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The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to transmit a request for judicial assistance (German original and certified translation) by the Chief Public Prosecutor at the Regional Court (Landgericht) at Munich in an investigation concerning the German citizen
Dr. Paul Blümel
born October 8, 1902, in Breslau
who is suspected of murder.

The Chief Public Prosecutor at Munich wishes to obtain a copy of the records of the interrogation in which Dr. Blümel admitted to attorneys of the Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigation, that, in 1941 - 1943, at Tschudnow, Ukraine, he was involved in the shooting of Jewish civilians.

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Frau Elfriede Kruger
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of Germany
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Re: Judicial assistance request regarding Dr. Paul Bluemel

Dear Frau Kruger:

On August 16, 1985, the Office of Special Investigations of the United States Department of Justice received a judicial assistance request from the Chief Public Prosecutor of the Landgericht Muenchen I, transmitted to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Washington, D.C., on June 13, 1985. Pursuant to this request, attached please find a transcript of the interview of Dr. Paul Bluemel taken by Jeffrey Mausner of this office on March 28, 1985. Attached please find also the exhibits to this sworn interview. Please note that although this is in fact the statement requested by the Chief Public Prosecutor, neither this statement nor the original press release characterizes Bluemel's admissions in the same way as the judicial assistance request.

Please note also that, although this is a verbatim transcript, a tape recording was made of the interview. Thus if any issue of improper interpretation from English to German or of Bluemel's exact usage should arise, the Office of Special Investigations would be happy to supply a copy of the tape recording.

Very truly yours,

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