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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INELIGIBILITY UNDER 212(A)(33)

REF: (A) USBERLIN 2127, (B) MUNICH 2890

1. VISAS: DONKEY

2. LUETH, WALTER HERMANN OTTO GERMAN
- JAN 4, 1919 REINSBURG, GERMANY
- MERCHANT

3. MR. LUETH APPLIED FOR A B-2 VISA IN MUNICH JUNE 29, 1984 AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY A CONSULAR OFFICER JULY 19, 1984. HIS INITIAL REACTION WHEN INFORMED HE MUST SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW WAS HOSTILE AND AGGRESSIVE, WHICH CONOFF NOW BELIEVES WAS A REACTION SIMPLY TO BEING CONFRONTED WITH AN OBSTACLE TO VISITING HIS DAUGHTER IN U.S., WHERE BEFORE THERE HAD BEEN NONE. HE WAS COOPERATIVE, STRAIGHTFORWARD AND PLEASANT DURING THE INTERVIEW. HIS OWN ACCOUNT CLOSELY FOLLOWS: BDC SUMMARY, WITH ONE EXCEPTION: HE CLAIMS NEVER TO HAVE BELONGED TO, LET ALONE HEARD OF, THE 7TH SS INFANTRY REGIMENT "REINHARD HEYDRICH". HE FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO THE PERIOD AS "CRAZY" AND SAID HITLER HAD TRIED TO TURN THEM ALL INTO ANIMALS, BUT "NOT ME!".

4. MR. LUETH'S PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF HIS ACTIVITIES FROM 1933 TO END OF THE WAR IS AS FOLLOWS: FROM 1933-37 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE HITLERJUGEND WITH RANK OF SCHARFUEHRER. HE HAD ABOUT 30 YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER HIM, AND DESCRIBED HIS ACTIVITIES AS PURE, PREPARATORY TRAINING FOR REAL MILITARY SERVICE. DURING 1937-38, HE BELONGED TO THE NS KRAFTFAHRER KORPS AND WAS TAUGHT TO DRIVE A MOTORCYCLE. HE SAID AT THAT TIME THE KORPS WAS SOMEWHAT NOTORIOUS FOR CONTAINING THE MORE HARD-CORE, WEALTHY HITLER FOLLOWERS. FROM FEBRUARY TO OCTOBER 1938 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE "ARBEITS-DIENST", PERFORMING MANUAL LABOR NEAR THE DANISH BORDER. IN OCTOBER 1938 HE JOINED THE WAFFEN SS VOLUNTARILY WITH THE RANK OF HAUPTSTURMFUEHRER (MASTER SERGEANT) AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE "GERMANIA" INFANTRY REGIMENT FOR ABOUT

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ONE YEAR. IN LATE 1939 TO EARLY 1940, HE ATTENDED SS OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL IN BAD TOELZ. HIS STUDIES WERE CUT SHORT BY THE START OF THE POLISH CAMPAIGN. IN EARLY 1940 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE "DIVISION NORD" AND SENT TO NORWAY, LATER BEING TRANSFERRED TO FINLAND. HE REMAINED WITH THIS DIVISION UNTIL EARLY 1942 AND WAS PROMOTED FIRST TO OBERSCHARFUEHRER, THEN HAUPTSCHARFUEHRER. HE DESCRIBED HIS ACTIVITIES AS PURELY MILITARY, BUT SAID HE WAS NOT ENGAGED IN FIGHTING. FROM EARLY 1942 UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR, HE SERVED WITH THE 13TH DIVISION IN SERBO-CROATIA AS AN ORDINANCE OFFICER. HE RECEIVED THE RANKS OF OBERSTURMFUEHRER (LIEUTENANT), THEN HAUPTMANN (CAPTAIN). WHEN ASKED WHY HE WAS SO RAPIDLY PROMOTED, MR. LUETH SIMPLY STATED PROMOTIONS WERE QUICK THEN BECAUSE "ALL THE OTHERS HAD DIED". HE WAS TAKEN AS A PRISONER OF WAR BY THE ENGLISH. HE WAS TRIED WITH "GROUP III" (MINOR OFFENDERS) BUT IN THE END DENAZIFIED AT "GROUP IV" (FOLLOWER) LEVEL IN AUGUST 1949.

5. MR. LUETH CLAIMS HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PERSECUTION OF JEWISH PEOPLE, OTHER MINORITIES, OR POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND HAD NO CONTACT WITH CONCENTRATION CAMPS, ALTHOUGH HE KNEW OF THEIR EXISTENCE. HE STATED HE WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF THE NSDAP.

6. PROVIDED DEPARTMENT HAS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION POINTING SPECIFICALLY TO SECTION 212(A)(33) INELIGIBILITY, CONOFF RECOMMENDS THAT MR. LUETH'S NAME BE STRICKEN FROM AVLOS AND THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO ISSUE HIM APPROPRIATE VISA.

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