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- (a) Help from the West.
- (b) Contact man in the USSR.

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Source:

Name: Erik HEINE

Date & Place of Birth: TARTU, Estonia September 1919.

Nationality: Estonian

Languages Spoken: German, Russian, Estonian  
(some English)

Entered Canada: Visitor's Visa, expires December 31, 1957.

Canadian Address: Toronto.

Prior to Emergence Resided at: Refugee Camp Oldenburg, West Germany.

Present Occupation: Lectures on Partisan Movement in the Baltics and Concentration Camps, USSR.

Previous Interrogation: USA Authorities Oldenburg and Frankfurt a/M (several times).

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UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT IN SOVIET CONCENTRATION CAMP USLAG (Solikamsk)

(a) Help from the West.

The membership of this Russian underground movement amongst inmates of concentration camps is supposed to have reached 70,000 in 1956. This included outside contacts.

When source was leaving, he was told that if he ever succeeded in getting back to the "free world", he should try to secure help. These people mostly want weapons, ammunition and radios.

It had been agreed upon, that source would contact American authorities and ask them to include 2 special broadcasts in the programme beamed by the "Voice of America"; one in May, the second one in August 1957. These broadcasts were to tell about conditions in Soviet Concentration camps, mentioning the USLAG (Solikamsk) by name. That would be a sign that source had succeeded in breaking through, to freedom.

(b) Contact Man in the USSR.

There was to be a letter written to an underground movement contact man in the USSR - at the following address: -

USSR  
Orlovskaya Oblast'  
Dmitrovskiy Rayon,  
Derevnya Stolbishcho

Georgiy Pavlovich KORZHILOV

He, in turn, had other contact men ready to take over supplies and channel them to members of the Russian "resistance" movement.

However, when source reported to the USA authorities in German - they did not take this matter up.

There were no broadcasts over the "Voice of America" - the matter was dropped. Source felt disappointed.

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A very interesting personality which source met at USLAG was a Russian Captain: Ivan Grigoryevich Alyeshin who headed the famous VORKUTA rebellion, which caused Soviet authorities such a headache by gaining publicity abroad. He was given 2 years solitary confinement for it; when the amnesty was proclaimed, in 1955, Alyeshin also got his sentence reduced - i.e. he was "only" serving a 25 year term in USLAG - where source met him. He participated in the underground movement.

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