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the defendant KRUPP.

Nurnberg, 8-1-1948

To Military Tribunal III
Case 10.

Notice of absence.

When taking over the defense of Alfried KRUPP and Max IHN it was agreed upon between myself and my clients that in case an indictment was filed against Hermann ROECHLING my obligation to defend him would have priority to my duties in the Krupp Case. The French Prosecution did indict Hermann ROECHLING some weeks ago and the trial is scheduled to start before the Tribunal Général in Rastatt on January 15, 1948. According to the estimates of the French Prosecution this Trial will last 4 - 6 weeks.

In fulfillment of my prior obligation to Hermann ROECHLING I am bound to leave now for Rastatt. The necessary arrangements have been made with Dr. WECKER and Dr. POHLE to take over my duties for the defendant Alfried KRUPP and the defendant Max IHN respectively.

I am anxious to state that this action has no connection whatsoever with the motions made by the defendant Alfried KRUPP to secure American counsel and that after completion of my duties in the Roechling-case I shall return to this Trial. I moreover want to emphasize that nothing in this notice should be construed as an alteration of the position of the defendant Alfried KRUPP regarding his American counsel.

If the Tribunal considers me to be an ex officio counsel for Alfried KRUPP and if for this reason a request for leave should be deemed necessary according to the law and regulations applied by this Tribunal, I hereby respectfully ask that this leave be granted.

The Secretary General will be kept informed of my address during the absence.

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