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I. Personal

1. Full name Josef Heinrich Reif  
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2. Aliases, nicknames, legal changes:  
Aliases: Josef STEIN. Source used this alias in his capacity as a voluntary co-worker with the German SD (State Security) between 10 October 1938 and December 1938. The name STEIN was actually not an alias but a pseudonym. Source signed his SD reports with this name. It is worthwhile to mention that source was a member of the Allgemeine (civilian) SS. His highest rank was that of Sturmbannführer (major).  
Nicknames: Jozi for Josef  
Legal Changes: None
3. Date and Place of birth: 5 July 1894 at Risuty (N 50-13, E 14-00), District Bilina, Czechoslovakia.
4. Profession: Subject was an architect specializing in interior decoration; during the occupation of Czechoslovakia by the Germans during World War II, source was a German government official in occupied Bohemia.
5. Last occupation: Foreman with the United Steel Works, National Enterprise, in Kladno (N 50-09, E 14-00), Czechoslovakia.
6. Nationality: German
7. Citizenship: Austro-Hungarian from 1894 (year of birth) to 1918 (end of World War I and collapse of Austro-Hungary). Czechoslovak from 1918 to 1938 (German occupation). German from 1938 to present.
8. Social origin (intellectual, worker, peasant, etc.): Intellectual
9. Religion: Roman Catholic; attends church services occasionally. Source stated that although it was customary to become an atheist in the SS, he maintained his Roman Catholic religion.
10. Wife: a. Full name, maiden name, date and place of birth, date and place of marriage, nationality, divorce: Sabina REIF nee BÖHM; born 6 July 1898 at Kynperk nad Ohri (N 50-07, E 12-32), Czechoslovakia; died 6 August 1949 at Neuses, Landkreis Forchheim, Bavaria, West Germany. Subject married his wife on 22 November 1920 at Kynperk nad Ohri, Czechoslovakia. She was an ethnic German from Czechoslovakia.
- b. Her parents:  
Father: Lorenz BÖHM; died in Czechoslovakia in 1942.  
Mother: Margarete BÖHM nee FRIEBEL; died in Germany in 1953.
- c. Her employment record: Housewife.

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11. Relatives

- a. Children: Name - Horst Walter REIF  
(Adopted by subject in 1939)  
Sex - Male  
Date and Place of Birth - 7 June 1937  
at Libcaves (N 50-27, E 13-50), District  
Blilina, Czechoslovakia.  
Address and occupation: Friedberg über  
Bad Nauheim, Steinfurth #23, Hesse, West  
Germany; student at the Friedberg  
Gymnasium. Subject's adopted son lives  
with subject's brother, Emil REIF (see  
sub-paragraph d. below).
- b. Father: Name - Josef REIF  
Age - Born 26 July 1870; died 25 September  
1945.  
Address - Home for the Aged at Freiberg,  
Saxony, GDR.  
Occupation - Farmer  
Political orientation - None
- c. Mother: Maria REIF, nee WEINER  
Age - Born 4 March 1871; died 3 March 1952.  
Address - Zscherndorf, Landkreis Bitterfeld,  
Saxony, GDR.  
Occupation - Housewife.  
Political orientation: None
- d. Brother: Name - Emil REIF  
Marital status - Married  
Age - Born 16 May 1896 at Risuty, Czechoslovakia.  
Address - Friedberg über Bad Nauheim,  
Steinfurth #23, Hesse, West Germany.  
Occupation - Formerly a farmer in Czecho-  
slovakia; he was expelled as a  
Sudeten German after WW II.  
Since 1949 to the present he  
has been employed in a US Army-  
managed hotel in Bad Nauheim.  
Political orientation - Presently unknown  
to subject; formerly a member of  
NSDAP.  
(NOTE: Subject saw his brother Emil the  
last time on 5 June 1955 in Friedberg.)
- e. Brother: Name - Richard REIF  
Marital status - Single  
Age - Born 17 October 1900 at Risuty,  
Czechoslovakia.  
Address - Treffurt a/Werra, Thuringia, GDR.  
Occupation - Formerly a farmer in Czecho-  
slovakia; expelled as a Sudeten  
German after World War II.  
Presently employed as a laborer  
in the automotive industry at  
Eisenach.  
Political orientation - Presently unknown  
to source; formerly a member  
of NSDAP.  
(NOTE: Source saw his brother Richard the  
last time on 1 May 1955 at Treffurt a/Werra,  
Thuringia, GDR.)

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- f. Brother: Name - Heinrich REIF  
Marital Status - Married  
Age - Born 11 November 1905 at Risuty,  
Czechoslovakia.  
Address - Heinbockel über Stade, Landkreis  
Herfurf, West Germany  
Occupation - Formerly a farmer in Czecho-  
slovakia; expelled as a Sudeten  
German after WW II. Presently un-  
employed; receives a veteran's  
disability pension.  
Political orientation - Unknown to source;  
formerly a member of NSDAP.  
(NOTE: Source saw his brother Heinrich  
the last time in 1943 in Czechoslovakia.  
He wrote him the last time in 1955.)
- g. Sister: Name - Maria ZIMMERMANN, nee REIF  
Marital status - Married  
Age - Born 3 November 1897 at Risuty, CSR.  
Address - Hamburg-Harburg, Grumbrecht Strasse  
118/1, West Germany.  
Occupation - Housewife (Her husband is a  
laborer in the Hamburg shipyards).  
Political orientation - Unknown to source.  
(NOTE: Source saw his sister the last time  
in 1944 in Czechoslovakia. He wrote her  
the last time in May 1955.)
- h. Sister: Name - Karolina DORBER, nee REIF  
Marital status - Married  
Age - Born 12 November 1902 at Risuty, CSR.  
Address - Zschendorf, Stalinplatz #2, Land-  
kreis Bitterfeld, GDR.  
Occupation - Housewife (Her husband is a  
coal miner in Zschendorf).  
Political orientation - Unknown to source.  
(NOTE: Source saw his sister the last time  
in May 1955.)
- i. Sister: Name - Elisabeth WLATER, nee REIF  
Marital status - Widow  
Age - Born 8 November 1910 at Risuty, CSR.  
Address - Lives with her brother, Richard.  
(See sub-paragraph e.)  
Occupation - Housekeeper for her brother.  
Political orientation - Unknown to source.  
(NOTE: Source saw his sister the last time  
on 1 May 1955 at Treffurt a/Werra, Thuringia,  
GDR. Her husband was killed as a German  
soldier in the USSR in 1943.)
12. Special skills, hobbies, recreation, etc., especially  
such which might help in resettlement:  
Source is talented in technical drawing. In his earlier  
years he used to hunt, collect stamps, and was interested  
in photography.
13. Languages:  
German (mother tongue) - Speaks, reads, and writes fluently.  
(Speaks with a Sudeten German dialect typical of the  
Cheb (N 50-04, E 12-22) District.)  
Czech - Speaks, reads, and writes well.  
(Speaks with a noticeable German accent.)  
Can be interrogated in German and Czech.

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II. Education

14. Elementary School

- a. Name: Elementary School - Volksschule  
Location: Selkovice (Schelkowitz), District Bilina, Czechoslovakia.  
Dates attended: 16 September 1900 to June 1904.  
Average Grades: Excellent
- b. Name: Higher Elementary School - Bùrgerschule  
Location: Bilina (N 50-32, E 13-48), Czechoslovakia.  
Dates attended: September 1904 to June 1908.  
Average Grades: Excellent

15. Secondary School

Name: Senior High School - Gymnasium  
Location: Duchcov (N 50-36, E 13-45), Czechoslovakia  
Dates attended: September 1908 to May 1912.  
Subjects (if different from standard course):  
Standard gymnasium subjects. Source graduated and passed his maturity examination.  
Average Grades: Excellent

16. Other Schools or Special Courses:  
High School or College level - none.

17. Higher Education (University or university level):

Name: Technical University, Department for Interior Decoration Architecture [Technische Hochschule, Kunstgewerbeschule für Innenarchitektur].  
Location: Vienna, Austria  
Dates Attended: October 1912 to June 1914. In 1914 source was drafted into the Austro-Hungarian army. He fought in World War I until 1918. During his leaves (between 1914 and 1918) source attended the Technical University. He graduated and received his degree in December 1919.  
Subjects: Interior decoration drawing, designing, mathematics, technical drawing, art history, etc.  
Degrees: Architect  
Scientific or technical research: None  
Scientific writing or other writing: None

18. Membership in Organizations

- a. Communist Party: Source claims he was never a CP member.
- b. Affiliated and cover organizations of the Communist Party: Source claims no membership.
- c. Other organizations: Source was a member of the NSDAP from 1939 to 1945. He was also a member of the Allgemeine (civilian) SS from 1939 to 1945; highest rank attained was that of Sturmbannführer (major). His reason for leaving this organization was the unconditional surrender of Germany in World War II.

19. Financial Status (in case he has financial resources in the West): Source claims no possessions or financial resources in the West.

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20. Residences from birth

Location	Date
Risuty, Czechoslovakia (At that time Austro-Hungary) Risuty was source's permanent residence.	1894 - 1918
(Between 1908 and 1912 source was a student at Duchcov; between 1912 and 1914 source was a student in Vienna; between 1914 and 1918 he was a soldier in World War I.)	
Prague-Karlin, Podebradska Street	1918 - 1920
Kynsperk nad Ohri, Egelsee No. 665, CSR	1920 - 1942
(Although Kynsperk was source's permanent residence, he served at various places with the German army in World War II between 1940 and 1942.)	
Kutna Hora (N 49-57, E 15-16), Hlouskova Street No. 405, CSR	1943 - 1945
Frantiskovy Lazne, CSR (In US Army custody)	12 May 1945 - 26 May 1945
Turn, near Teplice-Sanov, (N 50-38, E 13-50) CSR (In Red Army custody)	May 1945 - June 1945
Mosburg, Bavaria, Germany (In US Army custody) Civilian Internment Camp No. 6	6 July 1945 - June 1946
Pilsen, Czechoslovakia (Police prison in the custody of Czechoslovak authorities)	July 1946
Prague State Prison	July 1946 - Sept. 1946
Kutna Hora, District Prison	Sept. 1946 - Dec. 1948
Prague, Pankrac Prison	Jan. 1949 - June 1953
Hradec Kralove, State Prison	June 1953 - 3 Aug. 1953
Kladno 4-Rozdelov, Vzorne sidliste No. 2850/32	4 Aug. 1953 - 21 Apr. 1955

(NOTE: Between April 1947 and 3 August 1953, source worked in various Czechoslovak industries doing various kinds of manual labor as a political prisoner. For details, see Section III, Employment.)

21. Travel

a. Domestic: Source traveled as a tourist and official throughout Czechoslovakia. He is well acquainted with all major cities.

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- b. Foreign: Prior to 1938, source visited as a tourist in Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, France and Sweden. As a German officer in World War II, he was stationed in France, Holland, USSR, and Poland.

22. Police Record

Arrests: On 12 May 1945, source was arrested by the US military authorities in Czechoslovakia because he was in the category for automatic arrest. He held the rank of Sturmbannführer (major) in the Civilian SS and he was a high-ranking government official.

Trials and charges: Source was tried by a Czechoslovak court for being a member of the NSDAP and SS. (Source was formerly a Czechoslovak citizen.)

Sentence: Source was sentenced to eight years imprisonment and hard labor.

Release: Source was released on 3 August 1953; his sentence was completed at that time.

III. Employment

23. a. Firm name and type: Furniture Factory Anton Kornhauser  
Location: Prague-Karlín, Podebradská Street, CSR  
Position, title and exact duties: Source was a furniture designer and technical advisor.  
He also supervised production.  
Date: 1918 to 1920  
Salary: 1,800 crowns per month  
Reason for leaving: Source resigned to accept a better position.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- b. Firm name and type: Raum Kunst, A.G., Furniture Factory  
Location: Kynsperk nad Ohří, Czechoslovakia  
Position, title and exact duties: Source was manager.  
He handled technical and commercial supervision of factory production and administration.  
Date: 1920 to October 1938  
Salary: Starting 2,500 crowns per month; highest, 3,600 crowns per month.  
Reason for leaving: To accept German government position in occupied Bohemia.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- c. Firm name and type: German Government, Ministry of the Interior  
Location: Kynsperk nad Ohří, CSR (German occupied)  
Position, title and exact duties: Source was appointed to the position of mayor of the city of Kynsperk nad Ohří by the German occupation authorities.  
Date: 1 October 1938 to 1 August 1943  
(Between February 1940 and October 1942 source served with the Waffen SS (Military SS), but he was still officially the mayor of Kynsperk nad Ohří.)  
Salary: RM 700 per month  
Reason for leaving: Source transferred because he was promoted and given a higher position.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: Source was promoted to District Commissioner (Regierung Komisar).

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- d. Firm name and type: German Government, Ministry of the Interior  
Location: Kutna Hora, CSR (German occupied)  
Position, title and exact duties: District Commissioner. Supervised and controlled all government functions in the Kutna Hora District, CSR.  
Date: August 1943 to 7 May 1945  
Salary: RM 1,050 per month  
Reason for leaving: The unconditional surrender of Germany.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- e. Firm name and type: NA  
Location: See page 5, paragraph 20.  
Position, title and exact duties: Political prisoner in the US Army, USSR, and Czechoslovak custody.  
Date: May 1945 to April 1947  
Salary: NA  
Reason for leaving: NA  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- f. Firm name and type: Banská a Hutní, n.p. - Mines and Foundries, National Enterprise  
Location: Kolin (N 50-02, E 15-12), CSR  
Position, title and exact duties: Political prisoner detailed to work as a laborer and miner. Source was engaged in mining antimony stones from which "antimony cotton" was produced. This "cotton" was used for insulation for industrial purposes.  
Date: April 1947 to June 1948  
Salary: 0.15 crowns per hour; worked an average of 60 hours per week.  
Reason for leaving: Transferred to another work detail.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- g. Firm name and type: Cihelna, Cervene Pecky, n.p. Brick factory (formerly Brick Factory Baron Hruby)  
Location: Cervene Pecky, District Kolin, CSR  
Position, title and exact duties: Political prisoner working in brick factory.  
Date: July 1948 to December 1948  
Salary: 0.15 crowns per hour; worked an average of 60 hours per week.  
Reason for leaving: Transferred to another work detail.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- h. Firm name and type: Spojene ocelarny, n.p. - United Steel Works, National Enterprise.  
Location: Kladno, CSR  
Position, title and exact duties: Political prisoner detailed to work as a laborer in the production of steel.  
Date: 1949 to 1950  
Salary: 5,000 crowns per month (old currency)  
Reason for leaving: Transferred to another work detail.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- i. Firm name and type: Dul csl. armady, n.p. - The Czechoslovak Army Coal Mine, National Enterprise. (Formerly Coal Mine Anna; then Coal Mine Lausmann; then Coal Mine Anna again).  
Location: Rynholec (near Kladno), District Nove Stracice.  
Position, title and exact duties: Political prisoner detailed to work in mining of hard coal.  
Date: January 1951 to February 1951.  
Salary: 6,000 crowns (old currency) per month  
Reason for leaving: Transferred to another work detail.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA

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- j. Firm name and type: Dul Fierlingr I and II -  
Coal Mines Fierlingr I and II. (Coal  
Mine Fierlingr I was formerly Coal Mine  
Mayrau; Coal Mine Fierlingr II was formerly  
Coal Mine Maxovka and then Coal Mine Benes).  
Location: Coal Mine Fierlingr I was located in  
Vinarice, District Kladno; Coal Mine  
Fierlingr II was located at Libusin,  
District Slany.  
Position, title and exact duties: Political  
prisoner detailed to work in the mining  
of hard coal.  
Date: February 1951 to June 1953  
Salary: 6,000 crowns (old currency); 1,400 crowns  
(new currency) per month.  
Reason for leaving: Transferred to another work  
detail.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- k. Firm name and type: Tmavy Dul - Dark Coal Mine  
Location: Rtyne, District Trutnov  
Position, title and exact duties: Political  
prisoner detailed to work in the  
mining of hard coal.  
Date: July 1953 to 3 August 1953  
Salary: 1,500 crowns (new currency) per month  
Reason for leaving: Released from imprisonment.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA
- l. Firm name and type: Spojene ocelarny, n.p. -  
United Steel Works, National Enterprise  
Location: Kladno, CSR  
Position, title and exact duties: Source was a  
foreman supervising the work of a team of  
12 men who serviced three Siemens-Martin  
furnaces. He prepared raw materials needed  
for production of steel.  
Date: 4 August 1953 to 21 April 1955  
Salary: 2,000 crowns per month before deductions;  
1,600 crowns after deductions.  
Reason for leaving: Granted exit permit by  
Czechoslovak government for resettlement  
in GDR.  
If promoted or demoted, give circumstances: NA

IV. Military History

Military information required for paragraphs 24 through 33  
of the PIR Questionnaire is not applicable in source's case.  
Source never served in the Soviet armed forces or in any  
of the satellite armed forces. However, for the purpose of  
background information only, the following military history  
is submitted:

- a. World War I: Source served in the Austro-Hungarian  
Army from 1914 to 1918; highest rank attained was  
that of second lieutenant.
- b. World War II: Source served in the Military SS from  
February 1940 to October 1942; highest rank attained  
was that of Sturmbannfuhrer (major). Source was dis-  
charged because of a serious stomach wound which he  
received on the Eastern Front; furthermore, he was  
needed in the civil administration of occupied Czecho-  
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V. Defection

34. Source is not a defector. He left Czechoslovakia with a legal travel document to resettle in East Germany. He arrived in West Berlin on 13 May 1955.
35. Motivation: NA
36. Source's hopes and plans for the future: Source plans to remain in West Germany and work for the government or, if granted a pension, to live on his pension.
37. Effect of foreign broadcasts (VOA, RFE, EBD): Source's coming to West Germany was not due to any effect of foreign broadcasts. He listened to VOA, RFE, and BBC. In source's opinion, the broad population, mainly the labor class, is not affected by these broadcasts.
38. Effect of pamphlets: Source saw many anti-Communist pamphlets while in Czechoslovakia. He stated their effect on the population is better than that of the broadcasts.
39. Any drafting ability: Source has good drafting ability.

VI. Interrogator's Remarks

40. Evaluation of character, personality, intelligence, adaptability to new life, attitude and cooperation, real cause for defection:

Source is a former Nazi official who is still a little bitter about the treatment he received at the hands of the United States in 1945, i.e., the fact that US military authorities first turned him over to the Soviets and later to Czechoslovak authorities. He appears to be a steady, well-balanced person. Source received a Standard Score of 114 on the Army Non-Language Test. This score falls in Category II and indicates above-average native intelligence. Source has a pleasant personality and is a person with whom it is easy to deal. From time to time he likes to make sarcastic remarks about "Western mistakes" in dealing with the USSR during and after World War II. It appears that source has dropped his old national socialistic ideas and is trying to become a good citizen of West Germany. His present cooperation with the US is not necessarily based on sincere friendship, but stems from his hatred of Communism and, especially the Czechs. As stated above, source is not a defector. He came to West Germany because he considers this country to be his home.

Field Comment: Short resume of source's activities after the German unconditional surrender up to the present date:

Source left Czechoslovakia in the night of 8 - 9 May 1945 with the retreating German Army. Reaching Kariovy Vary, at that time occupied by US troops, source was arrested on 12 May 1945 by US army authorities, because he fell into the category for automatic arrest. On

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20 May 1945, source was turned over to the Soviet authorities by the US authorities at Karlovy Vary. While being transported under Soviet guard to an internment camp, source escaped on 16 June 1945. He entered the US Zone of Germany, was again arrested by US authorities; this time at Schwandorf, Bavaria, on 4 July 1945. In June 1946, source was transferred to the custody of Czechoslovak authorities because he was wanted for alleged war crimes committed during World War II. Shortly afterward, source was sentenced to eight years of hard labor by a Czechoslovak court. He was released on 3 August 1953. At that time he could not leave Czechoslovakia because the authorities would not grant him a travel document and an exit permit. He finally obtained the necessary documents for leaving Czechoslovakia on 15 April 1955.

Source left Prague by train for Dresden, GDR, on 21 April 1955 at 2220 hours. He was authorized to take a few personal belongings with him. The Czechoslovak border and customs control at Decin, according to source, was only routine. However, the Czechoslovak customs officials took 200 crowns from source, stating that he was not authorized to take currency with him. Consequently, source arrived in GDR without any money. He contacted his brother, Richard REIF, a resident of Thuringia, who gave him some money. He stayed with his brother Richard, sister Elisabeth WALTER, and sister Karolina DORBER, until 13 May 1955. On this date he came to West Berlin legally. He reported to the German Red Cross, presented his case, and asked for assistance. The Red Cross sent source to a US agency in West Berlin, which source could not identify, and he was sent to West Germany by a US Air Force plane. Source was accepted by CABEZONE on 14 May 1955.

41. Physical description:

Age: 61 years	Posture: Straight
Apparent Age: 58 - 60 years	Weight: 75 kg.
Height: 173 cm.	Teeth: Good
Eyes: Blue-gray	Hair: Gray
Face shape: Oval	Build: Medium
Complexion: Light	
General Appearance: Good; healthy.	
Prominent features: None	
Other identifying features: Wears glasses for reading.	
Scars: A right-angle scar on his stomach as the result of a shrapnel wound operation in World War II. The scar is approximately 20 cm. in length (horizontal and vertical). Source also has a scar on the back of his neck which is approximately five centimeters in length.	

42. General Physical Condition: Appears to be good.

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VII. Knowledgeability

1. Source can provide general information on, as well as pinpoint locations of the various national enterprises mentioned in Section III, Employment, paragraph 23, sub-paragraphs f. through k. He worked at these places as a political prisoner (laborer) between April 1947 and August 1953.
2. Spojene ocelarny, n.p. (United Steel Works, National Enterprise), at Kladno, Czechoslovakia. Source can furnish detailed information on the layout of the plant and give a detailed sketch. He can provide general information on equipment, management, labor, and production. Source was employed with this national enterprise the last time between August 1953 and April 1955. He worked as a foreman.
3. Source can provide general information on the everyday life in Czechoslovakia, mainly regarding the German minority group. Source can provide information on the effects of foreign broadcasts and pamphlets on the Czech population in the industrial regions where he was employed.

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