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I, August HEINRICHSBAUER, residing Castrop-Rauxel, Victoria-strasse 20, born 15 June 1890, having been warned that I render myself liable to punishment if I make a false affidavit do hereby declare on oath that my statements are the full truth and were made to be submitted in evidence to the Military Tribunal at Nuernberg (Germany) or to other Allied or German authorities or courts.

Thanks to the position of trust I used to hold in the Rhenish Westphalian industry until I was dismissed, in 1933, without a moment's notice at the pressure from the NSDAP, the leading men in the mining industry of the Ruhr frequently also consulted with me in matters concerning the financing of political purposes. I learnt from conversations with men, then leading in industry who by virtue of their influential positions had inside knowledge even of the most confidential transactions in industry (among others, Albert VOEGLER, Ernst BRANDI, Fritz SPRINGORUM) that in the event of Reichstag elections and similar political events subsidies on a fairly big scale were given to the so-called bourgeois parties (German Nationalist People's Party, German People's Party, the Catholic Center, Democratic and State Party respectively); the amounts were approximately equal (RM 2 - 300.000 for each party, if my memory serves me right). The chief reason for making these payments was to prevent the various parties from approaching individual companies with requests for subsidies; the idea was to centralize this financing as strictly as possible in order to keep a check on it, so that the individual companies would not be played off against each other.

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As far as I remember, during the years following World War I amounts have been paid to these political parties which I am sure ran into millions.

I have carefully read, and signed in my own handwriting, each of these two pages of my affidavit.

Castrop-Rauxel, 31 January 1948.

(signed) August HEINRICHSBAUER
(First and Second Names)

This is to certify the signature of Mr. August HEINRICHSBAUER, given in his own handwriting.

Castrop-Rauxel, 4 February 1948

Senior Town Clerk

By Order

(Signature)

Stamp

Township of

Castrop-Rauxel

Revenue Stamp