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Mr. Edwin Black
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Dear Mr. Black:

Confirming our previous advice, IEEE will publish a correction respecting Lars Heide's review of your work "IBM and the Holocaust" in the forthcoming edition of "Annals of the History of Computing" that will read as follows:

Correction

In a review of Edwin Black's *IBM and the Holocaust: The Strategic Alliance between Nazi Germany and America's Most Powerful Corporation* (*Annals*, vol. 24, no. 2, April–June 2002, p. 94), reviewer Lars Heide stated, "Unfortunately, Black does not examine this key conflict between a multinational company [IBM] and one of its national affiliates [Dehomag]." In fact the book does cover this topic extensively. In addition, the review stated that Dehomag became a subsidiary of IBM in 1947. In fact Dehomag was renamed IBM Deutschland in April 1949. *Annals* regrets these errors.

We are pleased that this will resolve the matter.

Very truly yours,

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Retraction and Apology by Annals of the History of Computing
regarding the book *IBM and the Holocaust*

Lars Heide, a Danish business technology historian with an expertise in punch card machines, reviewed *IBM and the Holocaust* in an April-June 2003 issue of the respected quarterly, *Annals of the History of Computing*, published by the IEEE, a preeminent computer technology organization. The review contained several errors of fact, and conclusions contrary to the facts. Among them was the assertion that “Unfortunately, Black does not examine this key conflict between a multinational company [IBM] and one of its national affiliates [Dehomag].” Ironically, approximately half the book was devoted to this very conflict between IBM in New York and its German subsidiary Dehomag, especially a long chapter entitled “the Dehomag Revolt;” moreover, much of the remainder of the book was woven against this theme. After a thorough examination by and consultation with numerous IEEE readers and experts, *Annals of the History of Computing*, issued and will publish in its journal a public letter of regret and correction acknowledging, “In fact the book does cover this topic extensively.”