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STATEMENT OF ALLAN A. RYAN, JR.
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Otto Albrecht Alfred von Bolschwing, 72, has today surrendered his United States citizenship, admitting that he was a member of the Nazi Party (NSDAP), the Schutzstaffel (SS) and the Sicherheitsdienst (SD) prior to and during World War II. This surrender comes after some six months of preparation for trial following the filing of a complaint by this Office in May, 1981, seeking the revocation of von Bolschwing's citizenship. That complaint charged that von Bolschwing procured his citizenship illegally in 1959 because he concealed these affiliations and because he persecuted innocent persons in the 1930's and 1940's.

This action is final. It gives us the entire relief sought in the complaint. Under the terms of the surrender, von Bolschwing must turn over his certificate of naturalization to the United States government within 20 days.

A medical doctor appointed by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California had diagnosed von Bolschwing as having a progressive neurological condition. The consent judgment entered today by that court requires that von Bolschwing submit to annual examinations by that doctor

to determine if that condition is a continuing one. We have agreed to institute no deportation proceeding so long as the condition continues; should it abate, we can and will institute such proceedings.

Had von Bolschwing not surrendered his citizenship and chosen instead to go to trial on the question of whether he had obtained his naturalization legally, this Office was prepared to show, through probative and admissible evidence, and as alleged in the complaint, the following facts:

1. For a period of time prior to 1940, von Bolschwing was an assistant to Adolf Eichmann, the SD specialist on Jewish affairs and later the architect of the "Final Solution of the Jewish Question," and worked for the "Jewish Affairs" office of the SD, the Security Service of the SS. In that capacity von Bolschwing devised ways of dealing with the Jews of Europe, including methods of persecution. In particular, von Bolschwing devised proposals that included a complete exclusion of Jews from German economic life, the use of physical intimidation against Jews and the use of anti-Semitic propaganda to bring about the forced removal of all Jews from Germany.

2. von Bolschwing was the chief of the SD in Bucharest, Romania, in 1940 and 1941, where his duties included implementing the Nazi policies of persecution as an official of the SS and SD.

3. von Bolschwing's actions, as outlined above, made him ineligible to receive United States citizenship, and he received that citizenship only after successfully misrepresenting and concealing his activities.

von Bolschwing has stated publicly that he became an agent of American intelligence following the end of World War II. It is the government's policy in such cases not to respond to such claims and neither to confirm or deny them. The decision to enter into a consent judgment, and the terms thereof, was made by this Office in consultation with higher authorities in the Department of Justice and was not reviewed by, or submitted for the approval of, any other government agency.

The discussions leading to the entry of the consent judgment and the surrender of von Bolschwing's citizenship were initiated by von Bolschwing's counsel shortly after he and they were notified by this Office that he was under investigation. Those discussions were renewed, at the request of von Bolschwing's counsel, after we filed the complaint in district court in May. The judgment entered today has the full endorsement and consent of his attorneys and, according to their representations to us, of von Bolschwing.

I gratefully acknowledge the excellent support and cooperation rendered to the investigation and filing of this case by William Shubb, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California at that time, and his staff.