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3. CASE HISTORY: DR. STEIN'S CASE BEGAN WHEN HE APPLIED FOR A TOURIST VISA AT STUTTGART IN 1986. IN RECONSTRUCTING THE FILE, IT APPEARS THAT NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN UNTIL HIS FIRST SAO. APPLICANT CLAIMS THAT HE SUBMITTED TO A SECOND INTERVIEW ON OCTOBER 3, 1989 TO PROVIDE ANSWERS AND CLARIFY POINTS RAISED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL RESPONSE, REFTEL C). CONOFF CAN FIND THE NOTES THAT AN FSN TOOK DURING APPLICANT'S SECOND INTERVIEW, BUT CAN FIND NO RECORD OF A FOLLOW-UP CABLE AND MUST CONCLUDE THAT NONE WAS DONE. CONOFF INTERVIEWED DR. JOACHIM STEIN ON JANUARY 28, 1992. WHAT FOLLOWS IS AN INTEGRATED SUMMARY OF ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO CONOFF, I.E. FROM THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER'S SUMMARY, POST'S INITIAL SAO, THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE, NOTES FOR A FOLLOW-UP SAO, AND CONOFF'S OWN PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH DR. JOACHIM STEIN.

4. SUMMARY: PRIOR TO INTERVIEWING DR. STEIN, CONOFF SPOKE TO HIM BY PHONE AND INFORMED HIM OF THE SAO PROCEDURE AND THE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FINALLY CONCLUDE THIS CASE. DR. STEIN WAS TOLD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PRIOR CONCERNS, INFORMED THAT THE BURDEN OF PROOF RESTED ON HIM, AND ASKED TO BRING ANY WARTIME DOCUMENTS WHICH MIGHT CORROBORATE HIS STORY. IN HER NOTES FROM THE INTERVIEW OF OCTOBER 3, 1989, THE FSN WROTE THAT DR. STEIN WAS EVASIVE ON SUCH STRAIGHTFORWARD POINTS AS HIS WARTIME DUTIES, HIS WHEREABOUTS, AND HIS SUPERIORS' NAMES. SHE COMMENTED ON HIS SELECTIVE DEAFNESS AT CRITICAL POINTS IN THE INTERVIEW. CONOFF CAN ONLY REITERATE THOSE CONCERNS. HE FOUND DR. STEIN TO BE WITTY AND ALERT IN A CASUAL CONVERSATION BEFORE THE SAO INTERVIEW BEGAN. APPLICANT SPOKE ADMIRABLE ENGLISH, APPEARED TO HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH HIS HEARING, AND ENGAGED IN AMIABLE CHITCHAT AT A NORMAL TONE. HOWEVER, DURING THE INTERVIEW, HE SUDDENLY HAD TROUBLE HEARING SIMPLE QUESTIONS AND HIS ANSWERS WERE AT TIMES VAGUE AND EVASIVE. MORE DISTURBING, DR. STEIN APPEARED DEFENSIVE AND WAS AT TIME HOSTILE. HIS GENERAL ATTITUDE WAS HAUGHTY AND HE STATED THAT ONE SHOULD LEAVE OLD WOUNDS ALONE; THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF REMORSE FOR ANY OF HIS PERSONAL ACTIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANY OF THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE NAZI REGIME. CONOFF CAME AWAY FROM THE INTERVIEW SHAKEN AND DISQUIETED.

5. BACKGROUND - GROWING UP: ALTHOUGH BORN IN WEST AFRICA, DR. STEIN SPENT MUCH OF HIS YOUTH IN SPAIN, WHERE THE FAMILY FLED AFTER THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR I. BEGINNING IN 1915, THE FAMILY LIVED IN CIVIL INTERNMENT CAMPS THERE, AND ONLY RETURNED TO GERMANY IN 1919. TWO YEARS LATER, DR. STEIN'S FATHER TOOK HIS FAMILY AND RETURNED TO SEVILLE, SPAIN TO WORK AS A DOCTOR; APPLICANT REMAINED THERE UNTIL 1928.

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6. MEMBERSHIP IN THE SA AND SS: UPON HIS RETURN TO GERMANY, APPLICANT ADMITTED THAT HE BECAME INVOLVED IN NAZI ORGANIZATIONS AS A STUDENT IN GOETTINGEN, NOT MERELY TO ENSURE HIS UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PARTY'S POLITICAL PROGRAM. CONOFF NOTED THAT APPLICANT'S UNIVERSITY CAREER BEGAN IN 1932, BEFORE HITLER'S RISE TO POWER, AND QUESTIONED THE NEED TO ENSURE CLASS REGISTRATION DURING THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC OR HOW AFFILIATION WITH SUCH RADICAL GROUPS NOT IN POWER COULD HAVE ACHIEVED THIS GOAL. APPLICANT RESPONDED BY STRESSING THE POLITICAL INSTABILITY OF THE TIMES, ADMITTED THAT HIS MEMBERSHIP WAS VOLUNTARY, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NEVER POLITICALLY ACTIVE. HE STATED THAT HE WAS SIMPLY A MEMBER OF THE GOETTINGEN UNIVERSITY FRATERNITY, HILDESO-WESTPHALIA, AND THIS SPORT CLUB LATER BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE SS. APPLICANT FORMALLY JOINED THE NAZI PARTY IN MAY 1933, AND WAS RECRUITED FOR THE SA IN EARLY 1934, ACHIEVING THE RANK OF ROTTENFUEHRER THAT YEAR. DR. STEIN REPEATED HIS CLAIM THAT HE HAD TO BELONG TO POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO REMAIN A STUDENT. HE STATED THAT HE JOINED A MOTORIZED SA UNIT IN EARLY 1934, WHICH WAS LATER ABSORBED BY A MOTORIZED SS UNIT AND RESULTED IN HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLGEMEINE SS (GENERAL SS) IN APRIL 1934. HE DESCRIBED THEIR ACTIVITIES AS A DELIVERY OR MESSENGER SERVICE, WHERE THE MEMBERS DROVE AROUND ON MOTORCYCLES AND PRACTICED DRILLS. APPLICANT REAINED A MEMBER OF THE SS THROUGHOUT THE 1930'S, BUT WAS GENERALLY CONCERNED WITH HIS MEDICAL STUDIES. HE PASSED HIS MEDICAL EXAMS IN DECEMBER 1938 AND JOINED THE STAFF OF THE WESTEND KRANKENHAUS IN BERLIN.

7. BEGINNING OF THE WAR - EARLY MILITARY TRAINING: IN SEPTEMBER 1939, THE WESTEND KRANKENHAUS WAS TURNED INTO A MILITARY HOSPITAL, AND THE STAFF MOBILIZED FOR WAR. APPLICANT ORIGINALLY WANTED TO JOIN THE LUFTWAFFE, BUT WAS DECLARED QUOTE NICHT GANZ TAUGLICH UNQUOTE (NOT COMPLETELY MEDICALLY FIT) BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS PROBLEMS WITH MALARIA IN AFRICA. ALTHOUGH HE WAS TOO FRAIL FOR THE AIR FORCE, A FREIND RECOMMENDED THAT DR. STEIN JOIN THE SS SPECIFICALLY THE SANITAETS DIVISION, WHICH HE DID IN SEPTEMBER 1939. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SS DIVISION LEIBSTANDARTE **ADOLF HITLER** AND UNDERWENT BASIC TRAINING FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER 1929. THIS WAS THE ONLY TIME THAT HE BELONGED TO THIS SS DIVISION. AFTERWARDS HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE AUSLANDSABTEILUNG DER REICHSAERZTEKAMMER IN DECEMBER 1939 (FOREIGN SECTION OF THE REICH'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATION), WHICH HE COMPARED TO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, TO DEAL WITH HEALTH MATTERS RESULTING FROM THE RESETTLEMENT OF FOUR TO FIVE MILLION GERMANS COMING OUT OF THE EAST. AS DR. STEIN EXPLAINED THE SITUATION, THE HITLER/STALIN PACT CONTAINED A PROVISION FOR RESETTLEMENT OF ETHNIC

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GERMANS FROM POLAND, GALICIA, ROMANIA, AND OTHER AREAS UNDER SOVIET ADMINISTRATION.

8. FIRST ASSIGNMENTS: DR. STEIN SERVED AS A DOCTOR AT A LAZARETTE IN PRZEMYSL, POLAND (CURRENTLY ON THE POLISH/UKRANIAN BORDER IN SOUTHEAST POLAND) WHERE HE PROVIDED MEDICAL SERVICES TO GERMAN REFUGEES. HE REMAINED THERE FOR FOUR MONTHS AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO LEMBERG (LVOV) IN MARCH 1940 FOR A SHORT TIME TO ASSIST IN BUILDING A LAZARETTE FOR SICK REFUGEES. FROM APPROXIMATELY APRIL 1940 UNTIL SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1940, APPLICANT WAS STATIONED IN STETTIN (SZCZECIN), POLAND AS PART OF THE GESUNDHEITSDIENST FUER UMSIEDLUNG DER BALTEN DEUTSCHEN (HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF BALTIC GERMANS). REFTEL C) REFERS TO THIS ASSIGNMENT AS THE SANITAETS INSPEKTION DER WAFFEN SS. NOTE: POST REPORTED IN REFTEL D), THE FIRST SAO, THAT APPLICANT EXPLAINED HIS DAILY ACTIVITIES AS A LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN THE RADICAL GERMAN ARBITRATION OFFICE AND THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. SUBJECT STRESSED THE ESSENTIALLY ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF HIS WORK, DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE CLOSE ASSOCIATION OF THE REICHSAERZTEKAMMER WITH THE GERMAN RED CROSS, JOINTLY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PROFESSOR GRAWITZ. DURING THE MOST RECENT INTERVIEW WHEN PRESSED, DR. STEIN REPEATED THIS EXPLANATION FOR HIS DAILY ACTIVITIES, BUT COULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

9. THE MOVE TO BERLIN: IN OCTOBER 1940, APPLICANT EXPERIENCED UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS WITH HIS HEALTH AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO BERLIN WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR. HE REMAINED WITH THE AUSLANDSABTEILUNG DER REICHSAERZTEKAMMER, DEALING WITH HEALTH QUESTIONS OF THE REFUGEES, FOR THE NEXT TWO AND A HALF YEARS. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTEL D), AND REPEATED TO CONOFF, BEGINNING IN 1942, DR. STEIN WAS INVOLVED IN COORDINATING THE MEDICAL AND GENERAL PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR IN DETENTION CAMPS NEAR BERLIN. IN 1987, APPLICANT COULD ONLY RECALL THE NAME OF ONE OF THE CAMPS HE VISITED, WARTEGAU, EAST OF BERLIN. HE STATED THAT HE ACTED AS LIAISON DOCTOR BETWEEN THE PRISONERS OF WAR AND THE CAMP MEDICAL OFFICERS, INVESTIGATING PRISONER'S COMPLAINTS, CONTROLLING SANITATION STANDARDS, AND ASSURING ADEQUATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES. APPLICANT STATED THAT THE CAMPS WERE IN GENERALLY GOOD CONDITION, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON POW TREATMENT. IN JULY 1943, DR. STEIN WAS APPOINTED DRK-HAUPTFUEHRER AND PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SS HAUPTSTURMFUEHRER.

10. ASSOCIATION WITH THE GERMAN RED CROSS: DR. STEIN REPORTED THAT HE BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE GERMAN RED CROSS TOWARD THE END OF 1942 OR AT THE BEGINNING OF 1943. HE STATED THAT HE WAS BROUGHT TO THEIR

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ATTENTION BY THE TOP DOCTOR IN THE SANITAETSWESSENS DER WAFFEN SS, WHO ALSO SERVED AS THE RED CROSS DIRECTOR IN GERMANY. IN THE CAPACITY HE WAS OCCASIONALLY FURTHER INVOLVED WITH POW CAMPS, USUALLY THOSE HOLDING BRITISH AND CANADIAN PRISONERS. HOWEVER, HIS MAIN RESPONSABILITY WAS WORKING WITH QUOTE UMSIEDLER UNQUOTE (I.E. REFUGEES), WHO HE STATED OFTEN REMAINED IN RECEPTION CAMPS FOR MONTHS OR YEARS. ALTHOUGH THE STREAM OF REFUGEES SLOWED AFTER THE WAR STARTED GOING BADLY FOR GERMANY, THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES REMAINED IN THE CAMPS, AND HE PROVIDED MEDICAL ATTENTION. IN ADDITION, SOME REFUGEES CONTINUED TO FILTER INTO THE BLACK SEA AREA, (BUCOVINA ON THE SOVIET/ROMANIAN BORDER).

11. OTHER ACTIVITIES: DR. STEIN WENT ON TO DESCRIBE HIS ACTIVITIES AS VERBINDUNGSOFFIZIER WHILE DETAILED TO THE REICHSGESUNDHEITSFUEHRER (THE REICH MEDICAL DEPARTMENT), WHICH WAS HEADED BY DR. CONTI. THE BDC SUMMARY STATES THAT APPLICANT'S UNIT IN 1944 WAS THE SS-FUEHRUNGSHAUPTAMT/AMTSGRUPPE "D"/SANITAETSWESWN DER WAFFEN-SS (SS-OPERATIONAL MAIN OFFICE/ SECTION "D"/MEDICAL BRANCH OF THE WAFFEN-SS). THE BDC FURTHER STATES THAT HE PARTICIPATED IN ALL RESETTLEMENT TRANSACTIONS WHILE DETAILED TO THE LEADER OF THE SS/COMMISSIONER FOR THE PRESERVATION OF GERMAN NATIONALITY. APPLICANT COULD NOT GIVE HIS UNIT'S NAME, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE AUSLANDSABTEILUNG DER RELCHSAERZTEKAMMER. HE STATED THAT DURING THIS PERIOD HE HAD PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POST-WAR SETTLEMENT OF THE EAST WITH GERMANS (GENERAL PLAN "OST"), AND IN THAT CAPACITY ATTENDED MEETINGS ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK FROM 1943 TO 1945. HE STATED THAT HE GAVE GENERAL MEDICAL ADVICE BUT HE FAILED TO GIVE SPECIFICS. CONOFF QUESTIONED THE LOGIC OF PLANNING GERMAN RESETTLEMENTS IN THE EAST AFTER THE RUSSIAN ARMIES BEGAN PUSHING BACK THE EASTERN FRONT. APPLICANT STATED THAT THE OFFICIAL LINE WAS THAT GERMANY COUL WIN THE WAR, BUT THE REGULAR SOLDIERS KNEW BETER. THROUGH THE BBC AND CONTACT WITH THE RED ROSS, DR. STEIN HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THEFRONT, KNEW THE U-BOAT CAMPAIGN WAS GOING BADLY, AND KNEW ABOUT THE YALTA CONFERENCE AND ITS PROVISIONS. HE STATED THAT THIS "PLANNING" CONSISTED OF GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS.

12. FIRST MENTION OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS: IF APPLICANT WAS SO WELL INFORMED ABOUT THE REAL COURSE OF THE WAR, CONOFF ASKED IF HE ALSO KNEW OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS. HIS REPLY WAS THAT HE KNEW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT CONCENTRATION CAMPS OR GAS CHAMBERS. THERE WERE WHISPERINGS AND RUMORS, AND TALK ABOUT MASS SHOOTINGS, BUT HE KNEW NOTHING MORE. APPLICANT POINTED TO THE CONTROL THE STATE EXERCISED OVER INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE

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SPIN THE NAZIS COULD PUT ON THE NEWS, HE CITED THE ENGLISH ATTACK ON WILHELMSHAVEN IN SEPTEMBER 1939 BY 15-20 BOMBERS BENT ON DESTROYING THE GERMAN FLEET. THE NAZIS USED THIS AS EVIDENCE THAT THE BRITISH HAD STARTED THE WAR AND APPLICANT STATED THAT MANY GERMANS BELIEVED THEM. (NOTE: CONOFF HAS HEARD THE SAME STORY FROM NEARLY EVERY 212(A) (3) (E) APPLICANT CONCERNING IGNORANCE OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND THE FINAL SOLUTION. IN THE PAST, GIVEN THE OTHER APPLICANT'S AGES, BACKGROUNDS, AND WARTIME RESPONSIBILITIES, THE STORY HAD SOME CREDIBILITY. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, APPLICANT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCESSING AND RESETTLING ETHNIC GERMANS, AND FOR PLANNING THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE EAST, BASIC TENETS OF THE NAZI RACIAL PLAN FOR EUROPE. CONOFF FINDS THE CLAIM THAT APPLICANT HAD NO IDEA OF THE FINAL SOLUTION MORE DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE GIVEN HIS AGE, CONTACTS, AND THE NATURE OF HIS WORK.)

13. POW CAMP VISITS: AS PART OF HIS MEDICAL DUTIES, APPLICANT SOMETIMES CONDUCTED POW CAMP VISITS WITH DR. HELMUT BAUER, THE HAUPTVERBINDUNGS OFFIZIER BETWEEN THE RED CROSS AND THE CAMPS. THE CAMPS HE REPORTED TO HAVE VISITED FROM BERLIN INCLUDED SAGAN, A.K.A. STALAG LUFT 3, FOR AIR FORCE PRISONERS, LUCKENWALDE, WESTERTIMKE (NEAR BREMEN), AND THE RED CROSS DEPOT NEAR LUBECK, WHICH SUPPLIED THE POW CAMPS.

14. QUESTIONS RAISED BY DEPARTMENT'S PREVIOUS RESPONSE:

- DEPARTMENT REQUESTED SPECIFICS ON APPLICANT'S SERVICE WITH THE REICHAERZTEKAMMER. WHEN QUESTIONED, HE STATED THAT DR. THONNARD WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE KAMMER, AND HE SERVED IN BERLIN IN THE AUSLANDSABTEILUNG UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF DR. HAUBOLD, THE CHIEF OF THE ABTEILUNG, WHOSE OFFICES WERE IN THE KOENIGSALLA IN BERLIN-GRUNEWALD.

- APPLICANT COULD NOT RECALL THE NAME OF HIS SUPERIOR AT THE SANITAETS INSPEKTION DER WAFFEN-SS, WHEN HE REPORTED IN 1940. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT THE LEADER OF THE SANITAETS AMT DER WAFFEN-SS IN BERLIN WAS DR. HARALD WEGNER. DR. WEGNER WAS A PLASTIC SURGEON, AND DR. STEIN AGAIN MET HIM IN MUNICH AFTER THE WAR.

- DR. STEIN STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT HE WAS NEVER IN THE SS FUEHRUNGSHAUPTAMT, AND NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT ORGANIZATION. DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE STATED THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED THERE IN 1944. APPLICANT STATED THAT HE WORKED WITH THE VOLKSDEUTSCHE MITTELSTELLE (VOMI) FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME, PERHAPS FROM SEPTEMBER 1940 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1941, AND THEN ONLY AS A LIAISON OFFICER. HE REPEATED, AGAIN, THAT

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HE HAD BELONGED TO THE AUSLANDSABTEILUNG DER REICHAERZTEKAMMER SINCE 1940. DR. STEIN STATED THAT THE RASSE UND SIEDLUNGS HAUPTAMT OF THE VOMI DID THE RACIAL INSPECTIONS, AND HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THOSE INSPECTIONS; HE WAS NOT OFFICIALLY ASSIGNED THERE. AFTER THAT, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE PRESERVATION OF GERMAN NATIONALITY.

- DR. STEIN EMPHASIZED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SS FUEHRUNGSHAUPTAMT, WHERE HE NEVER WORKED, AND THE SANITAETSAMT DER WAFFEN SS. HE CLAIMED THAT THE SANITAETSAMT WAS HEADQUARTERED IN KNESEBECKSTRASSE IN BERLIN, BUT HE NEVER WORKED IN HEADQUARTERS.

- THE DEPARTMENT STATED IN ITS RESPONSE, REFTTEL C), THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR POW'S WAS UNDER AN ORGANIZATION OF THE WEHRMACHT, NOT THE SS. APPLICANT REPEATED THIS STORY. ACCORDING TO HIM, RESPONSIBILITY FOR POW CAMPS BELONGED TO A GENERAL FROMM (OR FROMME) UP UNTIL THE JULY 1944 ATTEMPT ON HITLER'S LIFE. GENERAL FROMM WAS INVOLVED IN THE PLOT, AND IN THE SUBSEQUENT PURGES, THE POW CAMPS CAME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE WAFFEN SS, SPECIFICALLY A GENERAL NAMED BERGER. BEFORE 1944, THE SS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH POW CAMPS.

- DR. STEIN INDICATED THAT HE NEVER INTENDED TO USE DR. GRAWITZ AS ANY TYPE OF CHARACTER REFERENCE. HE STATED THAT THEY NEVER EVEN MET. DR. STEIN ALSO CLAIMED HE NEVER MET DR. WERNER LORENZ, THE VOMI DIRECTOR, OR KNEW HIM PERSONALLY. HE REPEATED THAT HE WAS A LOWLY LIAISON OFFICER.

- APPLICANT CLAIMED THAT HE NEVER HEARD OF THE SS MANNSCHAFTSHAUSER, AND WAS NEVER A MEMBER. HE CLAIMED THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE AN EXCUSE TO GET OUT OF THE WEHRMACHT. HE NEVER PERFORMED ANY FUNCTION WITHIN THE NAZI PARTY, AND NEVER PAID PARTY DUES.

15. GENERAL COMMENTS BY APPLICANT: AT THE END OF EACH SAO INTERVIEW, CONOFF HAS ALWAYS ASKED APPLICANTS SPECIFIC, STRAIGHT-FORWARD QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE WAR. CONOFF NEVER HAS BELIEVED THAT A TRULY GUILTY APPLICANT WOULD CONFESS TO HEINOUS WAR CRIMES, BUT THE QUESTIONS ELICIT A CERTAIN RESPONSE RANGING FROM PENSIVENESS TO DISCOMFORT TO OUTRAGE. APPLICANT WAS ASKED IF HE HAD EVER SERVED AS A BODY GUARD, AS A GUARD IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP, OR WHETHER HE HAD IN ANY WAY ADMINISTERED OR SENT PERSONS TO A CONCENTRATION CAMP. APPLICANT LET OUT A CHILLING LITTLE LAUGH, AND ASKED IF CONOFF REALLY EXPECTED AN HONEST ANSWER. DR. STEIN STATED THAT THE ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION WAS AN EMPHATIC NO. CONOFF REPLIED THAT APPLICANT'S ATTITUDE, TONE, BODY LANGUAGE, AND ACTUAL

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ANSWERS HAD BEEN NOTED, AND HAD PROVIDED AMPLE INFORMATION. DR. STEIN THEN MADE COMMENT THAT FIFTY YEARS HAD PASSED, AND THE WORLD SHOULD LET THE GRASS GROW OVER THESE OLD WOUNDS. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT MIND BEING BLAMED FOR THINGS HE HAD DONE, BUT DID NOT WANT TO BE BLAMED FOR THOSE THINGS IN WHICH HE WAS NOT INVOLVED.

16. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION: CONOFF WAS DISTRESSED BY APPLICANT'S Demeanor DURING THIS INTERVIEW. DISPI TE HIS EXPERIENCE DURING PREVIOUS SAO INTERVIEWS AND A SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM CONOFF TO PROVIDE EXACT DETAILS OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND WHEREABOUTS DURING THE WAR, HE REMAINED VAGUE AND OFTEN APPEARED EVASIVE. CONOFF WAS TROUBLED BY THE EXTREME LACK OF SPECIFICS, SUCH AS A FAILURE TO REMEMBER THE NAMES OF COLLEAGES OR SUPERIORS. SINCE CONOFF FOUND HIS STATEMENTS TO LACK CREDIBILITY AND INSUFFICIENT TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL C), HE BELIEVED THAT DR. JOACHIM WOLFGANG CARL STEIN HAS NOT REPEAT NOT OVERCOME THE PRESUMPTION OF INELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 212(A)(3)(E) OF THE INA. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INTERVIEW APPLICANT ONE MORE TIME, CONOFF FURTHER BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN ACTION WOULD BE FUTILE. CONOFF RECOMMENDS A FINDING OF INELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 212(A)(3)(E) OF THE INA. POST AWAITS THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE IN THIS CASE.

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