



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

October 31, 2007

NRC2006056372

Alex Calzareth
3444 Stratford Rd.
Wantagh, NY 11793-3060

Dear Alex Calzareth:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office July 26, 2006, regarding the subject: Herbert Ritter.

We have completed the review of all documents responsive to your request and have identified 14 pages which are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 13 pages released in their entirety, and 1 page released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA.

The following exemptions are applicable:

Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records, which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We have withheld various information relating to third-party individuals. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld could consist of names, addresses, identification numbers, telephone numbers, fax numbers, or various other documents that are considered personal.

The enclosed record consists of the best reproducible copies available.

In the event you wish to appeal this determination, you may write to the USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 111 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20529, within 60 days of receipt of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Please be advised that the National Records Center does not process petitions, applications or any other type of benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act. If you have questions or wish to submit documentation relating to a matter pending with the bureau, you must address these issues with your nearest District Office.

If you should have any additional questions about your request, please direct your inquiries to this office at the above address. You may also call us at 816-350-5570 or fax any correspondence to 816-350-5785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Cejka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the last name being a large capital 'C'.

T. Diane Cejka
Director

Enclosure(s)

R-360
Name **RITTER, Herbert**

No. 5994653

residing at **2330 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Maryland,**

Age **34** years Date of order of admission **August 2nd 1943,**

Date certificate issued **August 2nd 1943,**

U. S. District Court at **Baltimore, Maryland,**

Petition No. **24054-M.**

Alien Registration No.

(b)(7)(c)

USER:

Date: July/28/2006, 09:07 Image:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DUPLICATE
TO BE FORWARDED TO
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE



No. 5994053

CERTIFICATE OF

NATURALIZATION

Petition No. 24054-M.

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization. Age 34 years, sex Male, color White, complexion Fair, color of eyes Brown, color of hair Brown, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 155 pounds, visible distinctive marks None, marital status Married.

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.



Herbert Pitter

Seal

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Be it known that a Petition of the District of Maryland, County of Baltimore, Maryland, filed pursuant to law, on August 2nd 1903, the Court having found that

there residing at 2330 North Place, Baltimore, Maryland, interests to reside permanently in the United States (by him so acquired, by the Naturalization Laws of the United States), had in all other respects complied with the applicable provisions of such naturalization laws, and was entitled to be admitted to citizenship, the Court ordered that such person be and he was admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

Testimony taken on oath of the Court is hereby affirmed this day of August 23rd 1903 in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight.

Chas. W. Zimmerman
Clerk of the Court

It is a violation of the law to make, sell, or otherwise use this certificate.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DUPLICATE
(To accompany
monthly report on
Form N-4)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 24054-M

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION (Filed under Section 701 of the Nationality Act of 1940)

To the Honorable the DISTRICT Court of UNITED STATES BALTIMORE, MD.

This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed, respectfully shews:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is HERBERT RITTER

(2) My place of residence at the time of my enlistment or induction into the military or naval force of the United States was 2330 Belair Place Baltimore Maryland

(3) I was born on April 2, 1909 in Germany

(4) My personal description is: Age 34 years, sex M, color White, complexion Fair, color of eyes Blue, color of hair Brown, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 150 pounds, visible disfigurements None, present nationality German

(5) I am Not married; the name of my wife or husband is Lillian B. Ritter (6) I have no children.

(7) I emigrated to the United States, its Territories, or its possessions, from London, England

(8) My lawful admission to the United States, its Territories, or its possessions, was at New York under the name of HERBERT RITTER on Sept. 15, 1938 on the SS Europa as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached to this petition.

(9) I entered the U. S. Army on Oct. 15, 1942 and was honorably discharged on Apr. 2, 1945 under Serial No. 33370697

(10) I am not, and have not been for the period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition an anarchist; nor a believer in the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage; nor a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government; nor a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposition to organized government. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States, and to reside permanently therein.

(11) Submitted herewith as a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are the affidavits of at least two verifying citizen witnesses required by law.

(12) Wherefore, I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to

(13) I, above-named petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, that the same are true to the best of my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name. So help me God.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

The following witnesses, each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and say:

My name is Elaine M. Bledy

I reside at 2813 South Road, Mt. Washington, Balto., Md.

My name is Ben Wolff

I reside at 3805 Garrison Blvd., Baltimore, Md.

I am a citizen of the United States of America; I personally know the petitioner named in this petition for naturalization to be a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States.

I do swear (affirm) that the statement of facts I have made in this affidavit of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief: SO HELP ME GOD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the respective forms of oath shown in said petition and brought to the office of the Clerk of said Court at Baltimore, Maryland on the 26th day of July Anno Domini 1943

I hereby certify that Certificate of Arrival No. 2, 504227 from the Immigration and Naturalization Service showing the lawful entry of the petitioner above named has been by me filed with, and made a part of this petition on this date.

(CLERK) CHARLES W. ZIMMERMAN

(DEPUTY CLERK) Margaret J. Sullivan

I certify that the petitioner and witnesses named herein appeared before and were examined by me on July 26th, 1943 prior to the filing of this petition.

OATH OF RENUNCIATION AND ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

Sworn to in open court, this 26th day of July

(CLERK) CHARLES W. ZIMMERMAN

(DEPUTY CLERK) Margaret J. Sullivan

NOTE.—In renunciation of title or order of nobility, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is signed: "I further renounce the title of (give title or titles) which I have heretofore held," or "I further renounce the order of nobility (give the order of nobility) to which I have heretofore belonged."

Petition granted (denied) Line No. of List No. and Certificate No. Issued.

December 11, 1947

C-5884053

CCU

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

There is attached Special Certificate of Naturalization No. 3994053, in the name of Herbert Ritter, requested by him for use in connection with the protection of his interest in certain real and personal property at Oels and Breslau, Silesia, formerly Germany, now under Polish administration, which he inherited from his parents.

It is requested that the attached certificate be forwarded to the American Consul at Poznan, Poland, for delivery to the proper foreign government official.

Sincerely yours,

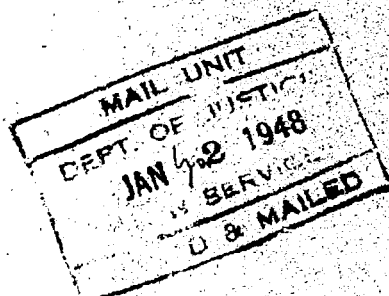
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

December 31, 1947

In reply
refer to
C-5994053

Mr. Herbert Ritter.
5102 Arbutus Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Ritter:

Your application for a special certificate of naturalization has been granted. This document has been issued and sent to the Department of State for forwarding to the appropriate American Consul.

Arrangements will be made by that official for the delivery of the document to the appropriate foreign government official in accordance with the directions given in your application.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Commissioner

CC to DD, Baltimore, Maryland
Your 1470-P-24054-M; For your information

CCU-55
7-23-46

DUPLICATE

No. 706475

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
PHILADELPHIA 2, PA.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Issued by the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization or a Deputy Commissioner and furnished to the Secretary of State for transmission to the proper authority of the foreign state named herein for use by the applicant for the sole purpose of obtaining recognition by such foreign state as a citizen of the United States of America. This certificate is invalid for all other purposes.

Personal description of applicant named herein as of date of issuance of this certificate: Age 33 years; sex Male, color White; complexion Fair; color of eyes Brown; color of hair Brown; height 5 feet, 8 inches, weight 160 pounds; visible distinctive marks None

Marital status Married, former nationality German

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA }

This is to certify that

HERBERT RITTER
who now resides at 5103 Ardmore Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
has applied to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization for a SPECIAL Certificate of Naturalization for use by such applicant for the sole purpose of obtaining recognition as a citizen of the United States of America by Republic of Poland; and the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization has found from satisfactory evidence submitted to him that said applicant is now a citizen of the United States of America having been naturalized by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland at Baltimore, Maryland on August 2, 1943.



(Photograph and signature of applicant named herein)

as shown by the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pa.

In testimony whereof this SPECIAL Certificate of Naturalization authorized by section 341 (c) of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended, is issued this 19th day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven and of our Independence the one hundred and seventy-second

(Signature)
Supervisor, Citizenship Certificate Unit.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

I hereby certify that Edward R. Smith who signed the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing Supervisor, Citizenship Certificate Unit, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and that full faith and credit should be given his certification as such.

[SEAL]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Department of Justice to be affixed, this 19th day of December, 19 47

(Signature)
Assistant Commissioner for Adjudications.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Commissioner, Central Office
Philadelphia 2, Pa.
FROM : Albert Del Guercio, District Director
Baltimore 2, Maryland
SUBJECT: Your file C-5994Q553; HERBERT RITTER; Application for
special certificate

1470-P-24054
DATE: December 5, 1947

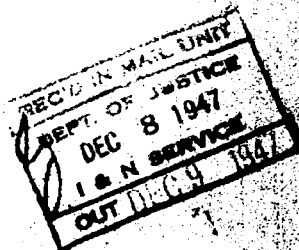
Attention: Assistant Commissioner for Adjudications

Form N-577 is attached with photographs of the subject, report of findings by Examiner Yeatter, and sworn statement from the subject, which indicates the certificate, if issued, will be used only for the purpose requested.

It is recommended a certificate be issued.

Becker
✓ Incl.

Albert Del Guercio



1470-P-24054
December 5, 1947

Commissioner, Central Office
Philadelphia 2, Pa.
Albert Del Giorgio, District Director
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Your file C-5994053; HERBERT HITTER; Application for
special certificate

Attention: Assistant Commissioner for Adjudications

Form N-577 is attached with photographs of the subject, report
of findings by Examiner Yeatter, and sworn statement from the
subject, which indicates the certificate, if issued, will be
used only for the purpose requested.

It is recommended a certificate be issued.

Encl.

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CERTIFICATE
OF NATURALIZATION TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION BY COUNTRY
OF APPLICANT'S FORMER ALLEGIANCE

TO THE APPLICANT: Read carefully and follow the instructions on reverse hereof

Mail this to—

Immigration and Naturalization Service,

U. S. Department of Justice,

Baltimore, Maryland

I hereby apply for a special certificate of naturalization as a citizen of the United States of America for the purpose of obtaining my recognition as a citizen of the United States by the Polish Government, the country of my former allegiance, and submit herein a sworn statement of facts to be used as a basis for the issuance of such certificate of naturalization. There are enclosed with this application, as required by law and the instructions herein, two photographs of me, each of which I have signed, and a money order No. 39819 in the sum of \$5, payable to the order of the "Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Baltimore, Md." in payment for such special certificate of naturalization.

1. My name is Herbert Ritter
2. I now reside at 5102 Arbutus Ave. Baltimore, Md.
3. My original certificate of naturalization was issued to me by U.S. District Court of Maryland at Baltimore, Md. on August 2nd 1943, and is numbered 599453
4. My personal description is: Age 38 years; sex Male; color White; complexion Ruddy; color of eyes Brown; color of hair Brown; height 5 feet 8 inches; weight 160 pounds; visible distinctive marks None

Marital status Married

5. I was born in Oldes, Silesia, Germany on April 2nd 1909
6. I arrived in the United States at New York on Sept 16 1928 on the vessel S.S. Europa

7. The name, official title, and address of the official of the country of my former allegiance who has requested this certificate is Herbert Ritter

Change #1, made at my request and approved by me, November 26, 1947

Herbert Ritter

State of Maryland
City of Baltimore

Herbert Ritter

5102 Arbutus Ave

The aforesaid applicant, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the person named herein and whose signature appears above; that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his/her own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of November, 19 47

Resworn to before me at Baltimore, Maryland, this 26th day of November, 1947

[SEAL]

John W. Warruse

Notary Public

12-10-47

District: Baltimore, Maryland.
File No. 1470-F-24054
Date: November 26, 1947.

**FINDINGS IN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF
HERBERT RITTER TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION AS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
BY A FOREIGN STATE.**

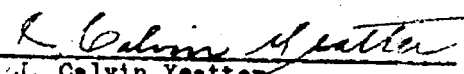
In Re: HERBERT RITTER

Upon consideration of the record in this case consisting of application on Form N-577 and the applicant's statement on November 26, 1947, it is found that:

- (1) Applicant is the identical person who was naturalized in the United States District Court, District of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, on August 2, 1943, and was issued certificate of naturalization No. 5994053.
- (2) Applicant is presently a citizen of the United States and has not been expatriated or forfeited his United States citizenship in any manner.
- (3) Applicant requires said certificate to obtain recognition as a citizen of the United States by a foreign state.
- (4) The certificate, if issued, will be used only for such purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is, therefore, recommended that this application for a special certificate of naturalization be GRANTED.


J. Calvin Yeatter
Naturalization Examiner

EXAMINATION OF HERBERT RITTER
At Room 310, United States Post Office Building
Baltimore, Maryland

* * * * *

November 26, 1947.

PRESENT:

J. Calvin Yeatter
(Examining Officer)

Herbert Ritter
(Deponent)

BY MR. YEATTER:

Q. Your are informed that I am an officer of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, authorized to administer oaths and take testimony in matters relating to the enforcement of the Immigration and Naturalisation laws. Do you understand?

A. Yes.

Q. At this time I desire to take a statement from you relative to your Application for a Special Certificate of Naturalization. Are you willing to make a statement at this time?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you please stand and raise your right hand? (Deponent complies). Do you solemnly swear that all the statements you are about to make will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, So Help You God?

A. I do.

Q. What is your full, true and correct name?

A. Herbert Ritter.

Q. What is your present residence address?
A. 5102 Arbutus Avenue, Baltimore 15, Maryland.

Q. What is your occupation?
A. I am a buyer in a department store.

Q. Are you married?
A. Yes.

Q. What is the name of your wife?
A. Her name is Lillian B. Ritter.

Q. What is the date of your birth?
A. April 2, 1909.

Q. State the complete address of the place of your birth?
A. Oels, Silesia, Germany.

Q. When did you first arrive in the United States?
A. On September 16, 1938.

Q. At what place in the United States did you arrive?
A. New York, New York.

Q. What was the name of the vessel?
A. SS. Europa.

Q. Under what name did you arrive?
A. Herbert Ritter.

Q. Are you a citizen of the United States?
A. Yes. Here is my certificate of naturalization. (Exhibited certificate of Naturalization No. 5994055 issued out of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland, at Baltimore, Maryland, on August 2, 1943, to Herbert Ritter.

Q. I show you a form entitled "Application for Special Certificate of Naturalization" and ask you if this is your signature to the application?
A. Yes. It is.

Q. I also ask you to examine the statements in the application and state whether all the statements are correct?
A. Yes, they are correct.

Q. Are these your photographs attached to the application?
A. Yes.

Q. For what reason do you require a special certificate of naturalization?
A. In order to obtain recognition as a United States citizen by the Polish Government to protect and claim my interest in personal and real property inherited from my parents and located at Oels, and Breslau, Silesia, formerly Germany, now under Polish Administration. I forwarded a statement of my claim to the Department of State in Washington, D. C., on October 9, 1947.

Q. Who has requested this special certificate?
A. The Department of State.

Q. To whom would you desire that such certificate be sent?
A. To the American Consul at Poznan, Poland.

Q. Have you ever been absent from the United States since your arrival on September 16, 1938?
A. No.

Q. Have you ever been employed by any foreign government?
A. No.

Q. Have you ever voted in any foreign election of plebescite?
A. No.

Q. Have you ever renounced your United States citizenship in any manner?
A. No.

Q. Do you know of any proceedings brought to revoke your naturalization?
A. No.

Q. Have you been married more than once?
A. No. This is my first marriage.

Q. ~~What was your wife born?~~
A. She was born in Frankfurt, Germany.

Q. Do you reside with her?
A. Yes. I live with her and one child, Audrey Helen age 3 years.

Q. Is there anything further you wish to say?
A. I wish to state further that there is a Polish decree of March 8, 1936, according to which claims have to be filed with the Polish authorities before December 31, 1947.

ATTEST:


U. S. Naturalization Examiner.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

C. O. File No. 8-500000
7/25

Date: October 25, 1947

TO : District Director, Baltimore
Maryland

FROM : Joseph Savoretti, Assistant Commissioner
Central Office

SUBJECT: Your File No. 34084-B; Herbert Ritten; Letter from Atty.
John W. Harvase, 1800 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore 18, Maryland.

No acknowledgment of the receipt of the enclosure has been made
and it is referred to you for appropriate attention and action or
response. No report need be made to Central Office unless proper
disposition of matter requires such reference. Subject should be
advised to apply for a natural certificate of citizenship.

file
G-3432

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