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Claimant, a mentally handicapped native of Ukraine, was born in 1926. She was deported to Germany in August 1943 to perform forced labour. She was transferred to a concentration camp in Barby in the spring of 1944. While at this camp, she escaped with some other prisoners and attempted to enter Switzerland, she believes, near Lörrach and the canton of Schaffhausen. She stated that she was denied entry because "she was physically ill, swollen from hunger, and suffering from a mental disorder" and that her companions were denied entry because they were Jewish.

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Claimant was born in 1926 in USSR. He stated that he was born with a birth defect, a deformed leg, and that it was the reason for his persecution by the Nazi Regime. Between the autumn of 1941 and February 1944, Claimant and his family lived under Nazi occupation. In February 1944, Claimant was deported to Germany where he was forced to perform agricultural labour near Strasbourg. Later, he was transferred to the other side of the Rhine River where he worked in a sawmill. By the end of the war, Claimant and five other inmates escaped from the sawmill and entered Switzerland near Basel. They were admitted into Switzerland and were sent to a quarantine camp near Lausanne. Later, they were transferred to a wooden barrack near the mountains where they worked on road construction until August 1945. Then, the Swiss authorities handed the group over to the KGB. Although Claimant had a birth defect, he was drafted into the Soviet Army and had to work with horses. For a long time, Claimant was considered as an "enemy of the Soviet people."