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Visa Office
CA/VO
Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20520

Re: Tscherim Soobsokov

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the Criminal Division is currently investigating allegations made against the above-named subject concerning his activities during the Second World War that could have a bearing on his United States citizenship and result in the institution of deportation proceedings.

Mr. Soobsokov has recently stated in sworn testimony that in approximately December 1954 while applying for a visa to the United States, he told an official in the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan that he became a member of the Caucasian Waffen SS in Berlin in January 1945. Soobsokov further testified that after about six months the Embassy called him in and told him his SS membership could not be verified. He testified that he then explained to the Embassy the circumstances under which he became a member of the Caucasian Waffen SS and that this explanation was reduced to writing (about 3 pages) by the Embassy and signed by him. Thereafter, in about six or seven weeks, his visa was approved.

Attached please find a copy of Application for Immigration Visa and Alien Registration which was processed on April 6, 1955, and signed by John G. Panos, Vice Consul. The original of this document is in Soobsokov's Investigation and Naturalization file, A 10-083-288.

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The aforementioned alleged written explanation re. SS membership or any other papers and documents concerning this matter are not in Soobsokov's file.

Please cause your records to be searched for these alleged documents or any reference to them and forward them to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

I would also appreciate being advised how the American Embassy would investigate and evaluate such an admission by an applicant for a visa to the United States.

Thanking you for your cooperation I remain.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Lynch
Special Attorney
Office of Special Investigation
Criminal Division
633-5023

Enclosure

cc: Nazi War Criminal WF
Tscherim Soobsokov File ✓