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Report of Contact with Viles HAZNERS

Meeting Arrangements

1. Subject was met on 17 July 1963 at 1300 hours as scheduled by the undersigned [ ] at the entrance to the Willard Room of the Hotel Willard. Discussions over drinks and steak sandwiches lasted until 1420 hours. No definite future meeting was scheduled.

Personal Evaluation

2. Subject is about 55 years of age of erect bearing, 5'1" tall, 190 pounds, glasses and an undistinguished face which is not readily picked from a crowd. His English halting and unspectacular and discussions were held in the German language. Subject is not a dynamic person and makes only a fair impression in view of his position as head of the Free Latvia Committee and head of the military veterans' organization, Daugavas Vanagi. He does not appear to be an aggressive go-getter, nor doer, nor an idea man. However, he does have some influence and contacts and agreed to do whatever he could to assist the United States Government.

3. At the RV Subject was to have a copy of LAIKS in his hand, he had none but rather a manila envelope of recent emigre and Soviet publications. Also, when the undersigned asked him "Sind sie Herr Oberst?" He stood up and said "No". He later, when recognition was effected, passed this off by stating that he had been led to believe, by [ ] that [ ] was a much older man. Pleasant but unspectacular sums him up.

4. A non-smoker, he readily jumped at the suggestion for a drink, scotch and soda, and without too much probing chose a steak sandwich ("well done, please") and coffee.

Operational Discussions

5. Discussions covered the following points which are listed here without detail, for details are a matter of prior record:

a. the departure of [ ] whose personality and Russian language ability had appealed

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b. the visit of Masans in Europe with ACRM and his hospitalization in Bonn for serious diagnostic work;

c. the cut-back in F.E.C. funds which has forced the retiring of the most senior member in \$100 per month and a two-thirds cut in the salary of Alfred BERZINS;

d. the apparent change in the United States policy toward the Baltic States which will probably last only as long as President Kennedy and as no later than 1970 there will be a reversal of current trends;

e. the need for making contacts with Soviet Latvia and Soviet Latvians i.e. Liepa, KAULIN, etc. and the opportunities in this regard while the L.W.F. meet in Helsinki;

f. the need for the continuatoring of the previous various Latvian periodicals and of making them available to Soviet Latvians;

g. the need to include the artistic works of Baltic Americans in cultural exhibits sent to the U.S.S.R.;

h. the need to acquire additional funds from these "frozen funds" held by the State Department in order to carry out the political and propaganda work of the past which is endangered by the withdrawal of the financial support previously received for "other" services. Latvia and Latvians must see that activity such as Radio Madrid contains. Subject will see SACCE and in his absence GRUNBERG;

i. the ACEN banquet celebraty Captive Nations' Week which will be held at the National Press Club on 17 July and will be chaired by Sen. DODD and highlighted by the presence of Sen. KEATING;

j. the need for the Latvian emigres to develop new ideas and techniques to apply to the struggle for sustaining and liberating the Baltic people;

k. the story behind the discontinuating of press summaries previously prepared by Subject and the receipt of his promise to help wherever and whenever possible in the future;

l. The request that Subject intercede with State to have State release frozen assets which run between 2 million and 600 million dollars although some say there is not even \$600,000.

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m. Recent developments created in Latvia-absence of  
PELSE, striates controls on local population, increased RUSSIFICATIONals.

n. Trend of ACFM and F.E.C. to direct emphasis on Latvian  
and South American activities rather than Eastern Europe, and

o. Recent espionage revelations.

Final Comments

6. Because of Subject's stature and potentially influential  
position, it was decided to meet with him to establish rapport, insure  
his understanding of changing developments and receive his promise  
of assistance in the future. On all scores there was a fair amount  
of success and the parting was most amicable.

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- 9) A SURVEY OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NINE CAPTIVE COUNTRIES, January - June, 1962.
- 10) ATLAS SSSR DLJA SREDNIEJ-SHKOLI (in Russian).
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- 13) ANNIVERSARY- Stamps:

July, 17th, 1963.

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