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Request by the intern Friedrich Mennecke for employment as an assistant resident physician with the state police

Göttingen, February 5, 1935
State Hospital and Nursing Home

To: The Senior Medical Officer of the State Police for the southwest state police district in Frankfurt/Main

Re: Request by the intern Friedrich Mennecke for employment as an assistant resident physician with the state police

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To the Honorable Senior Medical Officer!

Today I received your letter of February 4, which reveals that because of my age, clarification is required by the director of the Prussian State Police. Further information is to be sent to me.

Please allow me to state the following in regard to this matter:

I initially contacted the *Oberfeldarzt* [senior medical officer] Dr. Sperber in Hanover, who wrote to me on November 12, 1934, that "because you are older than the

prescribed age limits, it will be necessary to secure an exemption from the Ministry of Interior. I assume that this is only a formality." During my examination by Dr. Sperber in Hanover, he informed me verbally that my age would cause no difficulties.

As I already explained in my request to Berlin on January 16, 1935, my *Abitur* [high school final examinations] occurred during the major German economic crisis which affected every German family, especially during the runaway inflation.

It was impossible for my father to afford the costs of my education as well as those of my brother, now a state attorney in Wiesbaden. I was compelled to abandon my university studies and to turn to another profession. I became a salesman and in the company where I worked – *Deutsche Spiegelglas Aktien-Gesellschaft* [German Plate Glass Joint-stock Company] – I actually personally experienced the corruption and greed of the Jewish management of this German firm.

Even then, my political views were plainly against such economic conspiracies, and I longed for the moment that I could quit the economic sphere of influence of my Jewish director and study at the university.

My brother took his *Assessorexamen* [assistant judicial exams] in 1927, and only then was it financially possible for me to begin my medical studies. Because of these circumstances, I did not enter the university until the age of 24 and have only now, six years later, been able to complete my studies. If I had followed the normal career path, I would probably already have a secure permanent job. Thus, I must be all the more cautious about finding a secure position, especially since I intend to get married in the near future. The prospects of an independent physician's position are, however, still so unfavorable that I would not be able to consider marriage for the next several years. Since my health makes me a good candidate for police service, as the examination by senior medical officer Dr. Sperber shows; I request that, even though I am three years older than the regulations stipulate, I be allowed to assume the position of assistant physician with the state police. I also want to point out that I have been a member of the Nazi party since March 29, 1932, and of the SS since May 1, 1932; I have appended proof of my SS service record certified by SS *Standartenführer* [Colonel] Gnade.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this request to the head of the state police health office in Berlin.

I look forward to receiving your positive response.

With German greeting!
Heil Hitler!