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9 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/10

SUBJECT : Contact Report - AEKILO/2

1. On 22 August 1962    
(A) met AEKILO/2 at 1915 hours at the Dodge House, 20 E St., N. W., Washington, D. C., for the purpose of debriefing him on matters of interest to the Latvian desk. Following dinner at the Hotel Commodore, the debriefing was held in Room 704 of the Dodge House.

2. AEKILO/2 turned over to the C/O the following materials:

a. Copies of Dzimtenes Balss (Voice of the Homeland), Nos. 39-46, 49, 50, 53, 54, May, June and July 1962.

b. ACEN News, Nos. 85-87, April-June 1962, and No. 88, July 1962.

c. ACEN News Supplement, April-June 1962.

d. Reprint from the Slavic Review, Vol. XXI, No. 2, June 1962: "The USSR Trades with Latvia: The Treaty of 1927" by Edgar ANDERSON. (Comment: Our man in Palo Alto, California.)

e. Reprint from the Journal of Central European Affairs, Vol. XXII, No. 1, April 1962: "An Undeclared Naval War (The British-Soviet Naval Struggle in the Baltic, 1918-1920)" by Edgar ANDERSON.

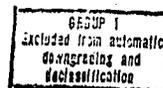
f. Marquette University Slavic Institute Papers No. 15, 1962, Some Problems of Baltic-Slavic Relations in Prehistoric and Early Historical Times by Arnolds SPEKKE. (Comment: SPEKKE is the Latvian Minister in Washington.)

g. Four papers of the ACEN entitled as follows:

1) A Note on Soviet Efforts to Downgrade the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian Peoples to the Status of Minorities in the USSR and to Annihilate Their National Identity

2) The Dynamics of Soviet-Captive Nations Trade in 1960 by Aleksander KUTT (Estonia), Chairman of the Economic Committee.

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3) Note on Recent Developments by the Economic Committee, Rapporteur: Juozas AUDENAS (Lithuania), The Soviet Pattern in the Agriculture in East-Central Europe.

4) Methods of Communist Economic Colonialism in East-Central Europe by Aleksander KUTT (Estonia), Chairman of the Economic Committee.

h. A manuscript recounting conditions in Soviet Latvia as told by four Latvian fishermen who sought asylum in Sweden in July 1957. (See Attachment A). The material was gathered by the Committee for a Free Latvia. This has been reported by

i. The latest copy of Daugavas Vanagi, May-June 1962.

j. An editorial entitled Three Anniversaries written by the Committee for a Free Latvia which appeared in LAIKS, 11 August 1962. (Attachment B) The anniversaries are those of Latvian Independence, Soviet Occupation and lastly the Berlin Wall.

k. A list of three Latvian Americans currently serving in the armed forces of the USA. (Attachment C)

3. The C/O requested AEKIL0/2 to determine the identity of the Stockholm correspondent for LAIKS, the leading Latvian newspaper in the USA, who uses the initials "AB" under a Stockholm dateline.

4. In the course of discussion on the Helsinki Youth Festival, AEKIL0/2 stated that the uncle of the leader of the Soviet-Latvian choir in Helsinki lives in the USA. The uncle, J. DUMINS, is a pensioner, who lives with his wife in Newark, New Jersey. They have no children. AEKIL0/2 promised to furnish the address which he subsequently did. This information has been made a matter of record in the 201-file of Jan DUMINS, the choir director.

5. The meeting concluded at 2130 hours. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on call.

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