

Preface

The following passage is taken from a 1976 publication on the International Tracing Service in Arolsen:

"Even though the tragedy of the concentration camps has given rise to numerous publications, only very few people know the International Tracing Service (ITS), which since the end of the Second World War has been contributing to the humanitarian effort to aid the survivors of the Hitlerian concentration camps."

This statement is no less true today

- 40 years after the transfer of the International Tracing Service to Arolsen
- 30 years after the establishment of the International Commission for the International Tracing Service
- and 30 years after the International Committee of the Red Cross took over the direction and administration of the ITS

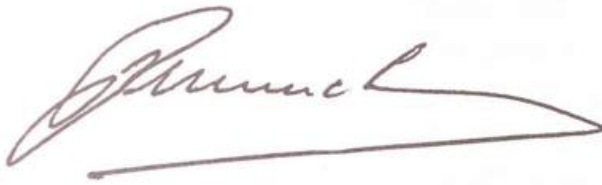
During all these years, this meritorious work in the service and in the interest of the former victims of the National-Socialist Regime, has been carried out with untiring zeal by the director of the ITS and his staff.

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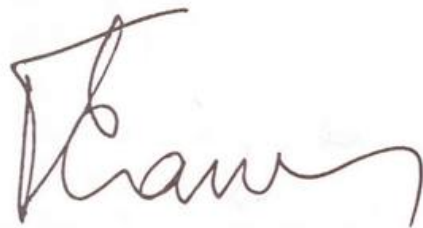
May the work be carried on successfully, through the anniversary year and all the years to come, until the humanitarian mandate has finally been fulfilled.

The acting Chairman
of the IC/ITS

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Jean-Paul Munchen
Deputy Chief
of Protocol at the
Foreign Office of
the Grand Duchy
of Luxemburg

The Doyen of the IC/ITS

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Professor
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Arolsen, Summer of 1986

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