German Graduate Language Proficiency Exam

Translate a minimum of 250 German words, not including dates, numbers, or non-German quotations, from the enclosed passage.

* You have 90 minutes.
* You may use a dictionary.
* You may begin anywhere in the text.
* Exam must be typed. Do not handwrite.

Once you begin, the 250 words must be consecutive--do NOT skip any sentences. Inset quotations in English or other foreign languages do not count towards the word total.

According to the University of Virginia Graduate Record, the passage must be translated into an adequate, if not literary, English and the student must demonstrate a clear understanding of syntactical structures and some basic knowledge of cultural references (50-51). Strive for a clear and accurate rendition of the text rather than for an excessively long translation. In any event, do not exceed 750 words.

To pass, you must show a basic understanding of the main ideas/content of the passage. To fail, you must translate three or more sentences in a way that shows a major lack of understanding. You will automatically fail, if you open the exam, and decide not to take it. RETURN the GERMAN text with your translation.

Pledge the exam in accordance with the Honor Code; this is a timed examination, indicate clearly in your pledge how long you have taken.