

17 September 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Contacts at the Russian Institute/ Cover implications

1. On 16 September I visited the Russian Institute and met the following :

a/ Dr. Bruno KALNINS, chief librarian and instructor. In his outside activities KALNINS is the Chairman of the Latvian Social-Democratic party in exile. I introduced myself to him and discussed with him both my notional research project and the organization of Slavic studies and the Russian Institute at the Stockholm University. As far as my notional research is concerned, KALNINS advised me to get in touch with the "Lettiska Hjalp" Committee, especially with /fnu/ BREIKS, and with /fnu/ DZILLEJA, as well as with some Swedish official institutes. He obviously took my project seriously, regretted that so far no really scholarly work on the resettlement of Baltic refugees had been undertaken, and informed me that an Estonian researcher/probably a statistician/ was doing a similar research here in Sweden. I told him that eventually I had a broader project in mind, including other refugees, but nevertheless he would obviously expect me to contact the Latvian organizations and would probably be surprised if I did not do so in the next future. In order to take off his mind from Baltic affairs, I told him that I was also interested in literary and theatrical research and that I would like to use the library of the institute in that line more than for my notional research project. He was extremely courteous and said that if I wished I can have a table at the library and work there permanently. This might come in handy and provide me with some sort of a place for cover purposes. Less advantageous was the fact that KALNINS quickly identified my actual background, ^{my nationality} since he remembered my father's journalistic work. Per se, that is not particularly important, unless there is some slip-up in my contacts with [] and [] [] does not seem to have any real contacts with KALNINS and with the Russian Institute, but [] and KALNINS know each other well.

b/ KALNINS introduced me also to Sergei RITTENBERG, instructor of Russian, an elderly man, native of St. Petersburg/Leningrad/. My conversation with him was insignificant.

2. I learned from KALNINS that Max Henrik BIRNBAUM is still in the USA and will return in October./ The schedule of lectures states that he will resume his teaching on 5 October/.

3. During my stay at the Institute and the short perusal of the library, I noticed several Swedish students and observed that it would be fairly easy for, especially if

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start using the library more or less regularly, to make their acquaintance under any plausible pretext. According to KALNINS, about 150 students have registered for various Slavic studies and I presume that some of them are interested in the Swedish-Soviet students exchange program. I think that through attending the Institute's library I might personally be able to spot them and eventually put [] on their trail.

4. For the record, the following data about KALNINS and BITTENBERG are contained in the Stockholm University catalog:

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