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15 November 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : Contact Report - AEKIL0/2

1. On 18 October 1961 at approximately 1400 hours, [ ] telephoned AEKIL0/2 at his office, Committee for a Free Latvia, 29 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York, Plaza 3-8570, to arrange a meeting the next morning on call. AEKIL0/2 agreed to meet C/O and would await his call. The undersigned telephoned Subject at 1030 hours on 19 October and invited him to meet C/O at 1100 hours in the lobby of the Park Sheraton Hotel, 7th Avenue and 55th Street, New York, New York. The meeting was held as arranged and the undersigned escorted AEKIL0/2 to Room 1712 for a debriefing.

2. AEKIL0/2 turned over<sup>to</sup> the undersigned a copy of DZIMTA ZEME, RAUGOS TEVI (My Homeland - Looking on You), a publication sent to AEKIL0/2 by the Committee for Repatriation and Cultural Contacts with Countrymen Abroad, Riga, Gorky iela 11a, Latvian SSR. A copy of this publication was first received by the Latvian desk from Teofils CIRKELIS [ ] a PA in the Cleveland area. AEKIL0/2 regards this material as rather well-written and illustrated, designed to attract Latvians in the West to visit their homeland. However, he doubts seriously that it will be effective except in the overall long run effort.

3. As part of his continuing task to obtain positive and operational intelligence on Latvia, AEKIL0/2 furnished a two-page report on Mrs. Alexander SILIS, a recent Soviet-Latvian immigrant now living in Germany. This information was received from Mr. J. OZOLINS, Offenburg/Baden, Hilda Strasse 22, son-in-law of Mrs. Alexander SILIS. Information of a military nature will be translated and forwarded to SR/Reports. Preliminary analysis of the information corroborates information on "underground installations" received in 1958 from [ ] and subsequently disseminated. [ ] 1958 submitted similar information but no dissemination was made.

4. At a previous meeting the C/O turned over to AEKIL0/2 a list of names of individuals of current operational interest to the Latvian desk, i.e., former REDSOX agents, Soviet defectors, etc., on whom further information is desired. (See SR/2-B-61-431 for listing.) AEKIL0/2 submitted

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biographical data on three individuals who may be identical with names of operational interest as follows (Attachments A, B, and C):

- a. Eduards MILLERS  
DOB: 26 October 1913 POB: Riga, Latvia  
Other: Contact of [ ] [ ]
- b. Laimonis ZARINS  
DOB: 1 December 1912 POB: Riga, Latvia  
Other: May be identical with brother-in-law of [ ] [ ]
- c. Janis PRESNIKOVS  
DOB: 7 July 1917 POB: \_\_\_\_\_, Russia  
Other: Individual by same name recruited inside by AECAMBARO/2;  
also individual by same name turned over to Soviets by Sweden  
in 1945.

The information will be translated and incorporated in respective 201-files.

5. As general background information AEKILLO/2 furnished carbons of two reports sent to the Free Europe Committee concerning Latvian information media and Latvian central organizations in exile (Attachments D and E). These reports are compiled as a part of AEKILLO/2's duties as Chairman of the Committee for a Free Latvia. The final items received were a copy of the USSR CP Program in Latvian and a copy of ACEN News, Nos. 77-78, August-September 1961.

6. A discussion ensued concerning RFE. It was learned that the next meeting of the Baltic Free Europe Committees, at which time a further discussion of Baltic participation in RFE broadcasts would be raised, will be held sometime after 1 November. Through [ ] [ ] earlier conversation with AEKILLO/2 it was learned by the C/O that John RICHARDSON, President of the Free Europe Committee, was interested in pushing the idea of Baltic broadcasts via RFE. The respective heads of the Baltic Committees of the Free Europe complex will be asked to recommend the names of likely candidates to staff the various Baltic broadcast desks. To insure the possibility that KUBARK recommended persons might eventually fill these positions, the undersigned discussed with AEKILLO/2 the following acceptable names as likely candidates for the Latvian desk.

- a. Wilhelm Vilis LESINS [ ] [ ]  
DOB: 19 November 1903 POB: Vecgulbene, Latvia  
Education: Elementary, but self made man. Has good command of Latvian, Russian, German and English. Has written and published some ten Latvian books.

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Residence: Weilheim, Oberbayern, Raemerstr. 35/I  
Other: Formerly employed as Radio Announcer for VOA. AEKIL0/2 regards Subject as best suited to head Latvian radio desk.

- b. Gunars GRINBERGS    
DOB: c. 1922 POB: \_\_\_\_\_, Latvia  
Residence: Weilheim, Oberbayern  
Other: Former VOA employee in Munich. Married, one child.
- c. Valdemars KREICBERGS    
DOB: 12 May 1912 POB: Riga, Latvia  
Residence: Essingestrahel 40-111, Stora Essinga, Stockholm, Sweden
- d. Karlis VIDENIEKS  
DOB: 17 December 1911 POB: Riga, Latvia  
Residence: c/o Radio Madrid  
Other: Since the meeting with AEKIL0/2, information has come to the attention of the Latvian desk that VIDENIEKS will have to be terminated at an early date. AEKIL0/2 will be advised not to recommend VIDENIEKS.
- e. Peteris AIGARS  
DOB: 10 October 1904 POB: Dole, Latvia  
Residence: London, c/o Londonas AVIZE,  
72 Queensborough Terrace,  
London, W2.
- f. Paulis STRANTE  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ POB: \_\_\_\_\_, Latvia  
Residence: Goteburg, Sweden  
Other: One time KUBARK agent asset in Germany

When AEKIL0/2 is asked for Latvian recommendations to staff RFE, he will nominate the above individuals in the order named except for VIDENIEKS and will keep the C/O so advised.

7. O/a 15 November AEKIL0/2 will contact the undersigned by telephone before traveling to Detroit, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Chicago on Daugavas Vanagi matters during period 18-20 November 1961. The undersigned will advise AEKIL0/2 what interviews he should plan with any recent Soviet-Latvian immigrants living in the vicinities of the above cities.

8. AEKIL0/2 was paid his 3rd quarterly retainer of \$200.00 for services. A receipt is on file in Headquarters.

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9. With the arrival at 1230 hours of [ ] the discussion with AEKIL0/2 and [ ] concerned the emigre and Soviet-Latvian monthly press reviews which both men compile. AEKIL0/2 has responsibility for selecting the information embodied in the Soviet-Latvian press review which [ ] then translates into English. [ ] selects the material for the Latvian emigre press review. However, AEKIL0/2 has the overall responsibility for the production of both reviews. Two English language copies of each are compiled and forwarded to Headquarters. The third copy is retained by AEKIL0/2 and [ ] A critique was held on the Soviet-Latvian press review for August and the Latvian emigre press review for September. Both men are aware of the corrections to be made and have assured the C/O that such errors as editorializing, misspellings and capitalizations will be corrected. Payment for the August Soviet Latvian press review and the September Latvian emigre review was made to [ ] (See SR/2-B-61-468.) Following a lunch on the premises the meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

10. The next meeting will be held on call of the C/O.

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PERSONNEL QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Eduards MILLERS

Date of Birth: October 26, 1913.

Place of Birth: Riga, Latvia

Marital Status: Mar.

Home Address:

Telephone:

Business Address:

Telephone:

Foreign languages and degree of fluency:

Education including fields of study:

Professions:

Other interests and degrees of competence:

Hobbies:

Sports:

Relatives and friends living abroad:

Citizenship:

Remarks: Eduards MILLERS, virsleitnants, iesaukts Latviesu legionā 4. oktobrī 1943. gadā un iedalīts lidotāju skolā Grobiņā. Pirms iesauksanas legionā dzīvoja Nometnes ielā 65-22, Rīgā. Latviesu legionā iesauksanas sarakstos registrēts zem Nr. 2276/M/. Pēc kara noslēguma nīetuma gūsta nav bijis.

Ē. M. ir precējies, ja neāaldos, ģimenē ir dēls un meita. Latvijas armijā miera laikos dienēja Aviācijas pulkā, bija kara lidotājs. Otrā pasaules kara laikā dienēja Latviesu aviācijas legionā, arī kā kara lidotājs.

Viņa pēdējā man zināmā adrese ir: El Centro Benefico Leton,  
Urban. Michelena, S-14  
Valencia, Venezuela.

Kāda cita viņa adrese (vēl no agrākiem laikiem), kura ir manā rīcībā, ir:  
Avenida 104, Nr. 130-81  
Valencia, Venezuela.

Venezuēlā viņš ieceļoja neilgi pēc otrā pasaules kara noslēguma. Tur viņš strādā kā tehnicijs. Viņa dēls apm. divus gadus atpakaļ apmeklēja kādu skolu (cik atceros arī tehnisku) Toronto, Ont. (Canada) un tur dzīvoja pie E.M. dvīņu brāļa Augusta Millera. Pēdējais arī bija Latvijas armijā karjeras virsnieks, Latviešu legionā piedalījās kapteiņa diensta pakāpē. Augusts Millers tagad dzīvo ASV un viņa pēdējā adrese (no 1960. gada 1. maija) bija : 17 Church Street, Nassau, N.Y.

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**Name:** Iaimonis ZARIŅS

**Date of Birth:** December 1, 1912.

**Place of Birth:** Riga, Latvia

**Marital Status:**

**Home Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Business Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Foreign languages and degree of fluency:**

**Education including fields of study:**

**Professions:**

**Other interests and degrees of competence:**

**Hobbies:**

**Sports:**

**Relatives and friends living abroad:**

**Citizenship:**

**Remarks:** Iaimonis ZARIŅS, dižkareivis, iesaukts latviešu legionā 16. decembrī 1943. gada un iedalīts lidotāju skolā - Grobiņā. Pirms iesaukšanas dzīvojis Līepājē, Toma ielā 32. Latviešu legionā iesaukšanas sarakstots reģistrēts zem Nr. 657/2/. Pēc kara noslēguma gūstā (rietumu pusē) nav bijis. <sup>P</sup>atreizējā dzīves vieta nezināma (Rietumvācijā nedzīvo noteikti.)

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**PERSONNEL QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Name:** Janis PRESNIKOVS

**Date of Birth:** July 7, 1917.

**Place of Birth:** Russia

**Marital Status:**

**Home Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Business Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Foreign languages and degree of fluency:**

**Education including fields of study:**

**Professions:**

**Other interests and degrees of competence:**

**Hobbies:**

**Sports:**

**Relatives and friends living abroad:**

**Citizenship:**

**Remarks:** Leitnants Janis PRESNIKOVS iesaukts tika Latviešu legionā 18.septembrī 1944.gada un iedalīts Legiona savākšanās punktā - Artilērijas kazarmās, Rīgā. Minētais savākšanās punkts bija domāts tām legionā vienībām, kuras minētā laikā, atkāpjoties no Krievijas un Latvijas robežām, bija sajauktas, kuru karavīri bija nokļidusi vai viņu vienību atršanās vietas bija nezināmas. J.P. minētā dienesta vieta varēja būt vada vai rotas komandieris. Minētais "savākšanās punkts" bija pagaidu rakstura formācija un

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vēlāk tika likvidēts.

J.Pr., pirms iesaušanas legionā, dzīvoja Rīgā, Tomsona ielā Nr.15-1.

Legiona iesaušanas sarakstos leitnants J.Pr. ir reģistrēts zem Nr.4542/P/.

Ābiedroto (rietumu) gūstā pēc otra kara noslēguma nav atradies. Kur tagad  
dzīvo - nav zināms, noteikti Rietumvācijā - ne.

October 3rd, 1961.

To:

Mr. Horace E. Henderson,  
 Free Europe Committee,  
 Two Park Avenue,  
 New York 16, N.Y.

Re: BERLIN PROJECT.

## I

Materials received from the Free Europe Committee are sent to all significant Latvian newspapers and all Latvian information centers in the free world.

## II

The most significant among the Latvian exile papers are the following:

LAIKS / Times/, Editor K. Rabacis, 232 76th Street,  
 Brooklyn 16, N.Y.

LATVIJA AMERIKA /Latvian News in America/, Editor J. Grinblats,  
 123 Huron Street,  
 Toronto, Ont.  
 Canada.

AUSTRALIJAS LATVIETIS / The Australian Latvian/  
 Editor E. Delipš,  
 P.O. Box 23,  
 Kew, Vic.  
 Australia.

LONDONAS AVIZE / London Newspaper/  
 Editor P. Aigars,  
 72, Queensborough Terr.,  
 London W2,  
 England.

LATVIJA / Latvian Newspaper /  
 Editor O. Kalsjs,  
 24b Eutin/Holst.  
 Ferd. Tunnies Str. 11,  
 Germany/West.

Short information about the above-mentioned newspapers:

1. Laiks- edition: ca. 11,000 copies. Read everywhere in the free world. 1,200 copies sent to s. America.

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2. Latvija Amerika printed in ca.4000 copies. Majority of the readers living in U.S. and Canada. Some hundreds of copies read in other countries.
3. Austrālijas Latvietis - edition ca.8000 copies. Most of the readers live in Australia. Certain numbers of copies read in other countries.
4. Londonas Avize printed in 1500 copies. Read almost exclusively in England. Supposed to be the organ expressing the Latvian legation's view to a certain degree.
5. Latvija, printed in ca.4000 copies. The most wide-spread Latvian paper in Europe. Ca.200 copies read in S.America, and certain numbers in other countries.

The CPL has the best and closest contacts with the above papers.

III

The following Latvian information services are working in the free world:

USA - American Latvian Association, Inc. Director B. Albats, Secr. Gen.  
917- 15th Strett NW,  
Suite 806,  
Edmonds Bld.  
Washington 5, D.C.

Latv. Veteran Assn. Daugavas Vanagi - Dir. E. Jenikis,  
2149 N. 47th Street,  
Milwaukee 8, Wisc.

Canada - Latvian National Youths Assn. Direct. G. Brikmanis,  
864 Hellmuth Ave.,  
Loddon, Ont.  
Canada.

Latv. Veter. Assn. Daugavas Vanagi - Dir. E. Bagun-Bērziņš,  
~~123 Huron Street,~~  
123 Huron Street,  
Toronto, Ont.  
Canada.

Argentina - Latv. Vet Assn. Daugavas Vanagi - Mr. F. Pavulāns,  
Italia 2030  
Florida FCNGBM,  
Argentina.

Australia - Australian Latvian Federat. Dir. V. Dulmanis,  
32, Parnell St.,  
Strathfield, NSW,  
Australia.

Latv. Vet Assn. Daugavas Vanagi - Dir. A. Bagun-Bērziņš,  
1 Gisborne Street,  
Elsternwick, Vic.  
Australia.

England - Latvian Reconstruction Comm.  
European Center

Dir. A. Abakuks,  
72, Queensborough Terrace,  
London W2,  
England.

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Latv. Veteran Assn. Daugevas Vanagi - Direct. J.Frisvalds,  
57, Bentinck Rd.,  
Nottingham,  
England.

Germany /West Latv. Vet. Assn. Daugevas Vanagi Dir. J.Cirulis  
Postbox 849,  
Kaiserslautern 2,  
Germany/West.

Sweden Latvian National Fundation in  
Scandiaavia Dir. V.Landsmanis,  
Postbox 108,  
Stockholm 1,  
Sweden.

Latvian News Service  
*EDITS PAPER ON MONITORING OF RIA  
RADIO BROADCASTS. COPIES SENT  
TO RADIO MADRID, AEZERO/1 AND  
IC/1.*  
Dir. A.Lauris,  
Postbox 11033,  
Stockholm 11,  
Sweden.

Denmark Latvian National Committee in  
Denmark Dir. I.Reitmanis,  
Oldmarken 12,  
Kobenhagen-Bagsvaerd,  
Denmark.  
*DISAPPEARED AGENT FOR DANISH IS.*

IV

Attached hereto you will find 15 excerpts from newspapers, among them 14 Latvian and one German paper published in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The above excerpts printed on 16 pages are the results of the Berlin Project.

I have to add that according to information available to us the big international press organs are not particularly interested in the Berlin Project's materials since they receive them / as subscribers / from the big international press agencies directly.

However, the Committee for a Free Latvia is of the opinion that the Berlin Project materials still might be used by the Latvian national papers or by a smaller caliber international publications as this was the case with the German paper in Buenos Aires.

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Availing ourselves of this opportunity we would like to inform you that up to date the CFL has spent \$ 64.40 for photo pictures used by the Latvian papers to describe the Berlin events. Since the CFL has no funds available for the 690.50 Berlin Project we kindly ask you to reimburse the said expenses. / Ref. Mr.LaVerne's letter of August 28, 1961/.

Yours sincerely,

V.Razners,  
Chairman.

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The Latvian central organizations in exile:

- Latvian Free World Federation - Dr. P. Lejins, Chairman  
Suite 806, Edmonds Bldg.  
917 - 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington 5, D.C.
- American Latvian Association - Mr. B. Albats, Secretary-General  
Suite 806, Edmonds Bldg.  
917 - 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington 5, D.C.
- Latvian National Federation in Canada - Mr. V. Upealacis, Chairman  
P.O. Box 285, Term. "A"  
Toronto, Ont.  
Canada.
- Australian Latvian Federation - Mr. V. Dulcanis, Chairman  
32, Farnell Street  
Strathfield, NSW  
Australia.
- Latvian Reconstruction Committee,  
European Centre - Mrs. A. Abakuks, Chairman  
72, Queensborough Terrace  
London, W2  
England.

II

The Latvian diplomatic and consular representatives:

- Latvian Legation in Great Britain - Mr. K. Zarins, Minister  
87, Eaton Place  
London, SW 1  
England.
- Latvian Legation in USA - Dr. A. Spakke, Chargé d' Affaires  
4325 Seventeenth St., NW  
Washington 11, D.C.

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- Latvian Legation in France - Dr. O. Grosvalds, Minister  
3, Villa George - Sand  
Paris, 16-e  
France.
- Latvian Legation in Spain - Mr. R. Kampus, Charge d' Affaires  
8 O'Donnell  
Madrid,  
Spain.
- Latvian Representative in Brazil - Dr. P. Olins, M.D.  
Avenida Erasmo Braga 277  
Sala 609  
Rio de Janeiro,  
Brazil.
- Latvian Representative in Bonn - Mr. R. Laspins,  
4 Elbe St.,  
(11a) Ludwigsburg,  
Germany/West
- Latvian Representative in Switzerland - Mr. A. Skrebers,  
32 Avenue Blanc  
Geneve,  
Switzerland
- Latvian Representative in Sweden - Mr. J. Tepfers,  
Badstrandsvägen 30  
Stora Essingen,  
Sweden.
- Latvian Consul in Montreal, Canada - Mr. V. Tomsons,  
5210 Victoria St., Apt. 16  
Montreal, Que.  
Canada.
- Latvian Consul in Hamburg, Germany/West - Mr. P. Apmanis,  
Goerner Str. 47  
Hamburg 20,  
Germany/West
- Latvian Consul in Australia - Mr. O. Romitis,  
374 St. Kilda Street  
Brighton, Vic.  
Australia
- Latvian Consul in the Netherlands - Mr. B. Pavasars,  
Barnsteenhof 130  
Den Haag,  
The Netherlands.