

I, Dr. Gert Weiz, assistant to the Defense Counsel for
Karl Eberhardt in Case 10 before the United States Military
Tribunal in Nuernberg, heroby certify that the accompanying
document

Letter written by the Elmag G.m.b.H. to Minister
President W.Koehler, dated 25 September 1944, with a
chronological chart of the procedure of the transfer
in location from Muehlhausen to Franken, specifically,
to the Mitteldeutschen Stahlwerke in Groeditz
was properly copied from the records of the Krupp Firm which
were furnished to me by the Prosecution Authorities in Nuernberg
as confiscated documents, and that the copy conforms literally
with the original.

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To
Minister President W. K o e h l e r
Chairman of the Armament Commission
in the Upper Rhine Armament Inspection
District

11 Bismarckstrasse
S t r a s b o u r g / Alsace

General Management

Bi/Bue

25 September 1944

Dear Sir,

Following the conversation of Saturday, 23 September 1944, we take
the opportunity to send you a condensed chronological list of
evacuation orders:

25 Aug 1944 - Works conference with Director Schaaf (see appendix 1):
Immediate planning and commencement of tractor
overhaul.

25 Aug 1944 - Conference with Director Schaaf (see appendix 2):
It is to be investigated which emergency machines
may have to be brought to the Reich proper (Altreich).

2 Sep 1944 - Decree by the Reich Minister for Armament and War
Production, special division for tractor production of
main division for motor vehicles (see appendix 3
and 4):

The Reich Minister for Armament and War Production
has ordered the immediate evacuation of the
Krupp/Elmag tractor production.

3 Sep 1944 - Visit Director Schaaf (see appendix 5):
The tractor production will not be transferred.

31 September 1944
Conference of the armament inspectorate in
Saarbruecken (see appendix 6):

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Repair shop is to be set up. Half of the present tractor production is to be maintained.

8 Sep 1944 - Communication from Major von Lobrogowski of the Upper Rhine Armament Inspectorate (see appendix 7):

Evacuation will take place.

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13 Sep 1944 - Communication from Captain Mueller of the Armament Inspectorate (see appendix 8):

In group Ib, A.A. guns have first and tractor production second evacuation priority.

13 Sep 1944 - Transfer order by the Armament Inspectorate (see appendix 9):

Partial evacuation ordered

- 1) A.A. equipment of 8.8 as well as 10.5 cm
- 2) Crankshafts
- 3) 12 ton tractors

14 Sep 1944 - Communication from Lt. Col. Streicher (see appendix 10):

Evacuation to be carried out in the following order:

- 1) A.A. guns
- 2) Crankshafts
- 3) Tractors.

15 Sep 1944 - Report to the Minister President in Muehlhausen (see app. 11):

Proposal by the general management of Elmag:

- 1) Large repair shop and new production of parts for tractors
- 2) Spare parts for tractors
- 3) 50 % new production of tractors, subsequently further 50%
- 4) A.A. equipment production parallel to items 1) to 3).

15 Sep 1944 - Conference with the Plenipotentiary for Concentration of the Speer Ministry (see appendix 12):

Reich Minister Speer declines evacuation of tractor production.

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Production will operate as long as possible in
Mulhausen, and at a maximum.

17 Sep 1944 - Conference with Armament Inspectorate in Strasbourg
(see app. 13):

The evacuation order of 13 Sep 1944 remains in effect.

20 Sep 1944 - Directive by the Plenipotentiary for Concentration
of the Speer Ministry, Lfd. Ing. Nobel, (see app. 14):

Reich Minister Speer authorizes total evacuation
of Krawa.

20 Sep 1944 - Evacuation of centrifugal foundry (see app. 15):

The head of the works division, Herr Hense,
announces that he has received orders from Berlin
for the immediate evacuation of the centrifugal
foundry of the Elmag.

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20 Sep 1944 - Directive by the Armament Inspectorate via
Major Grohlig (see appendix 16):

Centrifugal foundry to be evacuated forthwith.

From our exposition it can be apprehended under which conditions the
general management of Elmag had to make their decisions.

Heil Hitler !

Elmag Alsace Works

Maschinenbaugesellschaft m.b.H.

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Subject: Tractor overhaul (Visit of Director Schaaf in
Muelhausen on 25 August 1944).

on 25 August 1944 at the occasion of his presence in Muelhausen
Herr Schaaf demanded that we attend without delay to the planning
and commencement of the tractor overhaul operations.

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Subject: Conference with Director Schaaf in Muelhausen on
25 August 1944.

Herr Schaaf suggested to investigate which bottle-neck emergency
machines were to be brought to the Reich proper (Altreich). He also
intended discussing this question with Lt. Col. Streicher.

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A p p e n d i x 3 :
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Copy of the letter of 2 September 1944 by Director Schweda to
Director Balz:

Subject: Evacuation.

The Reich Minister for Armament and War Production has ordered the immediate evacuation of Krupp-Elmag tractor production in Mulhausen. In my capacity as head of the special division for tractor production I assign the tasks charged to you, and I instruct you to take all the measures necessary for ensuring the quickest possible evacuation of materials, machinery, equipment and manpower.

The Upper Rhine Armament Inspectorate in Strasbourg has been informed through the Army High Command WuG 6 on 1 September 1944 in the evening, to assist you accordingly: Firstly regarding the pertinent disposition of cars by the Reichsbahn, and secondly military safeguarding of the transport where necessary.

Special happenings resp. difficulties in the carrying out of the order will be immediately reported to the main or special division via the inspectorate.

signed: S c h w e d a .

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Copy of the letter of 2 September 1944 by Director Schweda
to the general management of Firma Krupp-Elmag.

Subject: Evacuation.

I enclose copy of a letter marked "top secret" to my works division chief, Director B a l z , from which you will see that on behalf of the Reich Minister for Armament and War Production I have given my works division chief, Director B a l z , all the authority necessary for the carrying out of the evacuation. .
Kindly assist Herr Balz in carrying out these tasks.

The machines have first of all to be dispatched to Firma Suedeisenbau G.m.b.H., Nuernberg, Schweinau siding. Insofar as transport by rail trucks cannot be done to a sufficient extent, the remainder of the machines and installations must be tried to be brought to the other side of the Rhine, in the open of any town.

signed: Schweda .

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Excerpt from file note re: Conversation of 3 September 1944
with Director Schaaf.

..... Director Schaaf stated that according to his latest information the Krawa would not be evacuated. He declared, that, independently of this, tractor repairing was to be put into operation on the other side of the Rhine

signed: C o l l i g n o n

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Subject: Telephone conversation on 4 September 1944 between Herr B i e g i and Lt. Col. S t r e i c h e r of the Strasbourg Armament Inspectorate.

Excerpt from Herr Biegi's file note:

" I have inquired of Lt. Col. Streicher the result of yesterday's Saarbruecken conference insofar as it would be of interest to us. Lt. Col. Streicher expatiated as follows:
It had been decided in Saarbruecken that Elmag, with the plant divisions planned (setting up of a repair shop), will go to the other side of the Rhine. This shall be proceeded with in such a way that the existing production can be maintained in two separate halves."

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A p p e n d i x 7 :

Subject: Telephone conversation on 8 September 1944 between
Dr. Schumacher and Major von D o b r o g o i s k i of Upper Rhine
armament Inspectorate, Strasbourg.

Major von Lobrogoiski authenticated that the situation was unchanged,
i.e. there was to be no evacuation.

A p p e n d i x 8 :

Subject: Conference on 13 September 1944 with Capt. M u e l l e r
of the armament command.

Excerpt from Herr H u p e ' s file note of the same date:

"Capt. Mueller then informed us of the order for evacuation according
to which the Almag was rated group Ib and that firstly the A.A.
equipment production and secondly the tractor production was to be
transferred in all haste. The existing order for the setting up of a
repair plant in Nuer nberg-Schweinau was not affected by this
evacuation order".

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A p p e n d i x 9:

Subject: Letter of 13 September 1944 by the Upper Rhine Armament Inspectorate in Strasbourg of the Reich Minister for Armament and War Production (Order of the Day F 5375/44 secret Ia.).

Text: " On behalf of the chairman of the armament commission you are instructed by the Upper Rhine Armament Inspectorate to commence forthwith with the partial evacuation of your plant. The extent is clearly stated in above mentioned circular. It concerns the manufacture of

- 1) equipment 8.8. cm, 10.5 cm column mounted guns
- 2) Crankshafts
- 3) 12 ton tractors.

Transport (emergency trucks) as required has to be applied for ^{to} the Upper Rhine Armament Inspectorate Transport Section by courier, with the dispatch, at the same time, of the necessary consignment notes complete in every detail.

The evacuation is to be camouflaged as far as possible. The question of manpower transfer resp. becoming available for re-allocation, has to be taken up with the Strasbourg armament command at an early date."

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Appendix 10:

Telephone conversation
on 14 September 1944 between Lt. Col. S t r e i c h e r
and Dr. S c h u m a c h e r of Elmag.

Subject: Evacuation.

Lt. Col. Streicher stated that the evacuation order has been
sent to us to-day. Evacuation is to be carried out in the
following order:

- 1) A.A. equipment
- 2) Crankshafts
- 3) Tractors.

According to Inspector K r u g 's observation, however, the
order sent us is the wrong one. It named tractors while actually
A.A. equipment was to have priority. He stated this to Lt.
Commander S c h l o t t o r e r who has accordingly amended
resp. corrected the order meanwhile received.

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Appendix 11

Conference

with Minister President Koehler in the offices of the Ober-rheinische Kraftwerke A.G., Mulhausen/Alsace, on 15 Sept. 1944.

Subject: Urgency of evacuation

Minister President Koehler inquired which production was, in our opinion, to be evacuated most urgently. The urgency of evacuation was classified by Herr Collignon as follows:

- 1) Large tractor repair shop (machines already on the way) and new parts production for tractor repairs (machines already on the way)
- 2) Spare parts for motor vehicle production (evacuation of machinery started)
- 3) 50 % new production of tractors and subsequently the remaining 50%. (Machines partly dismantled).
- 4) A.A. equipment production. Shipment of the machines is to be carried out, after clarification of the confiscation by the Reich, parallel to the shipments mentioned under items 1) to 3).

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Appendix 12:

Subject: Teletype of 15 September 1944 by Herr Schnieders, Berlin.

"This afternoon at 14:30 hours I had an interview by appointment with the Plenipotentiary for Concentration of the Motor Vehicle and Tractor Program of the Speer Ministry, Dipl. Ing. Nobel. I informed Herr Nobel the same way as the main division, and he agreed to the solution regarding Suedoisenbau Nuremberg. He emphasizes, however, that he wished personally to report the matter to the Minister. This ministerial conference has just taken place, and Herr Nobel informs me that the Minister has declined transfer of the tractor production. The following teletype is now being sent by Herr Nobel from the Ministry to Minister President Koehler:

" Anything which can be evacuated without interfering with serial production, will be evacuated. Serial production will continue as long as possible, at a maximum, by personal order of Reich Minister Speer."

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Appendix 13:

V i s i t

by Director Hupe of Elmag to Armament Inspectorate in Strasbourg on 17 September 1944.

Subject: Evacuation (File note by Director Hupe)

I explained to the gentlemen that following Lt. Commander Schlotterer's visit we received an order for evacuation in the following order: 8,8 A.A. equipment, crankshafts and tractor production. Herr Krug told me that the whole matter had gone wrong and that Schlotterer had been instructed to hand us an evacuation order in respect of 8,8 A.A. equipment only, for the time being. In order to prevent confusion in the evacuation, however, the evacuation order as given us by Schlotterer was to remain in effect, by order of the Armament Inspectorate.

Meanwhile Lt. Col. Streicher had become available so that I could continue my conversation with him. Lt. Col. Streicher re-affirmed that the present evacuation order was correct and that it could be carried out by us in the order planned.

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Appendix 14:

Teletype of 20 September 1944 of Herr Schnieders,
Krupp Kraftfahrzeuge G.m.b.H. concerning evacuation of
tractor production.

Yesterday afternoon at about 16:00 hours I was informed
by the Plenipotentiary for Concentration of the Speer Mi-
nistry, Dipl. Ing. Nobel, that total evacuation of Krawa
is now going to be consented to. Simultaneously there was a
conversation with the representative of the Ministry for
Armament and War Production for army district XIII,
Nuremberg, Chief Construction Manager Klingler of Nuremberg,
Essenweinstrasse 1, third floor, Tel. 23191 and 23396. He was
instructed by the ministry to arrange for the setting up
in army district XIII, Nuremberg, of the tractor production,
including spare parts.

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Appendix 15:

Telephone conversation on 20 September 1944 between Herr Hense, chief of the works division for blank cylinder linings, and Elmag.

Subject: Evacuation of the centrifugal foundry .

Herr Hense stated that yesterday he had received orders from Berlin to apply immediately to the Strasbourg armament inspectorate for evacuation of our centrifugal foundry to Blankenburg and Amalienhuetten. Thereupon Herr Hense has sent a wire to the Strasbourg armament inspectorate, in which he asked for approval of the application. As soon as Herr Hense receives the answer from Strasbourg he will give us further information.

Appendix 16:

Telephone conversation

on 22 September 1944 between Major Grohlig and Director Hupe.

Subject: Evacuation of the centrifugal foundry.

This morning Major Grohlig called from the Freiburg armament command and stated the following:

At the instance of Lt. Col. Streicher of the Strasbourg armament inspectorate, the centrifugal foundry is to be moved as part of the total evacuation, although there is as yet no order by the chairman of the armament commission.