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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE 212(A)(33) INELIGIBILITY

REF: (A) BERLIN 2961

- VISAS DONKEY
- OHLBRECHT, HELMUT EMIL ERNST JULIUS  
MARCH 22, 1908 BERLIN, GERMANY  
EMPLOYEE
- OHLBRECHT WANTED TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1987 AS PART OF A GERMAN TRAVEL GROUP AND HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE UNITED STATES. DF-156 COMPLETED AT CONSULATE AUGUST 20, 1987. UBC REPORT REQUESTED SAME DATE. OHLBRECHT INTERVIEWED SEPTEMBER 2, 1987.
- DURING INTERVIEW OHLBRECHT CONFIRMED MOST OF THE POINTS DETAILED IN REFTEL, DISPUTED OTHERS, ADDED SEVERAL NEW ONES AND EXPANDED ON THE DETAIL OF OTHERS. HOWEVER CONVERSATION LEFT SOME UNCERTAINTIES AND DOUBT REGARDING OHLBRECHT'S ACTIVITIES DURING PERIOD 1933-45 WHICH MAY REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL INTERVIEW DEPENDING UPON YOUR REVIEW OF CABLE AND CASE. ACCORDINGLY CONOFF CANNOT RECOMMEND REMOVING NAME FROM AVLOS AT THIS TIME.
- POINTS OF DISPUTE: A. OHLBRECHT DENIED EVER JOINING OR BEING INVOLVED WITH ANYTHING CALLED THE NS-STUDENTKAMPFHILFE; IN FACT SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF IT OR AT LEAST COULD NOT REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT. HE ALSO DENIED EVER HAVING BEEN AWARDED THE NSDAP DIENSTAUSZEICHNUNG IN SILVER AND BRONZE FOR LONG SERVICE.  
B. IN ADDITION TO DENIAL OF ABOVE HE INDICATED THAT HIS FEBRUARY 15, 1936 ASSIGNMENT TO THE STAB, SS-HAUPTAMT WAS NOT CORRECT. RATHER IT WAS TO SOMETHING CALLED THE QUOTE HAUSAMT UNQUOTE WHICH HAD TO DO WITH INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY FOR THE SS. IT WAS NEVER CLEAR PRECISELY DURING INTERVIEW IF THIS WAS ACTUALLY ATTACHED TO THE HAUPTAMT OR TO SOMETHING ELSE SINCE OHLBRECHT'S ANSWERS WERE NOT CLEAR.  
C. LASTLY HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NEVER ORDERED BY THE REICHSMINISTERIUM FUER BEWAFFNUNG AND MUNITION TO BUILD UP AND ORGANIZE A CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE EAST. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ACTUALLY GONE TO VISIT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DURING HIS VACATIONS AND HAD ACTUALLY DONE THIS TWICE: ONCE TO THE EAST AND ONCE TO FRANCE WHERE HE WAS WOUNDED. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NEVER

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TO YOU ON THIS REQUEST.  
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OFFICIALLY PART OF THIS GROUP.

6. OVERVIEW OF INTERVIEW.

A. OHLBRECHT INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN A YOUNG NATIONALIST WHICH IS WHY HE JOINED THE BISMARCKJUGEND. THIS CARRIED OVER INTO THE KAMPFVERBAND OLYMPIA WHICH HE SAYS WAS AN ORGANIZED SPORTING CLUB THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS THOUGH IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE UP OF PEOPLE WHO WERE ALSO INVOLVED WITH OR SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO THE BISMARCKJUGEND.

B. HE DID BECOME ACTIVE IN THE PARTY AND FUNCTIONED AS A PARTY OFFICIAL. HE HAD SOME LEGAL TRAINING AND BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE MECHANISMS FOR ADJUDGING INFRACTIONS OF THE PARTY'S RULES AND GOVERNING POLICIES. HE SAID THAT FOR ALL OF THE TIME UNTIL HIS BEING CALLED TO BERLIN HE WAS INVOLVED IN INTERNAL PARTY LEGAL QUESTIONS AND MATTERS AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY EXTERNAL POLITICAL MATTER.

IN THIS REGARD HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE PARTY MEMBERSHIP THOUGH HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NUMBER. HE DID SAY THOUGH THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN A GAUREDNER. HE SAID THAT AT THIS TIME HE WANTED TO BECOME A STURMBANNFUHRER BUT COULD NOT BE PROMOTED. HE HAD A FRIEND IN THE PARTY'S MACHINERY WHO WAS TRYING TO HELP HIM GET PROMOTED AND TO THIS END HIS CREDENTIALS WERE "PUFFED UP" TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN A GAUREDNER. THE PROBLEM FOR HIM AT THIS TIME, A PROBLEM HE SAID HINDERED HIS PROMOTION FOR NEARLY TEN YEARS, WAS THAT HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE EVANGELISCHE KIRCHE, SOMETHING HIS SUPERIORS DISFAVORED.

C. DURING THE PERIOD OF 1932-49 HE SAID HE WORKED IN THE REICHSLUFTFAHRTMINISTERIUM THOUGH HE WAS DETAILED OUT OF THIS FROM TIME TO TIME. DURING THE PERIOD 1932-35 HE WAS IN THE MINISTRY AND PERFORMED ESSENTIALLY INTELLIGENCE WORK. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON ROADS, AIR SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER THINGS WITH A MILITARY PURPOSE ON THE BALKANS, ITALY AND AUSTRIA. HE INDICATED THAT IN 1935 THESE FUNCTIONS WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE MINISTRY AND GIVEN TO OTHER AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE GESTAPO.

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D. AFTER THIS HE WAS ASKED BY HIMMLER TO WORK FOR HIM. HE SAID THAT HE WAS NEVER PRECISELY SURE WHY HE WAS CHOSEN, BUT HE FEELS THAT IT HAD TO DO WITH HIS QUASEI-LEGAL BACKGROUND. HE WAS WITH HIMMLER A SHORT TIME AND THEN SENT TO A POLICE COURSE, THE PRUSSISCHES LANDES KRIMINALAMT AS INDICATED IN REFTEL. OHLBRECHT SAID THAT THIS WAS A COURSE DESIGNED TO DO IN A VERY BRIEF TIME WHAT NORMALLY TOOK THREE YEARS. IT WAS SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO BECOME A POLICE INVESTIGATOR. HE COMPLETED THE COURSE BUT NEVER WORKED AS A POLICE INVESTIGATOR BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT POLICY AND A DESIRE OF HIGHER OFFICIALS TO HAVE HIM REMAIN IN MINISTRY.

E. HE THEN RETURNED TO THE REICHSMINISTERIUM AND WAS THERE UNTIL SENT TO THE LUFTWAFFE AS A NCO CANDIDATE. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS A REQUIRED PART OF HIS WORK, ALMOST A PRACTICUM. AFTER THIS HE AGAIN RETURNED TO THE MINISTRY WHERE HE WORKED ON INTERNAL SECURITY AND WAS INVOLVED WITH THE MOVEMENT OF SS PEOPLE TO AND FROM THE MINISTRY.

F. HIS NEXT IMPORTANT WORK WAS FOR THE ORGANIZATION TOOT. HE DESCRIBED THIS AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT WENT AHEAD OF THE TROOPS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SUPPLY ROUTES AND ROADS COULD SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF THE ARMIES. THIS WAS RELATED TO HIS OWN WORK IN THE MINISTRY WHICH HAD BEEN TECHNICALLY ORIENTED.

THIS ORGANIZATION, ACCORDING TO OHLBRECHT, SPECIALIZED IN CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING MILITARY MOVEMENTS. UPON DIRECT QUESTIONING HE SAID THAT IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BUILDING CONCENTRATION CAMPS OR THE LIKE. IT WAS DURING AN OPERATION WITH THIS ORGANIZATION THAT HE WAS WOUNDED.

G. AFTER BEING WOUNDED HE WENT BACK TO THE MINISTRY AND INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO FURTHER ACTIVITIES WITH THE ORGANIZATION TOOT OR OTHER RELATED ACTIVITY. HE REMAINED IN THE MINISTRY AS AN ADMINISTRATOR, RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AT HEADQUARTERS, UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR.

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7. COMMENTS UPON INTERVIEW:

A. OHLBRECHT INDICATED UPON CLOSE QUESTIONING THAT DURING THE PERIOD 1933-1945 HE NEVER IN ANY WAY PERSECUTED INDIVIDUALS FOR RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR OTHER REASONS. HE WAS AN ADMINISTRATOR IN THE MINISTRY AND BEFORE THAT A PARTY OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, EVASIVE ANSWERS ON THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION TOOT AND SOME SEEMINGLY IMPLAUSIBLE COMMENTS, SUCH AS TAKING TWO VACATIONS TO ACCOMPANY ORGANIZATION TOOT TO SEE WHAT IT DID AND WHILE ON SUCH A TRIP BEING WOUNDED, MAKE CONOFF QUESTION THE INFORMATION GLEANED. IN ADDITION IN ONE EXCHANGE OVER HIS ACTIVITIES IN THE PARTY HE INADVERTENTLY USED THE TERM "DU" WHEN SPEAKING OF HIMMLER. THIS INDICATES A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP THAT HE MAY HAVE WANTED TO INDICATE.

B. OHLBRECHT ALSO DID NOT PRESENT THE USUAL ENTNAZIFIZIERUNG-ENTSCHEIDUNG. RATHER HE SHOWED A RECEIPT FOR A BESCHEINIGUNG INDICATING HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERED UNDER THE ZWEITEN GESETZ ZUM ABSCHLUSS DER ENTNAZIFIZIERUNG. THIS APPARENTLY WAS A SECOND REVIEW OF SUCH CASES. CONOFF HAS SECURED SOME INFORMATION RE THIS AND WILL FORWARD UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

C. WHEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING HE WANTED TO ADD CONCERNING HIS CASE HE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY HELPED A JEWISH CANDY MAKER AND HIS FAMILY ESCAPE GERMANY CIRCA 1935. THE FAMILY WAS THE LEWANDOWSKI (SIC) FAMILY WHO RETURNED AFTER THE WAR TO BERLIN. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HELPED WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A BRITISH DOUBLE AGENT, DR. HELMUT STICHERLING. ESCAPE FROM THE POLICE IN 1933. HE OFFERED NOTHING ELSE ABOUT THESE CASES EXCEPT TO SAY THEY SHOW HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE REGIERUNG.

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END OF MESSAGE

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