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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2/Baltic

SUBJECT : [] - Proposed Trip to New York
14 - 16 March 1960

PURPOSE: Contact and assessment of the following individual as a REDSKIN spotter and consultant on selected Latvian personalities within the Latvian SSR and among emigres.

PERSON TO BE CONTACTED:

Vilis Arveds HAZNERS

Subject was born 23 July 1905 in Vircava, Latvia. He was educated in Latvia. He was formerly a Latvian army officer who attended the Latvian Army Officers School from 1929 - 1931 and the Latvian War Academy from 1936 - 1939. During World War II he was a Regimental Commander in the Latvian Legion. Subsequently he became a camp leader of a DP Camp in Lameln, Germany, 1946 - 1947. Later, he was a workshop manager and instructor at an Invalids Rehabilitation Center at Eversburg, Germany under the IRO, 1947-1951. He was active in administrative work and a Latvian representative at the Augustdorf Camp until 1951. He was a member of the board of the Latvian veterans organization "Daugava Vanagi" as well as secretary in both the German and global bodies of that organization. Since 1953 he has been a member of the Committee for a Free Latvia. Subject came to the United States in August 1956. He maintains extensive correspondence with former army colleagues, some of whom reside in Latvia. Subject resides at 4 Summit Street, East Orange, New Jersey. His phone is listed as ORange 3-4488. He is a salaried employee of Committee for a Free Latvia, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, WA 4-5461.

CONTACT PROCEDURE:

The Subject will be contacted at his home by case officer using CIA credentials in the alias [] Assessment will be made at Subject's residence provided sufficient privacy prevails. Otherwise he will be invited

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to meet case officer at a designated place in downtown New York. The local OO/Contacts Office will be informed in order to backstop case officer in case of emergency. The Office of Security has been apprised of case officer's trip and proposed contact.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

1. To ascertain extent of Subject's contacts with Latvia and his willingness to undergo a detailed debriefing on these contacts at a subsequent date either in Washington or New York.
2. To ascertain Subject's willingness to spot, contact and assess potential REDSKIN candidates.
3. To have Subject sign a Secrecy Agreement.
4. To set up method of communication.
 - a. Provide accommodation address:

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- b. Provide sterile telephone number (EXecutive 3-4896).

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