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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
San Pedro, California

7006/1166  
Manifest No. 105/8-11  
BSI # 24 (1943)

Date: February 7, 1943

PETERS, Rudolf (33)  
" Ingeborg ( )  
" Ingrid (1)  
" Elke (4)

At a meeting of a  
BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY  
held at San Pedro, California

PRESENT: Inspector H. B. DAY, Chairman  
Inspector J. F. MEIER, Member  
Clerk Josephine Kacy, Member-Secty.

ex AT #Puebla" 2/6/43  
(Vessel & date of arrival):

German & Interpreter: Member Meier (Acting)  
Spanish ~~(P. L. MEIER)~~

Travel documents presented, if any: Husband, German passport #1296 issued 6/4/41  
San Jose, Costa Rica.  
Wife: German passport #1247 issued at San Jose, Costa Rica April 21, 1939 and  
valid until April 20, 1944.

Result of medical examination: No certifiable condition found.

BY CHAIRMAN TO APPLICANTS:

Q The ship's manifest shows that you arrived in the United States from  
Puente Arenas, Costa Rica at San Pedro, California, on February 6  
1943, on the U. S. Army Transport "Puebla". Is that correct?

A Yes.

Q These proceedings are for the purpose of determining your right to enter  
the United States. The burden of proof is upon you to establish that  
you are not subject to exclusion. Do you wish to have a friend or rela-  
tive present? You have that right, provided (1) that the friend or rela-  
tive is not and will not be employed by you as counsel or attorney, (2)  
that, if a witness, he or she has already completed his testimony, (3)  
that he or she is not an agent, representative at any immigration station  
of an immigrant aid or other similar society or organization, and (4)  
that he or she is actually related to you or is an acquaintance.

A No.

Q If at any time you fail to understand the meaning of any question or  
statement in the course of these proceedings, you should mention it at  
once. Do you understand?

A I do.

Q Raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony which  
you shall give in these proceedings shall be the truth, the whole truth,  
and nothing but the truth: So help you God?

A I do.

(Nature of perjury and penalties for it explained to  
applicants.)

BY CHAIRMAN TO APPLICANTS:

Q What is your full, true, and correct name, and what other names, if any, have you ever used?

A **Rudolf Peters.**

Q When and where were you born? (Give name of city or town, state or province, and country of birth.)

A **I was born October 16, 1909 in San Jose, Costa Rica.**

Q Of what country are you now a citizen or subject and how was such nationality acquired?

A **Germany; I am a citizen of Germany through the German citizenship of my parent**

Q What was the place of birth and original nationality of each of your parents and was that nationality ever changed? (If so, give facts.)

A **Both parents were born in Baden, Germany and German citizens.**

Q What is your race?

A **German race.**

Q What is your occupation?

A **Farmer.**

Q Where did you last reside, and what was your address there? (Give complete street address, city, and country.)

A **Apartado 91, San Jose, Costa Rica.**

Q Are you able to read, and if so, in what language?

A **Read in Spanish and German.**

Q Have you ever been arrested or ever charged with any crime or misdemeanor in the United States or elsewhere? (If so, give facts.)

A **Never arrested**

Q Have you any money or valuables in your possession? (If so, give facts.)

A **My money and valuables were taken from me on the ship.**

Q Have you ever been in the United States before, and if so, were you ever excluded and deported or arrested and deported? (If so, give facts of arrivals and departures and all data relating thereto.)

A **First time in the United States.**

Q Are you married, and if so, are you accompanied by either spouse or children? (If married and/or so accompanied, give facts.)

A **I am married and accompanied by my wife, Ingeborg, and children, Elke and Ingrid.**



Q Do you intend to remain in the United States permanently?

A I don't know yet.

Q Have you for inspection an unexpired passport or official document in the nature of a passport issued by the government of the country to which you owe allegiance, or other travel document showing your origin and identity?

A German Passport #1296 issued June 4, 1941 at San Jose, Costa Rica.

Q Have you for presentation an unexpired immigration visa, an unexpired passport visa, a re-entry permit, a bordercrossing identification card, or other document issued to you as a means of entering the United States?

A None.

CHAIRMAN TO MEMBERS:

Q Are there any further questions by members of the Board?

A Member Kroy : No . Member Meier : No .

BY CHAIRMAN TO INGEBORG PETERS: (Through interpreter)

Q What is your name?

A Ingeborg Peters.

Q When and where were you born?

A I was born in Hamburg, Germany on September 8, 1918.

Q How many children have you?

A I have two. Mike, age 4, born San Jose, Costa Rica on January 27, 1939; and Ingrid, born in San Jose, Costa Rica on September 25, 1941.  
All three of us are German citizens.

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Q What is your occupation?

A Housewife and I lived with my husband in Costa Rica.

Q Are you able to read, and if so, in what language?

A Spanish and German.

Q Have you ever been arrested or ever charged with any crime or misdemeanor in the United States or elsewhere?

A No.

Q Have you any money or valuables in your possession?

A All money and valuables were taken from us on the ship.

Q Have you ever been in the United States before, and if so, were you ever excluded and deported or arrested and deported?

A I passed through New York in transit one day in 1937.



BY CHAIRMAN TO MEMBERS:

Q If there are no further questions, motions are in order.

A Member Meier : I move that the applicant and Ingrid  
and Ingrid  
be denied admission to the United States on the ground that: they are not in  
possession of an unexpired passport or official document in the nature of a pass-  
port issued by the Government of the country to which they owe allegiance or other  
travel documents showing their origin and identity as required by Executive  
Order No. 8766, issued by authority of the Act of May 22, 1918, as amended;  
and that they have not presented a valid visa and are not exempted from so  
doing as an emergency case as defined by the Secretary of State, or a reentry  
permit, or a border-crossing identification card, as required by Section 30  
of Title III of the Act of June 28, 1940; and that they are immigrants  
not in possession of a valid immigration visas as required by the Immigra-  
tion Act of 1924 and not exempted from the presentation thereof by said Act  
or regulations made thereunder.

Member Knoy : I second the motion

Chairman It is unanimous

BY CHAIRMAN TO APPLICANT:

Q You have been denied admission to the United States by this Board of  
Special Inquiry on the ground that: You are not in possession of an unexpired  
passport or official document in the nature of a passport issued by the  
Government of the country to which you owe allegiance or other travel  
documents showing your origin and identity as required by Executive  
Order No. 8766, issued by authority of the Act of May 22, 1918, as  
amended; and that you have not presented a valid visa and are not  
exempted from so doing as an emergency case as defined by the Secretary  
of State, or a reentry permit, or a border-crossing identification card,  
as required by Section 30 of Title III of the Act of June 28, 1940; and  
that you are an immigrant not in possession of a valid immigration visa  
as required by the Immigration Act of 1924 and not exempted from the pre-  
sentation thereof by said Act or regulations made thereunder.



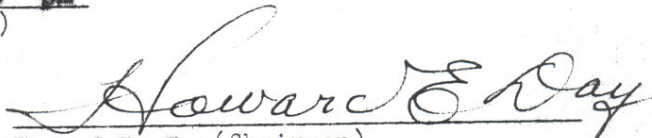
Q From this excluding decision you have the right of appeal to the Attorney General at Washington, D. C., to whom, in the event you elect to so appeal, the complete record of this hearing will be forwarded for review and decision. Do you wish to appeal?

A No.

Q You are further informed that after your deportation as an excluded alien you may not reapply for admission to the United States within one year from the date of your deportation, unless before your reembarkation at a place outside the United States or your attempt to be admitted from foreign contiguous territory you have applied to the Attorney General for permission to reapply for admission and he has granted your request. Do you understand?

A Yes.

Applicant debarred: 2/7/43 1550 pm  
(date and time)

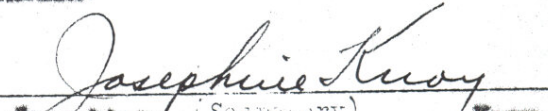
  
Howard E. Day (Chairman)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the proceedings of this Board of Special Inquiry and of all testimony produced before it as

made by me direct on the typewriter.

(Strike one)

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Josephine (Secretary) Knoy

(Original and three copies of this record made.)

Personal description: **PETERS, Rudolf (Rudolph);** ht. 5'8"; wt. 165; brown eyes; ruddy skin; brown hair; no marks. **PETERS, Ingeborg;** ht. 5'3"; wt. 110; blue eyes; fair skin; brown hair; no marks. **PETERS, Ingrid,** ht. and wt., child; brown eyes; fair skin; blond hair; no marks; **PETERS, Mike,** ht. and wt., child; brown eyes, olive skin; brown hair; no marks.

Manifest data: **PETERS, Rudolf (Rudolph);** 35; m;m; farmer; lit. in Sp. and Ger.; nat'l'y., Germany; German race; born San Jose, Costa Rica; last perm. res., San Jose, Costa Rica; rest of mfet. blank; **PETERS, Ingeborg;** 24; f;m; housewife; lit. in Sp. Ger.; nat'l'y., Germany; German race; born in Germany; last perm. res., San Jose, Costa Rica; ~~rest of mfet. blank;~~ **PETERS, Mike,** 4; f;s; no occup.; not literate; nat'l'y., Germany; German race; born in Costa Rica; last perm. res., San Jose, Costa Rica; rest of mfet. blank; **PETERS, Ingrid;** 1; f;s; no occup.; not literate, child; nat'l'y., Germany; German race; born in (Costa Rica; last perm. res., San Jose, Costa Rica; (balance of mfet. blank.

Alien to be detained at: **Crystal City, Texas.**

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Q Are you married, and if so, are you accompanied by either spouse or children?

A I am married. My husband, Rudolf Peters, and two children, Elke and Ingrid are with me here.

Q Do you intend to remain in the United States permanently?

A I don't know yet.

Q Have you for inspection an unexpired passport or official document in the nature of a passport issued by the government of the country to which you owe allegiance, or other travel document showing your origin and identity?

A I have a German passport in my property envelope here.

Q Have you for presentation an unexpired immigration visa, an unexpired passport visa, a reentry permit, a bordercrossing identification card, or other document issued to you as a means of entering the United States?

A No.