

Affidavit.

I, KOLBACH Jean-Pierre, Dipl. Ing., resident in Luxembourg, Franziskanerinnenstr. No.4, having been instructed as to the meaning of the oath and the fact that I shall render myself liable to punishment by making a false statement, herewith decalre the following for use in court, add in particular before the American Military Tribunal in Nuernberg, for the case against KRUPP, Defendant Prof. Dr. Ing. EDOUARD HOUDREMONT.

When in May 1940 German troops overran our little country, the Luxembourg patriots founded an underground movement called "LIGUE PATRIOTIQUE LUXEMBURGEOISE", and thus organized their resistance. As an active member of this movement, I was imprisoned by the Gestapo on 12 December 1941 and after imprisonment on remand in the prison here, I was taken to the HINZERT Labor Training Camp (Kreis Trier).

Dr. Ed. HOUDREMONT was more than familiar with the new German HITLER spirit and guessed what faced political prisoners. After all, in 1914, when Luxembourg was occupied, he had already been forced to see his old father, as a patriot, condemned to tread the road to the German fort of EHRENBREITSTEIN, where the seed of his early death was sown.

The civil administration took over the running of Luxembourg, and so began the Gauleiter reign of terror. The introduction of conscription in Luxembourg caused the strike which took place in all the factories. My Director in the ARBED works in Schiffelingen, where the sirens sounded as a signal for the strike, narrowly escaped the judge's death sentence and was also sent to the HINZERT camp. When we were thus hard-pressed, Dr. HOUDREMONT tried every means to influence the Gestapo in Director KOENER's and my favor. The reply he received was the decision that the release of Director KOENER and myself was quite out of the question. One consequence of the strike was the deportation of Luxembourgers. My wife and daughter were also to be removed to eastern Germany. My wife's poor health as the result of a heart disease forced Dr. HOUDREMONT to intercede energetically. Since mediation with the Gestapo on behalf of my family was hopeless and

deportation to the camp would have met a wretched death there, Dr. HOUDREMONT, generous and benevolent as always, simply took my family with him to Germany, where he gave them shelter under his own roof and saved them from the clutches of the Gestapo.

The trial of the Luxembourg patriots, which was to have started in 1942, and where the end in store for me had already been decided on, did not take place.

In May 1943 I was condemned to Mauthausen extermination camp as a traitor to the Greater German Reich. Dr. Ed. HOUDREMONT's attempts to mediate for me through the highest channels were unavailing. The appended documents show sufficiently clearly the efforts he made for me and my family, even at the risk of falling under suspicion as an enemy of the Nazi party.

Our liberation by the victorious Allied troops in 1945 restored me to my family after a hard and weary separation.

I shall never be able to forget the efforts which Dr. HOUDREMONT made for me and my family when we were in distress. It is incomprehensible to me that Dr. HOUDREMONT, who to my knowledge was far more an opponent of the Nazi bigwigs, should today be branded as a war criminal. HOUDREMONT, who had attained considerable standing through his unusual specialized knowledge, did indeed find himself hard-pressed during the Nazi regime.

According to the statements of my wife, who spent almost two years in the HOUDREMONT family during the war, and found a second home there, Dr. HOUDREMONT associated in private life only with those who were inimical to HITLER Terrorism.

I cannot help thinking that the Tribunal could not possibly find Dr. HOUDREMONT guilty - a man who constantly showed his high moral character and irreproachable honesty in every situation of life.

signed: J.P. KOLBACH

former prisoner No. 30290, Mauthausen
Concentration Camp.

Appended: 6 photocopies.

The undersigned Tony NEUMANN, Notary in Luxembourg, herewith certifies the authenticity of the signature appended in his presence by Herr Jean-Pierre KOLBACH, Dipl.-Ing., resident in Luxembourg.

Luxembourg, 12 November 1947

signed: Tony NEUMANN

Official stamp:

Tony NEUMANN, Notary
in Luxembourg.

Prof. Dr.-Ing.Ed.HOUDREMONT

Essen, 5 October 1942
Fried. KRUPP A.G.

* Dear Leonie,

On returning from Berlin, I find a letter waiting which says that at the moment no action will be taken for Madeleine's expulsion, which means that above all the reassurance essential to the patient is achieved. I shall do my best to come and see you while I am in Luxembourg.

Yours affectionately, in haste

signed: HOUDREMONT.

* Frau Dr. Jos.PRIM, nee Leonie GLAESNER, (Sister of Frau J.-P. KOLBACH, nee Madeleine GLAESNER).

Prof.Dr. - Ing. Ed. HOUDREMONT Essen, 12 August 1943
Brachstr. 17

To

Herr Generaldirektor P L E I G E R
Reichswerke "Hermann GOERING"

B e r l i n .

Dear Herr PLEIGER,

I am approaching you today with the following appeal:
a relative of mine from Luxembourg has been in protective
custody in the concentration camp since the end of 1941,
because he is alleged, from love of his country, to have given
assistance to some Luxembourgers who had been dismissed from
their posts in the interests of the Germanization of Luxembourg.
He is a mechanical engineer and was employed as such for years
by "Arbed" in Luxembourg. The man in question is Herr Joh. Peter
KOLBACH, born on 17 July 1900, who is at the moment in Mauthausen
Concentration Camp, (Upper Danube) as prisoner No. 30290, Block
18, Room A. In view of the acute shortage of engineers and
workers from which we are suffering, I am of the opinion that such
actions, undertaken on impulse, can be disregarded if it is known
that the people in question are otherwise reliable collaborators.
I could give you a guarantee of this. My request to you now is
that you find out whether you might require such a worker for the
"Hermann GOERING-Werke" in Linz. At the same time it has been
arranged that Frau KOLBACH send in a plea for the pardon and
release of her husband.

I thank you most warmly in advance for your efforts.

With best wishes and Heil HITLER,

Yours very sincerely,

signed: HOUDREMONT

Reichswerke A.G. fuer Berg- und
Huetttenbetrieb "Hermann GOERING"

Berlin, 28 Dezember 1943

Sekr. Staatsrat MEINBERG.

Dear Prof. HOUDREMONT,

In answer to the appeal made by SS-Gruppenfuehrer Staatsrat
MEINBERG on behalf of Peter KOLBACH, the reply has just been
received that KOLBACH's release is at present out of the question.
This communication came from the Reich Head Office for Security
in Berlin, addressed to Staatsrat MEINBERG.

I am sorry that I am unable to send you any better information
in the absence of Staatsrat MEINBERG.

Heil HITLER

Reichswerke

A.G. fuer Berg- und Huetttenbetriebe

"Hermann GOERING"

signed: Yours C. KITZLER

To

Herr Prof. HOUDREMONT
Fa. Fried. KRUPP A.G.

E s s e n .

Reichswerke Aktiengesellschaft fuer Berg- und Huettenbetriebe

"Hermann GOERING"

Staatsrat MEINBERG.

Berlin, 22 October 1943

To

Herr Prof. - Ing. HOUDREMONT

E s s e n .
Brachtstr. 17

Dear Prof. HOUDREMONT,

I appealed directly to the Commandant of the Mauthausen camp on behalf of your relative KOLBACH and requested him, on the grounds indicated by you, to decide whether KOLBACH could be employed by us. If any news had been received, I should have informed you immediately. I shall, however, do this as soon as any arrives.

Till then, I remain, with best wishes and Heil HITLER,

Yours

signed: MEINBERG.

Special commissioner for metal processing
for the Reich Minister for Armaments and War Production
and the Reich Minister of Economics
Prof. Dr. - Ing. E. HOUDREMONT

E s s e n .

at present in Freiburg, 6 April 1944

To
Herr Dipl. Ing. Johann KOLBACH
born 17 June 1900
No. 30 290
Mauthausen Concentration Camp (Upper Danube).

Dear Johann,

I hear from your wife that, considering the circumstances,
you are quite well. We were all very glad to receive news of you
and I hope that in view of the demand for engineers in Germany you
will be employed somewhere on the production line as a mechanical
engineer in accordance with your capabilities.

I have now been sick for 3 months but hope to be able to
resume my work in the course of the next month.

Your wife and daughter are well. Your mother-in-law is
growing old slowly and is having great trouble with her heart.
I do not expect you to answer this letter direct, but I shall
be satisfied if I can continue to receive news of you through
your wife. I should of course be glad if this could happen as regular-
ly as possible.

With affectionate greetings,

Yours,

Eduard HOUDREMONT.

Waffen - SS
Mauthausen Concentration Camp
Headquarters.

Mauthausen, 20 April 1944
(Upper Danube)

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Subject: Johann Peter KOLBACH, born 17 July 1900 at Luxembourg
Ref: Your letter of 6 April 1944
Enclosure: None.

To Herr Prof. Dr. Ing. E. HOUDREMONT

E s s e n.
KRUPP Box

In reply to your letter of 6 April 1944, the authorities here state that K (OLBACH) is employed in an important armaments plant here, too. His transfer is therefore not possible.

by Order

Signature illegible

SS- Untersturmfuehrer