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A f f i d a v i t .

I, Dr. Ing. Walter Schumacher, born 10 September 1894, residing at Stuttgart--Obertuerkheim, Ruedernerstrasse 31, in 1944 one of the three business managers of the Elmag G.m.b.H., Muelhausen, after having been cautioned that by making a false affidavit I render myself liable to punishment hereby declare that my statement is true and was made in order to be submitted as evidence to the American Military Tribunal in the Palace of Justice at Nuremberg.

"When in November 1944 the Allied troops advanced in the direction of Mulhouse, it became known that Mulhouse was to be defended on orders of the Reich Defense Commissioner, Gauleiter Robert Wagner, and that the inhabitants were to be called up for trench work. As far as I know the district leadership of the NSDAP was made responsible for the execution of this order.

In view of the fact that the district leadership had no competencies over the Elmag personnel during work hours, it finally requested that the entire personnel of the plant was to appear on Sunday, 19 November, to dig trenches in the immediate neighborhood of Mulhouse, on the same place where other persons had already dug long antitank ditches. I do not know who had delivered this order and the form in which it was clothed, because I had been absent a few times during the days in question. On my return information to this effect had already been issued to the Plant's personnel.

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The management's information merely meant a splitting up of the requested personnel. According to the then existing division of official competencies I take it for granted that this order to dig trenches was received by the management of the Elmag via the district leadership of the NSDAP. Under the then existing conditions it would have been impossible for the management of a private enterprise to refuse to pass on such an order from authoritative quarters to the personnel of the firm. The trench work on Sunday, 19 November 1944, regarding which the company naturally had nothing to say, lasted only a short time, as the work was interfered with by Allied planes flying over Mulhouse. On the evening of 19 November I already received the news that Allied armored cars had broken through and were already advancing toward Mulhouse.

Stuttgart-Obertuerkheim, 9 April 1948.

(signed) Dr. Walter Schumacher.

I hereby certify the authenticity of the foregoing signature of

Dr. Walter Schumacher, Ing., born 10 September 1894,
residing at Stuttgart-Obertuerkheim, Ruedenerstrasse
31,

which signature was given before the Notary Public of the district of
Obertuerkheim.

Stamp: Office of the Notary Public
of the district of Stuttgart-Obertuerkheim.

Stuttgart-Obertuerkheim,
9 April 1948.

District and Notary Public
(signed) Wagner (?)

(in handwriting)

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