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Cross examination of the witness Ludwig GRAUERT

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Q: Did you at that time have a hand in seeing that large sums of money of the industrial concerns were given to National Socialist quarters?

A: I personally had no fund in my organization for such things. However, at the beginning of 1932 I gave the Economic Adviser FUNK 100,000 marks when THYSEN was not present and FUNK needed it badly. At that time a decision had been taken by the heavy industry, that no funds were to be given to the National Socialist Party, but only the PAEN Cabinet and for having handed it this 100,000 marks I was supposed to be dismissed from my post. Only the fact that THYSEN said I had acted in his name, prevented that this measure was carried out.

Q: That was not the only time the Party received money from your help directly or indirectly. Will you tell us something about the other cases, and you can be quite frank in this matter?

A: I really do not remember any other cases where I placed large sums of money at their disposal, because I had no funds for such purposes. I did not give any money to the organization as a whole, or to HITLER, or for other longer centralized tasks.

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Q: I did not mean the organization as a whole. I meant individual SS groups and so on?

A: I never gave the SS a single penny.

Q: Only the Party?

A: Just the case that I mentioned. At the time of FERTOVEN I once more gave some money.

Q: How much did you give the Gauleiter at that time?

A: I did not negotiate with the Gauleiter at all. That was done by WAGNER, the Economic Personnel Adviser in Munich at that time.

Q: How much?

A: I did this in the form of a loan. It may have been 100,000 marks, it may have been less.

Q: Do you know that this loan has never been repaid by the Party?

A: No, nothing is known to me.

Q: Whether such loans were given to the Party directly or indirectly with your help, will you please tell us something about it?

A: I know that additional money was given, but I could not give you any one single case in which I participated, nor where this happened.

Q: Would you say it is correct if I say that with your help about three to five hundred thousand marks were given to the Party. You must be very careful because I have the documents.

A: Even in spite of that fact I would say that I think that this sum is not correct, because I had no funds at my disposal.

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Q: That is the reason why I say indirectly?

Q: You do not want to admit more than 200,000 RM?

A: What I gave personally, what I know personally, what I advised or ordered?

Q: That you advised it, that you contributed, that you made recommendations?

A: If you would mention something I might remember, but I don't remember any individual cases.

Q: You only remember RM 100,000, but it is not impossible that it was more, is that correct?

A: It is possible, but not up to 500,000 marks. Anyway, not from me personally.

Q: But from your organization, and so on?

A: I should like to say that my organization had no fund for such purposes. Our Employers Organization only had a fund for strike eventualities.

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