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Title: ROBERTS ANCANS

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Synopsis:

ARTUR VALTERS advised subject not known to him in Latvia or Germany; knew subject fought in Latvian Legion against Russia, and received German decoration; did not know anything about family background; has met socially on several occasions in past several years, but does not know anything concerning his present political sympathies.

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DETAILS

On April 4, 1962, ARTUR VALTERS, carpenter, 537 Herzl Street, Brooklyn, New York, Apartment E8, advised he had not known ROBERTS ANCANS personally in Latvia or Germany, but he had heard of him. During the past four or five years he has met ANCANS and his wife casually at social affairs, but he does not know them intimately.

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VALTERS said he did not really know anything about ANCANS character and reputation. He has heard several rumors about him, but they are strictly rumors, and he did not know if there was any real basis to the stories. Shortly after ANCANS came to the United States, there was a story circulated that he had a typewriter, the type of which was similar to that appearing on a mimeographed leaflet circulated from Germany among the Latvian people. A second story was that an article by ANCANS had appeared in an emigre Latvian paper in Europe, which was devoted primarily to the interest of older Latvian immigrants, that is, those who left Latvia before 1918, and many of whom therefore have tended in the past to indicate some sympathy for the present Latvian Government under Communism.

VALTERS advised he knew that ANCANS had fought in the Latvian Legion against Russia, and had received a German decoration of which only eight or nine were given to members of the Latvian Legion. He said ANCANS had been active in Daugavas Vanagi, but quite some years ago left, and has been active in a Latvian Disabled Wars Veteran group. VALTERS who is a past President of the New York Chapter of Daugavas Vanagi said he did not know ANCANS in connection with Daugavas Vanagi.

VALTERS said he did not know anything about ANCANS family or background. He said that other than the foregoing, he does not know anything concerning subject's past or present political sympathies or attitude toward the Soviet Union.