

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. OSSA-8160
TO INFO	Chief, WE Chief, SR	HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 67-6-22/3 cc []	
FROM	Acting Chief []	DATE 9 January 1959	
SUBJECT	REDWOOD/AEMARSH/[] OPERATIONS [] Meeting with Latvian Refugees in Stockholm	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
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ACTION REQUIRED	Headquarters views on Harold BERGMANIS as an agent prospect.	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO INDEXING REQUIRED
REFERENCE(S)	<p>A. OSSA-8085, 9 December 1958 B. OSSA-8136, 2 January 1959</p> <p>1. As mentioned on page 18, Attachment A, reference A, [] and wife dined at the home of [] <u>Janis LUKINS (born 3 June 1919, Limbazi, Latvia; refugee residing at Hårjedalsgatan 29, Vällingby, Stockholm, Sweden, employed by Pan-American Airways, Bromma airport, Stockholm)</u> 18 November 1958 (1930 - 2345 hours). Besides LUKINS and his wife, the only other persons present were <u>Janis CAKSTE (born circa 1924, in Latvia; refugee living in Δ Stockholm, Sweden; son of the Latvian refugee political leader Mintauts CAKSTE, born 1893, also living in Stockholm)</u> and his wife, name unknown.</p> <p>2. LUKINS and CAKSTE were quite interested in []'s trip to Riga, and the whole purpose of the evening as far as they were concerned was to find out what life is now like in the homeland. From []'s side, the important thing was to learn what LUKINS' relationship is with <u>Harold BERGMANIS (born circa 1923; medical doctor now residing in Δ Riga, Latvia, USSR)</u> and what contacts LUKINS now has with his country.</p> <p>3. LUKINS had an old map of Riga and he, his wife and the two CAKSTE's would ask [] what was standing at such and such a point these days. [] would tell them, and there would be a good deal of sighing on the parts of the Latvians over the destruction of familiar landmarks or happy reminiscing over some incident that had once occurred to them at a particular park, restaurant, theatre or what not. They appeared to be quite homesick.</p> <p>4. Since [] had delivered a message to LUKINS from BERGMANIS, it was quite easy to bring him up in the conversation. According to LUKINS, he and BERGMANIS had first come together in the war years when they had worked in the underground against the Soviet occupation of Latvia. In 1944 LUKINS had escaped to Sweden where he and fellow countrymen had labored long and hard to raise funds to assist their fellow conspirators in Latvia. BERGMANIS had stayed with the group in Latvia. In the years that followed they had remained in sporadic correspondence. At one time, date unstated but apparently circa 1952, BERGMANIS had visited in Helsinki. LUKINS travelled over from Stockholm to see him and registered at the same hotel under a false name. In the Spring of 1958 BERGMANIS also visited East Berlin, but was not able to get over into the western sector, where LUKINS had hoped to see him again. The reason that BERGMANIS has not fled from Latvia, said LUKINS, is that he like many intellectuals wants to stay in his own country, where he can better fight the Soviets than if he lived abroad. LUKINS also explained the message that BERGMANIS had sent. LUKINS' mother has been living in Riga for three years without an identity card, and he interprets the doctor's message to mean that he has been able to arrange</p>		
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<p>secure documentation for her through the hospital where he works. LUKINS gave no details, and [] did not ask for anything further.</p>		
<p>5. [] was able to ask after his INTURIST guide friend, <i>at: USSR</i> Jon (Janis?) *VESMANIS (born circa 1924, probably in Riga, Latvia, Soviet citizen. INTURIST employee in Riga.) See attachment A, reference B.</p>		
<p>Janis CAKSTE knew him slightly, and said that VESMANIS had spent some time in Siberia. In the old days CAKSTE's sister played the piano with him. VESMANIS, said CAKSTE, had been very good at languages in his youth and had studied French, English, German and Russian; his father had been a Latvian diplomat, (ambassador, [] thinks CAKSTE said) in Moscow prior to 1940.</p>		
<p>6. CAKSTE and his wife left early, about 2200 hours, and after they were gone [] and LUKINS had a cozy chat. During the course of the evening [] had mentioned on several occasions his relationship with the Latvian repatriation officer at the Soviet Embassy, Leonids Vladislavovich RIMYANS. LUKINS was quite interested in RIMYANS, whom he admitted having heard about through the Latvian community, but has never met. He was quite homesick for Latvia, LUKINS admitted, and while he would not seek out RIMYANS, he would be quite willing to talk with him about conditions in Latvia if RIMYANS ever contacted him. Further, through correspondence with friends at home, he is not satisfied with the freedoms and living conditions now prevailing in Latvia, but if they should become a bit better he, LUKINS, would definitely take his family and return to Riga to live.</p>		
<p>7. [] is not certain why LUKINS made such statements to him, unless he hopes [] will pass the word to RIMYANS. Having just been in Riga and then looking around LUKINS nice apartment and thinking of the future of LUKINS' children, [] thinks the man must be mad to even consider leaving Stockholm. LUKINS certainly cannot be considered sympathetic to the Soviet regime, as far as [] can tell, but the fellow is so blinded by homesickness that his judgement is clouded, in []'s opinion. In any event, [] has been instructed not to say anything to RIMYANS until we can see better how to play the hand that has been dealt us.</p>		
<p>8. [] contact with LUKINS has been valuable operationally from several aspects. Besides validating information [] had earlier collected on BERGMANIS and VESMANIS, it gave further information on them that makes BERGMANIS at least seem a worthy agent prospect, and leaves us open for further contact with LUKINS as a means of access to BERGMANIS, and more remotely, LUKINS as a recruited agent to be repatriated at our leisure through RIMYANS. These are of course just possibilities, and careful investigation and planning will be necessary before a decision can be made as to what course to pursue. LUKINS' wartime activity is partially substantiated by Station files dating back for years. There is our old suspicion that LUKINS is in contact with the Swedish intelligence service, and this factor will have to be considered if we stay in contact with him.</p>		
<p>9. In the meantime, [] has kept the door open for further contact with LUKINS, and he hopes to have the LUKINS family to his apartment for dinner very soon. He has been instructed to cultivate the man's friendship and to elicit information about BERGMANIS and VESMANIS, too, if possible.</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">[]</p>		
<p>Addendum: Some possibility of our approach to LUKINS exists through either [] or LUKINS' superior, the Pan-American Station manager at Bromma Airport. LUKINS is also known to [] and [].</p>		
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