

FORM IRP-3 (Rev.)  
6-15-54

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM  
U. S. FILE CHECK

CLASS <b>ESCAPEE</b>		DATE <b>31 Oct 1955</b>	
IRP CONTROL NO. <b>Munich 11763</b>		FAMILY GROUP <b>11764, 11765</b>	
1. APPLICANT			
A. NAME (Surname) <b>BUTKUS</b> (First Name) <b>Zanis</b> (Middle Name)		SEX: <b>male</b>	
B. ALIASES			
C. PRESENT NATIONALITY			
D. PREVIOUS NATIONALITY <b>Latvian</b>			
E. DATE OF BIRTH (Day)-(Month (spell out))-(Year) <b>29 July 1906</b>		F. PLACE OF BIRTH (City) (Country) <b>Jelgava Latvia</b>	
G. OCCUPATION <b>Driver</b>			
2. SPOUSE			
A. NAME (Surname) <b>BUTKUS</b> (First Name) <b>Velta</b> (Middle Name)			
B. MAIDEN NAME (Surname) <b>OZOLS</b> (First Name) (Middle Name)			
C. PRESENT NATIONALITY			
D. PREVIOUS NATIONALITY <b>Latvian</b>			
E. DATE OF BIRTH (Day)-(Month (spell out))-(Year) <b>17 July 1915</b>		F. PLACE OF BIRTH (City) (Country) <b>Tervete Latvia</b>	
G. ACCOMPANYING APPLICANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
3. APPLICANT'S RESIDENCE DURING PAST FIVE YEARS (City and country only, in reverse chronological order)  <b>Vogesenstr. 55/II Augsburg-Kriegshaber, Germany</b>			
4. REMARKS (Including applicant's affiliations and military service)  <b>20261c</b> <b>BUTKUS, Zanis # 272372 dated 21 March 50</b> <b>Visa applicant DP/48</b>			
IRP CONTROL:			
ACCOMPANYING MINORS: (Name) (Sex) (DOP) (IRP Control Number)			
SPONSOR(S):			
VOLUNTARY AGENCY: <b>LWF</b>			
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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2003 2006

CS CI-4166

TO: Department of State  
Attention: Mr. A. N. Abajian  
Office of Investigations  
Refugee Relief Program

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: BUTKUS, Zanis

1. Reference is made to your memorandum IRP/769, dated 5 November 1955, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.

2. The files of this office contain the following information concerning an individual who is possibly identical with the subject of your request.

3. Information compiled by SHAEF during World War II from a source whose reliability is unknown, described one Zanis BUTKUS, born in Augatkalne, Latvia, as a member of the 19 Waffen Grenadier Division of the German Waffen SS in 1944.

4. For further information concerning one Zanis BUTKUS you are referred to the Department of the Army, CIC. (Reference: Report 272372 dated 21 March 1950, subject: Visa Applicant DP/48; report unavailable to this office.)

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1. LE MONDE OF 3 JAN CARRIED EXCELLENT, LONG (ABOUT 1500 WORD) SIGNED ARTICLE BY BERNARD FERON ENTITLED "50 YEARS AFTER ITS FOUNDATION, USSR MUST STILL ASSIMILATE REVOLUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS." SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLE BASED ON SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS AND INFO AND INTERPRETATIONS ACQUIRED BY FERON DURING HIS COVERAGE OF SAME. SYMPOSIUM (ARTICLE PROVIDES IDENTIFICATION DATA) SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN FOLLOWING PASSAGE: "...DURING THE SYMPOSIUM IN BRUSSELS, PROF SHAPIRO STATED: 'THE PRINCIPAL BY WHICH LAW SHOULD EXTEND TO ALL WITHOUT DISTINCTIONS IS FOREIGN TO BOLSHEVIK THOUGHT... THE LAW IS CONSIDERED TO BE LIKE AN ARMY DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT FROM ITS ENEMIES...' THE CONSTITUTION DEFINES THE RIGHTS OF THE CITIZEN BUT IT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY PROVISION OBLIGING COURTS TO RESPECT THESE RIGHTS, ADDED MR. SHAPIRO. TODAY AS 50 YEARS AGO THE JUDGES MUST LET THEMSELVES BE GUIDED BY THE PARTY. MR. BUTKUS,

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WHO WAS UNTIL LAST JULY A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE DES AVOCATS OF KAUNAS AND WHO CURRENTLY LIVES IN THE US, WAS REQUIRED TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN THE CASE OF FATHER Z D E B S K I, A LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC PRIEST PERSECUTED ALONG WITH OTHERS BECUASE HE WAS EXERCISING HIS MINISTRY (ARTICLE 124 OF THE CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF WORSHIP.) 'IN MY CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE KAUNAS COURT,' SAID MR. KAUNAS, 'I WAS CALLED BEFORE THE PARTY COMMITTEE. I WAS TOLD, AND SUCH WAS ALSO THE OPINION OF THE KGB, THAT I SHOULD DISMISS FROM ZDEBKIS' DEFENSE THE LAWYER IN WHOM HE HAD CONFIDENCE AND REPLACE HIM BY ANOTHER WHO WOULD HANDLE THE DEFENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEADERSHIP'S DIRECTIVES'...."

2. ALTHOUGH ASSUME NEWSPAPER AVAILABLE HQS, HAVE AIRMAILED CLIP TO [ ] ON 4 JAN.

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U. S. Department of Justice

94-00967

Washington, D.C. 20530

APR 12 1994

Office of the General Counsel  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Attention: [ ] [ ]

Dear [ ] [ ]


In connection with an official investigation, this Office would like to obtain any information you may have regarding the following individual:

BUTKUS, Zanis  
DPOB: July 20, 1906 - Augstkalne, Latvia

Butkus began serving in the Schutzmannschaft on July 1, 1941. He was later described as a "fanatical opponent of Bolshevism," and wrote in an autobiographical statement about his efforts in combatting Bolshevism during the summer of 1941.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Steven B. Rogers at (202) 616-2502.

Sincerely,

  
Steven B. Rogers, Ph.D.  
Senior Historian  
Office of Special Investigations  
Criminal Division  
1001 G Street, N.W., Suite 1000  
Washington, D.C. 20530

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MEMORANDUM FOR: IMS/EIB

VIA: DC/PCS/CL - [ ]

FROM: PCS/CL - [ ]

SUBJECT: Request for Name Search

Please do traces on the following: Zanis Butkus per OGC request OGC-94-51705. Bio is attached.

Please contact me on secure X46122<sup>48622</sup> if there are questions or clarification needed.

ESG/EIB COORDINATION	DATE: 23 JUN 94
ANALYST: [ ]	EDIT: MAE
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SUBJECT: Nazi War Crimes Investigations - BUTKUS, Zanis

3. If there is any such information, the handling and release of such information to the Department of Justice will be fully coordinated with your office.

4. Please respond to this request by 20 June 1944. If you have any questions, please contact me on x76130.

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cc: DA/IRO

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ]  
Litigation Division, OGC

VIA: [ ]  
Deputy Chief, Compliance and Litigation, PCS

FROM: [ ]  
Chief, External Inquiries Branch, IMS

SUBJECT: Name Trace Request - Nazi War Crimes  
Investigations - BUTKUS, Zanis

REFERENCE: OGC-94-51704 dated 27 May 1994

1. A search of Directorate of Operations information surfaced the following information concerning Subject listed in reference. This information is for the use of the Office of General Counsel and should not be disseminated outside this Agency, or incorporated in any document which is so disseminated, without specific approval and release from the appropriate component of the Directorate of Operations.

2. Zanis Butkus was the subject of [ ] No information surfaced concerning operational interest in Subject by the Directorate of Operations. According to CSCI-4166 dated 28 December 1955, the files of the Deputy Director for Plans contained the following information concerning an individual who was possibly identical with the subject of request. Information compiled by SHAEF during World War II from a source whose reliability was unknown, described one Zanis Butkus, born in Augstkalne, Latvia, as a member of the 19 Waffen Grenadier Division of the German Waffen SS in 1944. This memorandum further stated that the State Department should refer to the Department of the Army, CIC. (Reference: Report 272372 dated 21 March 1950, subject: Visa Applicant DP/48; report unavailable to this office.) (based on CSCI-4166 dated 28 December 1955, which

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in turn was based on SHAEF cards - according to the German desk these cards are no longer available)

3. According to information dated 31 October 1955, the Department of State requested a Refugee Relief Program U.S. File Check on Zanis Butkus, DPOB: 29 July 1906, Jelgava, Latvia. His occupation was given as driver. He was married to Velta Butkus with maiden name Ozols. Her DPOB: 17 July 1915, Tervete, Latvia. His residence during the past five years was given as Vogesenstr. 55/II Augsburg-Kriegshaber, Germany. (This information is for the exclusive use of OGC, and should not be disseminated outside this Agency without prior approval from the Department of State.) (based on IRP/769 dated 08 November 1955)

4. According to information dated January 1973, the French newspaper Le Monde, carried an excellent, long (about 1500 word), signed article by Bernard Feron entitled "50 years after its foundation, USSR must still assimilate revolution of human rights." The substance of the article was based on symposium proceedings and information and interpretations acquired by Feron during his coverage of same. The symposium (article provides identification data) specifically mentioned in following passage: ". . . during the symposium in Brussels, Professor Shapiro stated: 'the principal by which law should extend to all without distinctions is foreign to bolshevik thought. . . The constitution defines the rights of the citizen but it does not contain any provision obliging courts to respect these rights, added Mr. Shapiro. Today, as 50 years ago, the judges must let themselves be guided by the party. Mr. Butkus, who was until last July a member of the college Des Avocats of Kaunas and who currently lives in the U.S., was required to involve himself in the case of Father Zdebski, a Lithuanian Catholic priest persecuted along with others because he was exercising his ministry (article 124 of the constitution guarantees freedom of worship.) 'In my capacity as head of the Kaunas court,' said Mr. Kaunas, 'I was called before the party committee. I was told, and such was also the opinion of the KGB, that I should dismiss from Zdebkis' defense the lawyer in whom he had confidence and replace him by another who would handle the defense in accordance with the leadership's directives'. . ." (based on [ ] 3554 dated 04 January 1973)

5. In doing a file content listing for [ ] DOR-00544 dated 26 August 1981 surfaced. However, the document was not in Subject's 201, nor was it available in DORIC. The original document was filed in 100-139-134, a file that was

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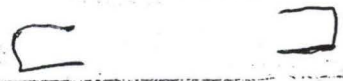
charged to someone who was retired. Inquiries have also been made to PCS/CL who claimed not to have this file. Therefore, a copy of this document was not available for review.



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