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1. FOR BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER: ACTION REQUEST IS IN LAST  
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2. BINDER, HELMUTH  
- DECEMBER 5, 1917  
- GMUEND, AUSTRIA  
- PHARMACIST

3. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: BINDER WAS REINTERVIEWED ON  
JULY 15. THE ISSUE OF HIS ELIGIBILITY FOR AN NIV REMAINS  
IMPORTANT TO BINDER IN THAT HE NEEDS TO TRAVEL TO AMERICA  
IN SEPTEMBER FOR HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACISTS. THE CHRONOLOGY  
OF HIS PREWAR AND WARTIME EXPERIENCES HAS NOW BEEN MORE

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CLEARLY ESTABLISHED, BUT BINDER'S OWN ACTIVITIES REMAIN LESS CLEAR. ALTHOUGH IT DOES SEEM THAT BINDER SPENT MOST OF THE WAR PERFORMING MEDICAL DUTIES FOR WAFFEN-SS COMBAT TROOPS, BINDER'S ROLE IN THE SA BEFORE THE WAR AND IN RUSSIA DURING 1941 ARE MORE SUSPECT. IN ADDITION, BINDER'S CATEGORICAL DENIALS OF ANY AWARENESS OF WARTIME ATROCITIES WERE, IN LIGHT OF WHERE HE SERVED AT VARIOUS TIMES, NOT CREDIBLE TO THE INTERVIEWING CONSULAR OFFICER. THIS PATTERN OF UNTRUTHFULNESS COMBINED WITH THE AREAS OF UNCERTAINTY IN BINDER'S RECORD LEAD TO A RECOMMENDATION THAT BINDER SHOULD BE FOUND INELIGIBLE UNDER SECTION 212(A) (33) OF THE INA. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

4. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTTEL A, BINDER WAS REINTERVIEWED ON JULY 15, 1986. THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY A RECENTLY ARRIVED FSO WHO HAS RESEARCHED AND TAUGHT THE HISTORY OF THE 1933-1945 PERIOD.

5. ACCORDING TO BDC RECORDS, BINDER FIRST BECAME ACTIVE IN THE NAZI MOVEMENT ON MARCH 1, 1934, WHEN HE JOINED THE SA IN AUSTRIA. BINDER AGAIN FREELY ADMITTED HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ORGANIZATION, ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT HE HAD JOINED IN 1936 OR 1937. AT THE TIME HE JOINED THE SA BINDER WAS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT IN VIENNA AND HIS SA UNIT WAS IN VIENNA, IN THE HIETZING AREA. WHILE IN THE SA BINDER SAID HE RECEIVED A SPORTS MEDAL AND, AFTER THE ANSCHLUSS, A MEDAL FOR HAVING BEEN IN THE SA WHILE IT WAS STILL AN ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION. BINDER ADMITTED THAT HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SA-SCHARFUHRER, EXPLAINING THAT THIS PROMOTION WAS DUE SOLELY TO HIS LENGTH OF SERVICE IN THE ORGANIZATION.

6. BINDER STATED THAT HE JOINED THE SA OUT OF YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM FOR THE UNIFORM AND THE EXCITEMENT THE SA SEEMED TO OFFER. ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THE SA WAS PROSCRIBED SOON AFTER HE JOINED, DUE TO THE JULY 1934 PUTSCH ATTEMPT AND ASSASSINATION OF CHANCELLOR DOLLFUSS, HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY LEGAL RISK IN STAYING WITH THE GROUP. BINDER SAID HIS ONLY ACTIVITIES IN THE SA WERE IN ATTENDING WEEKLY MEETINGS IN THE VIENNA WOODS WHERE HE ENGAGED IN OUTDOOR RECREATION AND RECEIVED PARAMILITARY TRAINING AND IDEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION. HE CLAIMED THAT, LIKE OTHER YOUTHS IN HIS WELL-TO-DO CIRCLE, HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY PROTECTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR NAZI SPEAKERS OR IN FIGHTING WITH SOCIALIST OR COMMUNIST OPPONENTS. HE SAID THAT UNTIL THE CIVIL STRIFE OF 1934 HIS FATHER HAD BEEN A SOCIALIST. HIS FATHER, HE ADDED, JOINED THE NSDAP AFTER THE ANSCHLUSS. BINDER DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI-JEWISH HARASSMENT, ALTHOUGH HE AGREED THAT THE SA TOOK THE LEAD IN THE WIDESPREAD INTIMIDATION OF VIENNESE JEWS. WHEN SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS DUTIES DURING THE ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE OF NOVEMBER 1938, BINDER SAID THAT AT THAT TIME HE WAS VISITING RELATIVES IN NUREMBERG. WHEN REMINDED THAT THIS VIOLENCE HAD ALSO TAKEN PLACE IN NUREMBERG, HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS UNINVOLVED, THAT HIS UNIFORM WAS BACK AT HOME.

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7. BINDER ALSO DESCRIBED HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS STUDENT LEAGUE. HE JOINED A STUDENT GROUP CALLED NORMANIA AFTER ENTERING UNIVERSITY IN 1936. THAT GROUP WAS LATER INCORPORATED EN MASSE INTO THE NS STUDENTENBUND, HE SAID. HE WAS JUST A MEMBER OF THIS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 VIENNA 10873

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GROUP AND NEVER WENT TO MEETINGS. HE RECALLED RECEIVING AN AWARD, WHICH HE CALLED A SILVER AWARD, FROM THE NS STUDENTENBUND BUT ELABORATED THAT THIS WAS JUST A RESULT OF HIS HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SA BEFORE MARCH 1938. THIS MAY BE THE BADGE OF HONOR REFERRED TO IN BDC RECORDS. BINDER DENIED HOLDING ANY RANK IN THIS GROUP. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT BDC RECORDS THAT SHOW HIM AS HAVING BEEN A KAMERADSCHAFTFUEHRER, BINDER FLATLY DENIED THAT THIS WAS TRUE. BINDER STATES THAT HE JOINED THE NSDAP ITSELF SOMETIME AFTER JOINING THE SA; HE IS NOT SURE WHEN.

WARTIME ACTIVITIES 1939-1941

8. BINDER JOINED THE SS-VERFUEGUNGSTRUPPEN, A PREDECESSOR OF THE WAFFEN-SS, IN SEPTEMBER 1939. CONTRARY TO HIS EARLIER INTERVIEW, WHEN HE STATED THAT INCORPORATION INTO THE SS WAS AUTOMATIC FOR SA MEMBERS AFTER THE WAR STARTED, BINDER NOW STATED THAT HE VOLUNTARILY JOINED THE SS AFTER BEING RECRUITED BY SOME SS OFFICERS HE MET THROUGH A FRIEND. BINDER JOINED THE SS-REGIMENT "DER FUEHRER" (LATER PART OF THE 2D SS PANZER DIVISION "DAS REICH") AND SERVED IN THE 2D COMPANY AS AN AMMUNITION CARRIER FOR A MACHINE GUN TEAM. AFTER ARDUOUS TRAINING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BINDER SAID HE BECAME DISILLUSIONED WITH SOLDIERING AND ASKED HIS FATHER TO HELP HIM GET RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY. THE FATHER, ACCORDING TO BINDER, WROTE TO SS HEADQUARTERS AND, CITING SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS FOR ONLY SONS, SUCCEEDED IN GETTING BINDER RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO RETURN TO HIS UNIVERSITY TRAINING AS A PHARMACIST. BINDER HAD NOT SERVED IN POLAND OR IN THE WEST. BINDER CONSIDERED HIMSELF TO HAVE BEEN VERY LUCKY IN GETTING THIS CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT.

9. BINDER PURSUED HIS PHARMACEUTICAL STUDIES IN VIENNA DURING THE 1940-41 TERM, RECEIVING HIS DEGREE IN THE SPRING OF 1941. AT THIS TIME BINDER REMAINED ON RESERVE STATUS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLGEMEINE-SS, DATED FROM AUGUST 1940, BINDER SAID THAT HE FIRST LEARNED OF THIS

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MEMBERSHIP AFTER THE WAR, THAT IT HAD OCCURRED THROUGH SOME AUTOMATIC PROCESS WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE. IN THE SPRING OF 1941 BINDER WENT TO BERLIN TO THE MAIN SS MEDICAL FACILITY (SS-HAUPTSANITAETSLAGER) AND PRESENTED HIMSELF FOR DUTY.

WARTIME ACTIVITIES 1941

10. BINDER STATED THAT, IN BERLIN, HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY A GENERAL OFFICER NAMED BLUMENHAUER. BLUMENHAUER NOTED BINDER'S CREDENTIALS AND TRANSFERRED HIM ON THE SPOT TO THE "SANITARY" DEPARTMENT AND PROMOTED HIM FROM THE RANKS TO THE SS EQUIVALENT OF FAEHNRICH, AN INTERMEDIATE RANK BETWEEN NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER AND SECOND LIEUTENANT. AFTER WORKING FOR A TIME IN BERLIN, PRODUCING PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS, BINDER RECEIVED NEW ORDERS DURING THE SUMMER OF 1941, AFTER THE INVASION OF THE SOVIET UNION.

11. BINDER RECOUNTED RECEIVING SPECIAL ORDERS PLACING HIM IN CHARGE OF A MOBILE LABORATORY FOR TESTING WELLS TO INSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER ON THE HIGHWAY FROM LVOV (THEN LEMBERG) TO KIEV. THIS MOBILE LAB WAS DESCRIBED AS A KIND OF TRAILER ATTACHED TO A CAR. AFTER RECEIVING TRAINING FOR THIS TASK BINDER WENT TO RUSSIA, WHERE HE REPORTED TO A "LABORATORY DEPARTMENT" LOCATED IN THE "HYGIENE INSTITUTE OF THE WAFFEN-SS" BASED IN KIEV. BINDER STATED THAT THIS HYGIENE INSTITUTE WAS UNDER THE MEDICAL OR SANITARY SERVICE OF THE SS IN BERLIN, NOT UNDER THE REICH MAIN SECURITY OFFICE (RSHA). BINDER ADMITTED SERVING IN KIEV SHORTLY AFTER THE CITY FELL TO GERMAN TROOPS (WHICH OCCURRED IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1941). HE STATED THAT HE CONTINUED HIS TESTING SERVICE THROUGHOUT THAT FALL AND INTO THE WINTER, ONLY SPORADICALLY RETURNING TO KIEV ITSELF TO SUBMIT HIS REPORTS ALONG WITH SAMPLES THAT NEEDED FURTHER TESTING.

12. COMMENT: BDC RECORDS SHOW ONLY THAT BINDER WAS ASSIGNED FROM APRIL 1941 TO JANUARY 1942 AT THE SS-HAUPTSANITAETSLAGER IN BERLIN. BINDER WAS NOT AWARE OF THE LIMITED BDC DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS PERIOD OF HIS SERVICE AND VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED THIS DESCRIPTION OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE TDY SERVICE IN RUSSIA DURING THIS PERIOD. HIS EXPLANATION FOR HIS SERVICE IN RUSSIA DURING 1941 HAS UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 VIENNA 10873

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SEVERAL WEAKNESSES AND IT SHOULD BE EXAMINED ESPECIALLY

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CLOSELY. THESE WEAKNESSES CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

-- KIEV WAS NOT CAPTURED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18 OR 19. THIS WOULD PLACE BINDER IN AN SS ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN RECENTLY INVADED AREAS OF THE UKRAINE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT NO SIGNIFICANT WAFFEN-SS COMBAT UNITS WERE OPERATING IN THE KIEV AREA IN THE FALL OF 1941. THE TOTENKOPF AND POLIZEI DIVISIONS WERE IN ARMY GROUP NORTH; THE DAS REICH DIVISION WAS IN ARMY GROUP CENTER; AND THE LEIBSTANDARTE **ADOLF HITLER** WAS ENGAGED NEAR ROSTOV. THIS WOULD PUT BINDER IN AN SS HEALTH SUPPORT FACILITY, UNDER INDEPENDENT SS COMMAND FROM KIEV AND BERLIN, IN AN AREA UNDER WEHRMACHT CONTROL, WHERE THE WEHRMACHT UNDOUBTEDLY HAD ITS OWN FACILITIES FOR TESTING DRINKING WATER, AND WHERE ALMOST ALL UNITS IN THE FIELD WERE WEHRMACHT UNITS. WHILE POSSIBLE, THIS ARRANGEMENT SEEMS UNUSUAL.

-- BEFORE THE GERMAN INVASION OF RUSSIA, RESEARCH INDICATES THAT THE ARMY AND THE SS HAD AGREED IN WRITING THAT THE ONLY OUTSIDE SS AGENCY WHICH WOULD BE ADMITTED TO RECENTLY INVADED AREAS WOULD BE THE RSHA AND ITS OPERATIONAL UNITS, THE EINSATZGRUPPEN.

-- EINSATZGRUPPEN RECRUITMENT PATTERNS COULD BE CONSISTENT WITH BINDER'S PERSONNEL RECORDS FOR THIS PERIOD. THE EINSATZGRUPPEN WERE CONSIDERED TDY UNITS WITH THEIR PERSONNEL DRAWN JURISDICTIONALLY FROM SS AND POLICE PERSONNEL NOT OTHERWISE DETAILED FOR FRONT-LINE DUTY AND AVAILABLE FOR THIS SERVICE. THE LARGEST SINGLE CONTINGENT WAS FROM HEADQUARTERS OR REAR AREA WAFFEN-SS PERSONNEL, OFTEN BUREAUCRATS, WITH A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS. THE EINSATZGRUPPEN USED IN RUSSIA IN 1941 WERE ASSEMBLED FOR THIS DUTY IN MAY AND JUNE OF 1941. END COMMENT.

WAR ACTIVITIES 1941

13. BINDER DOES NOT RECALL THE NAME OF HIS COMMANDING OFFICER IN KIEV DURING 1941. HE STATES THAT HIS DUTIES PLACED HIM MORE OR LESS ON HIS OWN AND THAT HE NEVER WORKED WITH ANY OTHER SS UNITS, DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM. WHEN ASKED ABOUT CONTACTS WITH EINSATZGRUPPEN, SPECIFICALLY KOMMANDOS OF EINSATZGRUPPE C, BINDER INSTANTLY RESPONDED WITH THE QUESTION, "WERE THEY SS?" HE THEN SAID THAT, UNTIL THAT MOMENT, HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A UNIT. WHEN QUESTIONED, HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RSHA. HE DID NOT RECALL THE NAMES OF RASCH, BLOBEL, OR SCHULZ FROM THIS PERIOD. COMMENT: THE UKRAINE WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EINSATZGRUPPE C, COMMANDED BY RASCH, DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL OF 1941. KIEV WAS ENTERED, IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT FELL, BY EINSATZKOMMANDO 4A OF THIS GRUPPE, COMMANDED BY

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BLOBEL. IN NOVEMBER 1941 EINSATZKOMMANDO 5 OF THIS GRUPPE, UNDER SCHULZ, WAS BASED IN KIEV. END COMMENT.

14. BINDER INDICATED THAT HE WAS IN KIEV AND ELSEWHERE IN THE UKRAINE DURING THE FALL OF 1941. HE SAID HE WAS ABSOLUTELY UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIAL OPERATIONS BEING CARRIED OUT AGAINST JEWS OR RUSSIAN PRISONERS. HE REITERATED THAT HE WAS SELDOM IN KIEV ITSELF, SPENDING MOST OF HIS TIME ON THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN KIEV AND LVOV. BINDER WAS PROMOTED TO SS-UNTERSTURMFUEHRER (EQUIVALENT OF SECOND LIEUTENANT) DURING THIS PERIOD, A PROMOTION WHICH BINDER SAID WAS AUTOMATIC DUE TO HIS TIME IN SERVICE. BINDER SAID THAT HE REMAINED ON THIS DUTY UNTIL JANUARY 1942. COMMENT: IN THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER, SS UNITS IN KIEV, ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN REPORTS, SHOT NEARLY 34,000 JEWS. SUCH MASSACRES WERE REPEATED, ON A SMALLER SCALE, THROUGHOUT THE UKRAINE DURING THE FALL AND WINTER OF 1941 WITH THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF EXECUTIONS IN THIS REGION EXTENDING WELL INTO SIX FIGURES. ALL OFFICERS AND NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN EINSATZGRUPPE C WERE REQUIRED, BY RASCH, TO PARTICIPATE IN EXECUTIONS. END COMMENT.

15. BINDER STATED THAT, AROUND CHRISTMASTIME 1941, HIS SUPERVISORS LEARNED THAT BINDER HAD NOT COMPLETED THE PROFESSIONAL APPRENTICESHIP REQUIRED FOR HIM TO BE CONSIDERED FULLY QUALIFIED AS A PHARMACIST. BINDER WAS UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 VIENNA 10873

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THEREFORE ABLE TO OBTAIN A TRANSFER BACK TO AUSTRIA TO COMPLETE HIS TRAINING. BACK IN VIENNA, BINDER SPLIT HIS TIME BETWEEN SERVICE AT A LOCAL SS MILITARY HOSPITAL AND APPRENTICE WORK AS A PRACTICING PHARMACIST WITH A LOCAL APOTHECARY. HE DID THIS WORK FOR ABOUT A YEAR, THUS FULLY SATISFYING HIS PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

16. AT THE END OF 1942 BINDER RETURNED TO BERLIN AND PRESENTED HIMSELF FOR REASSIGNMENT. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO SERVE AS A PHARMACIST/MEDIC FOR THE SS PANZER CORPS THEN ON DUTY IN FRANCE. COMMENT: BDC RECORDS SHOW ASSIGNMENT TO SS GENERALKOMMANDO, PANZER. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN THE PREDECESSOR ORGANIZATION TO FORMATION OF THE 1ST, 2D, AND 3RD SS PANZER DIVISIONS INTO AN OPERATIONAL CORPS UNIT WHICH IS KNOWN TO HAVE COME INTO EXISTENCE IN 1943. END COMMENT.

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17. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN FRANCE, THE SS PANZER CORPS WAS TRANSFERRED FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE IN THE EAST. BINDER THEREFORE RETURNED TO RUSSIA, SERVING IN THE HOSPITAL UNIT FOR THE CORPS. WHEN NOT ACTUALLY IN THE FIELD, HIS UNIT WAS STATIONED IN DNEPROPETROVSK AND KHARKOV. AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN THE SUMMER OF 1943 AND WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE RUSSIAN COUNTEROFFENSIVES IN THE SOUTH DURING THE FALL OF 1943, BINDER'S HOSPITAL UNIT WAS HASTILY WITHDRAWN FROM THE KHARKOV AREA. BINDER WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO AUSTRIA BRIEFLY, THEN HE RETURNED TO HOSPITAL DUTY IN KIEV, THEN HE WAS ABLE TO TAKE A SHORT LEAVE. HE RETURNED TO SERVICE WITH AN SS MILITARY HOSPITAL IN NORTHERN ITALY, SERVING WAFFEN-SS UNITS NOW ASSIGNED TO THAT FRONT, SPECIFICALLY THE 2D SS PANZER CORPS.

18. COMMENT: BINDER DOES NOT RECALL ANY INTERRUPTION IN HIS SERVICE AS A MEDIC FOR WAFFEN-SS PANZER TROOPS DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. YET BDC RECORDS INDICATE THAT FROM NOVEMBER 1943 TO FEBRUARY 1944 BINDER WAS DETAILED TO THE SS-FUEHRUNGSHAUPTAMT (MAIN OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, THE OVERALL MILITARY HQ) AND ASSIGNED TO AMTSGRUPPE D OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE WAFFEN-SS. THIS COULD REPRESENT A SHORT PERIOD OF ROUTINE REAR AREA SERVICE BETWEEN FIELD ASSIGNMENTS. HOWEVER, SINCE THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE WAFFEN-SS HAD SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS ON CONCENTRATION CAMP PRISONERS, WASHINGTON OR BERLIN MAY WISH TO CHECK WHETHER SECTION D OF THIS ORGANIZATION HAD ANY INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH MATTERS. END COMMENT.

19. DURING MOST OF 1944 BINDER CONTINUED TO SERVE IN ITALY, PROVIDING MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR WAFFEN-SS TROOPS. IN THE LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL OF 1944, BINDER SAID HE GOT IN TROUBLE WITH HIS SUPERIORS FOR ASSISTING AN OFFICER NAMED GENTZGEN IN RECRUITING ITALIAN DOCTORS FOR SERVICE IN THE REICH AND THEREBY CAUSING DISCORD WITH SUBORDINATE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED, WITH GENTZGEN'S HELP, TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HIGHER SS AND POLICE LEADER FOR THE ADRIATIC COAST IN TRIESTE. BINDER'S DIRECT SUPERVISOR WAS THE CHIEF PHARMACIST OR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, SS-STURMBANNFUEHRER (MAJOR) DR. LIEBAU. THE HIGHER SS AND POLICE LEADER FOR THIS OPERATIONAL ZONE WAS ODILO GLOBOCNIK.

20. BINDER DESCRIBED HIS DUTIES IN TRIESTE AS PROVIDING MEDICATIONS FOR THE TROOPS. ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THAT GLOBOCNIK WAS INVOLVED IN UNPLEASANT THINGS IN POLAND, HE ACTUALLY MET GLOBOCNIK HIMSELF ONLY ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS. ONE OF THESE WAS WHEN GLOBOCNIK ASKED BINDER TO PREPARE SOME MEDICATIONS THAT WOULD CURE SEXUAL

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IMPOTENCE. BINDER PREPARED SOMETHING FOR GLOBOCNIK, BUT LATER PRESCRIPTIONS WERE PICKED UP BY A STAFF OFFICER.  
21. LATE IN 1944 BINDER AND STURMBANNFUEHRER LIEBAU (IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 19) WERE DETACHED FROM TRIESTE TO SERVE AS PHYSICIANS ON THE PERSONAL STAFF OF KARL WOLFF, THE HIGHER SS AND POLICE LEADER FOR ITALY. THEY WERE BORED WITH THE WORK, AND THE NEED TO GO TO FORMAL DINNERS, AND THEY WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN REASSIGNMENT BACK TO TRIESTE.

22. AT THE BEGINNING OF 1945 BINDER STATED THAT HE GOT IN TROUBLE AGAIN, THIS TIME FOR BEFRIENDING A MERCHANT UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 VIENNA 10873

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FAMILY NAMED KOSAWICZ (SP.?) WHO WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR PESSIMISM ABOUT THE WAR AND ANTI-NAZI SYMPATHIES. AS A RESULT, HE SAID, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO A ROUGH OUTFIT, THE 14TH SS INFANTRY DIVISION ("GALIZIN"?) COMPOSED OF UKRAINIANS. COMMENT: BINDER'S ACCOUNT OF WHY HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE 14TH SS IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT GIVEN, SOMEWHAT FLIPPANTLY, AT HIS FIRST INTERVIEW, WHEN HE REFERRED TO HAVING TAKEN UNDUE ADVANTAGE OF HIS INSPECTION DUTIES AT MILITARY BROTHELS. END COMMENT. AT THE TIME THE 14TH SS INFANTRY DIVISION WAS SERVING NEAR MARIBOR IN YUGOSLAVIA. AFTER SERVING IN THE FIELD AND AT AN OVERBURDENED SS HOSPITAL IN CARINTHIA, BINDER SAID THAT HE MET GLOBOCNIK AGAIN, THIS TIME IN KLAGENFURT, AND THAT GLOBOCNIK IMMEDIATELY ORDERED HIM REASSIGNED BACK TO TRIESTE. THE WAR ENDED SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND BINDER TRIED TO DISAPPEAR IN ITALY TO AVOID BEING TAKEN PRISONER, ESPECIALLY BY RUSSIANS. HIS IDENTITY AS AN SS OFFICER WAS SOON DISCOVERED AND HE WAS PUT IN A POW CAMP BY THE BRITISH. BINDER SAID THAT HIS MEDICAL SERVICES TO ITALIANS DURING HIS TIME IN BRITISH CUSTODY EARNED HIM THE AWARD OF CAVALIERI DE LA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA FROM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

23. BINDER DENIED WITNESSING OR HAVING DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF ATROCITIES BEING COMMITTED WHILE SERVING EITHER IN ITALY OR ON THE ADRIATIC COAST. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE FACT THAT TRIESTE WAS A PRINCIPAL ASSEMBLY POINT FOR THE DEPORTATION OF ITALIAN JEWS TO AUSCHWITZ DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL OF 1944, BINDER RECALLED HAVING HEARD SOME DINNER DISCUSSION OF SUCH THINGS BUT SAID HE HAD NO



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DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO THESE OPERATIONS AND NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEM.

CONCLUSION

24. BINDER'S DEemeanOR DURING HIS INTERVIEW WAS COOPERATIVE, BUT NOT ESPECIALLY FORTHCOMING. THE INTERVIEWING OFFICER FELT THAT BINDER'S CATEGORICAL DENIALS OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OR INVOLVEMENT IN ATROCITIES WERE SO BROAD THAT, CONSIDERING BINDER'S SERVICE RECORD, THEY WERE NOT CREDIBLE. WHEN THIS LACK OF CANDOR IS COMBINED WITH DOUBTFUL ASSERTIONS ABOUT PERIODS OF SERVICE THAT ARE PARTICULARLY SUSPECT, SUCH AS IN THE SA IN VIENNA BEFORE THE WAR AND IN THE SS IN RUSSIA DURING 1941, WE CONCLUDE THAT BINDER IS INELIGIBLE UNDER 212(A)(33) OF THE INA.

25. FOR US BERLIN: ACTION REQUEST - CAN BDC VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OF A HYGIENE INSTITUTE OF THE WAFFEN-SS, WITH LABORATORY DEPARTMENTS, ANSWERING TO MEDICAL OFFICES IN BERLIN, BASED IN KIEV DURING THE FALL AND WINTER OF 1941? LAUDER

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