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Report of: RALPH B. MILLER  
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Title: ROBERTS ANGARS

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis:

Subject advised he was born 11/11/19, Tilzas, Latvia; educated Riga. Entered Latvian Army in 1939 and subsequently fought in Latvian Legion under Germans against Soviets in World War II; being wounded eight times. Advised worked in Europe short time after World War II with American intelligence, furnishing military information. Came to US in 1955 and presently living in NYC and employed as draftsman, Otis Elevator Company, NYC. Advised one brother and one sister still residing Latvia and has occasional correspondence with them. He is President of Latvian American Handicapped War Veterans, Inc. Stated he was never member of CP or engaged in any activity on behalf of Soviets.

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DETAILS:

On June 12, 1962, ROBERTS ANCANS, 103-33 115th Street, Queens, New York, was interviewed by SAs ROBERT S. KENNEDY and RALPH F. MILLER. ANCANS advised he is presently employed as a draftsman with the Otis Elevator Company in New York City and his wife is employed as a waitress in a luncheonette in Manhattan.

ANCANS stated that his father was a farmer near Tilzas, Latvia, and he himself was born November 11, 1919, at Tilzas. He had five brothers and two sisters. His parents died about thirty years ago and one of his sisters died in 1930.

ANCANS stated he attended high school in Riga and also spent two years in the University of Riga. In 1939 he began his service in the Latvian Army and was a corporal at the time of the invasion of Latvia by the Soviets in June, 1940. At the time of the invasion of Latvia by the Germans, ANCANS had escaped into the woods and was fighting as a partisan against the Russians.

ANCANS related that although many Latvians were not particularly pro-German, they saw in the German Army a possible hope of freeing Latvia from the "Bolshheviks". ANCANS joined the Latvian Legion under the Germans and at the end of the war had been wounded eight times and had risen to the rank of captain.

ANCANS was captured in the late stages of the war and during this time he used the name WELINGTON. He said he did not recall what the last name of WELINGTON. He said that like many other Latvians he endeavored to conceal his true identity from the Russians and others. At the war ended on May 3, 1945, he was in a hospital in Berlin. He eventually came to New York.

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In Germany he was contacted by someone from American intelligence, which he believes was CIC, and he did for a time furnish military type of information to the Americans. He said he was using the name POLIS at that time but did not recall his ever using the name WELLINGTON, although he could have done so. He spent a considerable time in Germany, where he eventually met his present wife and he eventually made his way to the United States in 1955.

He stated he had never been involved in any Communist activities nor had he been arrested in connection with any such activity. He stated that one time while he was in Riga, he had been questioned by the police concerning the activities of several students who were or were believed to be Communists. ANCAWS had roomed with one of them for a while.

He stated his sisters had never been engaged in any Communist activities and had never been arrested for any such activity. Likewise, none of his brothers, to his knowledge, had ever been members of the Communist Party nor had any of them ever served in the Latvian Parliament to his knowledge.

Subject said that one older brother, PETERS ANCAWS, who is now about sixty years old and who had fought in World War I, had been a mayor of a small town in Latvia both before and during the last part of World War II, but he was never a member of the Latvian Parliament to his knowledge.

Subject stated that he presently has a brother, ALFONS ANCAWS, residing on part of the old family farm in Tilzas, Latvia. A sister, PITERANS, also lives on a farm about two kilometers away at Tilman.

ALFONS had been sent to Siberia for ten years by the Russians and only returned to the farm

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some years ago. He said he has occasional correspondence with his brother, writing to his sister and using his wife's maiden name as the sender. However, he has not been able to learn very much personal knowledge concerning his family through this method as they have to be extremely discreet.

As to the remainder of his family, the subject stated that his brother, PETERS ANCANS, who was formerly active in the Latvian Army in World War I and who was a mayor of a small town in Latvia, is now in Stockholm, Sweden. A second brother, JANIS JOSIFS ANCANS, is presently living in Sydney, Australia. A brother, AUGUSTS ANCANS, who was an officer of artillery in the Latvian Army, was captured by the Soviets and died of tuberculosis after about six months. The last brother, DOMINIKS ANCANS, was also taken prisoner by the Soviets and spent eleven years in Siberia. He died in 1960.

He stated that he is President of the American Latvian Handicapped War Veterans, Incorporated. The secretary of the organization lives in Manhattan but he does receive some correspondence at his residence. He said that they have no actual physical headquarters. He said the organization actually goes back to World War I and they have some members from World War I, some from the "Freedom War" in Latvia in the early 1920s, as well as veterans from World War II.

He stated that he has never been a Communist and has never been active on behalf of the Soviets. He noted that he had been wounded eight times during World War II while he was engaged in fighting against the Soviets. He said he had no knowledge of any particular activity by the Soviets among the Latvians in the United States but would advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event any such activity came to his attention.

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The subject is described as follows:

Age	42
Born	November 11, 1919, Tilzas, Latvia
Height	5' 10"
Weight	195 pounds
Eyes	Blue gray
Hair	Dark brown, straight
Build	Stocky