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for attention of Herr JAEHNKE

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Anonymous letter

We have investigated the accusations levelled at the employees of our Saelzer-Neuack coke plant in the anonymous letter. Results of the investigation are enclosed herewith.

According to thst there was not one case of an exchange of foodstuff, or an additional gift of cigarettes or any financial compensation made to French prisoners of war, just as they all deny ever having voiced adverse criticism of the German wartime policy.

all employees enjoy a good reputation so that the statements appeared incredible from the start.

The former Betriebsfuehrer of the Saelzer-Neuack coke plant, Herr EBERHARDT, admitted at once that on one occasion he did have his hair cut by a French POW, on the day in question he was off work to attend the funeral of a relative killed in an accident at the plant. He was on his way to the barber and the railroad station, wearing his black suit, when a break-down occurred at the plant. Out of a special sense of obligation, he himself fixed up the break-down, thereby losing so much time that he could no longer go to the barber for a hair cut before his train left. For that reason he asked the French POW to trim his hair a little without giving the POW any tip at all or granting the slightest favor.

Even if in this case Herr EBERHARDT's conduct was not quite correct, the whole circumstances do exonerate him regarding this offense, which was limited to this one case only.

We believe that on the basis of the enclosed interrogations you might regard the matter as settled, especially as the informer himself remained anonymous and as the report was made at a much later date (the French POW CAGNIER has not been working at our Saelzer-Neuack coke plant since the end of March), so that this was obviously done only for the purpose of creating difficulties for his own colleagues.

signed signature
RAUSCHENBACH

Enclosures

1 report

4 interrogations.

I herewith certify and attest the accuracy of the above photostat. The original may be found in the files of the Fried. Krupp mining plant, Essen.

Nuernberg, 16 May 1948

Dr. HENNIG
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R e p o r t

On 23rd inst., the Gestapo informed me by telephone that the Betriebsfuehrer EBERHARDT, as well as the workers MELMERT WEBER, EWERT and RUETTER - employees of the Saelzer-pit - repeatedly had their hair cut on the plant by the French POW Bertrand CAGNIER, identification No. 3542, POW No. 12622, a professional barber. Those people gave the POW, among other things, money and cigarettes in return for the services. The police added that this was an offense against prisoners of war. The police furthermore requested me to question CAGNIER on this matter and they were going to ring me again on Monday morning re interrogating these people. Talked to Betriebsfuehrer EBERHARDT about this, he denied quite emphatically ever having given money or cigarettes to the POW CAGNIER. He did admit having once had his hair cut by him on the plant when he had to attend a funeral.

The investigations will be continued.

signed signature (GITSCHIED?)

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