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SUBJECT: SAO, CASE OF HANS ULRICH RUDEL

1. VISAS DONKEY
2. RUDEL, HANS ULRICH, GERMAN (FRG)
2 JULY 1916, KONRADSWALDAU, SILESIA INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANT
3. RUDEL, WHO CLAIMS PRIMARY RESIDENCE IN PARAGUAY SINCE ABOUT 1956 WITH SECOND RESIDENCE IN KUPSTEIN, TYROL, AUSTRIA IS IN VLOS AS CATEGORY I REFUSAL AT DUESSELDORF. WE WERE INFORMED BY DUESSELDORF THAT REFUSAL WAS UNDER 212(A)(27), AND THAT DEPARTMENT CONCURRED IN FINDING PER OMV-12, MARCH 4, 1962. INFORMATION FROM ASUNCION INDICATES INELIGIBILITY UNDER (28) AND (29) AS WELL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEPARTMENT OM OF OCTOBER 1963 INDICATED THAT LIMITED VALIDITY VISA COULD BE ISSUED NOT TO EXCEED TIME NEEDED FOR RUDEL'S BUSINESS INTERESTS IN U.S. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED REPLY TO OUR BUENOS AIRES CHECK. OUTSIDE LOCAL CHECKS INDICATED EXTREME RIGHT WING ACTIVITIES WERE IN EARLY '62'S, BUT NO CURRENT DEROGATORY INFO.

4. RUDEL CLAIMS HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED TRANSIT VISAS BY ASUNCION ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. HE WAS ISSUED A B-2 VISA AT VIENNA 1971, BASIS UNKNOWN, C-3 AT ASUNCION IN 1975 AND, ERRONEOUSLY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CHECKS WITH OTHER POSTS OR VLOS, B-2 AT VIENNA IN 1975. LATTER VISA, APPARENTLY ONLY VALID ONE REMAINING, HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY CANCELLED BY CONOFF HERE. RUDEL CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN IN THE U.S. THREE TIMES SINCE 1963, LAST TIME 1975 AS PATIENT AT MAYO CLINIC.

5. SINCE ASUNCION RECENTLY REFUSED TO ISSUE ANYTHING BUT TRANSIT VISA IN HIS NEW PASSPORT, RUDEL NOW APPLYING IN VIENNA FOR NEW B-2 ON BASIS OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN AUSTRIA WHICH IS HIS CLAIMED SECOND RESIDENCE AND SUMMER HOME. WE

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HAS INTERVIEWED AT EMBASSY VIENNA SEPT. 12, STATED PURPOSE OF VISITS TO U.S. ARE:

(A) ATTENDANCE AT FAIRCHILD/HILLER SEMINAR/CONFERENCE AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO (CONTACT COL. ROBERT DILGER), REGARDING DESIGN OF A-10 AIRCRAFT. RUDDEL REPORTEDLY CONSIDERED ONE OF FOREMOST EXPERTS ON THIS TYPE AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-TANK WARFARE BASED ON HIS STUKA EXPERIENCES. HE WAS MUCH DECORATED GERMAN WWII PILOT. COL. DILGER HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH CONOFF BY TELEPHONE AND HAS ALSO SENT LETTER EXPLAINING NEED FOR RUDDEL'S EXPERTISE, CONFERENCE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 15, 16, 17 WITH HIGH-RANKING AF AND TOP-LEVEL AIRCRAFT PERSONNEL, BUT NOW POSTPONED, TENTATIVELY TO OCT 5, PENDING RESOLUTION VISA ELIGIBILITY. WE ARE TOLD LEAD-TIME FOR ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRES RESETTING DATE DURING WEEK OF SEPT. 13.

(B) RUDDEL CLAIMS HE IS UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT AT MAYO CLINIC FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, CONFIRMING LETTER FROM MAYO SEEN HERE. RUDDEL ALSO SEEKING CURES OR REMEDIATION OF HIS PARTIAL PARALYSIS WHICH EVIDENTLY CAUSED BY STROKE, DURING INTERVIEW IT OBVIOUS THAT HIS RIGHT ARM IS LAZE AND THAT HE WAS DIFFICULTY MAKING, FOR THESE REASONS HE EXPRESSED KEEN DESIRE TO HAVE A MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA OF SOME DURATION.

6. DURING SEPT 12 INTERVIEW RUDDEL STATED THAT HE IS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY AND IS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, HIS PRESENT OCCUPATION (PROBABLY PART-TIME) IS AS INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANT FOR GERMAN AND AMERICAN FIRMS. LATTER IS HARSZ, INC., CHICAGO, ILL, ACCORDING TO RUDDEL, HE ALSO HAS OCCASIONAL DEALINGS WITH BALLANTINE, PUBLISHER OF HIS BOOK "STUKA PILOT", CLAIMS PREVIOUS RESIDENCE IN BUENOS AIRES; APPROXIMATELY 1948-1955.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT. OPINION AND GUIDANCE RE VISA ELIGIBILITY FOR PURPOSES SET FORTH PARA 5(A) AND (B).

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