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COURT CASE: 20 272/24

Esteemed judges of the Freiburg Landgericht,

In connection with court case 20 272/24, it has recently come to my attention that the Ahriman publishing house has been accused of publishing "anti-Semitic books," an accusation which I can assure you is totally baseless. In fact, if I had to describe the decades-long publication policy of Ahriman, I would describe it as staunchly philo-Semitic. I met the leaders of Ahriman for the first time 30 years ago, at the international Book Fair in Jerusalem. I was looking for European publishers who might want to translate my book *Occupation Nazi-Hunter; the Continuing Search for the Perpetrators of the Holocaust*. I met Karl Uhmann at the Ahriman stand and described the book to him, but before granting permission to Ahriman, I checked with several publishers to make sure that they were neither anti-Semitic, nor anti-Zionist. And only after receiving positive feedback from several reliable sources that they were neither anti-Semitic nor anti-Zionist, I agreed to let them publish a German edition.

Following the publication of the book in German in 1996, I came to Germany twice to promote the book at Ahriman's invitation, once at the Leipzig Book Fair, and spent a lovely Shabbat in Freiburg, where I met many people connected to the publishing house. During the Sabbath, I had a chance to discuss various political issues, and can attest to the philo-Semitic views of everyone I spoke to.

I therefore can testify with full confidence as to the philo-Semitic views of the directors of the Ahriman publishing house, and assure you dear judges, that the accusation against Ahriman is totally false.

Sincerely yours,

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