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MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
FOR MONTH OF
April 1952

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1. CRYPTONYM ZRLYNCH (Also reported by HQ)		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH SR/Baltic	3. COUNTRY(S) Latvian SSR	4. ESTIMATED COMPLETION PERCENT DATE	
5. PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC <input type="checkbox"/> PARAMILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Penetration SUPPORT		6. FINANCIAL MECHANISM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECT <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY <input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY <input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF SERVICES			
7. PHASE <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING <input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATED		8. FUNDING			
FY ALLOTMENTS TOTAL TO DATE \$110,500.00		OBLIGATIONS CURRENT MONTH		FY OBLIGATIONS CUMUL. TO DATE	
9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO. 2504 "J"	EXTENSION 2538		

10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

- a. Mission
The establishment of clandestine support facilities in the Latvian SSR for the purpose of contacting, organizing and developing agent and underground facilities for the performance of the OPC/OSC missions in the USSR.
- b. Accomplishments
In accordance with a previous agreement with SIS we informed the SIS of our proposed DZ areas in Kurzeme, Latvia. Upon receipt of this information the British replied immediately by a cable protesting against our selection of DZ areas in the Kurzeme peninsula, stating that such an operation would endanger the SIS assets in this area, that SIS was in contact with partisans in Kurzeme and had adequate intelligence and operational coverage of this part of Latvia. The British further requested that we postpone the AECOB operation until fall 1952 at which time they offered to arrange for the reception and further movement of our agent personnel in Latvia. As a result of the British protest a reexamination of the AECOB operation confirmed the fact that this operation was mainly based on support to be provided by Kurzeme partisan groups and individuals possibly connected with British-Swedish interests in Latvia.
In view of the above described conflicting interests with the SIS and the unfeasibility of changing the basic AECOB operational plan at this late date, as well as in consideration of accepting the British offer of providing aid and reception to our personnel in the fall of 1952, it was reluctantly decided to postpone the AECOB operation to fall 1952.

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