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Essen, 11 March 1948

Affidavit

I,

Georg G r a s s m a n n,
residing at Essen, Heidehang 38,

have been cautioned that I would render myself subject to punishment by making a false affidavit.

I declare in lieu of oath that my statements are true and were made in order to be presented as evidence before the American Military Tribunal No.III, in the Palace of Justice, Nuernberg, Germany.

Supplementing the statement by the former department directors and group heads of the former Krupp Department AK in Essen, which I have signed, I wish to affirm the following in addition:

1.) I never was a member of the NSDAP.
2.) I worked under Professor Dr.Erich Mueller on personell matters of the AK Department, and I therefore frequently talked to him about job applicants. Dr. Mueller did not in a single instance inquire whether or not an applicant was a Nazi party member, or whether he was "politically unobjectionable." Only his business qualifications were of interest to him.
3.) When I heard that Herr Jakob Pfretzschner, one of the group heads in the AK Department, was reported during the war for making defeatist statements,

I immediately and told this to Dr. Mueller. The report was still news to him, disgusted about the informers, he asked me right away: "What can we do for the poor fellow? Could we not stop the report somehow?" Although we tried what we could, our efforts were of no avail because the report had already been received by the Gestapo before we had known of this matter. As a result of our efforts, however, Herr Pfretzschner, being ailing, was transferred from the police prison to a hospital for treatment. He died there some time later, before the proceedings against him were concluded.

(Signed) Georg Grassmann

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I hereby certify the foregoing signature appended before me, of Herr Georg Grassmann, residing at Essen, Heidehang 38.

Seal: Dr. Walter Ballas, Notary Public in Essen.

(Signed) Dr.Rust
Attorney-at-Law
Officially appointed deputy
of Dr. W.Ballas, Notary Public, Essen.

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The Deputy of the Notary Public: Signed Dr.Rust.