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FROM	Chief of Station, Germany		DATE 14 JUN 63
SUBJECT	REDWOOD <input type="checkbox"/> Col. Vilis JANUNS		RE "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
			<input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	Headquarters - See Para 7 Bonn - See Para 8		<input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
REFERENCES:			
<p>A. EGMW-13015, 18 April 1963 (not sent Bonn) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B. EGMW-62100, 10 May 1963 (not sent Bonn) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. EGOA-19823, 10 May 1963 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D. MUNI-6041, 14 May 1963 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1. A search of COS/Germany files for all available traces on Subject has been made in an attempt to clarify JANUNS' relationship, as requested in references A and B, with one ROGAL as reported by <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. We are listing below the only documents in our files containing information on Subject:</p> <p>a. EGMW-10316, 27 February 1961</p> <p>b. EGMW-10325, 1 March 1961 (Contains same info as EGMW-10316)</p> <p>c. FRAN-9547, 3 March 1961</p> <p>d. FRAN-9596, 6 March 1961</p> <p>e. DIR 29910, 16 March 1961</p> <p>f. FRAN 9961, 22 March 1961</p> <p>g. EGMW-57454, 30 Jan. 1962 <input type="checkbox"/> info, YT-664 dated 17 Mar 61</p> <p>h. USAREUR Memorandum to DAD re Werner Rudolf ROGAL (Undated, but replies to DAD letter dated 7 March 1961); see paragraph 4 below.</p> <p>i. 7962 ULO trace request, 18 June 1957. (see paragraph 5 below.)</p> <p>3. Except for the last two items above, the substance of these traces reveals only that according to <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> a Lithuanian named Col. JANUNIS or something similar was a co-worker of one ROGAL, at the same time a KGB agent, and that JANUNIS is possibly identical with Col. Vilis JANUNS, born 7 January 1895, Bauska, Latvia, Chairman of the Latvian Central Committee, Germany.</p> <p>4. The USAREUR memorandum cited as item 2 h. above contains some additional details, all of which may not be available to addressees. For this reason, we are citing the pertinent portions of the text, as follows:</p>			
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"USAREUR Central Registry contains information on a Colonel Vilis JANUMS, born 7 January 1894 in Code, Kreis Baukske, Latvia, and believed to be identical to the Colonel JANUMS mentioned in Enclosure 1 DAD Letter to USAREUR, dated 7 March 1961 passing [redacted]'s information on Werner ROGAL. In response to a DAD request in January 1956 for information regarding Colonel JANUMS, a summary of information, dated March 1953 was forwarded to you. Since 1956, this Headquarters has not received any information concerning his activities. There is nothing in the files to connect ROGAL with JANUMS in any manner. The information forwarded to you in January 1956 concerning Colonel JANUMS was substantially as follows:

JANUMS attended the Russian Academy, Russischer Junker Schule, from 1914 to 1916 and went from there into the Latvian Army. He rose steadily in the Army until his surrender in 1945 to American units in West Prussia. At that time, JANUMS surrendered his entire regiment which had been ordered to the defense of Berlin. He was confined until March of 1946 and upon his release became associated with Latvian affairs in the West. Despite his voiced anti-Soviet feelings, he has refused to give any information regarding his activities during the first Soviet occupation of Latvia prior to World War II."

5. We have no record of the DAD trace request in January 1956 referred to above by USAREUR, nor of the COS/G memorandum dated 22 August 1956 referred to in paragraph 2 of reference B, indicating that JANUMS was of interest to the 7050 Air Intelligence Wing, Collection Division B, AFO 57, USAF. Item 2 1 above, however, confirms that MID was interested in JANUMS in 1957. This memorandum requested traces on a firm JANUMS residing in West Germany who was of operational interest to the 7982 ULG and maintained connections with refugees and repatriates from the Latvian SSR. The reply to this query is dated 26 June 1957 and states the following: "The Vilis JANUMS traced by DAD in September 1956 is an officer of an organization of interest to FECS /Free Europe Citizens Service/ and is being checked routinely through DAD by the RFE Security Office. DAD has no operational interest."

6. Although we are unaware of the reason for DAD's investigation of JANUMS in January 1956 and the basis for the Air Force's interest in JANUMS in 1956, we suspect that the two may be related. One possibility is that either, or both, may have been related to JANUMS' connection with AECANOE activities. We cannot pursue this further, however, since all COS/G AECANOE files were destroyed in October 1958, and the COS/G 201 on JANUMS was destroyed in July 1962. We have also noted that FRAN 9547 (paragraph 2c above) indicates EGQA-26557, 27 May 1959, and previous references contain information on JANUMS, but again we can supply no details since the latter document is no longer available here.

7. The foregoing reveals the status of our effort to follow-up the JANUMS lead from [redacted] but does not enable us to resolve the basic problem. Although the USAREUR information on JANUMS indicated that there was no connection between JANUMS and ROGAL, it does not verify or refute the possibility of JANUMS' being a KGB agent, as reported by [redacted]. Since it is obvious that our information on JANUMS is incomplete, we need a check of Headquarters files is warranted before any further action is taken here. We realize it may not be possible for Headquarters to supply the missing information either, but would appreciate any additional information that tracing of JANUMS may reveal.

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8. We also suggest that passage to the BfV of the information on
ROGAL by Bonn Base be deferred until the matter of JANUMS is clarified. In
any event, we are still awaiting clearance from USAREUR regarding passage
of this information.

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