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21 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : AEKIL0/2

1. On 20 June 1962   telephoned AEKIL0/2 at his office, the Committee for a Free Latvia, 29 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York, 212 Plaza 3-8570 to arrange a meeting the following day at 0930 hours in the lobby of the Hotel Statler, 7th Avenue and 34th Street. The purpose of the meeting was to debrief AEKIL0/2 on his activities during the past month.
2. The meeting was held as scheduled and the debriefing took place in Room 1728. AEKIL0/2 turned over to the C/O the following materials.
  - a. Criminal Legislation and the Right of Everyone to be Free from Arbitrary Arrest, Detention and Exile in the Captive European Countries. Report adapted by the ACEN Legal Committee on 7 August 1961. (Mr. Leonhard Vahter, Rapporteur.)
  - b. East-Central European Papers. Reports and Analyses of Current Problems. No. 5 of the Series 1962 ACEN Secretariat, 29 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York.
  - c. A Survey of Present Developments in Nine Captive Countries, July 1961-December 1961. XI Published by the ACEN Secretariat, 29 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York. AEKIL0/2 contributed the section on Latvia.
  - d. Copies of Dzintenes Balss (Voice of the Homeland), Nos. 31-33-35, April 1962.
  - e. A Daugavas Vanagi Report, Central Information Bureau, 72 Queensborough Terrace, London, W 2, Great Britain. Attachment A)
  - f. A list of the officers and committee heads of Daugavas Vanagi in New Jersey. (Attachment B)
  - g. A report on tourism from Latvia taken from the Swedish press in June 1962. (Attachment C, not translated)

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h. In response to an earlier requirement to develop information regarding Janis Antomovich BERZINS and Janis Karlovich BERZINS, one of whom was possibly a GRU official before World War II, AEKIL0/2 furnished biographical data on two individuals of the same name. These leads later were determined not to be identical with the subjects of interest to the Latvian desk. (See attachments D & E, not translated)

1. Regarding a recent repatriate from England to Soviet Latvia, Janis ZARINS, AEKIL0/2 submitted a lengthy summary of the circumstances. ZARINS is the father by his first wife of Laimonis ZARINS, a garage mechanic, residing in Washington, D. C. It is AEKIL0/2's opinion that the British Intelligence Service may well have had a hand in the repatriation i.e. to have encouraged it as a means to get a man on the inside. AEKIL0/2 believes that ZARINS is no dummy and not apt to succumb readily to Soviet propaganda. (See Attachment F, not translated)

3. AEKIL0/2 stated that he will be on vacation 25 June-29 June inclusive. The following week he hopes to attend the Latvian Youth Festival in Chicago. The meeting adjourned at 1100 hours. The next meeting will be on call.

4. As an economy measure the translation of several of the above attachments has been foregone at this time until a subsequent need for the information develops.

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