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Mr. John Adams
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Re: Otto AMBROS, DPOB May 19, 1901, in Weiden (Oberpfalz), Germany

Dear Mr. Adams:

Otto Ambros was in charge of the I.G. Farben rubber plant located at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp from 1941 to 1944. In 1948 he was convicted by the United States Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal of crimes against humanity and war crimes (Slavery and Mass Murder) for his activities at the Auschwitz plant. Ambros was sentenced to eight years imprisonment. (Records of the United States Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, United States of America v. Carl Krauch et al., Case VI, August 14, 1947-July 30, 1948, pages 50-59, 1187, 1206-7, copies enclosed.)

The information you have provided us shows that Otto Ambros does not have a currently valid visa and is already on the State Department watch list under § 212(a)(10) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Please also note Ambros' ineligibility for a visa under the recently enacted "Holtzman Amendment," Section 212(a)(33) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. Section 1182(a)(33), as amended by Section 101, Act of October 30, 1978, P.L. 95-549, 92 Stat. 2065. That section reads as follows:

"SEC. 212, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the following classes of aliens shall be ineligible to receive visas and shall be excluded from admission into the United States . . .

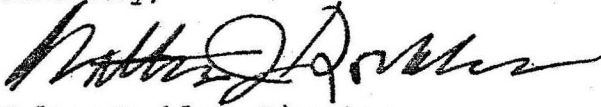
(33) Any alien who during the period beginning on March 23, 1933, and ending on May 8, 1945, under the direction of, or in association with --

- (A) the Nazi government in Germany,
- (B) any government in any area occupied by the military forces of the Nazi government of Germany,
- (C) any government established with the assistance or cooperation of the Nazi government of Germany, or
- (D) any government which was an ally of the Nazi government of Germany,

ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person because of race, religion, national origin or political opinion."

As a convicted war criminal, Ambros is necessarily ineligible to receive a visa and excludable from admission to the United States under the Holtzman Amendment.

Sincerely,



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