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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, FPL Group

ATTENTION:

TMS/FPLG

FROM:

Acting Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT:

Nazi War Crimes Investigation

REFERENCE:

OGC 83-01098 dated 31 January 1983

1. An intensive search of the files and indices of the Directorate of Operations was conducted on the individuals listed in reference in order to respond to the following:

a) All information concerning activities by the subjects between 1933 and 1945 which would indicate membership in the Nazi Party, SS, Waffen SS or quisling governments established under German occupation; and

b) All information concerning immigration by the subjects to the United States and naturalization. (S)

2. OG/EIB/NRS surfaced [redacted] on Josef Zappel which consists of two Department of State documents. (S)

3. According to the Department of State, Josef Zappel was born on 6 February 1917 in Deutsch St. Peter, Romania. Subject served in the Romanian Army until April 1943 when he was mustered for the German Army in accordance with the German-Romanian Pact. On 9 July 1943, Subject was drafted into the Waffen SS in Vienna, Austria. He was sent to Neuengamme, Germany, where he was assigned as a guard in the concentration camp. He was subsequently transferred to the SS Labor Camp No. 1 at Tritte near Braunschweig, Germany. This camp was closed in April 1945. Subject was in a British POW camp from 1945-1947. The highest rank Subject achieved while in the SS was Private. In 1951, Subject and his wife attempted to emigrate to the United States, but they were denied visas. Subject stated that he believed this denial was based on his association with the Waffen SS. (S)

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4. No identifiable information was surfaced on the remaining subjects in the reference. (S)

Per telephonic request on 23 February 1983 from Acting Chief, Operations Group, Subjects Stasys Bagdonas and Vytautas Gruzis were additionally searched without birth dates. This request was prompted by the fact that the birth date for both Bagdonas and Gruzis was indicated as being 11 October 1909. Upon checking with OGC FPLG, was able to determine that Gruzis' birth date was 5 September 1925. A search was conducted using this information. These additional searches surfaced no identifiable information on either Bagdonas or Gruzis. (S)

6. As a result of this search, no information was surfaced which would indicate membership in the Nazi Party, SS, Waffen SS or quisling governments established under German occupation by any of the subjects in the reference with the exception of that information on Josef Zappel in Paragraph 3 above. Aside from that information provided above concerning Josef Zappel by the Department of State, no information was surfaced concerning immigration to the United States and naturalization by the other subjects in reference. (S)

7. According to information provided this Directorate by DDA/IPD, there is no indication that any of the individuals listed in reference have ever been the subjects of an FOIA or PA request. (U)

OG/EIB: (X-9461 (18 February 1983)

BASED ON: Search of DU Records

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