

Transcript

To the Reichsführer SS and Head of the German Police

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Re: Unified Regulation of Dowsing

As a result of our conversation with the "Ahnenerbe" on March 11, 1938, the undersigned board members of the Reich Association for Dowsing e.V. are asking the Reichsführer SS and Head of the German Police

For actions which, independent of the current fight over dowsing rods, are oriented toward ensuring the successful deployment of proven dowsers for the benefit of the German economy.

We are basing our request in the following with the declaration of

- 1.) The practical capacity of the dowsing rod; 2.) the obstacles, which have up to now impeded the full operation of the dowsers, and 3.) political measures which could be in a position to remove these obstacles and secure for the German dowsers a sphere of activity appropriate to their expertise.

I. Accomplishments of Dowsers

Scientifically, the dowsing question is (like many other biological, psychological and physical issues) not yet fully explained. In the last years, considerable progress has been achieved in the exploration of this issue, but the work has been greatly restricted by the lack of resources. However, an imminent scientific explanation is urgently needed, in order to be able to eliminate the sources of error in the practical use of dowsing rods.

In practice the usefulness, and in many cases indispensability, of dowsing rods is fully verified through tens of thousands of endeavors, of which a large number were certainly not resolvable using geological means, and which were successfully resolved by dowsers, even in some cases in sharp contrast to the expert opinions expressed by geologists. We have forwarded to the Ahnenerbe a selection from the literature on dowsing work; furthermore, we are publishing these months a series of typical dowsing successes in our journal (those that have been published up to now are in the attachment). A very large number of success stories has been collected in the files of our research center; they are available for inspection on request. In light of this undeniable fact, we are entitled to accept that in the supply of water as in a range of works in the realm of the four year plan considerable savings could be achieved, if experienced dowsers were appropriately consulted for assistance.

The dowzers are frequently reproached for failures. These should not be denied; even the experienced dowser is no more immune from errors than the best geologist or the most successful doctor. From the dowser, as a living body, one cannot demand the precision of information from a physical instrument – for that reason the reactions are rather subtler than those of the most sensitive apparatus. By far the greatest number of the failures can be attributed to an excessive number of unpracticed, imaginative and irresponsible “wild” dowzers, who dodge the training and oversight of our Reich Association.

II. Obstacles for the operation of dowzers

The full deployment of well-trained dowzers for the purposes of the economy and public health have encountered thus far two obstacles, which our Reich Association cannot eradicate of its own accord.

- 1.) There are about 100 times more “wild” dowzers not associated with our organization than there are association dowzers. Nearly all are rather insufficiently trained, some of them even actual swindlers. The mischief which they cause through their insufficient ability is exploited by our adversaries as evidence for the uselessness of dowsing rods. The Reich Association has long called attention to this canker, without the eradication of which the successful operation of dowsing rods is not achievable. The dowsing profession requires, as does every other profession, a thorough education and years of practice and in addition, a test by experts with a certain amount of supervision, which the professional body of our Reich Association alone can ensure.
- 2.) The reckless fight of the official science community against dowsing rods, originally starting from a few geologists, physicists and physicians, has become today widespread and has effectively influenced individual Reich ministries and the majority of geological and hydrological regional authorities against the dowsing rod. The supposed “scientific studies”, which supposedly give evidence against the practical applicability of the dowsing rod, are unproven allegations, products of rigid dogmatic doctrine and onesided collections of failures (which one could collect also in every other profession). They were brought about without the slightest modicum of expertise or objectivity upon which every scientific study must be based. (As an example we refer to Review of Experiments by the Reich Ministry of Health 1935, written by Dr. Osswald at the request of the Deputy Führer; this has been forwarded to the “Ahnenerbe”). – This leads to the assumption that in this combat against the dowsing rod economic and business interests are more at play than scientific.

Similarly, the hostility of a (comparatively small) number of well builders against the dowzers seems to be based on the worry over certain economic interferences through the activity dowzers. In contrast, another group of well builders works together with dowzers in the greatest harmony, more than a few well builders are themselves active dowzers. It can additionally be discerned that in contrast to the rejection of the dowsing rod through theoretical science, the practitioners (that is engineers, technical officials, etc.) in large masses make use of the dowzers, as that they do not need to concern themselves with theory and dogma, but simply with the practical applicability of a method.

We are satisfied that currently the best brains of geological and medical science are not opposed to dowsing rods, but have at this time openly campaigned for them. Furthermore, for

energetic advocacy in favor of dowsing rods based on positive experiences we are grateful to the Deputy Führer, Prime Minister General Field Marshall Göring and State Secretary Dr. Keppler. General Field Marshall Göring also assured one of our men that the Führer himself was not hostile to the use of dowsing rods. We would also like to remind you of the press announcements in June 1937 of the Reich Interior Minister and the Reich Justice Minister, which explicitly referred to a scientific explanation of the dowsing rod question as necessary and wished for the practical use of dowsing rods without obstacles.

Nonetheless our opponents work – in part unassailable for us in their official positions – with an emphasis still on a prohibition of all possible dowsing activity, as they strive mostly successfully to prevent dowzers from receiving contracts for public purposes and from public funds. There are however currently those assignments which make up the bulk of the activity of dowzers who are field-tested and trusted by the authorities.

III. Proposals for Measures for the Protection of the Dowsing Profession.

The accomplishments of dowzers up to this point, which would certainly continue to increase following the removal of the aforementioned obstacles, and the importance which the dowsing rod could, if properly utilized, play in the context of the four year plan, justify our request for nationwide police regulation of dowsing and promotion of dowsing research through the following measures:

- 1.) Prohibition of uncontrollable “wild” dowsing, that is all paid activity by dowzers which is not conducted under the supervision of the professional branch of our Reich Association.
- 2.) Police recognition and where possible legal recognition of the professional branch of the Reich Association as a compulsory organization for all compensated active dowzers.
- 3.) Influence on the responsible parties so that the prohibition of the use of dowzers, which has been enacted in numerous agencies, be revoked as far as they impact the dowzers of the Association.
- 4.) Influence on the official science community in order to stop all further baseless attacks against dowsing rods following the regulation of dowsing.
- 5.) Acquisition of resources for promoting the scientific research of the dowsing question, in order to increase the reliability of the practical use of dowsing rods.

For the implementation of the measures proposed above, closer contact of the Reichsführung-SS with dowsing practices, perhaps through the creation of a department for dowsing rods within the Reichsführung-SS.

The undersigned board members of the Reich Association for Dowsing are available for further details.

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