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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup> Colonel Fnu BLOMBERG

SOURCE :

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DOI : 1968-1970

DATE OF DEBRIEFING: DECEMBER 1973

1. During the course of Source's confinement in Soviet labor camps, he became acquainted with a Colonel Fnu BLOMBERG, born ca. 1913. Source first met Subject in Camp #11, Potma, and later served with him in Camp #12, Potma.

2. According to Source, Subject, who died in July 1970, was a Latvian who worked for American Intelligence until he was apprehended on the streets of Riga, Latvia, ca. 1957.

ETHNIC 3. A Fnu [redacted] (described in a separate report), also a Latvian/prisoner in the labor camps with Source and Subject, related the following details about Subject to Source. *cut: USSR loc: USSR*

4. Subject lived in Latvia at the time of the Soviet occupation in 1940. Shortly thereafter, he escaped to Sweden where he enrolled in some sort of police school. Upon graduation from this school, Subject joined an American Intelligence Organization which Source described as a predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency. Subject attended an American Intelligence school and later became the head of the section of American Intelligence which dealt with Latvian affairs.

5. During the late 1940s and early 1950s, Subject went to Latvia illegally on several occasions. Sometime around 1957, an agent was dispatched to Latvia from the West who telegraphed that it was safe for Subject to come. Subject arrived in Latvia

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT after was arrested in the midst of a crowd on a

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street in Riga. Subject was apparently knocked unconscious during the scuffle. He was sentenced to twenty-five years in a labor camp and five years exile. As Subject was already approximately 45 years old at the time, his sentence was evidently meant to be a life sentence.

6. Source stated that he did not know Subject's full name and that everyone in the labor camp simply called him Colonel BLOMBERG. Source described Subject as a very strong man, like "James Bond," who, except for a heart condition, was in excellent physical condition. Subject was "very Aryan looking" with deep blue eyes and skin which easily tanned. Source stated that he would easily recognize a photograph of Subject.

7. Subject loved sports but rarely played because of his heart condition. He died while playing a vigorous game of volleyball on a hot July afternoon.

8. Source said that during their time in the labor camps together, Subject was taken to Moscow twice by the KGB for long periods (probably for questioning). Subject looked very exhausted after these stays in Moscow and, in fact, he died shortly after his return from the second trip to Moscow.

9. Source described Subject as a very serious and genuine person who was loved and respected by all in the camp, especially the other Latvian prisoners.

COMMENTS BY THE UNDERSIGNED:

10. Colonel BLOMBERG is probably identifiable with Leonids BROMBERGS (AECAMBARO/2, [ ] , aka Arturs Leonids BROMBERGS, born 31 August 1913 in Tukums (or Kandava), Latvia. BROMBERGS, who had served at various times as a policeman in Latvia and as a member of the Latvian underground resistance, was recruited by American Intelligence in Sweden in 1950 where, together with another ex-Latvian, he had organized an independent anti-Communist Latvian action group.

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