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SUBJECT: SAO REQUEST  
REF: FRANKFURT 13023  
1. VISAS SEVEN EGON GUDE.  
2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FIND THAT MR. GUDE HAS CREDIBLY DEMONSTRATED THAT HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE-IN ACTIVITIES WHICH FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF SECTION 212(A)(33) INA.  
3. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE MR. GUDE'S EXPLANATION OF HIS ACTIVITIES BETWEEN 1944 AND 1945-EXPLANATIONS WHICH DO NOT CORRESPOND WITH THE OFFICIALMOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIT TO WHICH HE WAS ASSIGNED DURING THIS PERIOD; THE SS PANZER RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, 1STSS PANZER DIVISION "LEIBSTANDARTE" ADOLF HITLER.  
4.OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE "LEIBSTANDARTE" WERE IN APRIL 1946 AT DACHAU CHARGED BY A US MILITARY COURT WITH THE VIOLATION OF THE LAWS AND USAGES OF WAR. SPECIFICALLY THEY - WERE CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING ALONG WITH OTHERS NOT CHARGED IN THE KILLING, ABUSE AND TORTURE OF UNARMED MEMBERS OF THE, ARMED FORCES, PRISONERS OF WAR AND UNARMED CIVILIANS. THESE INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN DECEMBER 16, 1944 AND JANUARY 13, 1945 IN BELGIUM.

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4. MR GUDE ACCORDING TO THE BDC SUMMARY AND HIS OWN STATEMENTS WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SS PANZER RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION OF THE "LIEBSTANDARTE." THIS BATTALION WAS UNDER THE COMMAND OF A MAJOR GUSTAV KNITTEL AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE "ARDENNES OFFENSIVE" IN BELGIUM. MR. GUDE HOWEVER INITIALLY INSISTED THAT HE WAS STATIONED IN GERMANY IN 1944 AND COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF HIS COMMANDING OFFICER. WHEN IT WAS REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS ODD THAT HE COULD REMEMBER THE NAMES OF OTHER SUPERVISORS BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THIS BATTALION; HE ADMITTED THAT THE COMMANDING OFFICER WAS KNITTEL.

5. KNITTEL WAS ONE OF THE 74 MEN CHARGED WITH COMMITTING THE ATROCITIES IN BELGIUM DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION.

6. NO FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THIS CASE UNTIL MR. GUDE GIVES A CREDIBLE ACCOUNTING OF HIS ACTIVITIES FROM 1944 -1945. SPECIFICALLY, WHY WAS HE NOT WITH HIS UNIT IN BELGIUM IN 1944? UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WAS HE ASSIGNED TO GERMANY? WITH WHAT UNIT? WHERE WAS HE ASSIGNED IN GERMANY? WHAT WERE HIS DUTIES? HOW DID HE MANAGE TO GET TO HUNGARY IN 1945? WHAT WAS HE DOING IN HUNGARY DURING THIS PERIOD? WHEN HE WAS CAPTURED BY THE US TROOPS WERE THEY AWARE OF -THE UNIT TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED? WAS THERE ANY MENTION OF THIS UNIT IN THE RELEASE PAPERS SHOWN? WHAT EXPLANATION DID GUDE GIVE TO THE US TROOPS RE HIS PRESENCE IN HUNGARY AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE WAR?

7. GUDE SHOULD BE

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REQUESTED TO PRESENT OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

SUPPORTING HIS VERSION OF HIS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD 1944-1945 AND AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE PROSECUTOR STATING THAT HE DID NOT HAVE TO UNDERGO DENAZIFICATION, IF THIS IS INDEED THE CASE. DAM

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