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Our Ref.: TD-952 536
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The Foreign Office
L O N D O N, S.W. 1
England

Re: FINKELSTEIN, John Max,
born 12 March 1882 in
Roumania

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter dated 23rd November 1964 and to our Excerpt from Documents which is herewith attached, please be advised that also the following information is contained in our records:

The name
FINKELSTEIN, John, Nationality: Roumanian
(no further personal data), appears in a
report of the Internment Camp VII, Laufen
dated 13 September 1943 with the remark:
'Internierungs-Nr. 1111"

In view of the incomplete personal data, we are unable to determine whether this report refers to the above named person.

Yours sincerely,

N. Burckhardt

Encl.: - 1 -

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Director of the I.T.S.

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DOKUMENTEN-AUSZUG über Aufenthalt in ehemaligen Konzentrations- und Arbeitslagern	EXTRAIT DE DOCUMENTS sur le séjour dans les anciens camps de concentration ou de travail	EXCERPT FROM DOCUMENTS about the stay in former concentration or labour camps

Ihr Akt.-Z. / Votre Réf. / Your Ref.: HNP/735 (HG.11811/30)---

Unser Akt.-Z. / Notre Réf. / Our Ref.: TD-932 536 ----------

Name / Nom / Name: FINKELSTEIN -------

Vornamen / Prénoms / First names: John, Max ------

Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationalité / Nationality: Roumanian ------

Geburtsdatum / Date de naissance / Date of birth: 12.3.1882 ----

Geburtsort / Lieu de naissance / Place of birth: Galatz -----

Beruf / Profession / Profession: official, locksmith, railway inspector ---

Namen der Eltern / Noms des parents / Parents' names: not indicated ----------

Religion: Protestant ----------

Zuletzt bekannter ständiger Wohnsitz / Dernière addresse connue / Last permament residence: Bagot, Jersey, Mon Desir ----------

Verhaftet am / Arrêté le / Arrested on: 15 February 1943

in / à / in: not indicated --------

durch / par / by: "Stapo" Munich ------

wurde eingeliefert in das Konz.-Lager / est entré au camp de concentration / entered concentration camp: Buchenwald ----------

Häftlingsnummer / No. de détenu / Prisoner's No.: 30 364 ----------

am / le / on: 29 October 1943 -----

von / venant de / coming from: "Stapol." Munich ----------

Kategorie, oder Grund für die Inhaftierung / Catégorie, ou raison donnée pour l'incarcération / Category, or reason given for incarceration: "Schutzhaft" = in protective custody, "Politisch" = political, "gelbroter Dawidstern", "Jude" = Jew -----

Überstellt / Transféré / Transferred: not indicated ----------

Letzte Eintragung in KZ.-Unterlagen / Dernière inscription dans la documentation / Last information in C. C. records: He was liberated in Ghetto Theresienstadt ----------

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Bemerkungen / Remarques / Remarks: The "Schreibstubenkarte" bears the remark: "Dikal" (*Darf in kein anderes Lager) = not to be transferred to another camp. ----------

Geprüfte Unterlagen / Documents consultés / Records consulted: "2 x Häftlingspersonalkarte, Effektenkarte, 2 x Effektenverzeichnis, Schreibstubenkarte, Häftlingspersonalbogen, Revierkarte, Arbeitskarte, Geldkarte, Nummernkarte, Zugangsbuch, Veränderungsmeldungen" and "Zugangsliste" of Concentration Camp Buchenwald. ----------

3548 Arolsen, 14th December 1964

Abgesandt an / Expédié à / Dispatched to: The Foreign Office
LONDON, S.W. 1
England

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* Added by the I.T.S. as explanation, does not appear on the original documents.

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Rappeler dans la réponse :
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GENÈVE, le 8.12.1964
7, AVENUE DE LA PAIX

INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF THE
CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY
I.C.R.C.

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FINKELSTEIN John Max

Born 12.3.1882 in Galatz, Rumania

Last dwelling: Jersey Channel Isles

18.2.1943: Ilag VII Laufen/Obb.

Information given through capture card.

Form. 1

Articles taken by Gestapo at Buchenwald Concentration Camp

During 1943-1945

At Cash Office in Buchenwald Con. Camp taken from me on

Arrival by Gestapo Officials

At Cash Office at Buchenwald Con. Camp	£26.	0.	0.
Two Cowhide suit cases valued £5 each	10.	0.	0.
1 Canvas Bag (kit bag) valued @ 15/-		15.	0.
3 Blue Serge suits @ £10 each	30.	0.	0.
3 pairs of shoes @ 30/0 each	4.	10.	0.
4 pairs of woollen stockings @ 2/6 each		10.	0.
2 pairs of woollen Pants @ 12/6 each	1.	5.	0.
2 woollen vests @ 10/- each	1.	0.	0.
4 shirts @ 12/6 each	2.	10.	0.
6 stiff collars @ 1/- each		6.	0.
1 Woollen cream blanket @ 25/-	1.	5.	0.
1 Pillow case with Pillow		5.	0.
1 Chronometer Silver Watch	20.	0.	0.
	£98.	6.	0.

W. Finkelstein

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FORM A for use by surviving victims of Nazi persecution

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A BRITISH VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION

N.B.—1. Before completing this form it is important to read carefully the attached Notes for Guidance and then to answer all questions fully.

2. Please attach all documentary evidence to the form. All documents sent will be returned.

3. All applications must be received before the 31st of July, 1965.

4. Acceptance of an application for registration does not constitute a right to participate in the distribution.

SECTION ONE—IDENTITY

Surname FINKELSTEIN

Other names JOHN MAX

Address MON DESIR, BAGOT, ST. SAVIOUR
JERSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.

SECTION TWO—NATIONALITY

1. How did you acquire British nationality?
(Please write YES opposite the method that applies and delete the others)

(*a*) By birth? ..... (If so, please attach birth certificate)

(*b*) By marriage? ..... (If so, please attach marriage certificate and birth or naturalisation certificate of husband)

✓ (*c*) By naturalisation? YES (If so, please attach certificate)

(*d*) By some other method? ..... (If so, please give full details)

2. If you are not British by birth what was your previous nationality? ROUMANIAN

Do you still retain that nationality? NO.

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If not, when and how did you lose it? By naturalisation
(Please attach all documentary evidence)

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3. If you are a dual-national— NO.

(*a*) Where were you ordinarily resident on the 9th of June, 1964? JERSEY.

(Please attach all available evidence, *e.g.*, receipts for rent or rates, &c.)

(*b*) Have you been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom? (If so, please give full details and dates)

NO.

(*c*) Are you the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give number and full details)

Yes — issued at Jersey on 9/4/62.
No J.32319.

SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION

1. Please give, on a separate sheet, the following details of your imprisonment:

(*a*) Name of camp or other place of detention, its situation, its general conditions and régime;

(*b*) Dates of imprisonment and of release; prison number; reasons for imprisonment and circumstances in which it arose;

(*c*) If you are suffering permanent disability as a result of treatment received during your imprisonment please give full details of its nature and cause;

(*d*) Any other information you consider useful and relevant. (Please attach all documentary evidence)

2. Have you at any time received any payment in respect of this persecution? NO.
(If YES please give full details)

I HEREBY DECLARE that all the above statements are to the best of my knowledge and recollection true in all particulars.

Signature J. R. Sinkeletein

Date Oct 12th 1964

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During my imprisonment I was constantly beaten by the S.S. Guards who beat all of us with heavy sticks and kicked us without provocation. On one occasion about fifteen of us were clearing out a workshop when for no reason the guards set on us and I was hit with a stick in the face knocking out most of my teeth - of the others who were working with me two Russians were dead and their bodies were taken to the Crematorium which went on burning bodies continuously. There were many other instances of brutal treatment which I suffered but it is difficult for me, now aged 81, to remember them separately. I was 12½ stone when I left Jersey and when I finally reached Lyon after liberation my weight was 8 st. 2 lbs. My incarceration at Buchenwald ended when over 2,000 of us were crammed into cattle trucks and told we were being taken to clear debris. This journey lasted several days and many people died on route, their bodies merely being thrown out by the

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had disappeared and we were freed by occupying forces. I was shortly afterward flown by Dakota to Lyon where I had hospital treatment for several weeks until I was repatriated to Jersey arriving back on the 4th January 1946.

I attach hereto a list of the articles taken from me by the Gestapo at Buchenwald.

J. W. Finkelstein.