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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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① Re: Heinrichs W. Bagatais  
Also Known As

During the early part of 1963, NY T-1, another Government agency which conducts security-type investigations abroad, advised that Heinrichs W. Bagatais, former Chairman in 1957, of "Daugavas Vanagi" (Latvian Veterans Organization), New York, New York, was suspected of Russian Intelligence Service involvement by an official German source.

On April 21, 1965, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 3, 1965, he went to the home of Vilma and Janis Grinblats, 215 West 91st Street, New York City, New York. He went to this address at approximately 1:30 p.m. where he again saw the subject, who is known to him by the name of Henry Bagatais. The subject was in the company of a white female who was introduced as Irene (Last Name Unknown). Irene is a registered nurse who resides in the same apartment building as the subject at 412 Cathedral Parkway, New York, New York.

The subject, Irene, and the Grinblats departed shortly after this meeting and travelled to the Bronx, New York, to attend the wedding of the son of Voldemars Krims also known as Walter Krims, a Latvian emigre who resides at 985 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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After the wedding the guests, including the subject and NY T-2 attended a reception in the home of Voldemars Krims. Irene (Last Name Unknown) did not attend this reception since she had to report for work as a nurse.

At this reception the informant had several drinks with the subject and engaged in conversation with him. During one point of the conversation the subject matter of atrocities committed by the Germans during World War II was discussed. Bagatais strongly defended the German Army and said that he was proud to have served with the German Army during World War II.

The subject was asked what his plans were concerning marriage to Irene and Bagatais indicated that he has no desire to become involved in marriage, and that he is very satisfied with his life as it is. He indicated that Irene was only a friend, and that he dated her for convenience sake.

Later in the afternoon on the occasion of this reception, the subject became quite intoxicated and a discussion was had concerning travel in Soviet countries. Bagatais indicated that he wants to visit Russia and see for himself how things are in this country. The subject was asked if he was not afraid to travel to the Soviet Union and he indicated that he was not. He further indicated that he had many friends; however, he did not state as to whether these friends were Soviets or persons of other nationalities. The subject stated that he very definitely intends to travel to Russia and Latvia for two or three weeks sometime during the summer of 1965, and that he would like to be in Latvia during the 25th Anniversary Celebrations commemorating the date which the Baltic countries were incorporated into the Soviet Union. This celebration is scheduled for July 21, 1965, and a song festival is scheduled during July, 1965 in Riga, Latvia. The subject did not indicate to the informant whether he would travel alone or as a member of a tour group to the Soviet Union and Latvia.

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NY T-2 further advised that subject appears to be a very close friend of Janis Grinblats and Walter Krims.

NY T-2 advised that the subject left this reception at approximately 5:30 p.m. on April 3, 1965, and he has not seen him since that date.

On March 16, 1965, NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had attended a meeting of "Daugavas Vanagi" on February 27, 1965. NY T-3 advised that in the past the subject had been very active in the affairs of "Daugavas Vanagi"; however, he has not been to any of these meetings in more than one year. NY T-3 further stated that the subject's name was not discussed at this meeting. He indicated further that for the past year it appears that the subject has severed connections with all Latvian organizations and with most of his Latvian friends. NY T-3 further stated that he knows of no reason why the subject should suddenly withdraw from Latvian activities in the New York-Latvian communities.

On March 31, 1965, NY T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is acquainted with the subject, advised that he has not heard from or seen the subject in almost one year, and that the subject appears to have severed his connections with the Latvian communities in the New York area.

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