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1. FOLLOWING BDC SUMMARY PROVIDED AS REQUESTED IN
REFTEL:

DIERKS, ERNST HINRICH FRITZ DETLEF
POB: HAMBURG
DOB: OCTOBER 28, 1912
OCCUPATION: AUTOSCHLOSSER (CAR-MECHANIC); KRAFT-
FAHRER BEIM SS-HAUPTAMT (DRIVER WITH THE SS MAIN
OFFICE); SS-FUEHRER (SS OFFICER);
ADDRESS: BERLIN-ZEHLENDORF, ALTKANZLERSTRASSE 10

2. NOVEMBER 1, 1933-:
-- JOINED THE ALLGEMEINE SS (GENERAL SS); HIS SS
NUMBER WAS 179838;
NOVEMBER 1, 1933-DECEMBER 31, 1936 OR JANUARY 31,
1937:
-- MEMBER OF THE MOTORSTUERME 5 AND 1/4. SS-MOTOR-

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STANDARTE AT HAMBURG (MOTORIZED COMPANIES 5 AND 1 OF THE 4TH SS MOTORREGIMENT AT HAMBURG);
APRIL 17, 1934:
-- APPOINTED SS-MANN (PRIVATE);
OCTOBER 23, 1934:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-STURMMANN (PRIVATE FIRST CLASS);
FEBRUARY 20, 1935:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-ROTTENFUEHRER (CORPORAL);
JULY 8, 1935:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-UNTERSCHARFUEHRER (SERGEANT);
SEPTEMBER 26, 1936:
-- EMPLOYED AS KRAFTFAHRER (DRIVER) WITH THE SS-HAUPTAMT (SS MAIN OFFICE);
JANUARY 1937:
-- ASSIGNED TO THE 1. STABSSTURM/SS-HAUPTAMT (1ST STAFF COMPANY OF THE SS MAIN OFFICE) AS DRIVER OF SS-OBERGRUPPENFUEHRER (LT. GENERAL) HEISSMEYER;
JANUARY 30, 1937:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-SCHARFUEHRER (SERGEANT);
MAY 1, 1937:
-- JOINED THE NSDAP; HIS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WAS 4037154;
APRIL 20, 1938:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-OBERSCHARFUEHRER (STAFF-SERGEANT);
APRIL 20, 1939:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-HAUPTSCHARFUEHRER (MASTER-SERGEANT);
MAY 4, 1939-:
-- DRAFTED INTO THE LEIBSTANDARTE SS "ADOLF HITLER"
JULY 1939-SEPTEMBER 15, 1939:
-- AS A MEMBER OF THE 5. SS-TOTENKOPF-STANDARTE "ORANIENBURG" (SS DEATHS' HEAD REGIMENT "ORANIENBURG") HE TOOK PART IN THE POLAND CAMPAIGN WITH THE RANK OF SS-UNTERSCHARFUEHRER DER RESERVE (SERGEANT IN RESERVE);
SEPTEMBER 15, 1939-:
-- RE-ASSIGNED TO THE LEIBSTANDARTE SS "ADOLF HITLER"; SOME OF HIS SS RECORDS INDICATE HIS DATE OF ENTRY (INTO THE WAFFEN-SS) AS APRIL 1940 OR MAY 1940; FURTHER DETAILS ARE NOT AVAILABLE;
JUNE 1, 1940:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-UNTERSCHARFUEHRER DER RESERVE DER WAFFEN-SS (SERGEANT);
AUGUST 1, 1940:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-OBERSCHARFUEHRER DER RESERVE DER WAFFEN-SS (STAFF-SERGEANT) AND SS-UNTERSTURMFUEHRER DER ALLGEMEINEN-SS (2ND LIEUTENANT OF THE GENERAL SS); HIS UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT WAS THE SS-HAUPTAMT (SS-MAIN OFFICE);
FEBRUARY 1, 1941:
-- APPOINTED REFERENT IM STAB DER DIENSTSTELLE SS-OBERGRUPPENFUEHRER HEISSMEYER (EXPERT ADVISER TO THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF SS GENERAL HEISSMEYER); SUBJECT WAS CHIEF OF THE MOTOR POOL AND ALL VEHICLES OF THE NATIONAL POLITISCHEN ERZIEHUNGSANSTALTEN (NATIONAL POLITICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES);
JUNE 21, 1941:
-- PROMOTED TO SS-OBERSTURMFUEHRER DER ALLGEMEINEN-SS

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(1ST LIEUTENANT OF THE GENERAL SS);
JULY 30, 1941:

-- TRANSFERRED FROM THE SS-KRAFTFAHR-ERSATZ-ABTEILUNG (SS MOTOR REPLACEMENT DETACHMENT) TO THE VERWALTUNGS-AMT-SS (ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE SS) AT BERLIN-LICHTERFELDE; AT THE SAME TIME HE WAS DETAILED TO THE DIENSTSTELLE SS-OBERGRUPPENFUEHRER HEISSMEYER (OFFICE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 USBERLIN 03279

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OF SS GENERAL HEISSMEYER) AT BERLIN-GRUNEWALD;

AUGUST 1, 1941:

-- APPOINTED ABTEILUNGSLEITER IN THE AFOREMENTIONED OFFICE (SECTION HEAD);

OCTOBER 1, 1941:

-- ASSIGNED TO THE STABSABTEILUNG (KOMMANDIERTEN-KOMPANIE) DES SS-FUEHRUNGSHAUPTAMTES (PERMANENT STAFF UNIT OF THE SS OPERATIONAL MAIN OFFICE);

NOVEMBER 9, 1941-APRIL 20, 1942:

-- APPOINTED SONDERFUEHRER DER WAFFEN-SS WITH THE SPECIAL OFFICER RANK OF SS-OBERSTURMFUEHRER (S)/ 1ST LIEUTENANT (S); HIS ADDITIONAL DUTY WAS TO PROVIDE MOTORTECHNICAL SUPPLY TO THE SS-HEIMSCHULEN (SS BOARDING SCHOOLS);

APRIL 20, 1942:

-- ASSIGNED TO THE AUFSTELLUNGSSTAB/ LEIBSTANDARTE SS "ADOLF HITLER", TRUPPENUEBUNGSPLATZ, SENNELAGER (ACTIVATION STAFF/LSSAH AT THE TRAINING CAMP, SENNELAGER); HIS WAFFEN-SS RANK AT THIS TIME WAS SS-OBERSCHARFUEHRER DER RESERVE (STAFF-SERGEANT);

JUNE 1, 1943:

-- PROMOTED TO SS-HAUPTSCHARFUEHRER DER RESERVE DER WAFFEN-SS (MASTER-SERGEANT);

DECEMBER 1943:

-- SUBJECT WAS A MEMBER OF THE KRAFTFAHRTECHNISCHE LEHRANSTALT DER SS, WIEN (MOTOR SCHOOL OF THE SS AT VIENNA) WITH FUNCTION AS WERKMEISTER AND SCHIRRMES-TER (K)/MOTOR TECHNICAL MASTER-SERGEANT;

JANUARY 1, 1944:

-- APPOINTED RESERVEFUEHRERANWAERTER DER WAFFEN-SS RESERVE OFFICER CANDIDATE OF THE WAFFEN SS);

APRIL 20, 1944:

-- PROMOTED TO SS-UNTERSTURMFUEHRER DER RESERVE DER WAFFEN-SS (2ND LIEUTENANT); STILL AS A MEMBER OF THE MOTOR SCHOOL OF THE WAFFEN SS AT VIENNA; SUBJECT WAS BEARER OF THE SS-ZIVILABZEICHEN (SS CIVIL BADGE NO. 72396); HE WAS AWARDED THE OESTERREICH AND SUDETEN- LAND-ERINNERUNGSMEDAILLEN (MEDALS OF THE REMEMBRANCE FOR THE OCCUPATION OF AUSTRIA ON MARCH 18, 1938 AND THE OCCUPATION OF THE SUDETENLAND ON OCTOBER 1, 1938); KRIEGSVERRDIENSTKREUZ II. KLASSE MIT SCHWERTERN (WAR MERIT CROSS WITH SWORDS; AWARDING DATES ARE NOT

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1. CONOFF INTERVIEWED KADEN ON MARCH 03, L988. THE INTERVIEW SERVED TO ADD DETAIL TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL (B), THE BDC SUMMARY. PER REFTELCON (C), POST WOULD APPRECIATE A DECISION IN CASE ASAP AS APPLICANT HAS PLANNED FOR AND FULLY ARRANGED A VACATION TO THE UNITED STATES BEGINNING ON MARCH 31.

2. DURING THE PERIOD 1933-1939 KADEN WAS ACTIVE IN THE HITLER YOUTH. FROM 1935-1939 HE ATTENDED THE NATIONALPOLITISCHE ERZIEHUNGSANSTALT (NAPOLE) IN DRESDEN, A SCHOOL APPARENTLY ORGANIZED AND FOUNDED FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE HITLER YOUTH. HE PASSED HIS ABITUR AT THE SCHOOL IN 1939.

3. AFTER COMPLETING HIS ABITUR HE JOINED THE REICHSARBEITSDIENST FOR A FEW MONTHS AND DID MANUAL LABOR NEAR EIFEL AND TAUNUS. IN SEPTEMBER 1939 HE JOINED THE NAZI

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PARTY AS WAS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATES OF THE NAPOLE.

4. IN LATE 1939 HE JOINED THE WAFFEN SS. HE RECEIVED HIS BASIC TRAINING NEAR BERLIN THOUGH KADEN IS NOT QUITE SURE HOW LONG THIS LASTED. IN 1940 AFTER COMPLETING TRAINING HE SERVED AS A GUARD AT THE REICHSCHANCELLERY IN BERLIN.

5. IN MARCH 1941 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 19TH LEIBSTANDARTE OF THE SS DIVISION "ADOLF HITLER" AND WAS DETAILED TO AN OFFICER CANDIDATES' COMPANY AT THE SS NCO SCHOOL IN RADOLFSZELL. FROM MAY - SEPTEMBER 1941 HE ATTENDED THE SS JUNKERLEHRGANG AT BAD TOELZ.

6. AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COURSE AT BAD TOELZ HE WAS ORDERED DIRECTLY TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT WITH THE SS-DIVISION "ADOLF HITLER." HE SAID THAT HE SERVED IN OR NEAR MELITOPOL, MANNIPOL, TAGANROG AND ROSTOV IN HEAVY AND SUSTAINED FRONT-LINE COMBAT UNTIL LATE 1942. HE WAS THEN SENT TO AN SS R & R LOCATION IN FRANCE FOR A FEW WEEKS AND AFTERWARDS FURLOUGHED HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. HOWEVER, SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING HOME HE WAS ORDERED IMMEDIATELY BACK TO HIS UNIT WHICH WAS NEAR KIEV. HE ARRIVED THERE EITHER AT THE VERY END OF 1942 OR VERY EARLY IN 1943.

7. KADEN REMAINED WITH HIS UNIT UNTIL BEING WOUNDED IN FEBRUARY 1943. HE WAS MEDIVACED BY PLANE TO BERLIN AND REMAINED IN A MILITARY HOSPITAL UNTIL EARLY 1944. DURING HIS TIME IN THE HOSPITAL HE MUST HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE SS GRENADIER TRAINING AND REPLACEMENT BATTALION AS INDICATED IN REFTEL (B). KADEN INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF BEING SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO THIS UNIT, BUT BELIEVES THAT THIS MUST HAVE BEEN HIS ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGNATION AT THE TIME IN VIEW OF HIS SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENT AS A TRAINING OFFICER AS INDICATED IN POINT 8 BELOW.

8. AFTER BEING RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL HE WAS ASSIGNED FOR A VERY SHORT TIME (KADEN BELIEVES IT WAS TWO TO THREE MONTHS) TO A TRAINING CAMP NEAR BERLIN WHERE HE SERVED AS A COMMANDER OF A TRAINING COMPANY. AFTER THIS HE WAS SENT TO THE KOMMANDOAMT OF THE WAFFEN SS IN BERLIN (NEAR BAD SAAROW) WHERE HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE ORDNANCE OFFICE. HE SAID THAT HE WAS WITH THIS UNIT UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR, AND ADDED THAT AS THE RUSSIANS ADVANCED ON BERLIN THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE KOMMANDOAMT WAS TRANSFERRED TO AHRENHOLZ IN SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

9. IN MARCH 1945 HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE BRITISH AND WAS IN THE BRITISH POW CAMP IN SANBORSTEL UNTIL DECEMBER 1947 WHEN HE WAS RELEASED. CONOFF BELIEVES THAT KADEN WAS DENAZIFIED AS CATEGORY 4.
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SMITH/FINNEGAN TELECONS

1. CONOFF INTERVIEWED AUGUST MEINE ON MARCH 23, 1988. PER
REFTELECONS (C) CONOFF FOCUSED ON THE NATURE, PURPOSE AND
ROLE OF THE MANNSCHAFTHAESER AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE
SS THOUGH OTHER ASPECTS OF MEINE'S ACTIVITIES WERE REVIEWED.
THE INTERVIEW SERVED TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL DETAIL ON THE
WORKINGS OF THE MANNSCHAFTHAESER AS WELL AS INSIGHT INTO A
SPECIFIC SET OF ACTIVITIES ENGAGED IN BY SELECTED
MANNSCHAFTHAESER MEMBERS. CONOFF DID NOT, HOWEVER,
CONCENTRATE ON MEINE'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE "ENDLOESUNG,"
CONCENTRATION CAMPS OR OTHER RELATED MATTERS IN VIEW OF THE
VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED TO BOTH CONOFF AND DEPTOFF
BY THE BDC.

2. MEINE STATED THAT LATE IN THE 1920'S OR EARLY IN THE
1930'S HE JOINED THE WALTER FLECK FAHRTFINDERS, A
QUASI-NATIONALISTIC ORGANIZATION WITH A FOCUS ON CAMPING,

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HIKING AND OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. THIS WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE HITLER JUGEND (HJ) IN 1933 AND MEINE REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE HJ UNTIL 1936. CONOFF ATTEMPTED TO FOCUS ON MEINE'S ACTIVITIES WHILE IN THE HJ'S "PRESSE AND PROPAGANDA" DIVISION, BUT MEINE INDICATED THAT HE COULD ONLY REMEMBER WRITING A FEW ARTICLES AND OFFERED LITTLE ELSE.

3. IN 1934 MEINE ATTENDED A THREE MONTH COURSE AT THE BERLIN HOCHSCHULE FUER POLITIK ARRANGED THROUGH THE HITLER JUGEND. APPARENTLY, THIS HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON HIM BECAUSE HE CHANGED HIS CAREER GOALS FROM SCIENCE TO LAW IN ORDER TO EVENTUALLY BECOME ACTIVE IN POLITICS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AT THE END OF 1934 HE EARNED HIS ABITUR (WITH EXCELLENT MARKS) AND WENT ON TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN.

4. SOMETIME DURING 1935 WHILE AT BERLIN HE MET A FELLOW STUDENT BY THE NAME OF KURT NEUMANN WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE BERLIN MANNSCHAFTSHAUS. MEINE AND NEUMANN STRUCK UP A FRIENDSHIP WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO MEINE BEING INTRODUCED TO THE BERLIN MANNSCHAFTSHAUS, ITS MEMBERS, IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES. AFTER SEVERAL VISITS MEINE BECAME QUITE INTERESTED IN JOINING AND WENT THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS TO DO SO. THIS INVOLVED HAVING NEUMANN RECOMMEND HIM TO HIGHER SS AUTHORITIES; UNDERGOING A BACKGROUND CHECK; BEING OFFICIALLY INVITED TO JOIN THE ALLGEMEINE SS; AND THEN BEING ASSIGNED TO THE BERLIN MANNSCHAFTSHAUS. THIS PROCESS WAS THE SAME FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND, CONOFF BELIEVES, WAS HANDLED THROUGH THE SS RACE AND SETTLEMENT OFFICE THOUGH THE ACTUAL INVITATION CAME FROM THE PERSONAL STAFF OF THE REICHSFUHRER SS. IN JANUARY 1936 HE WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE SS AND ASSIGNED TO THE MANNSCHAFTSHAUS IN BERLIN. IN 1938 HE BECAME HEAD OF THAT MANNSCHAFTSHAUS.

5. THE MANNSCHAFTSHAUSER SYSTEM :

5A. MEINE PROVIDED A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE MANNSCHAFTSHAUSER SYSTEM. HE INDICATED THAT STUDENTS INVITED TO JOIN HAD TO HAVE A CONNECTION WITH OR BE INVOLVED IN THE SS SINCE THE MANNSCHAFTSHAUSER COMPRISED A SEPARATE SS DIVISION WITHIN THE ALLGEMEINE SS. KURT ELLERSIEK WAS THE DIVISION'S COMMANDING OFFICER AND HE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO KARL WOLFF ON HIMMLER'S STAFF. THE RACE AND SETTLEMENT OFFICE HAD SOME ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE PROGRAM BUT MEINE DID NOT COVER THIS. MEINE ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE 300-400 MANNSCHAFTSHAUSER MEMBERS AT ANY ONE TIME THROUGHOUT GERMANY DURING THE PRE-WAR YEARS OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 100 WERE IN BERLIN.

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5B. THE MANNSCHAFTSHAUSER PROGRAM FUNCTIONED AS AN SS FRATERNITY SYSTEM THOUGH ITS CLEAR GOAL, ACCORDING TO MEINE, WAS TO CREATE AND FORGE AN ELITE WITHIN THE ELITE. THOSE CHOSEN FOR MEMBERSHIP HAD TO BE PHYSICALLY SOUND, RACIALLY CORRECT (THIS IS CONOFF'S INTERPRETATION OF MEINE'S DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP) AND EXCELLENT STUDENTS WITH CLEAR LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. IN ADDITION THEY HAD TO MAINTAIN A "NORMAL"

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(MEINE'S WORD) RELATIONSHIP WITH WOMEN. MEMBERSHIP ALSO CONFERRED A PRIVILEGED STATUS BECAUSE THE MEMBERS WERE EXCUSED FROM THE VARIOUS MEETING, STUDY AND ACTIVITY REQUIRMENTS WHICH SS OFFICIALS NORMALLY HAD TO MEET.

5C. CONOFF FOCUSSED QUESTIONS ON WHAT MEINE KNEW OF ANY SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THE MANNSCHAFTHAUESER WERE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED. MEINE PROCEEDED THEN TO DESCRIBE ELLERSIEK'S EFFORTS IN EARLY 1940 TO FIND SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THE MANNSCHAFTHAUESER TO DO. THESE EFFORTS EVENTUALLY RESULTED IN A CLANDESTINE ESPIONAGE OPERATION INVOLVING SOME OF THE BEST OF THE MANNSCHAFTHAUESER MEMBERS. MEINE SAID THAT HE AND 20 - 25 MEN WERE SELECTED FOR A SPECIAL TWO OR THREE WEEK ESPIONAGE TRAINING COURSE AFTER WHICH THEY WERE ASSIGNED DIRECTLY TO THE STAFF OF THE REICHSFUEHRER SS AS THE "SONDERKOMMANDO OF THE REICHSFUEHRER SS." THE GROUP WAS SENT TO THE BALKAN COUNTRIES UNDER DIPLOMATIC "COVER" IN GERMAN EMBASSIES, CONSULATES OR LEGATIONS. THE FOCUS OF THE OPERATION WAS TO LEARN WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE BALKANS THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

5D. MEINE WAS SENT TO THE GERMAN CONSULATE AT VARNA, BULGARIA. HIS PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS THE INFLUENCE OF THE RUSSIANS IN BULGARIA AND HE REPORTED HIS FINDINGS THROUGH THE CONSULATE'S COMMUNICATION CHANNELS. MEINE INDICATED THAT HE DEVELOPED NUMEROUS CONTACTS BUT WAS ALWAYS HAMPERED BECAUSE HE COULD NOT SPEAK BULGARIAN (A PROBLEM HE SAID THAT PLAGUED THE PROGRAM BECAUSE THOSE SENT ELSEWHERE COULD NOT SPEAK THE LANGUAGES OF THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH THEY WERE ASSIGNED). MEINE SAID, THOUGH, THAT THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF TWO GERMAN SPEAKING BULGARIANS, A WELL KNOWN VARNA FEMALE DENTIST AND A LOCAL POLICE CHIEF, HE WAS INTRODUCED TO MANY BULGARIANS. HOWEVER, HE FELT THAT HIS COVER WORE THIN QUITE QUICKLY CAUSING HIM TO BE LESS SUCCESSFUL THAN HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN. AS A RESULT HE ASKED IN LATE 1940 TO BE RETURNED TO THE REICHSFUEHRER SS STAFF HEADQUARTERS IN BERLIN AND THIS WAS GRANTED. MEINE BELIEVED THAT HIS FELLOW AGENTS HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES. UPON CLOSE QUESTIONING TO LEARN THE NAMES OF OTHER COLLEAGUES MEINE COULD RECALL ONLY THAT OF RUDOLF YEOP WHO SERVED IN RUMANIA.

5E. MEINE ADDED THAT DURING THE YEARS 1942-44 ELLERSIEK WANTED TO PROMULGATE A "GERMAN SETTLEMENT IN RUSSIA PROGRAM." HOWEVER, MEINE BELIEVES THAT THIS NEVER GOT VERY FAR AND SAID THAT HE KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT IT.

5F. MEINE ALSO INDICATED THAT ELLERSIEK EVENTUALLY LEFT THE MANNSCHAFTHAUESER PROGRAM. HE WAS NOT QUITE CERTAIN WHAT ELLERSIEK SUBSEQUENTLY DID, BUT IT MAY HAVE HAD SOME RELATIONSHIP TO A "VOLKSTURM" PROGRAM. MEINE ALSO BELIEVES THAT ELLERSIEK MAY HAVE HAD SOME RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ABWEHR, BUT HE HAS NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THIS.

6. IN DECEMBER 1939 MEINE BECAME A SOLDIER IN THE WEHRMACHT. HIS UNIT WAS INFANTRIE I-29 AND HE WAS STATIONED NEAR

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LAUSCHITZ, POLAND. IN FEBRUARY 1940 HE WAS RELEASED FROM THE WEHRMACHT AND SENT DIRECTLY TO THE STAFF OF THE REICHSFUEHRER SS/CHEF DER DEUTSCHEN POLIZEI. HE WAS DETAILED TO THE SS "ADOLF HITLER" STANDARTE. FROM MARCH 1940 TO THE END OF 1940 HE WAS IN BULGARIA AS DETAILED IN PARAGRAPH 5D ABOVE. IN EARLY 1941 HE WAS ASSIGNED AS AN AIDE TO DR. BRANDT (HIMMLER'S DEPUTY) AND REPRESENTED BRANDT WHEN HE WAS AWAY. MEINE SAID THAT HE SERVED AS AN ADVISOR/EXPERT ASSISTANT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADJUTANCY MATTERS.

7. IN JUNE/JULY 1940 HE SAID THAT HE ASKED FOR ACTIVE COMBAT DUTY. INITIALLY HIMMLER WOULD NOT GIVE HIM PERMISSION TO LEAVE, BUT MEINE PERSISTED AND HIMMLER EVENTUALLY RELENTED. HE WAS RELEASED IN JULY 1941 AND JOINED THE SS DIVISION "DAS REICH." HE WAS FIRST ASSIGNED TO THE DIVISION'S STAFF, BUT HE DID NOT WANT THIS AND EVENTUALLY GOT TO THE FRONT. ON AUGUST 14, 1941, AFTER ONLY TWO WEEKS ON THE FRONT, HE WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY A SHARPSHOOTER NEAR YELNYA, RUSSIA (APPROXIMATELY 200 KM SOUTH OF MOSCOW). BECAUSE OF THE FEAR OF GAS GANGRENE HE WAS QUICKLY SENT TO A HOSPITAL IN BERLIN. MEINE INDICATED THAT HE RECEIVED SUCH QUICK TREATMENT AND EVACUATION BECAUSE HE WAS RECOGNIZED BY A FIELD DOCTOR WHO HAD SEEN HIM AT THE REICHSCHANCELLERY IN BERLIN.
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8. AFTER RECUPERATING IN BERLIN HE RETURNED TO THE STAFF OF THE REICHSFUEHRER SS AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR. HE SAID THAT HE SERVED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR, DID NOTHING UNTOWARD AND HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE "ENDLOESUNG" OR OTHER ATROCITIES. HE SAID THAT HIMMLER SHIELDED HIM FROM SUCH THINGS BECAUSE OF HIS WIFE'S BACKGROUND AND SITUATION. MEINE SAID THAT HIS WIFE CAME FROM A LONG-STANDING, WELL KNOWN AND VERY INFLUENTIAL CATHOLIC FAMILY IN WESTPHALIA WHICH INTRIGUED HIMMLER AND RESULTED IN HIS PURPOSEFUL EFFORTS TO SHIELD HIM FROM ANYTHING THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED REPUGNANT OR CRIMINAL. MEINE BELIEVES THAT HIMMLER'S ACTIONS SAVED HIM FROM POSSIBLE SENTENCING AT NUERNBERG. IN ADDITION MEINE WAS MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RUNNING OF THE MANNSCHAFTSHAUESER DURING THE LATTER YEARS OF THE WAR. MEINE SAID THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN MUCH BECAUSE THERE WAS LITTLE TO DO SINCE THE MANNSCHAFTSHAUESER RAN THEMSELVES AND PROGRESSIVELY LESS ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THEM IN THE LATER YEARS OF THE WAR.

9. ON MAY 08, 1945 MEINE SURRENDERED TO THE ALLIES IN FLENSBURG. APPARENTLY THE RESIDUAL STAFF OF THE REICHSFUEHRER SS HAD MOVED TO SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN THOUGH CONOFF DOES NOT BELIEVE MEINE WAS WITH THE STAFF WHEN IT SURRENDERED. HE SPENT INITIALLY THREE WEEKS IN CUSTODY AND WAS APPARENTLY THOROUGHLY INTERROGATED. HE WAS THEN INTERNED UNTIL MAY 1948 IN A BRITISH INTERNMENT CAMP. IN 1948 MEINE WAS SENTENCED BY A SPECIAL BRITISH MILITARY COURT IN BIELEFELD TO TWO YEARS AND NINE MONTHS OF PRISON FOR PARTICIPATION IN AND INVOLVEMENT WITH A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION - THE SS. THE TRIAL AND SENTENCING TOOK PLACE