

MEMORANDUM

After having completed my studies of chemistry at the University of Munich (1920-1926) and after having obtained my Doctor degree under the Nobel Prize winner Professor Dr. Richard Willstätter I had entered employment with the IG-Farbenindustrie at the ammonia laboratory in Ludwigshafen-Opau in 1927.

Already in 1932 when I returned from a mission in the Far East I was appointed head of a technical department concerned with the development of plastics, synthetic rubber, synthetic fibers and other inventions. During this period I also conceived the idea for the production of the first magnetic tape.

I was responsible for the planning and putting into operation of the 4 German and 2 Italian large-scale synthetic rubber plants. My task to construct the first synthetic rubber plant for Standard Oil of New Jersey in Baton Rouge in the fall of 1939 had failed because of the outbreak of the Second World War.

In 1938 I became a member of the IG-Farbenindustrie Central Management Committee and thus responsible for a broad sector of organic chemistry of the IG-Farbenindustrie.

In 1945/46 I was submitted to hearings by different technical commissions of the Allies and in 1948 I was sentenced to a jail term of eight years by the Military Courts of the United States at Nuremberg. I was released in 1951.

By virtue of the law § 35 of the Occupation Authorities I was not allowed to return to one of my former plants of the IG-Farbenindustrie. So, I decided to work independently as a chemical consultant.

My plan was supported by the Government which appointed me member of the board of 5 companies belonging to the Federal Republic (Hibernia AG., Scholven-Chemie AG., Süddeutsche Kalkstickstoff AG., VIAG and Phenolchemie GmbH.)

A further working area was opened to me through my co-operation with the Flick-Group and the nomination as member of the board of Feldmühle AG., the biggest continental paper mill.

Additionally, I am board member of 4 other important companies one of which is the Knoll AG. in Ludwigshafen/Rhein where I am Chairman of the board.

I think I might put a claim to being an acknowledged personality in the German industry (re. letter from the former Minister Professor Erhard of August 22, 1958).

It only stands to reason that my prewar relations and experiences and my activities since 1951 have soon led to a close contact with the American, French and English chemical industry resulting in various agreements on a consultancy basis in the field of technical chemistry.

In my capacity as Chairman of the board of Knoll AG. in Ludwigshafen/Rhein I exert quite an influence on the development of Knoll AG. in Orange, USA.

With a number of US companies I have come into personal and business associations on a consultancy basis either ad hoc or permanent, namely

Dow Chemical

Rohm & Haas

W.R. Grace

Duering Milliken and others.

By virtue of the above described industrial activities in the European chemical industry and by my close contact with the German Universities and Research Institutes (ref. doctor honoris causa of the chemical faculty of the University of Freiburg im Breisgau) I believe to be well up in the development and progress of the chemical industry enabling me to submit to the companies with which I am working sound proposals for industrial cooperation or licence and know-how agreements with appropriate US partners covering the handling of technical and marketing problems.

I am not a financial expert, but am restricted to the sector of technical consultancy.

My activities have met with mutual interest and have broadened tremendously in the course of time. Almost every week I have visitors from the United States at my office. Under these circumstances I was requested by Americans to come to the United States for technical discussions with the staff members of US companies. Needless to say that I would be very happy to follow the invitation of my technical colleagues.

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