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| NAME OF SUBJECT | ZAPPEL, Josef   |
| DATE OF BIRTH   | 6 February 1914 |

REPORT OF FINDINGS

(SUBJECT INTERVIEW) On 15 March 1955, SUBJECT was interviewed and stated the following in substance:

SUBJECT was born on 6 February 1914 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER (ona) Roumania. SUBJECT's father was Josef ZAPPEL, born in 1878, exact date unknown, in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, a Roumanian citizen with no political affiliations, presently residing at house number 285, DEUTSCH ST. PETER. SUBJECT's mother was Katherina ZAPPEL nee LAMPERT, born on 28 August 1885 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, deceased on 28 August 1951 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, a Roumanian citizen with no known political affiliations. SUBJECT is a German, Catholic, and a farmer by occupation. He holds together with his wife, Reisepass (Passport) number Pa 261/53, series 4219851, issued on 2 August 1953 by the Landratsamt (County Government Office) GRIESBACH/ROTT 33UUP6768 Germany, valid until 31 July 1958; Personal Identity Card number 599531, issued on 30 September 1952 by the Landratsamt GRIESBACH, valid until 30 September 1957; and the Refugee Identity Document number B 929442, issued on 16 February 1950 in GRIESBACH. SUBJECT speaks, understands, reads, and writes German fluently and has a good knowledge of the Roumanian language. SUBJECT has two (2) brothers and one (1) sister; Jakob ZAPPEL, born on 9 July 1908 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, a Roumanian citizen with unknown political affiliations, a farmer by occupation who presently resides at house number 285 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER; Wenzel ZAPPEL, born in July 1912, exact date unknown, in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, a Roumanian citizen with no known political affiliations, a farmer by occupation, and presently residing at house number 283 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER; Katherina LEHNERT, nee ZAPPEL, born in July 1905 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, exact date unknown, a housewife and a Roumanian citizen with no political affiliations, presently residing at house number 283 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER. On 26 April 1938, SUBJECT married Elisabeth PREISACH, born 26 December 1921 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, presently residing with her husband in MITTICH 33UUP8266 Germany. They have three (3) children: Wendel ZAPPEL, born on 20 November 1939 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, presently residing with the grandfather in house number 201, DEUTSCH ST. PETER; Elisabeth ZAPPEL, born on 31 May 1941 in DEUTSCH ST. PETER, presently residing in house number 201, DEUTSCH ST. PETER; Georg Josef ZAPPEL, born on 29 December 1951 in PASSAU 33UUP8782 Germany, at

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NAME OF SUBJECT

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DATE OF BIRTH

6 Feb 1914

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present residing with his parents in MITTICH. SUBJECT attended grade school for seven (7) years in DEUTSCH ST. PETER and later started to work on his father's farm, where he remained until April 1936. At this time, SUBJECT was drafted into the 1st Cavalry Regiment of the Roumanian Army and served 18 months. After his basic training of three (3) months, SUBJECT served as a servant for an officer until he was discharged in October 1937, holding the rank of private. He was called back into the army in the autumn of 1938 for maneuvers and served 30 days with the same unit. In August 1939, SUBJECT was recalled to the 11th Cavalry Regiment and was stationed at BUCHAREST (ons) Roumania. During this time he was discharged for a period of one (1) month on three (3) different occasions and was finally sent to the Soviet front in 1941. There SUBJECT was wounded in the left hand on 18 November 1942 and sent to a hospital where he remained until April 1943. He was discharged from the Roumanian Army a few days later in April 1943. In May 1943, SUBJECT was mustered for the German Army in accordance with the German-Roumanian pact; however, on 9 July 1943, he was drafted into the Waffen SS in VIENNA 33UXPO040, Austria. Due to his wounded hand, SUBJECT was sent to NEUENGAMME 32UNE8222 Germany, and assigned as a guard in the concentration camp there. After a short period of training he was transferred to the SS Labor Camp number 1 at TRITTE (ons) near BRAUNSCHWEIG 32UPCO491 Germany. This Labor Camp was closed in April 1945, and SUBJECT was transferred to a new unit. On his way to this unit, SUBJECT was taken prisoner by the British near HAMBURG 32UNE6843 Germany, on 11 May 1945. SUBJECT's highest rank in the SS was that of private. He was a British Prisoner of War from 11 May 1945 until 12 December 1947, when he was discharged in the British Zone of Germany. SUBJECT then found his wife in MITTICH, where he arrived in February 1948. SUBJECT has never belonged to any political party, club, or organization and stated that he has little interest in politics. From birth until 9 July 1943, SUBJECT resided in house number 285, DEUTSCH ST PETER. He lived at TRITTE near BRAUNSCHWEIG from 12 December 1947 until February 1948 and from February 1948 to the present has lived

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NAME OF SUBJECT

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6 Feb 1924

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in MITTICH. SUBJECT was engaged in no foreign travel other than such as was entailed by his military service. He has the following employment history: From 1928 until 1939, he worked as a farmer for his father at DEUTSCH ST. PLTER; from August 1939 to April 1943, military service in the Roumanian Army; from July 1943 to May 1945, military service in the German Army; from 1945 to 1947, a PW of the British. From 1947 to 1951, a farmhand for Herr Georg JUSTL in MITTICH. SUBJECT's reason for leaving this job was that the pay was small and he had been offered a better job. From 1951 to the present, SUBJECT worked for Andreas CAPELLARO as a machine worker although he was laid off for periods of time from this job due to seasonal slumps. SUBJECT's present source of income is from the pay he received from his employment. SUBJECT had never been in debt. SUBJECT has not suffered from any physical handicaps and has never been seriously sick or ill. During World War II, SUBJECT was wounded in the left hand, which caused him to be hospitalized. However, this wound did not cause him any hindrance and is now completely cured and healed. SUBJECT has never suffered from any mental disorder nor has there ever been any in his family. SUBJECT has never at any time in his life been in trouble with the police or convicted of any offense. SUBJECT has never attempted to emigrate to any other foreign country other than the United States. In 1951, SUBJECT attempted to emigrate to the United States but was denied a visa. SUBJECT believed that this was because of his former association with the Waffen-SS. SUBJECT desired to emigrate to the United States in order to join relatives and to find better working opportunities. The emigration office of Caritas, PASSAU, assisted SUBJECT in his efforts to emigrate to the United States. (F-6)

AGENT'S NOTE: SUBJECT appeared to be mentally alert and of average intelligence. SUBJECT did not suffer from any noticeable handicaps. SUBJECT seemed to be a very honest and sincere person who attempted to answer all questions honestly and with a frank and open manner. SUBJECT made an excellent impression and was at all times friendly and cooperative.

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