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I, Dr. Reszoe Kasztner, born 14 April 1906 in Cluj, Roumania, resident in Tel-Aviv, Palestine, having been cautioned that I render myself liable to punishment should I make a false affidavit; herewith declare under oath:

In the fall of 1944 the German authorities in Hungary brought the so-called arrow cross party into power and started the deportation of Jews from Budapest in a particularly inhumane manner. Tens of thousands of men and women of every age were compelled to march through rain and snow without food and shelter, from Budapest to the German border, allegedly to be used for fortification work; actually only some of them reached the border, and in a state of complete exhaustion. The remainder were incapable of standing the 180 km march under such conditions.

Acting in my capacity of chief of the Jewish Rescue Committee, I tried to intervene during my negotiations with Kurt BECHER, at that time Standartenführer of the Waffen-SS, making efforts to have the "Death March" halted.

On this occasion I learned that Hans JÜTTNER, the general of the Waffen-SS, who was visiting Budapest at the time, had encountered the deportation columns about which he already had heard from BECHER on his way from Vienna to Budapest. On his arrival in Budapest, JÜTTNER protested against the conditions under which these deportations were proceeding to the chief of the SS and German Police in Hungary WINKELMANN asking that they be stopped. This fact was stated to me at the time not only by BECHER, but even by Adolf EICHMANN, chief of the Einsatz Kommando commissioned with the final solution of the Jewish question in Hungary. EICHMANN commented that JÜTTNER, by intervening had overstepped his province. In actual fact the "Death March" was halted later on, as I learned following the intervention of BECHER and JÜTTNER with H. HIMMLER.

I have read the foregoing deposition consisting of two pages, in the English language, and declare that it is the full truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Nürnberg, 30 April 1948

Signed Signature  
Dr. Reszoe KASZTNER

Before me, Benno W SELCKE, AGO H D433012, a US civilian, deputy director, evidence division, office of chief of counsel for war crimes, appeared Dr. Reszoe KASZTNER, to me known, who in my presence signed the above affidavit, consisting of two pages in the English language, and swore that the same was true.

Nürnberg, Germany, 5 May 1948

Signature.

I herewith certify that the above copy is a true and complete copy of the original.

Nürnberg, June 29th, 1948

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