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1. ON MAY 5, MR WILLY TEICHERT (DPOB: JULY 16, 1912 MANNHEIM, GERMANY) APPLIED FOR A VISITOR'S VISA. A ROUTINE AVLOS CHECK REVEALED CODE 83, THAT MR. TEICHERT WAS POSSIBLE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A NON-IMMIGRANT VISA UNDER SECTION 212 (B) (33) OF THE INA. THE APPLICANT WAS ASKED TO COME IN FOR AN INTERVIEW AND SUBMIT ANY DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING HIS CASE TO ASSIST U IN RECOMMENDING A COURSE OF ACTION TO THE DEPARTMENT.
2. MR. TEICHERT WAS GRADUATED FROM VOLKSHOCHSCHULE (SECONDARY, NON-COLLEGE DIRECTED EDUCATION) IN 1927. HE STATED THAT HE SEARCHED ONE YEAR FOR APPRENTICESHIP AND AFTER MUCH LOOKING EVENTUALLY FOUND A POSITION WITH THE

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PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY IN HEIDELBERG. FROM 1928 UNTIL 1932 HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN WITH PORTLAND, FIRST AT THE MAIN WORK SITE IN LEIMEN AND LATER IN THE OFFICES IN HEIDELBERG. HE FREELY ADMITTED THAT DURING THIS TIME HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE "JUGENDSTAHLHELM" ORGANIZATION (HE DENIES MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEHRWOLF ORGANIZATION) WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A YOUTH SPORT GROUP, LIKE BOY SCOUTS. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD NO INTEREST IN THE ORGANIZATION'S POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND CONFINED HIS PARTICIPATION SOLELY TO THE NON-POLITICAL. MR. TEICHERT CLAIMS HE WAS NEVER A POLITICAL PERSON, EITHER AS A TEENAGER OR ADULT, AND JOINED THE JUNGSTAHLHELM TO ENJOY THE CAMARADARIE AND FREINDSHIP THIS ORGANIZATION SEEMED TO OFFER.

3. MR. TEICHERT ASSERTED THAT HIS APPRENTICESHIP ENDED IN 1932 WITHOUT THE PROMISE OF A FULL-TIME JOB AND HE WAS SOON UNEMPLOYED. AFTER NEARLY SIX MONTHS OF SEARCHING, HE WAS TOLD BY A FRIEND THAT JOBS WERE TO BE HAD WITH THE SS AN ORGANIZATION HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN THEREFORE UNAWARE. WHEN HE ENTERED THE SS OFFICES IN HEIDELBERG, MR. TEICHERT CLAIMED HE WAS MOVED BY THE SS PROMISES OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION IN THE RENAISSANCE OF THE FATHERLAND. AS AN UNEMPLOYED MANUAL LABORER IN THE DEPRESSION, MR. TEICHERT FELT THAT THE SS OFFERED HIM A FUTURE.

4. MR. TEICHERT AGREES WITH THE BDC REPORT THAT HE JOINED THE SS IN JUNE 1932. HE DOES NOT RE-MEMBER JOINING THE PARTY SIX MONTHS LATER BUT SURMISES THAT MEMBERSHIP WAS AUTOMATIC AND CONCOMITANT WITH HIS SS MEMBERSHIP.

5. MR. TEICHERT ASSERTS THAT FOLLOWING A SHORT "ORIENTATION" WITH THE SS IN HEIDELBERG HE WAS SENT TO NORTHERN GERMANY IN 1933 FOR A MILITARY TRAINING. THAT YEAR HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO SS OFFICES IN BERLIN AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 1937, TRAINING FOR INFANTRY SERVICE IN THE LEIBSTANDARTE SS "ADOLF HITLER". IN NOVEMBER 1937 MR. TEICHERT WAS SENT TO STUTTGART TO WORK IN A CIVILIAN CAPACITY WITH THE SS SECURITY SERVICE, SOUTHWEST DISTRICT. MR. TEICHERT WAS VAGUE AS TO HIS ACTUAL ACTIVITIES IN STUTTGART. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE JUST PERFORMED "OFFICE WORK" OF A RATHER MENIAL NATURE, BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER WHAT HIS EXACT RESPONSIBILITIES WERE.

6. MR. TEICHERT CLAIMS THAT IN AUGUST 1939 HE WAS CONSCRIPTED INTO THE WAFFEN SS AS A RESULT OF HIS EARLIER TRAINING. HE AGREED WITH PARA 4 OF THE BDC REPORT AS TO HIS TIMES AND PLACES OF SERVICE. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SPENT HIS ENTIRE WARTIME SS SERVICE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT AND TAKES EXCEPTION WITH PARA 3 OF THE BDC REPORT IDENTIFYING HIM WITH THE MAIN EXTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SD, KARLSRUHE 1943-44, STAFF OF THE SD COMMAND-

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DER, STRASBOURG 1944, AND SD DISTRICT STUTTGART DECEMBER 1944. MR. TEICHERT ASSERTS THAT HE WAS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT FROM 1942 UNTIL 1945 AND NEVER VENTURED WEST DURING THIS TIME, OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY.

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MR. TEICHERT INSISTED THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN TO STRASBOURG UNTIL WELL AFTER THE WAR'S CONCLUSION. UNFORTUNATELY, MR. TEICHERT WAS NOT IN THE POSSESSION OF ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD PROVE THESE ASSERTIONS. MR. TEICHERT INSISTED THAT HIS WAFFEN SS SERVICE ON THE RUSSIAN THE FRONT IN A

COMBAT CAPACITY. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OR PARTICIPATION IN THE PERSECUTION OF JEWS AND OTHER SUBJECT PEOPLES OF THE REICH.

7. MR. TEICHERT CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH ON THE ODER RIVER IN MAY OF 1945 AND EVENTUALLY SENT TO AN AMERICAN MILITARY PRISON IN LIDWIGSBURG. HE WAS RELEASED APRIL 19, 1948 (DOCUMENT SUBMITTED) ON JANUARY 16, 1950 HE RECEIVED HIS DE-NAZIFICATION DECISION (DOCUMENT SUBMITTED) FROM THE SPECIAL DE-NAZIFICATION TRIBUNAL (SPRUCHKAMMER) IN KARLSRUHE WHICH DECLARED THAT MR. TEICHERT'S ACTIVITIES WERE DOWNGRADED FROM THE MINOR-ACCUSED (MINDERBELASTETEN) TO FELLOW-TRAVELLER (MITLAEUFER). AFTER HIS DE-NAZIFICATION, MR. TEICHERT MOVED TO THE BLACK FOREST AND WORKED FROM 1950 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1978 FOR THE DUVAL AUDIO-EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING FACTORY IN ST. GEORGEN.

8. MR. TEICHERT REMEMBERS RECEIVING THE SS DEATH'S HEAD RING BUT SEEMED SURPRISED WHEN CONOFF PUT ANY EMPHASIS ON IT. HE CLAIMS THAT HE RECEIVED THE RING SOMETIME IN 1944 FOR NO SPECIAL VALOR OF SERVICE BUT MERELY FOR YEARS OF SERVICE. HE CLAIMS THAT HE THREW THE RING IN THE ODER RIVER AS THE WAR WAS COMING TO A CLOSE AND HE REALIZED, HE CLAIMED, WHAT HITLER NOW MEANT FOR GERMANY.

9. MR. TEICHERT IMPRESSED THE CONOFF AS A BASICALLY SIMPLE MAN, WITH LITTLE EDUCATION. HE HIMSELF AGREED THAT HE WAS ALL TOO EASILY SWEEPED ALONG BY A MASS MOVEMENT WHICH PROMISED EMPLOYMENT AND SECURITY. MR. TEICHERT SAW HIMSELF AS A SOLDIER RATHER THAN AN IDEOLOGUE AND CONSIDERED HIS WARTIME SERVICE TO BE A CITIZEN'S DUTY. CONOFF CONSIDERS THAT MR. TEICHERT'S PARTICIPATION WOULD CLEARLY NOT FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF SECTION 212 (A) (33) IF THERE WERE NOT THE INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE BDC REPORT AND HIS STATEMENTS REGARDING SD SERVICE IN KARLSRUHE OR STRASBOURG. THIS AREA WAS REPEATEDLY BROUGHT UP IN THE INTERVIEW AND DESPITE BEING IN KARLSRUHE OR STRASBOURG AT ANY TIME DURING THE WAR. MR. TEICHERT COULD OFFER NO REASON WHY THIS WOULD BE IN THE BDC REPORT AND ADMITTED THAT THE LACK OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS POSITION

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PUT HIM IN A DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. IN REVIEWING THE BDC REPORT, CONOFF NOTES THAT HIS ALLEGED SERVICE IN THE MAIN EXTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SD KARLSRUHE PARALLELS HIS WAFFEN SS SERVICE IN THE VOLUNTEER BRIGADE LANGEMARCK. MR. TEICHERT AGREED THAT HE HAD SERVED IN LANGEMARCK BRIGADE WHICH WAS AN EASTERN-SHOW HE COULD BE THERE AND IN KARLSRUHE (NEAR THE FRENCH BORDER) AT THE SAME TIME.

10. THOUGH MR. TEICHERT'S CASE SEEMS GENERALLY SOUND, THIS POINT PREVENTS CONOFF FROM RECOMMENDING AT THIS TIME THAT MR. TEICHERT'S NAME BE DELETED FROM AVLOS AS POSSIBLE INELIGIBLE UNDER SECTION 212 (A) (33). SINCE MR. TEICHERT STUBBORNLY DISPUTES THE ALLEGATIONS THAT HE WAS IN KARLSRUHE AND STRASBOURG, CONOFF REQUESTS FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER AND GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED.

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