

Reutlingen, 14 March 1948

Affidavit

I,
Dr.habil Johann Jakob S o m m e r, residing at
Reutlingen, Achalmstrasse 3,
was born on 6 December 1948 in Danzig-Langfuhr.
I was cautioned that I would render myself subject to punishment
if I would make a false affidavit.

I declare in lieu of oath that my statements are true and
were made in order to be introduced as evidence before the American
Military Tribunal III. Palace of Justice in Nuernberg, Germany.

I usually took part in occasional conversations between
Dr.Mueller, as chairman of the Arms Commission and Professor
Wolff, as chairman of the Ammunitions Commission, concerning prob-
lems touching on both commissions. I cannot state with certainty,
however when the various talks had taken place.

In the course of these conversations the general war situa-
tion was also occasionally brought up, and as far as I remember,
these two men expressed serious fears already pretty early, at
the time of the first setbacks in the Russian campaign. After
the defeat at Stalingrad and during the following period they
became more and more convinced that the military situation was
hopeless. The various measures taken by the highest leadership
were viewed as acts of desperation, and the illusions indulged
in by large sections of this leadership were considered as par-
ticularly Pathetic. Both men

expressed the viewpoint that one had to hold on like a soldier on a lost outpost, because it was completely impossible to change the course of events by personal initiative, as was duly confirmed by the miscarriage of the plans concerning 20 July 1944.

(Signed) Dr. Johann Jakob Sommer

I certify the foregoing signature which was appended before me, of Dr. Johann Jakob Sommer, Dr.Phil.habil., residing at Reutlingen, Achalmstr.3, who identified himself by his identity card D 02497, issued on 31 January 1946 by the Landratsamt, Reutlingen.
Reutlingen, 15 March 1948

Deputy of the District Notary Public
Sihler
Just.Insp. Signed Signature

Seal.

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