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1. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (INS) HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS CONCLUDING DEPORTATION CASE AGAINST VILIS HAZNERS IN ALBANY, NEW YORK ON MAY 17 AND 18. INS PLANS TO PRESENT EXPERT TESTIMONY REGARDING ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLICE IN LATVIA BETWEEN JULY 1941 AND OCTOBER 1942 AND HAS SPOKEN WITH HAMBURG STAATSANWALT LOTHAR LKEMM REGARDING HIS AVAILABILITY AS A POTENTIAL WITNESS. KLEMM HAS AGREED TO COME TO U.S. AS EXPERT WITNESS PROVIDED HE CAN OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE FRG. INS HAS ASKED FOR EMBASSY BONN'S ASSISTANCE IN SUBMITTING REQUEST TO GERMAN GOVT. THROUGH DIPLOMATIC



CHANNELS. (INS UNDERSTANDS FROM KLEMM THAT THE REQUEST SHOULD GO THROUGH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE).

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2. ALTHOUGH HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17, INS REQUESTS THAT KLEMM ARRIVE WASHDC BY 12 OR 13 MAY, SO THAT INS ATTORNEYS IN WASHINGTON WILL HAVE TIME TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT HAZNER'S CASE.

3. FOR HAMBURG: PLEASE NOTIFY MR. KLEMM THAT OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR HIS ATTENDANCE AT TRIAL IS BEING MADE THROUGH

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DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE HIM THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL PAY FOR WITNESS'S TRAVEL, LODGING AND FOOD AND EXPERT WITNESS FEE EQUAL TO AMOUNT OF WAGES HE WILL LOSE BY COMING TO U.S. PROVIDED AMOUNT DOES NOT EXCEED DOLS 120 PER DAY.

4. AMCONSUL HAMBURG IS REQUESTED TO FACILITATE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND ISSUANCE OF VISA. INS REQUESTS WITNESS BE ISSUED GTR FOR ROUND TRIP TRAVEL FROM HAMBURG TO ALBANY, NEW YORK WITH STOP IN WASHDC. AMCONSUL ALSO REQUESTED TO ISSUE WITNESS TRAVEL ADVANCE OF 100 DLRS. WITNESS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO KEEP RECORD OF TRAVEL EXPENSES (WITH RECEIPTS WHERE POSSIBLE SO HE CAN BE PROPERLY COMPENSATED CHARGE JUSTICE DEPT APPROPRIATION 1591217/7114/002. VANCE

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