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Dr. Rascher re: Rascher's
experiments.
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SUMMARY (Indicate page nos. of original or translation):

One page letter from a doctor Potthoff who apparently served in a Luftwaffe Camp in Russia. He congratulates Rascher for having found "a beautiful field of activity where you can use your knowledge for the benefit of the Luftwaffe" and lauds him for having made possible this kind of experimentation.

Oberstarzt Dr. P o t t h o f f

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L 19134. Lt. Postamt Breslau

Russland, den 4. 5. 1942

Lieber Herr R a s c h e r !

Ueber Ihren Brief habe ich mich sehr gefreut, auch ueber die Glueckwuensche. Ich moechte dafuer meinen Dank aussprechen. Mir geht es gut. Ich habe einen grossen Verein. Mir unterstehen mehrere Divisionsaerzte. Es wird alles gut vorbereitet. Wir hoffen auf grossen Erfolg. Nach meinem Flugunfall im Sept. 41 habe ich mich schnell erhoelt. Ich bin inzwischen verhaeltnismaessig viel in der Maschine geflogen. Hier im weitem Osten gibt es viel Abwechslung und Erlebnisse.

Ich freue mich, dass Sie ein schoenes Arbeitsfeld erhalten haben, wo Sie Ihre Kenntnisse zum Besten der Luftwaffe verwerten koennen. Dass die Art dieser Versuche moeglich war, ist ja Ihr Versienst. Der Erfolg wird nicht ausbleiben.

In Muenchen war es schoen. Hoffentlich werden wir eines guten Tages wieder zusammenarbeiten koennen. Ich wuerde mich freuen von Ihnen weiter zu hoeren.

Mit besten Gruessen und Wuenschen

Ihr

Potthoff

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OFFICE OF CHIEF OF COUNSEL FOR WAR CRIMES

Oberstarzt Dr. P o t t h o f f
L 19134 Air District (Lg.) Post Office of Breslau

Russia, 4 May 1942

Dear Mr. R a s c h e r ,

I was very pleased with your letter as well as with the congratulations. I should like to thank you for it. I am well. I have a big outfit. Several division doctors are under my supervision. Everything is well prepared. We are looking forward to great success. I recovered rapidly after my plane accident in September 41. I have been flying quite a lot in the meantime. Here in the far-flung East there are many vicissitudes and events.

I am glad that you were given a pleasant task which allows you to make use of your knowledge for the greatest good of the Luftwaffe. You know it is your merit that this kind of experiments was made possible. Success will not fail to come.

It was nice in Munich. I hope that some day we shall be able to work together again. I would be glad to hear more from you.

With kindest regards and best wishes

Yours

(Signature) Potthoff

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION

23 November 1946

I, STANDRING, 413, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages and that the above is a true and correct translation of the original document No. NO- 159.

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