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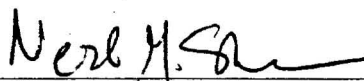
Date: March 19, 1985

You are hereby commanded to appear before Jeffrey N. Mausner, Trial Attorney, Office of Special Investigations in the Office of the United States Attorney, 501 Federal Bldg., 80 North Hughey Ave., Orlando, Florida, 32801, on the 28th day of March 19 85, at 10 o'clock A.M. to give testimony in connection with an investigation being conducted under authority of the Immigration and Nationality Act, relating to your activities during the period 1932-1945, and your eligibility to remain in the United States.

You are further commanded to bring with you the following documents:

Any documents you have relating to your activities during the period 1932-1945; any documents which were written by you or to you during the period 1932-1945; and any documents which you obtained during the period 1932-1945.

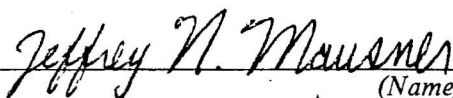
Any documents relating to your entry into the United States, including your visa.



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IN RE: PAUL HERMANN BLUEML

Taken before me, LINDA K. LUBITZ, RPR, a Stenotype  
Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public, State of Florida at  
Large, at the office of the United States Attorney, United  
States Courthouse and Federal Building, 80 North Hughey  
Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, on THURSDAY, MARCH 28th, 1985,  
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INTERVIEW OF:

PAUL HERMANN BLUEML

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1 Transcript of the Interview of PAUL HERMANN BLUEML  
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6 a Stenotype Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public, State  
7 of Florida at Large.

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9 MR. MAUSNER: Okay. Mr. Blueml --

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

11 MR. MAUSNER: -- my name is Jeff Mausner. Okay.

12 This is Alice Kennington. I am a trial attorney for the  
13 Office of Special Investigations of the Department of Justice.

14 Okay. Miss Kennington is an interpreter for the  
15 Department of Justice and she will interpret what I say into  
16 German for you and she will interpret your answers into  
17 English for me.

18 This is Miss Lubitz who is a court reporter. She  
19 is writing down whatever is said here. She's writing it  
20 down, of course, in English. She is -- go ahead.

21 She is also tape recording on tape recorders every-  
22 thing that is said here today.

23 Is -- is the tape recorder able to pick up what  
24 he says as well as what the interpreter says?

25 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

1 MR. MAUSNER: The reason we asked you to come here  
2 today is we would like to ask you questions concerning  
3 your activities during the period 1929 to 1945 and we'd  
4 also like to ask you questions concerning your entry into  
5 the United States and your eligibility to remain in the  
6 United States. Do you understand this?

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

8 MR. MAUSNER: Okay. Do you want to swear in the  
9 witness and the interpreter, please?

10 THE COURT REPORTER: I'll swear in the interpreter  
11 first. Would you please raise your right hand? Do you  
12 solemnly swear or affirm that you shall accurately translate  
13 from English to German and German to English these proceedings  
14 to the best of your ability so help you God?

15 THE INTERPRETER: I do.

16 THE COURT REPORTER: Now I'll swear in the witness.  
17 You may have to interpret what I say. Would you ask him to  
18 raise his right hand, please? Do you solemnly swear or affirm  
19 that the testimony that you shall give in this cause will be the  
20 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you  
21 God?

22 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

23 MR. MAUSNER: Okay. Now, because this is an  
24 Immigration proceeding or it may result in an Immigration  
25 proceeding, I'm also going to swear him in because I have the

1 authority as an Immigration officer to swear witnesses.

2 I'm going to swear you once again. Okay. Could you  
3 raise your right hand, please?

4 Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are  
5 about to give will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing  
6 but the truth so help you God?

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

8 PAUL HERMANN BLUEML,  
9 having been produced and first administered the above oaths,  
10 testified through an interpreter as follows:

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. MAUSNER:

13 Q Okay. Could you state your full name, please?

14 A Paul Hermann Blueml.

15 Q When were you born?

16 A Eighth of October, 19 hundred and two.

17 Q Where were you born?

18 THE WITNESS: In Breslau.

19 THE INTERPRETER: Breslau.

20 BY MR. MAUSNER:

21 Q Are you married?

22 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

23 THE INTERPRETER: He can understand quite a bit,  
24 he says. That's why he's interrupting.

25 BY MR. MAUSNER:

1 Q You are married?

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah. My wife (indicating).

3 THE INTERPRETER: Yes.

4 BY MR. MAUSNER:

5 Q What is her name?

6 THE WITNESS: Ellinor.

7 BY MR. MAUSNER:

8 Q When were you married?

9 A Eighth of April 19 hundred -- eighth of April,  
10 19 hundred thirty-three.

11 Q Is that correct? April 8th, 1933?

12 THE WITNESS: Yeah, is right.

13 BY MR. MAUSNER:

14 Q When did you come to the United States?

15 MR. HORST BLUEML: May I say something too?

16 MR. MAUSNER: Let -- let him answer. Then -- yes.

17 THE INTERPRETER: Do you want to have her testimony  
18 or her speaking?

19 MR. MAUSNER: Let -- let's have him answer it as  
20 best as he can.

21 MR. HORST BLUEML: But they have to give more than  
22 one time so do you want to ask him when he was here the first  
23 time?

24 MR. MAUSNER: We forgot to do this before. Let's  
25 identify who else is here.



1           Could you please each identify yourself for the  
2 record?

3           THE INTERPRETER: Horst, the son of Mr. Blueml.  
4 Ellinor, his wife.

5           MR. MAUSNER: Okay. Did you get all of that?

6           THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

7 BY MR. MAUSNER:

8           Q     Okay. Mr. Blueml, when was the last time that you  
9 came into the United States? When was that?

10          A     This time.

11          THE WITNESS: You can look.

12 BY MR. MAUSNER:

13          Q     You don't remember the date; is that right?

14          THE INTERPRETER: Mrs. Blueml says 6th of November.

15          MR. MAUSNER: Let the record reflect that Mr. Blueml  
16 has given to me his passport from the Bundesrepublik  
17 Deutschland. In the passport there is a stamp from the United  
18 States Consulate in Munich dated September 1984 for a  
19 multiple entry visa which stated -- which states that it is  
20 valid indefinitely.

21                 There is an I-94 form stapled to the passport which  
22 stated -- which states that Mr. Blueml entered the United  
23 States on November 7th, 1984 at New York and he is authorized  
24 to stay in the United States until May 6th, 1985.

25 BY MR. MAUSNER:

1 Q I'd like to make a photocopy of this later on.  
2 May I do that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Going back now, Mr. Blueml or -- are you Dr. Blueml?

5 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

6 BY MR. MAUSNER:

7 Q Dr. Blueml. When did you join the Nazi Party?

8 THE WITNESS: The first January, 19 hundred and  
9 thirty-one.

10 THE INTERPRETER: The first of January, 1931.

11 BY MR. MAUSNER:

12 Q Are you sure it wasn't in 1930 or 1929?

13 A No.

14 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

15 (Exhibit number one was marked for identification.)

16 BY MR. MAUSNER:

17 Q Mr. -- Dr. Blueml, I'd like to show you what has  
18 been marked as Exhibit 1 which is a one-page document in the  
19 German language dated twelve February 1935.

20 A Yes.

21 Q According to that document, it states you entered  
22 the Nazi Party in December 1929. December 1929.

23 A No, that is not true.

24 THE INTERPRETER: At that time, he was a legal  
25 advisor for the SA.

1 MR. MAUSNER: Would you mark that, please, as  
2 Exhibit 2?

3 (Exhibit number 2 was marked for identification.)

4 BY MR. MAUSNER:

5 Q Dr. Blueml, I'd now like to hand to you what has been  
6 marked as Exhibit 2 which is a one-page document in the German  
7 language with the name "Blueml, Dr. Paul" at the top.

8 Also contains the membership number 189594.

9 Okay. Is that -- was that your Nazi Party membership  
10 number?

11 A Yes.

12 Q According to that document, you were in the Nazi Party,  
13 the NSDAP, on 1 February 1930?

14 A That -- that can be true.

15 THE WITNESS: That may be.

16 BY MR. MAUSNER:

17 Q So what is your best recollection now as to when  
18 you joined the Nazi Party?

19 THE INTERPRETER: Do you want that translated, what  
20 she says?

21 THE WITNESS: I cannot remember.

22 BY MR. MAUSNER:

23 Q Were you in the Nazi Party in 1930?

24 THE WITNESS: Maybe.

25 THE INTERPRETER: Perhaps.

1 BY MR. MAUSNER:

2 Q According to that document, you were in the Nazi Party  
3 on 1 February 1930. Do you believe that is correct?

4 A It could be.

5 Q Where were you living at the time you joined the Nazi  
6 Party?

7 A In Schweidnitz.

8 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

9 BY MR. MAUSNER:

10 Q What were the circumstances under which you joined  
11 the Nazi Party?

12 A The economic situation?

13 Q Whatever the reasons were for your joining the Party.

14 A Because things just couldn't go on the way they  
15 were.

16 Q Do you mean politically they could not go on the way  
17 they were?

18 A Politically, economically and every other way.

19 Q You voluntarily joined the Party; is that right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Prior to joining the Nazi Party, you had served  
22 as a legal advisor for the SS; is that right? SS.

23 A No, SA.

24 THE WITNESS: No SS.

25 BY MR. MAUSNER:

1 Q You had served as a legal advisor for the SA?

2 A Yes, SA.

3 Q Who appointed you to that position?

4 A The Brigadeführer --

5 Q Did --

6 A -- Brochmann.

7 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

8 BY MR. MAUSNER:

9 Q He was a brigade leader in the SA?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What were your duties as a legal advisor to the SA?

12 A Mainly to give legal advice to the SA men who came  
13 into difficulties; whether difficulties with the law or with  
14 anything else.

15 Q What type of difficulties would SA members get into?

16 A For example, if they took part in demonstrations.

17 Q The -- the SA men would be involved in beating up  
18 people who disagreed with the Nazis; is that right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And they would also be involved in beating up Jews?

21 MR. MAUSNER: Go ahead and translate it.

22 THE INTERPRETER: Or if they were beaten themselves.

23 There were no Jews at that point -- beatings of Jews at that  
24 point.

25 BY MR. MAUSNER:

1 Q When did the beatings of Jews begin?

2 THE INTERPRETER: She would like to put a question  
3 to me.

4 MR. MAUSNER: Let him answer the question and then--the  
5 you can ask her a question.

6 THE INTERPRETER: He knows nothing about it.

7 MR. MAUSNER: I'm going to ask you not to talk with  
8 him any more during the questioning, okay? Could you please  
9 move back away from --

10 I'll -- I'll just repeat the question that I asked  
11 once before.

12 BY MR. MAUSNER:

13 Q When did the beatings of Jews begin?

14 THE INTERPRETER: In Schweidnitz where he lived, it  
15 didn't begin at all.

16 There were no Jews there.

17 BY MR. MAUSNER:

18 Q Until when did you live in Schweidnitz?

19 A Until April 1934.

20 Q Up until April of 1934 there were no beatings of  
21 Jews in Schweidnitz?

22 A No.

23 Q When did you join the SS?

24 A Not at all.

25 MR. MAUSNER: Would you mark this as Exhibit 3,

1 please?

2 (Exhibit 3 was marked for identification.)

3 BY MR. MAUSNER:

4 Q Mr. Blueml, I'd like to show you what has been  
5 marked as Exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize that.

6 THE INTERPRETER: He simply named the name "Seussmann."

7 BY MR. MAUSNER:

8 Q Dr. Blueml, is Exhibit 3 something that you wrote or  
9 a statement which you gave?

10 A Under 3?

11 Q Is the entire document a statement which you gave  
12 and which was signed by you?

13 A (No response.)

14 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

15 BY MR. MAUSNER:

16 Q Dr. Blueml, look at the last page of that document.  
17 Look at the bottom. Was this a --

18 THE INTERPRETER: He says there is no date there.

19 BY MR. MAUSNER:

20 Q Was this a statement that was given by you and signed  
21 by you? The date is on the first page. It's dated 21 December  
22 1934.

23 A Yes. That all can be true -- could be true.

24 THE INTERPRETER: He said then too, he always told  
25 the truth and he never added anything to it, nor did he

1 falsify the truth.

2 BY MR. MAUSNER:

3 Q Dr. Blueml, I'd like you to look at the first page  
4 of that document. Do you see the number 1?

5 A Yes.

6 Q There it says, "I joined the SS. It could have been  
7 in October, 1930 or 1931 and then served duty at the front  
8 until I was accepted into the Security Service about the middle  
9 of the year, 1932."

10 MR. MAUSNER: Maybe read it right from there.

11 BY MR. MAUSNER:

12 Q "-- and -- and was appointed leader of Regiment 16  
13 of -- of the SS, Security Service."

14 THE INTERPRETER: I've already said that.

15 MR. MAUSNER: Okay. The little comments between the  
16 interpreters -- you don't have to put on the record.

17 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

18 BY MR. MAUSNER:

19 Q Now, do you see that, Dr. Blueml?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Is that true?

22 A Yes.

23 Q You joined the SS in approximately October 1930 or  
24 1931?

25 A Yes, that could be true.



1 Q In the middle of the year, 1932 you were appointed  
2 the leader of Regiment 16 of the SS, Security Service?

3 A It could be true. I no longer remember.

4 Q Weren't you assigned duties in the SD to watch several  
5 people who were thought to be homosexuals, including Helmuth  
6 Brueckner, the gauleiter in Silesia?

7 A Yes.

8 Q So you were in the SD?

9 THE INTERPRETER: Obviously he was, otherwise he  
10 would not have been commissioned to do that.

11 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

12 BY MR. MAUSNER:

13 Q What were your other duties in the SS and the SD?

14 A No other duties.

15 Q Your only duties were to watch several people who  
16 were thought to be homosexuals?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Going back to when you were a legal advisor for the  
19 SA, when did you first assume your duties as legal advisor?

20 A Here, December, '34.

21 Q This is going back to when you were a legal advisor  
22 prior to joining the Nazi Party?

23 A Yes.

24 Q When did you first start serving as a legal advisor?

25 THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry.

1 BY MR. MAUSNER:

2 Q You said that you joined the -- that you may have  
3 joined the Nazi Party sometime in 1930 and that you had  
4 served as a legal advisor prior to that.

5 A 1929. It could have perhaps been 1929.

6 Q When did you join the SA?

7 A Also 19 hundred and twenty-nine.

8 Q Is that when you formally became a member of the SA?

9 THE INTERPRETER: He was employed as a legal advisor  
10 by the SA but otherwise, he had very little to do with them.

11 BY MR. MAUSNER:

12 Q Did there come a time when you left the SS and joined  
13 the SA formally?

14 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

15 BY MR. MAUSNER:

16 Q Did there come a time when you left the SS and  
17 formally joined the SA?

18 A No.

19 Q Did there come a time when you formally joined the  
20 SA?

21 THE INTERPRETER: He can remember nothing about it --  
22 "I can remember nothing about it."

23 BY MR. MAUSNER:

24 Q Dr. Blueml, weren't you, at one point, a sturmfuehrer  
25 in the SA?

1 A Yes. But I did not lead a sturm --

2 THE INTERPRETER: Which is a platoon, I think, isn't  
3 it? "I received this office only as an honorary office of this  
4 rank."

5 He has an honorary rank.

6 BY MR. MAUSNER:

7 Q Were you ever promoted higher than the rank of  
8 sturmfuehrer in the SA?

9 A No.

10 Q What was the SA?

11 A That was the combat troops of the Nazi Party, the  
12 NSDAP.

13 Q They were no -- known as the stormtroopers; is that  
14 right?

15 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

16 BY MR. MAUSNER:

17 Q What were the duties of the SA?

18 MR. MAUSNER: Please don't talk with him.

19 THE INTERPRETER: "The legal advising of SA men who  
20 got into trouble with the law."

21 BY MR. MAUSNER:

22 Q Your duties were to legally advise SA men who got  
23 in trouble?

24 A Yes.

25 Q When did you move to Hirschberg?

1 A 19 -- 19 hundred 34 and that was in April.

2 Q When did you become the Senior Mayor of Hirschberg?

3 A Also -- first he -- at first -- April, 1934. If I  
4 remember correctly, it was the 26th of March, 1934.

5 Q At that time, you were still a sturmfuehrer in the  
6 SA?

7 A I had not left but I had no duties there.

8 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

9 BY MR. MAUSNER:

10 Q What was your occupation before you became the  
11 Senior Mayor of Hirschberg?

12 A Municipal counselor in Schweidnitz.

13 Q What was a municipal counselor?

14 A That is the legal advisor to the Senior Mayor.

15 Q Who appointed you the Senior Mayor of Hirschberg?

16 A I was elected by the municipal counsel of Hirschberg  
17 and confirmed by the gauleiter of Silesia -- of Silesia.

18 Q Who was the gauleiter of Silesia?

19 A Brueckner.

20 Q How long did you remain the Senior Mayor of Hirschberg?

21 A Four years.

22 Q What year was the last year that you were the Senior  
23 Mayor?

24 A 19 hundred 38.

25 Q Are you sure you didn't become the Senior Mayor

1 in 1933?

2 A Yes, I'm sure.

3 Q 1934 was the date?

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

5 BY MR. MAUSNER:

6 Q What were your duties as Senior Mayor?

7 A As a matter of fact, everything or nothing, one  
8 could say.

9 Q Were you responsible for the functions of the police  
10 in Hirschberg?

11 A Yes. The police was subordinate to me.

12 Q How did you reconcile your duties as mayor with your  
13 SA duties?

14 A I -- I had -- I had no duties with the SA. I was  
15 only a pro forma member.

16 Q Where was the Brown House located?

17 A In Munich.

18 Q Was there a Brown House in Hirschberg?

19 A No.

20 Q Where was the mayor's office located in Hirschberg?

21 A In the City Hall.

22 Q Do you recall an incident in June, 1934 in Hirsch-  
23 berg in which 25 leading Jews from Hirschberg were arrested?

24 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

25 THE INTERPRETER: "No, I cannot remember."

1 BY MR. MAUSNER:

2 Q These Jews were arrested by the SA and they were  
3 taken to the Brown House in Hirschberg.

4 A There was no Brown House in Hirschberg.

5 Q There were SA members --

6 A There was a restaurant or a pub that was called  
7 The Brown Stag.

8 Q Where did the members of the SA meet in Hirschberg?

9 A I do not know.

10 Q You never went to an SA meeting in Hirschberg?

11 A No.

12 Q You never gave any advise to SA men, as a legal  
13 advisor in Hirschberg?

14 A No.

15 Q What orders did you give to the police concerning  
16 what they should do if members of the SA beat up Jews?

17 A I did not have to give any orders because I never  
18 heard of it happening.

19 Q There were Jews who lived in Hirschberg, right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Approximately how many?

22 A Perhaps 20.

23 Q Weren't there closer to three or four hundred?

24 A Never.

25 Q When you joined the Nazi Party and the SS and the SA,

1 you joined it very early, right?

2 A Yes, that one can certainly say.

3 Q You joined before the Nazis came to power in  
4 Germany?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And in the 1930s and 1940s you considered yourself  
7 a good National Socialist?

8 A Um, yes.

9 Q You subscribed to National Socialist ideology?

10 A And I was concerned with their clear realization,  
11 clear.

12 THE INTERPRETER: Pure realization is perhaps better.

13 BY MR. MAUSNER:

14 Q You believed in the National Socialist ideology,  
15 right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And you advocated National Socialist ideology?

18 A The pure ones, yes.

19 Q You spoke on behalf of National Socialist ideology  
20 and you defended it?

21 A The pure principles, yes.

22 Q What were the pure principles of National Socialist  
23 ideology?

24 A The community of the volk.

25 THE INTERPRETER: V-O-L-K, the people, the nation.

1 BY MR. MAUSNER:

2 Q Who was -- who was included in the community of the  
3 volk?

4 A Actually, everyone.

5 Q Did the volk include the Jews?

6 A Actually, not.

7 Q And it also didn't include gypsies?

8 A We didn't have that problem because we didn't have  
9 gypsies.

10 Q The volk only included pure Aryans, right?

11 A Yes.

12 Q At the time you joined the Nazi Party, you knew  
13 what National Socialist ideology was in regard to the Jews,  
14 right?

15 A Oh, yes.

16 Q Are you saying that you don't recall a single  
17 incident in Hirschberg in which Jews were beaten up?

18 A Not during the time that I was Senior Mayor.

19 Q Jews were being beaten up and rounded up and  
20 brutalized throughout the rest of Germany at that time, right?

21 A I'm not able to say.

22 Q Do you recall an incident in Hirschberg in which a  
23 boycott of the Woolworth's Store was organized?

24 A No.

25 Q Would you like to take a break for a minute?



1 A No.

2 Q Did you ever become the Senior Mayor of Goettinge?

3 A No.

4 Q You applied for the job at one point?

5 A No.

6 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

7 BY MR. MAUSNER:

8 Q When was the concentration camp in Hirschberg  
9 established?

10 A Not at the time I was there. I didn't know that  
11 there was one there.

12 Q Do you know the date that it was established?

13 A No, no, no. This is the first time I hear that there  
14 was a concentration camp there.

15 Q In 1933 there were a number of Jews who worked for  
16 the Civil Service in Hirschberg, right? '33.

17 THE WITNESS: '33 or '43?

18 BY MR. MAUSNER:

19 Q '33.

20 THE WITNESS: '33, yeah.

21 THE INTERPRETER: "I don't know. I wasn't in  
22 Hirschberg."

23 BY MR. MAUSNER:

24 Q When you arrived as Mayor of Hirschberg, how many  
25 Jews were working for the Civil Service?

1 A I'm unable to say. I do not know.

2 Q There were some Jews who were working for the  
3 Civil Service there, right?

4 A It is possible.

5 Q What happened to them?

6 A They were probably fired.

7 Q As Senior Mayor of Hirschberg, you were the person  
8 responsible for seeing that these people were fired, right?

9 A At -- at the time I became the Senior Mayor, there  
10 were no more Jews working for the municipal government. They  
11 would have been let go by my predecessor.

12 Q Who was your predecessor?

13 A Dr. Richelt.

14 Q How do you spell that?

15 A That's spelled R-I-C-H-E-L-T.

16 Q Do you remember his first name?

17 A No.

18 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

19 BY MR. MAUSNER:

20 Q Okay. Dr. Blueml, do you recall when you were  
21 arrested by the Gestapo?

22 A Only a little, only a little.

23 Q Was it July, 1934?

24 A Yes, that could be true, yes.

25 Q How long before that had you become the Senior Mayor

1 of Hirschberg?

2 A When was the arrest?

3 Q July, 1934.

4 A Approximately two months, two -- two to three months.  
5 In April I came to Hirschberg.

6 Q You came to Hirschberg in April, 1934?

7 A Yes, yes.

8 Q What were your duties as mayor in regard to pro-  
9 tection of the Jewish inhabitants of Hirschberg?

10 A Nothing in particular. There was nothing.

11 Q What was happening to the Jews in Hirschberg at that  
12 time?

13 A Nothing at all.

14 Q Weren't a group of Jews arrested in June, 1934 and  
15 beaten by SA men?

16 A Not -- not that I know of. At least, I didn't hear  
17 anything about it.

18 Q How many synagogues were there in Hirschberg?

19 A Only one.

20 Q What happened to it?

21 A I believe it was established as a museum of art.

22 Q When did that take place?

23 A I can't remember anything about it.

24 Q Was it while you were mayor?

25 A Possibly.

1 Q What happened to the Jews who used to go to that  
2 synagogue?

3 A Nothing that I know of.

4 Q Now, you -- you stated that you were arrested in  
5 July of 1934, right?

6 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

7 THE INTERPRETER: "Yes."

8 BY MR. MAUSNER:

9 Q By the Gestapo?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Why were you arrested?

12 A As far as I could remember, because I opposed the  
13 SS at that time.

14 Q Was it because you were ordered to watch the  
15 gauleiter Brueckner to determine if he was a homosexual?

16 A Yes, that was also a reason for it.

17 Q And you didn't carry the order out?

18 A No.

19 Q You did or you did not carry the order out?

20 A No, I -- I didn't carry it out.

21 Q But you were cleared of all the charges against you,  
22 right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q You resumed your duties as the Senior Mayor of  
25 Hirschberg?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And you remained in the Nazi Party?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Your arrest had something to do with the things that  
5 were going on with Roehm?

6 A Yes, that I was accused of, but I had -- yeah, yes,  
7 but I had nothing to do with that. Roehm was, after all,  
8 in Munich and I was in Hirschberg and out of simple geo-  
9 graphical reasons, there could have been no connections.

10 Q When the men from the Gestapo first came to your  
11 apartment on the night that you were arrested, do you remember  
12 the reason that they told you they wanted you to come with  
13 them?

14 A Yes. They came during the night and they said that  
15 I should come down -- said that the SA and the SS were fighting  
16 and that I should mediate.

17 Q Didn't they say that they -- the -- the reason they  
18 wanted you to come was that the SS was organizing a Jewish  
19 pogrom and they wanted you to advise the SS men concerning this?

20 A No.

21 MR. MAUSNER: Could you mark that Exhibit 4, please?

22 (Exhibit 4 was marked for identification.)

23 BY MR. MAUSNER:

24 Q Exhibit 4 is a five-page document in the German  
25 language dated 13 November 1934. I'd like to hand you Exhibit

1 4, Dr. Bleuml. Okay. Dr. Blueml, if you'll turn to the last  
2 page of that, is that your signature that appears at the  
3 bottom of that page?

4 A Yes, yes.

5 Q This was a statement that you wrote on November 13,  
6 1934?

7 A Thirteenth of November, '34.

8 Q Is that when you wrote that statement?

9 A Yes.

10 Q On the first page of that statement, the second  
11 paragraph, could you read that, please?

12 THE INTERPRETER: Do you want him to read it aloud?

13 BY MR. MAUSNER:

14 Q No, just read it to yourself. Dr. Blueml, going  
15 back to the first page there, the first -- the second paragraph,  
16 it states that the men from the Gestapo asked you to accompany  
17 them in connection with talking with men from the SS who were  
18 organizing Jewish pogroms.

19 A Yes.

20 Q Is that correct?

21 A No. That was an excuse to entice me out of my  
22 apartment -- to get me out of my apartment.

23 Q But is that, in fact, what they told you?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Had you done that before?

1 A What then?

2 Q Talked with SS men who were involved in beating up  
3 Jews.

4 A No, no, no.

5 Q Why do you suppose they used that as the excuse to  
6 get you out of your apartment?

7 A Because I was the Senior Mayor and keeping order was  
8 my responsibility and if it had been true, I would have had  
9 to step in.

10 Q Were there instances in which this type of thing took  
11 place prior to the time that these Gestapo men came to your  
12 house?

13 A I'm sorry. What do you mean?

14 Q Were there instances in which you intervened or  
15 talked to the SS men who were involved in Jewish pogroms prior  
16 to the time that these Gestapo men came to your house?

17 A No.

18 Q Were you surprised when these men came to your house  
19 and they told you that Jews were being beat up?

20 A Yes, yes.

21 Q What were you planning to advise these SS men?

22 A I would have reported them to the SS leader.

23 Q What do you think the SS leader would have done?

24 A I would have hoped that he would have excluded them  
25 or have administered a reprimand to them or in some other way

1 would have maintained order.

2 Q Wasn't the beating up of Jews part of the job of the  
3 SS?

4 A No, no, no.

5 Q When did you leave Hirschberg?

6 A In September, 1938, the first of October, '38.

7 Q Where did you go?

8 A I went to Vienna and was the leader of the Youth  
9 Hostel Movement.

10 Q What were your duties in that job?

11 A To repair or maintain youth hostels and to build new  
12 ones.

13 Q How long did you remain in that job?

14 A Until the beginning of the war.

15 Q What year was that?

16 A 19 hundred 39.

17 Q Where did you go then?

18 A I first enlisted voluntarily and then -- I volunteered  
19 for the Tank Regiment, Number 3, the Third Tank Regiment.

20 Q Were you drafted or did you volunteer?

21 THE INTERPRETER: He volunteered -- "I volunteered."

22 BY MR. MAUSNER:

23 Q How long did you remain in the Tank Regiment?

24 A Until I was gotten out of it and was sent to the  
25 Ukraine as gebietskommissar which is a district kommissar.



1 Q When was that?

2 A 1941.

3 Q Do you recall what month in 1941?

4 A Yes. I think it was July or August.

5 Q 1941?

6 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

7 THE INTERPRETER: 1941.

8 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

9 BY MR. MAUSNER:

10 Q Where was the first place that you served as  
11 gebietskommissar?

12 A In Rechitsa, in White Ruthenia.

13 Q Prior to being in Rechitsa, were you gebietskommissar  
14 in Chudnov?

15 A Yes.

16 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

17 BY MR. MAUSNER:

18 Q So you became gebietskommissar in Chudnov in  
19 approximately July, 1941?

20 A It can be.

21 Q You said that you became a gebietskommissar in  
22 about July, 1941. Was there any place that you were before  
23 Chudnov?

24 A No. I only had training and that took place in  
25 the ministry for Rosenberg -- Rosenberg.

1 Q Did that training take place before the invasion of  
2 the Soviet Union?

3 A No.

4 Q Did it take place after the invasion?

5 A Yes, afterwards.

6 Q And from -- from there, you went to your position  
7 as gebietskommissar in Chudnov?

8 A The -- the troop was taken from there and deployed  
9 in Chudnov.

10 Q How long did you remain the gebietskommissar in  
11 Chudnov?

12 A Well, approximately a year and a half.

13 Q Where did you go after that?

14 A Then I went to Rechitsa.

15 Q Was that in 1942 or 1943?

16 A '43.

17 Q You were the gebietskommissar in Rechitsa?

18 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

19 BY MR. MAUSNER:

20 Q How long did you remain the gebietskommissar in  
21 Rechitsa?

22 A One year to a year and a fourth.

23 Q Did you leave at the time the Soviets came back in?

24 A No. We went back.

25 Q Did you go back at the time of the Soviet invasion?

1 A Left before.

2 Q Did you leave in 1944?

3 A No. It was already in 1943.

4 Q What were your duties as gebietskommissar in Chudnov?

5 A Mainly I had to do with the procurement of food for  
6 the troops and for the indigenous population.

7 Q What were your duties as gebietskommissar in Rechitsa?

8 A Mainly suppression of partisans.

9 Q How did you carry that out?

10 A Yes, using the police which had -- which sent out  
11 detachments, patrols.

12 Q Which police did you use?

13 A German police and indigenous police.

14 Q Were the indigenous police known as the schutzmann-  
15 schaften?

16 A Yes. As schutzmannschaft.

17 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

18 BY MR. MAUSNER:

19 Q As gebietskommissar, you were the highest authority  
20 in the entire gebietskommissariat, right?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you remember approximately how many people lived  
23 in the gebietskommissariat Chudnov?

24 A All of the people or only those who worked there?

25 Q All of the people who lived in the gebietskommissariat