BigSur, Catalina: Keyboard-Mapping for PC Keyboards not working

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I got Catalina and BigSur up and running on virtual hardware (VMware 15) using a PC type keyboard.

The German keyboard layout is working, but only for the "normal" keys, special characters and symbols are all misplaced.

I tried this fix from the forum:

PC Keyboard mapping tool

but it won't do anything. See screenshots. I can drag the keyboard mapping file over the program window, but nothing changes then: I still have the old key mappings. the keys displayed in the preview window as well as in the notes app are from the keyboard top row, and do not at all match what's printed on the keycaps. I feel nothing has changed, the fix is not working.

Anyone who can help me fixing this?

Thnx, Armin.