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Short comment by the authors:

This letter demonstrates the activities of the NSDAP party administration, in this case of the SA (storm troopers), to influence the appointment procedures for the Chair of Anatomy of Berlin University. The author supports Max Clara's application and stresses that he has the scientific as well as the political qualifications for the position, making it very clear that the right "political attitude" (*Gesinnung*) should be an important factor. He also mentions Clara's brother, one of "our movement's old warriors" (*ein alter Kämpfer unserer Bewegung*).

The Chair of Anatomy in Berlin was eventually given to Hermann Stieve (who was not a member of the NSDAP).

