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A f f i d a v i t .

I want to state about myself that, on 21 March of this year, I will be 65 years old, that from the year 1922 until 1945 I was director of the coal mine Heinrich in Essen-Kupferdreh. I am aware that I render myself liable to prosecution if I make a false statement in lieu of oath. I declare in lieu of oath that my statement is true and that it was made for use as evidence at the Military Tribunal, Palace of Justice, Nuremberg.

I am acquainted with Herr Karl Eberhardt, acting member of the Vorstand of the firm of Krupp in Essen and his family since 1938. Through close association I learned to know Herr Eberhardt's traits of character and can with regard thereto state the following:

I particularly noticed that Herr Eberhardt never wore a party insignia, his attitude towards the National-Socialist Party was very indifferent. About the persecution of the Jews in 1938 he was just as indignant as every other decent German and very frankly expressed his opinion on the shameful manner in which the synagogues and the furniture of the rooms of Jews were destroyed, and that the attempt was made to call this rough-neck business an outburst of the opinion of the German people.

The idea that war would mean big business for the firm of Krupp, never existed with him.

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On the contrary, he, like every person with a sense of responsibility, condemned this war and saw in it a great danger of destruction of what had been acquired during long years. Herr Eberhardt was a good business man with foresight, and could not be fooled by a false prosperity.

As far as character is concerned I can only describe Herr Eberhardt as an outstanding man whose attributes were energy, frankness, helpfulness, dependability and justice.

Essen-Ueberruhr, 2 March 1948.

(signed) H. Petermann
(H.PETERSMANN)

Number 92 of the document foll for 1948.

I hereby certify that

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the above signature of the mine director Herr Heinrich Petersmann of Essen-Kupferdreh, Langenberger Strasse 341, signed in my presence is authentic.

Essen-Kupferdreh, 4 March 1948.

(signed) Dr. Mueschenborn
Notary Public.

(L.S.):
Dr. jur. Heinrich
Mueschenborn,
Notary Public in
Essen-Kupferdreh.

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Seal:

Charges.

(Article 154 charges Regulation of 25 November 1937)
No. of the register for the year

Value: RM 3.000.-

Rate of charge, article 144, 26, 39 RM 4.--

Additional charges, article 52, 53, 153 -

Turnover Tax " -.12

Writing fee article 138, 152 -

Postage, article 139, 152 -

Stamping Fee, Tar. St. ... St.St.G. -

RM 4.12

Notary Public:

(signed) Dr. Mueschenborn.