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SUBJECT: Meetings with Juozas BRAZAITIS - 30 April - 1 May 1956

1. The undersigned met subject in New York City on 30 April and 1 May 1956. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with subject the progress he made in his negotiations with VLIK concerning re-entry of Frontas into VLIK organization and discussion of other operational matters.

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2. Subject told the undersigned that he met Matulionis after the latter's return from his European trip and discussed the problem of his organization joining VLIK as well as the question of him becoming head of the radio section. Mr. Brazaitis again told Mr. Matulionis that before he becomes head of the radio section his party must come to agreement with VLIK. Subject further told Mr. Matulionis that, according to a decision of the Frontas Central Committee, in order for Frontas to join VLIK the following two conditions must be met:

a. VLIK should recall allegations made by Dr. Karvelis to the effect that subject is an "American agent". VLIK should agree to have a "honor court" review this matter and clear Brazaitis of any such suspicion.

b. VLIK should issue an official invitation requesting Frontas to re-join VLIK.

3. Subject then pointed out that he was reluctant to take over the radio workshop since he fears political interference on the part of VLIK leadership. He further pointed out that his party is now more interested in cultural activities and makes a program in this respect among the young generation of Lithuania in the US as well as Canada. The undersigned got the impression that Frontas consider it more expediate to go it alone rather than function as a integral part of VLIK.

4. Subject then related to the undersigned that a certain Prof. Zenonas Ivinskis, now a member of Frontas in Rome, would like to come to the US for the purpose of participating in a convention of Frontas members residing in the US as well as in Canada. It will take place in the middle of June in Toronto. Subject further related that Prof. Ivinskis is a scholar who is doing research work at the Vatican and that he is also connection with the Baltic Society

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in Germany and the Baltic Research Institute, which is an adjunct of the Baltic Society. Subject further explained that the Baltic Society has 3 branches, i.e., German Lithuanian, German Latvian, and German Estonian. The Baltic Research Institute is engaged in historical research on German Baltic relations. The Society and Institute are sponsored by the German Government. Subject indicated that Prof. Ivinskis would give us details on the operation of the Institute and the Society since the activities of this Society and Institute are quite interesting to us. The undersigned promised to subject that he will inquire whether any help can be given to Prof. Ivinskis in supporting his application for a tourist visa.

5. Subject further told the undersigned about a news item which appeared in the Lithuanian weekly newspaper published in Toronto entitled "TEVISKES ZIBURIAI" (The Lights of Homeland). The item appeared in the paper dated 19 April 1956. It states that a certain partisan, Julies Butenas, is alive and located in a forced labor camp and sentenced to 25 years. According to subject, the person mentioned in this newspaper item is identical with our REDSOX agent known as "STEVE" who was dispatched in 1951. Subject stated that he believes the source for this news item was a private letter received by someone from Lithuania. Subject asked the editor of the newspaper to inform him in greater detail as to the source of this information. Subject promised to let the undersigned know as soon as he receives his reply to his request. Subject also gave a copy of the newspaper in question to the undersigned.

6. After a discussion with Mr. Matulionis, subsequent to this meeting, it became apparent to the undersigned that the subject, in his negotiations with Matulionis concerning the radio section, is implying he is ~~un~~aware of the fact that some outside pressure is being exerted to employ subject as head of the radio section. This attitude of subject, Matulionis assured, makes it more difficult to achieve an agreement with subject. The undersigned therefore decided to meet subject again and clarify this point.

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7. At the meeting of 1 May 1956, the undersigned again discussed with subject VLIK activities and the problem of transferring the radio section to the US. The undersigned made it clear to subject that we are not interested in any effort to exert pressure on VLIK in regard to their political activities and radio work. We are only interested to make the radio work more effective and on this basis we told VLIK leaders it appeared to make the radio work more effective in the US where most of the talent is available. The undersigned further clarified that we are not interested on insisting on certain personnel who should be engaged in this radio work. This matter is entirely within the jurisdiction of VLIK. We would certainly welcome if subject becomes engaged in the radio work, however, we are not prepared to exert any pressure on VLIK. Subject replied that he was quite aware of our hands off policy and that he understood our reasons for interest in VLIK radio activities. Subject again promised to give the undersigned information as to the results of his negotiations with VLIK. (NOTE: It seems to the undersigned that subject understood well the intention of the undersigned in discussing this matter and that he became aware of the fact that we will not exert any pressure that he should be employed by VLIK.)

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