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REF : (A) HAMBURG 2713 AND (B) USBERLIN 03594

1. SUMMARY: BASED ON INTERVIEW AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REFTEL (B) CONOFF CANNOT RECOMMEND DELETION OF APPLICANT'S NAME FROM AVLOS.

2. CONOFF INTERVIEWED APPLICANT ON NOVEMBER 03, 1987, AND GLEANED SUBSTANTIALLY MORE INFORMATION THAN EXISTS IN THE LIMITED BDC SUMMARY PER REFTEL (B). APPLICANT HAD HOPED TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES THIS CHRISTMAS BUT IS AWARE THAT THIS IS NOW UNLIKELY. NEVERTHELESS HE WISHES TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS BECAUSE OF FUTURE TRAVEL POSSIBILITIES.

3. SOEFFKER JOINED THE HITLER YOUTH IN 1935/36 AND REMAINED ACTIVE UNTIL 1940 WHEN HE JOINED THE WAFFEN SS. DURING HIS TIME IN THE HITLER YOUTH HE SAID THAT HE WAS INVOLVED WITH SPORTS BUT PROVIDED LITTLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HIS ACTIVITIES.

4. SOEFFKER COMPLETED HIS ABITUR IN JUNE 1940 AND JOINED THE WAFFEN SS ON JULY 20, 1940. HE WENT TO BASIC TRAINING IN BERLIN WHICH LASTED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT WEEKS. AFTERWARDS HE WENT TO

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EVEREUX, FRANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS OF PANZER TRAINING. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER HE WAS SENT TO FALLINGBOSTEL TO RECEIVE, "SHAKE THE BUGS OUT OF " AND PREPARE FOR COMBAT A NEW SHIPMENT OF TANKS.

5. IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1943 HE WAS SENT TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT NEAR CHARCOV AS A MEMBER OF A PANZER COMPANY AND WAS INVOLVED WITH HEAVY AND RATHER SUSTAINED ACTION. IN JUNE OR JULY HE TOOK PART IN THE MAJOR TANK ENGAGEMENT AT KURSK-OREL (?). DURING THIS PERIOD HE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE FOURTH PANZERS, REGIMENT 1 OF THE LEIBSTANDARTE **ADOLF HITLER** AND WAS AWARDED THE IRON CROSS, SECOND CLASS ON APRIL 20, 1987.

6. IN SEPTEMBER 1943 HE WAS SENT FOR ONE MONTH TO REGGIO EMILIO(?) IN ITALY. THIS TRANSFER WAS A SHORT TERM TRANSFER APPARENTLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING SUPPORT FOR MUSSOLINI. AT THE TIME SOEFFKER WAS STILL PART OF **LIEBESTANDARTE ADOLF HITLER**.

7. IN EITHER LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER SOEFFKER WAS SENT TO FRONTLINE COMBAT NEAR SATITOMIR, RUSSIA AS PART OF A PANZER REGIMENT. HIS REGIMENT AT THE TIME IS UNCLEAR. HE WAS HERE UNTIL DECEMBER WHEN HE WAS ORDERED TO THE SS-PANZER JUNKER LEHRGANG (COURSE FOR TANK OFFICER CANDIDATES) IN FALLINGBOSTEL. HE WAS HERE UNTIL JUNE 1944 AND WAS PROMOTED TO SS-UNTERSTURMFUEHRER IN JUNE 1944.

8. FROM JULY THROUGH OCTOBER 1944 SOEFFKER WAS IN DEBRECIN, HUNGARY AS A MEMBER OF THE 18TH SS-FREIWILLIGEN PANZER GRENADIER DIVISION "HORST WESSEL." IT WAS UNCLEAR TO CONOFF WHAT PRECISELY SOEFFKER DID IN HUNGARY DURING THIS TIME THOUGH IT APPEARS THAT IT WAS COMBAT RELATED. HOWEVER THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOEFFKER WAS INCOMPLETE.

9. IN EITHER NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER SOEFFKER WAS SENT TO EAST PRUSSIA TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SOVIETS. HE WAS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS INCLUDING SCHWARZWASSER AND RASSENWITZ. IN MAY 1945 HE WAS CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS AND PUT INTO PRISION.

10. SOEFFKER WAS IN RUSSIAN PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS AND PRISONS FROM MAY 04, 1945 UNTIL OCTOBER 10, 1955. HE SAID THAT HE WAS RELEASED SOMEHOW THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF KONRAD ADENAUER BUT THE DETAILS OF THIS WERE NOT COVERED. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS KEPT FOR SUCH A LONG TIME BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN AN SS-OFFICER AND THAT HE WAS IMPRISONED IN BOTH WHAT IS NOW EAST GERMANY AS WELL AS RUSSIA ITSELF.

11. SOEFFKER INDICATED THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE NAZI PARTY AND, AS A RESULT, HAD NO ENTNAZIFIZIERUNG. THE FACT THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PARTY WAS SOMETHING THAT THE RUSSIANS THEMSELVES COULD NOT BELIEVE AND CONTRIBUTED, IN HIS OPINION, TO THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HE SPENT IN PRISON. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE NEITHER PARTICIPATED IN THE PERSECUTION OF NOR HIMSELF PERSECUTED ANYONE BECAUSE OF RELIGION, RACE OR NATIONALITY.

12. SOEFFKER SAID THAT HE JOINED THE SS BECAUSE IT WAS AN ELITE

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GROUP AND HE WANTED TO BE PART OF THE BEST. HE SAID THAT HE WAS VERY GOOD IN SPORTS- SOMETHING THAT HE EXCELLED AT IN THE HITLER YOUTH- AND HE THOUGHT THAT THIS AND HIS OTHER ABILITIES WOULD PERMIT HIM TO BE A GOOD SOLDIER.

13. CONOFF DOES NOT RECOMMEND DELETION OF SOEFFKER'S NAME AT THIS TIME BECAUSE UNCERTAINTIES AND DOUBT REMAIN ABOUT SOME OF SOEFFKER'S ACTIVITIES.  
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