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Dear Mr. Borth:

I hope that the "hate mail", as reported in the St. Paul Pioneer Press for May 31 (clipping enclosed) will not discourage you from continuing to teach the history of extermination of Jews by the Nazi Regime during World War II. The Holocaust is so thoroughly documented as to reassure you that your detractors are blinded by their bigotry. The lessons which all of the atrocities committed by the Nazis are so important for this and future generations to understand that it needs periodic review. Perhaps efforts such as yours will contribute to preventing future wars.

Having been involved in the investigation and later the prosecution of war criminals at Dachau, I reviewed the evidence first hand. I have a set of the photographs taken by the Army Signal Corps when the concentration camp at Dachau was overrun by the Seventh Army. For example, these show that at a subcamp of Dachau, where Jews were held, the Nazis set fire to the barracks burning the Jews alive when it was certain that the camp would be taken by our forces. I have other materials which may be of interest to you. Should you find occasion to come by this way, let me know in advance if you are interested in seeing these materials. I will be happy to talk with you, and I encourage you to keep up your classes on this important history.

Sincerely yours,

Horace R. Hansen

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Enclosure