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REF: A) VICTARS 094231 B) THE HAGUE 4942 C) THE
DESTRUCTION OF THE EUROPEAN JEWS BY RAUL HILBERG D) THE
DUTCH UNDER GERMAN OCCUPATION: 1940-1945 BY WERNER
WARMBRUNN E) THE DESTRUCTION OF THE DUTCH JEWS BY JACOB
PRESSER

1. VISAS TWO AND TWENTY-FOUR DIRK OOSTERVELD (33).

2. YOUR APPLICANT'S INELIGIBILITY IS BASED ON HIS
WARTIME SERVICE WITH THE DUTCH NATIONAL POLICE. AS YOU
MAY BE AWARE, THE DUTCH NATIONAL POLICE WERE PUT UNDER
THE CONTROL OF HEINRICH HIMMLER'S SS AFTER THE FALL OF
THE NETHERLANDS; THEY WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE
PERSECUTION, DEPORTATION, AND ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION OF
THE DUTCH JEWS. HIMMLER'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE
NETHERLANDS, HANNS ALBIN RAUTER (WHO WAS BOTH HEAD OF

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THE SS IN HOLLAND AND CHIEF OF ALL DUTCH POLICE) WAS EXECUTED FOR WAR CRIMES IN 1949.

3. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, THE JEWS OF THE NETHERLANDS WERE QUOTE DESTROYED WITH A THOROUGHNESS COMPARABLE TO THE RELENTLESS UPROOTING PROCESS IN THE REICH ITSELF. UNQUOTE (REF C, P. 579.) BEGINNING IN THE SUMMER OF 1941, JEWS WERE IDENTIFIED WITH THE LETTER J ON THEIR IDENTITY CARDS. SOON AFTER, TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WERE IMPOSED AND JEWISH GHETTOS WERE SET UP IN AMSTERDAM. IN MAY OF 1942 THE ORDER WAS GIVEN THAT ALL DUTCH JEWS WOULD HENCEFORTH BE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE YELLOW STAR OF DAVID.

4. ON JUNE 22, 1942 (ABOUT THE TIME OUR APPLICANT BEGAN TO COLLABORATE WITH THE NAZIS), **ADOLF EICHMANN** CONCLUDED ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE RAILWAYS FOR THE DEPORTATION TO AUSCHWITZ OF 100,000 JEWS FROM THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, AND OCCUPIED FRANCE. THE DUTCH QUOTA WAS 40,000. PUT IN THIS CONTEXT OF NAZI OCCUPATION AND INCREASING PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS, THE TIMING OF OUR APPLICANT'S ENLISTMENT IN THE DUTCH POLICE BECOMES SIGNIFICANT. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ARGUE THAT HIS DECISION TO JOIN THE SS-CONTROLLED POLICE APPARATUS WAS PASSIVE OR DEVOID OF MEANING. UNLIKE THOSE DUTCH POLICE WHO HAD BEGUN THEIR SERVICE BEFORE THE WAR AND WHOSE COOPERATION WAS IN MANY CASES LESS THAN TOTAL, THE APPLICANT MADE A CONSCIOUS DECISION IN 1942 TO COLLABORATE WITH THE NAZIS.

5. ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1942, RAUTER TOLD HIMMLER QUOTE I AM HARNESSING UP EVERYTHING THAT EXERCISES POLICE OR ASSISTANT POLICE FUNCTIONS, AND ANYTHING ANYWHERE THAT LOOKS AS IF IT BELONGS LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY TO JEWRY WILL BE PUT INTO THESE CAMPS AFTER OCTOBER 15, 1942. UNQUOTE (REF C, PP. 586-87.) ON SEPTEMBER 24, RAUTER GAVE HIMMLER A FURTHER PROGRESS REPORT, SAYING QUOTE UNTIL NOW WE HAVE SET IN MOTION. . . ALTOGETHER 20,000 JEWS TO AUSCHWITZ. IN ALL OF HOLLAND SOME 120,000 JEWS ARE BEING READIED FOR DEPARTURE. UNQUOTE (IBID.) BY THE END OF THE WAR SOME 105,000 JEWS HAD BEEN DEPORTED FROM HOLLAND; LESS THAN 5000 SURVIVED.

6. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIFIC CASE AT HAND, YOUR APPLICANT STATES IN REF B THAT HE SERVED IN DEVENTER AS A FIREARMS AND DRILL INSTRUCTOR FOR NEW POLICE ENLISTEES. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE POLICE TRAINING BATTALION AT SCHALKHAAR (NEAR DEVENTER). THIS SPECIAL POLICE SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED BY RAUTER TO TRAIN DUTCH POLICE RECRUITS ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN SS PATTERN. ACCORDING TO REF D (P. 42),

QUOTE THE SCHALKHAAR POLICE BECAME A BYWORD IN OCCUPIED HOLLAND BECAUSE OF ITS RUTHLESSNESS AND CRUELTY. UNQUOTE BEGINNING IN OCTOBER 1942, YOUR APPLICANT'S POLICE TRAINING BATTALION QUOTE WAS USED INCREASINGLY DURING THE ROUND-UPS OF JEWS; IT THEN CAME UNDER THE

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DIRECT CONTROL OF THE GERMAN SECURITY POLICE AND SEIZED
JEWS ON GERMAN ORDERS. UNQUOTE (REF E, PP. 349-350.) IN
SUM, OUR FRIEND MR. OOSTERVELD SEEMS TO FALL SQUARELY
UNDER THE PURVIEW OF 212 (A) (33).

7. THE DEPARTMENT COMMENDS YOU FOR YOUR DILIGENCE IN
INTERVIEWING THIS APPLICANT AND DRAWING OUT THE DETAILS
OF HIS WARTIME SERVICE. GIVEN THAT THE BDC SUMMARY ON
THIS APPLICANT CONTAINED VERY LITTLE USEFUL INFORMATION,
THIS CASE HINGED ON A THOROUGH INTERVIEW WITH THE
APPLICANT. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. KIMMITT

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