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TAGS: CGEN: (HAZNERS, VILIS)

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS:

MATTER OF HAZNERS: REQUEST FOR EVIDENCE

REF: BOYLAN/PRESTON TELCON 1/9/78;

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1. EMBASSY NOTIFIED BY RUSEK'S OFFICE THAT ISAAC NIEDEL'S STATEMENT WAS NOT SENT TO ATTORNEY MENDELSOHN ON JANUARY 1. FOLLOWING LETTER SIGNED BY RUSEK WAS SENT TO MENDELSOHN ON JANUARY 2:

DEAR MR. MENDELSOHN.

THE STATEMENT OF MR. ISAAC MIEDEL REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NAZI CRIMINAL VICTOR ARAJS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE NAZI OCCUPATION. THE NAME HAZNER WAS INDEED MENTIONED BY THE WITNESS BUT ONLY IN CONNECTION OF PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES AGAINST JEWS, TOGETHER WITH ARABS. THE WITNESS HAS NEVER SEEN HAZNER AND THEREFORE UNCLASSIFIED

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IS NOT ABLE TO GIVE ANY GENERAL DESCRIPTION OR EXPLANATION CONCERNING HIS FUNCTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SERVICE TO THE NAZIS. HE HEARD THE NAME HAZNER FROM ONE OF HIS FRIENDS WHOSE IDENTITY HE CAN'T REMEMBER. THE STATEMENT OF MR. NIEDEL WAS RECORDED WORD FOR WORD AS IT WAS TOLD TO ALL INVESTI-

GATORS MR. ORBACH, BUT AFTER A PERSONAL TALK I HAD WITH THE WITNESS I WAS CONVINCED THAT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HAZNER.

IN CASE YOUR OPINION IS DIFFERENT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL BE GLAD TO ACT ACCORDING TO YOUR DIRECTIVES.SINCERELY YOURS, MENACHEM RUSEK, SUPERINTENDENT LEWIS

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