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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, FI
FROM: Acting Chief, SR
SUBJECT: Bonus Payment for Two Action Agents

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1. This Division has recruited Paul C. Revens as an action agent for penetration of the Soviet Union. Revens, who has been in the United States for four and one half years, is considered a desirable agent for such assignment. Because of his lengthy stay in the U.S., his motivation is more of an anti-communist undertaking a mission for the U.S. rather than an indigenous individual returning to his native country for the primary purpose of liberating this country. Feeling that he will lose two or more years of productivity and possibly his life, Revens has requested a \$10,000 bonus be paid upon successful completion of his mission. The case officer feels that Revens has requested such sum not because he is of mercenary character, but because he needs psychological reassurance that upon return he will not have to start his life anew as has been the case in his life on four different occasions.

2. For Revens' companion on this mission we have recruited Charles H. Nourse, a very desirable agent who has not requested any bonus payment. However, since these two individuals will be very closely associated and may possibly discuss the question of bonus payment, it is felt that both individuals should have comparable compensation. Inasmuch as Nourse has parents in Norway he will be given an insurance policy of \$10,000 payable to his parents. In addition he will be given a \$5,000 bonus upon successful completion of his assignment. It is felt that this arrangement could be termed equal to that of Revens who has no one to benefit from an insurance policy.

3. While on their mission Revens and Nourse will be paid a salary of \$500.00 per month; while in training Revens has requested \$200.00. It is felt that a salary of \$400.00 per month while in training for Nourse who plans to send a portion of this to his parents, would further serve to bring their remunerations to a comparable point.

4. The mission assigned to these individuals is as follows:

- a. Establishment of covert support facilities in Latvia. Including communications and legal and illegal infiltration and exfiltration facilities.
- b. Obtaining operational and strategic intelligence which will initially be relayed to this agency by w/t and/or s/w.
- c. Reception, housing, and onward movement of other agents of Latvian as well as non-Latvian nationality.

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if appropriate and feasible,

- d. Establishment of contact and providing guidance and assistance, to whatever covert resistance elements exist in Latvia.
- e. Attempts to defect and exfiltrate or double high ranking Latvian officials, scientists, and politicians, *if feasible.*

5. Approval is requested for the following bonus payments upon the successful accomplishment of the above described missions:

- a. Paul C. Revens ----- \$10,000
- b. Charles H. Nourse ----- \$ 5,000

6. The above two agents are the only Latvian agents recruited by DYCLAIM at this time. It is this Divisions opinion that a disapproval of the bonus payments would eliminate the individuals concerned from further operational consideration and consequently cancel our operational dispatch plans into the Latvian SSR for spring 1953.

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