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MR. HORST ARTHUR HERMANN KRUMME (DPOB: APRIL 6, 1923,
HUECKESWAGEN/RHEINLAND, GERMANY) REQUESTED A TRANSFER OF
A B-1/B-2 MULTIPLE, INDEFINITELY VISA AT THIS POST ON
MAY 2, 1984. AS A MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR CIBA GEIGY
BASEL, MR. KRUMME TRAVELS FREQUENTLY TO THE UNITED
STATES ON BUSINESS. HIS NEXT TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY
JULY. SINCE THE APPLICANT IS LISTED IN VLOS UNDER CODE
83, HIS MULTIPLE, INDEFINITELY VISA WAS INVALIDATED
AND HE WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING HIS ACTIVITIES DURING THE
PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 23, 1933 AND ENDING MAY 8, 1945.
FROM 1933-1937, MR. KRUMME LIVED IN HOLLAND WHERE HE
ATTENDED GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN RHEDEN AND LATER, HIGH SCHOOL
IN VELP/ARNHEM. IN NOVEMBER 1937, HIS FATHER AN ENGINEER
WITH THE KARL DIEDRICH COMPANY WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO

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GERMANY. AFTER HIS PARENTS' RETURN TO GERMANY, HORST KRUMME ATTENDED THE "GYMNASIUM" IN REMSCHEID-LENNEP FROM DECEMBER 1937 UNTIL JULY 15, 1942 WHEN HE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE WAFFEN SS.

DURING HIS HIGH SCHOOL YEARS HE JOINED THE HITLER YOUTH BECAUSE HE QUOTE HAD TO UNQUOTE, AND HE REMAINED A MEMBER UNTIL JULY 15, 1942. HE CLAIMS HIS ACTIVITIES IN THIS ORGANIZATION WERE LIMITED TO ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS EVENTS. AT THIS POINT IN THE INTERVIEW, MR. KRUMME WAS ASKED TO EXPLAIN HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE NSDAP SINCE HE HAD MENTIONED THAT HIS FAMILY WAS NOT PRO-NAZI AND THAT HIS MOTHER WAS VERY S WITH THE HITLER

YOUTH. HE AT FIRST DENIED EVER HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PARTY. HE FALTERED WHEN HE WAS TOLD THAT BDC RECORDS LIST HIM AS HAVING JOINED THE PARTY ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1941. FINALLY, HE CONCEDED THAT HE MAY INDEED HAVE BEEN A MEMBER, BUT HE DID NOT RECALL ACTUALLY JOINING THE NSDAP. HE THINKS IT MAY HAVE HAPPENED "AUTOMATICALLY" ONCE HE REACHED THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN. HIS STATEMENTS HERE ARE HARDLY CREDIBLE GIVEN HIS EXCELLENT RECALL OF ALL OF THE OTHER DATES AND POINTS CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION.

THE REMAINDER OF THE INTERVIEW FOCUSED ON MR. KRUMME'S ACTIVITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE WAFFEN SS. HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT IN THE WAFFEN SS WAS WITH THE 6TH RESERVE COMPANY EINSATZ GRUPPE **ADOLF HITLER** WHICH WAS STATIONED IN BERLIN - LICHTENFELDE FOR BASIC TRAINING. ON AUGUST 6, 1942, HE WAS SENT TO THE 9TH ARTILLERY RESERVE REGIMENT FOR FURTHER TRAINING. HIS FINAL TRAINING ASSIGNMENT WAS IN ARTILLERY WITH THE 3RD ARTILLERY ERSATZ REGIMENT IN MUNSINGEN.

HIS TRAINING COMPLETED, MR. KRUMME WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE MORTAR UNIT OF THE SS ARMoured DIVISION "DAS REICH" WHICH WAS STATIONED IN WAHLINGEN. HE SPENT THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS (NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY 1944) IN "RESERVE" AWAITING ORDERS TO GO TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT. IT WAS DURING THIS RESERVE PERIOD THAT HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRIVATE E-2.

FROM FEBRUARY 18, 1943 TO JULY 1944, HE FOUGHT WITH THE SS ARMoured DIVISION "DAS REICH" IN RUSSIA IN POLTAWA, BJELGOROD, CHARKOW, KIEW, SHITMIR AS PART OF THE INFANTRY.

HE NEXT DID A STINT IN THE WEHRMACHT (AUGUST 4 - DECEMBER 1944) WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 4TH OFFICER CADET COURSE (OBERFAEHNRICH-LEHRGANG) AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL IN CELLE, WHERE HE RECEIVED TRAINING IN BALLISTIC ROCKETS.

WITH THIS ASSIGNMENT HE WAS GIVEN THE RANK OF "UNTER-OFFIZIER". AFTER CELLE, HE WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT AND SENT TO SCHNEIDEMUEHL FOR FURTHER TRAINING IN V-2 ROCKETS, THE WEAPON HE WOULD BE USING DURING THE FOLLOWING THREE TO FOUR MONTHS.

AT THE END OF 1944, KRUMME SERVED WITH THE 5TH SS EG BATTERY OF THE 9TH SS MORTAR TRAINING AND RESERVE UNIT IN NORTH WESTERN AND EASTERN GERMANY. THE UNIT'S MISSION WAS TO LAUNCH V-2 ROCKETS AGAINST LONDON AND ANTWERP. HE SAYS THEY WERE CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE, LAUNCHING, ON THE AVERAGE ONE ROCKET EVERY THREE TO FOUR DAYS. HE CLAIMS THE

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UNIT OPERATED FROM NEU STRELITZ, WUNZDORF AND FINALY IN MARCH 1945 FROM HOLLAND. LACK OF FUEL AND OTHER PROBLEMS FORCED THEM TO ABANDON THE MISSION, AND THE UNIT, WHICH HAD ESSENTIALLY DISBANDED IN MARCH 1945, WAS RE-ASSIGNED TO INFANTRY DUTY AGAINST THE RUSSIANS, NEAR THE ELBE RIVER. HE FOUGHT IN WITTENBERGE, LUDWIGSLUST AND IN RATHENAU. THE UNIT'S LAST STAND WAS AT RATHENAU, AFTER WHICH MR. KRUMME FLED. HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY AMERICAN TROOPS IN THE VICINITY OF LUDWIGSLUST ON MAY 8, 1945. HE CLAIMS HE WAS ONLY HELD TWO WEEKS AT HINBERGEN PRISON AND AT GIFHORN CAMP. HE WAS RELEASED BECAUSE A MEDICAL EXAM REVEALED HE HAD TUBERCULOSIS.

DENATZIFICATION PAPERS IN SUBJECT'S NAME ISSUED AUGUST 28, 1948 IN BURGDORF LIST MR. KRUMME AS SIMPLY HAVING BEEN "ENTLASTET". HE SAYS HE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN ANY ACTIVITY WHICH WOULD RENDER HIM INELIGIBLE UNDER SECTION 212(A)(33). IN VIEW OF HIS YOUNG AGE WHEN THE WAR ENDED (HE WAS ONLY 22 YEARS OLD) IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT HIS CONTENTION THAT HE WAS ONLY A FIGHTING SOLDIER IS CREDIBLE, AND THAT HE HAS OVERCOME THE PRESUMPTION OF INELIGIBILITY AS DEFINED IN THE LAW. LODGE

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