptmann,

I am sure you are neither willing nor obliged
to answer questions of a Government Councillor (retired) Dr. MARTEN,
questions which to ask is none of his business. Herr MARTEN apparently
intends to launch attacks against the Association of Collieries (Zechen-
verband) and Mining Society (Bergbauverein), as is evident from an edi-
torial in today's Dortmunder Generalanzeiger. From beginning to end, this
article is full of foolish assumptions and incorrect statements and has
the sole tendency to show these two renowned associations in a bad light
and to libel them

You were quite right in informing him that the Association of Collieries and the Mining Society did not put any money at the disposal of the HITLER-movement. MARTIN continues to blab something about the enormous assets of the Association of Collieries which he estimates at 10 million. The Association of Collieries would certainly be happy could it call even a small fraction of this sum its own.

Such people should not be afforded the honor of an interview who only start trouble, tell lies, and, in an unfair manner, make derogatory statements about those remaining in Germany who are truly honest and successful in their work.

I do not know, what Government Councillor (retired) MARTIN is concerned here. Before the war already, I made, in Berlin circles, the acquaintance of a Government Councillor MARTIN who turned out in the most shameless manner to be a chaser of rich women and snooper for large fortunes and revenues as Aufsichtsrat. Socially and professionally he failed entirely and became then, as happens so frequently, an informer, troublemaker and slanderer. It is a pity that such people still find an outlet for their activities among the political Left and therefore remain dangerous and should be avoided all the more carefully.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Herr Oberberggrat von Velsen and thus may consider this case unless I made a mistake in the person of the Government Councillor (retired).

With the Miners' Salute

Respectfully Yours,

signed BRANDI

To Herr

Director General Oberberggrat von VELSEN

Hibernia Mining Company (Berggewerkschaft Hibernia)

Recklinghausen

I should like to draw your special attention to the fact that neither the Association of Collieries nor the Mining Society have collected and spent money in support of the HITLER-movement. It is not the duty of the Mining Society or the Association of Collieries to check, whether and to what extent, individual members and persons are interested in that movement nor to prevent such participation.

With the Miners' Salute,

Yours truly

signed BRANDI.

This is to certify that the above copy corresponds to the original before me. I also attest to the fact that the original submitted to me bears, at the end of the letter to Herr FLEMMING, as well as at the end of the additional note to Herr Oberberggrat v. VELSEN, the signature, well known to me from earlier notary and other correspondence, in the own hand of the late Mine Manager Dr. - Ing. a.h. BRANDI of Dortmund.

Essen; 6 January 1948
(seal of the notary)

signed Ewald FLENELOH
Notary.