

A f f i d a v i t .

I.

Dr. Johann J o e d e n ,  
K i e l , Duesternbrooker Weg 56,

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 Military Tribunal in the Palace of Justice at Nuremberg, Germany.

From April 1943 on I was a commercial Vorstand member of the Germania-Werft at Kiel. In the summer of 1943, Herr Saur of the Speer Ministry came to see us. During his visit I got to know Herr Saur for the first time. The reason for his visit was to bring new regulations to the Germania-Werft concerning the construction of submarines. He was accompanied by quite a large staff of experts.

At the subsequent dinner in the Hotel Hansa in Kiel I was placed opposite Herr Saur. On this occasion he made some very disparaging statements concerning the parent firm in Essen. He said that the "Krupp firm was a firm of swindlers" and that he was up to their tricks", etc. In this connection he mentioned particularly Prof. Erich Mueller whom he declared to be the guilty one, as he did not keep pace with the time-table fixed for production. The reason for his vituperations was a visit he recently paid to the Bertha Works. He said that the manager there had deceived him in order to make him think that the production had already been taken up, whereas, in fact, this had not been the case. He, Saur, would not put up with such methods and, if necessary, would

appoint a commissioner over the head of Prof. Erich Mueller.

On the next day I made file notices, following his exact words as closely as I could, and sent them to Herr Alfried von Bohlen. I have subsequently learned that he had passed on the original file notices to Minister Speer who in turn made Saur account for this.

The copy of my file notices was destroyed in Kiel during an air raid. I am unable to say where the original can be found.

Essen, 5 May 1948.

(signed) Dr. Johann Joeden.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing signature of Dr. Johannes Joeden, Kiel, Duesterbrooker Weg 56, was sworn to and attached before me.

Essen, 5 May 1948.

(signed) Dr. Rust  
Attorney-at-Law.  
Officially appointed Deputy of the  
Notary Public.  
Dr. W. Ballas, Essen.

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Statement of Costs:  
Value: RM 3.000.-

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| Fee, Art. 144, 26, 39 RMO | RM 4.-     |
| Turnover tax 3 %          | -- " --.12 |
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The Deputy Notary Public: (signed) Dr. Rust.

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