

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Brazaitis - 3 July 1956

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B26  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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1. The undersigned met subject on 3 July 1956 at 1400 hours in a downtown NY hotel.

The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the progress subject has made in his negotiations with VLIK concerning his employment as head of the radio section.

2. Subject stated that since his last meeting with the undersigned he has met Mr. Matulionis several times and discussed with the latter the question of Frontas organization re-entering VLIK as well as his employment as head of the radio section. Subject informed the undersigned that with regards to Frontas re-entering VLIK there are some basic difficulties which to date have not been removed. Frontas demands that as a condition for rejoining VLIK, Dr. Karvelis should recall and apology for his statements made regarding the activities of subject.

Dr.

It seems that Karvelis is not willing to retract these statements. Frontas was demanding re-organization of the Labor Federation Party (a member of VLIK) which at present time is apparently dominated by the Christian Democratic Party. Frontas maintains that this domination is artificial and that representatives of the Labor Federation should be elected on the basis of democratic principles and not appointed as they are at the present time by the leadership of the Democratic Party.

3. With regard to subject's acceptance of the offered position as head of the radio section, subject stated that he made it clear to Mr. Matulionis that VLIK has to reach a compromise with Frontas before he agrees to accept the position. Subject further clarified his position that the above compromise does not mean that Frontas has to enter VLIK, it only means that Frontas has to agree to support VLIK's radio activities. If there is no agreement between VLIK and Frontas, then subject cannot become an employee of VLIK.

4. Subject further explained that to date he has not received a clear reply from Mr. Matulionis as to the above conditions. In subject's opinion, Mr. Matulionis is afraid to

adopt a clear-cut position and employs delaying tactics in negotiating with subject. Subject further stated that actually he is not anxious to undertake the job because of the many complications involved. Subject pointed out, for instance, that Mr. Matulionis did not clarify whether in case subject agrees he will have a certain degree of independence in running the radio section. Subject also asked Mr. Matulionis whether he could guarantee for him and the other employees of the radio section permanent employment for the next two years. Subject explained that it would be difficult for him to find suitable candidates for the radio section if he could not guarantee them permanent employment. As for himself, subject further stated he is at present employed by the newspaper DARBINKAS and receives \$200 a month. The newspaper even advanced him a salary for the next ten months so that he could make a down payment on a house. Subject implied that in case he accepts the position, then VLIK will have to advance him the same amount so that he can get a release from his present employer. Subject again emphasized he would be very happy if VLIK found another person to undertake the job as he is considering this position with VLIK mainly for patriotic reasons because he believes in the importance of radio work in the present situation.

5. The undersigned again clarified that our position was not to interfere in the internal affairs of VLIK and that VLIK is at liberty to decide who should be employed as the head of the radio section. Our only interest in the radio section is that it be effective and authoritative so that it will be worthy of our support. Inasmuch as VLIK leadership expressed its wish to employ subjects as head of the radio section and found him suitable, we are also interested in subject's acceptance of the job. The undersigned further added that if in the course of subject's further negotiations with Mr. Matulionis, we find that the main obstacle are some technical questions, the undersigned might be willing to participate <sup>a</sup> in/private confidential meeting with subject and Mr. Matulionis in order to help iron out

the undersigned if he could intervene in this matter. The undersigned promised to inquire and inform subject at a later date. (Note: Upon arrival at Headquarters, the undersigned discussed this matter with Alien Affairs Office and it was decided that the best course of action was to advise subject that he advise Prof. Ivinskis to re-apply for a tourist visa indicating to the consul that he can post a bond in the amount of \$500 in guarantee that Prof. Ivinskis will leave the country after the expiration of his visa. The undersigned notified subject accordingly and subject agreed to write Prof. Ivinskis and advise him about this course of action.) At the end subject gave the undersigned the name of a certain Lithuanian woman, Mrs. Monika Gaucys, in Chicago, Illinois, who recently arrived from the USSR to join relatives. Notice of her arrival appeared in the newspaper DARBINKAS of 22 May 1956. Subject further informed the undersigned that according to some private letters received from the USSR, some partisans who were deported from Lithuania are now alive and reside in various locations in Siberia. One of such is the former partisan A. F. BENDINSKAS, residing in ~~the~~ *the town of* ~~the~~ *village -* ~~site of~~ *Unta Village*, SF-9, House number 9, apartment #5, Komi ~~Area~~ *A. S. S. R.*