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held for the purpose of exploring the possibility of using his organization--the Lithuanian Front--for recruitment purposes (penetration operations into Lithuania). During the three and one-half hour luncheon with BRAZAITIS at the Statler Hotel, BRAZAITIS discussed his organization's composition (young, active splinters from the Christian Democratic party, and members of resistance movements during the first Soviet and the German occupations); its program (fostering strong patriotism in its members, keeping them physically and mentally alert, and participating in anti-Soviet political and propaganda activities--especially in Germany, France, Spain and Italy); and his personal ambitions (establishment of a strong, active VLIK, injecting personal morality into Lithuanian emigre politics, and contributing in some way to maintenance of a spirit of resistance by Lithuanians in the West and in Lithuania as well). BRAZAITIS, while admitting that his organization was comparatively new, claimed it was very active, ambitious, and its members dedicated to their ideology. (This fact is known to be true from other sources.)

8. It was not too difficult to elicit from BRAZAITIS the information in which I was primarily interested, i.e., whether the Lithuanian Front was a suitable recruiting ground for penetration agents (even though the question could not, at this stage, be asked directly). In this connection, BRAZAITIS said that his organization has many young people so completely devoted to their anti-Communist and pro-Independent Lithuanian principles that they "would be willing to do anything and go anywhere" (my underscoring). BRAZAITIS further said it was always his feeling that an organization like this--in name a resistance organization--could not really make a maximum contribution to the fatherland and to the anti-Communist struggle unless they actually maintain contact with the homeland. However, BRAZAITIS sadly observed, his organization does not have the money nor the technical means to maintain this contact. Quite a while ago, BRAZAITIS continued, the British approached him with an offer to cooperate in this work, but BRAZAITIS refused. He said he believes the British were interested in his organization only for their own selfish interests--they really weren't concerned about Lithuania as the Americans were. (Note: This approach was probably made just prior to establishment of LBS by British.)

9. In summation, it is felt that:

- a. BRAZAITIS' group does offer good possibilities for recruitment of agents.
- b. BRAZAITIS would, obviously, want something for himself out of any deal or assistance he gives us. He'd probably want to be apprised, in a general way, of the missions of the agents and see some, if not all, of the traffic. These desires are, of course, not objectionable if we could be sure that BRAZAITIS would keep the information to himself. (He is apt to be secure, since his past history in the Lithuanian political and resistance picture shows him to be so.)

10. This facet of the discussion with BRAZAITIS ended with the note that I was interested in further discussing the Lithuanian political and

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resistance picture and the Lithuanian Front's role in it. I suggested that BRAZAITIS visit me in Washington within a few weeks. He agreed. We will maintain contact by mail.

11. BRAZAITIS then told me that a short time ago he received a letter from the Lithuanian Minister in Toronto, Canada, SITASAS GILYS. This letter indicated that two Lithuanian friends of GILYS each saw FILESTONE in Toronto the latter part of December 1953! BRAZAITIS admits this is a fantastic report, but says the witnesses are positive of their identification. The report said that at first FILESTONE did not admit his identity and that he appeared frightened at being discovered. He eventually did admit to being FILESTONE, however. No further details are available, but I'm mailing money to BRAZAITIS so that he can go to Toronto to get more detailed information from GILYS and the two persons who met FILESTONE, as well as to try to locate FILESTONE. (NOTE: Perhaps there's a connection between the FILESTONE incident and the 'GRIBEVICIUS' whom [] exfiltrated from Poland recently?)

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