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TAGS: CVIS, GM (RUTKAUSKAS, KAZYS)
SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT

REF: A) VICTARS 088041, B) STATE 32694, C) STATE 14648,
C) 91 BUENOS AIRES 8412

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C, POST REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH RUTKAUSKAS. HE CAME IN TO THE CONSULATE FEBRUARY 11 AND AGREED TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS. THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN SPANISH. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF HIS ANSWERS:

2. RUTKAUSKAS WAS LIVING IN LITHUANIA WHEN THE SOVIETS OCCUPIED THAT COUNTRY. AT THAT TIME, HE AND OTHER YOUNG MEN WERE TRANSPORTED AWAY BY THE RED ARMY TO SERVE AS LABOR FOR FORTIFICATIONS BEING PREPARED BY THE SOVIETS. HE WORKED FOR THE SOVIETS BUT DID NOT BELONG TO THEIR ARMY OR CARRY A WEAPON. SHORTLY BEFORE THE GERMAN INVASION IN 1941, HE WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO HIS HOME IN LITHUANIA.

3. AFTER THE GERMANS OCCUPIED THE AREA, HE WAS CONSCRIPTED INTO THE GERMAN ARMY. HE WAS PART OF A LABOR UNIT THAT CONTAINED A MIXED BAG OF LITHUANIANS,

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POLES, AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONALITIES. THEY DID BELONG TO THE GERMAN ARMY AND WERE ISSUED WEAPONS, BUT NEVER USED THEM. THEY MOSTLY WORKED AS LABORERS ON TASKS THAT INCLUDED AIRFIELD MAINTENANCE AND AGRICULTURAL WORK. HE CLAIMS NOT TO REMEMBER THE NUMBER OR IDENTIFICATION OF HIS UNIT. HIS UNIT WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT TO ITALY (NEAR TRIESTE) /ND, SHORTLY BEFORE THE END OF THE WAR, BACK TO GERMANY, WHERE THEY WERE CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES.

4. RUTKAUSKAS WAS THEN PUT INTO A REFUGEE CAMP NEAR FULDA, GERMANY, WHERE HE WORKED BRIEFLY FOR THE U.S. ARMY (HE SHOWED A QUOTE DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE FOR LABOR SERVICE PERSONNEL UNQUOTE FROM THE 8591 LABOR SERVICE COMPANY, D/TED 28 NOVEMBER 1949 AND SHOWING FOUR MONTHS OF SERVICE WITH QUOTE EXCELLENT UNQUOTE CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY). HE ALSO MET HIS FUTURE WIFE IN THE SAME CAMP, AND HE CLAIMS THAT A DISAPPOINTED SUITOR OF HERS DENOUNCED HIM TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. THAT DENUNCIATION KEPT HIM FROM EMIGRATING TO THE U.S. TO JOIN HIS BROTHER, AND INSTEAD HE AND HIS WIFE CAME TO ARGENTINA, WHERE THEY HAVE REMAINED UNTIL NOW.

5. RUTKAUSKAS DENIED HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY NAZI OR FASCIST PARTY OR ORGANIZATION AT ANY TIME OR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE PERSECUTION OF ANY MINORITY GROUP.

6. POST AWAITS FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT ON THIS CASE. DERHAM

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