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## Fired Bush backer one of several with possible Nazi link

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Jerome A. Brentar, the Cleveland travel agent who was dismissed Thursday as co-chairman of a volunteer ethnic coalition in George Bush's presidential campaign, is one of several volunteers in the Bush campaign who may be connected with anti-Semitic or fascist organizations.

Brentar said in an interview yesterday that he had helped hundreds of Nazis to emigrate to the United States after World War II. As a post-war officer in the International Refugee Organization working in refugee camps in Schweinfurt and Hanau, Germany, Brentar said, he "helped everyone who applied, whether he was in the Waffen SS or in the Wehrmacht... I would permit them to be considered."

"I just took it as a matter of my duties. I never went into any kind of hubbub or any detail..." Brentar, 66, said in a telephone interview.

Brentar's removal from the Bush campaign, after allegations of his anti-Semitic activity appeared in a Washington Jewish newspaper, also has called attention to other volunteer leaders of the Bush campaign.

They include:

- The national chairman of Romanians for Bush, Florian Galdau. Galdau was a close associate and defender of Archbishop Valerian Trifa, who was accused by the Justice Department of inciting pogroms by the pro-Nazi Romanian Iron Guard in January 1941 in Bucharest. Galdau, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., is listed by the Bush campaign as chairman of the Romanian American Republican Club.
- The national co-chairman of Bulgarians for Bush, Rudi Slavoff. Slavoff heads the Bulgarian National Front, formed by members of the Nazi-aligned Bulgarian Legion after the war. In 1963, Slavoff arranged an event in Washington, D.C., that honored Austin App, a former La Salle University professor who wrote several texts denying the existence of the Holocaust. Slavoff, of Bethesda, Md., is the full-time executive director of the Republican National Heritage Groups Council in Washington, D.C., according to the Bush campaign.
- The national vice chairman of Italian-Americans for Bush, Philip Guarino. He is an honorary American member of P-2 Lodge, a group outlawed in Italy since it plotted throughout the 1970s to overthrow the Italian government and install a dictatorship. Guarino, a former priest who lives in Washington, D.C., is adviser on senior-citizens affairs to the Republican National Committee. The Bush committee lists him as chairman of the Italian-American National Republican Federation.
- Bohdan Fedorak, national ethnic vice-chairman of Ukrainians for Bush. He is currently head of external affairs in the United States for the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists/Bandera, said by historians to be a Nazi-collaborationist organization linked to anti-Polish and anti-Jewish wartime pogroms. Fedorak is a leader of an organized campaign to dismantle the Justice Department's Nazi-hunting arm, the (See BUSH on 4-A)

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