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1. SUBJECT REF IS CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IN LATVIAN EXILE COMMUNITY AND THERE HAVE BEEN NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS OF DEROGATORY NATURE ABOUT HIS PRE-1945 ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN RESOLVED. THESE ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE FOLLOWING: HAVING COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES, COLLABORATION WITH SOVIETS INCLUDING SERVING AS POLITICAL COMMISSAR IN LATVIAN ARMY IN 1940 AND QUESTIONABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH GERMANS IN LATVIA IN 1944.Y

2. TO SUBJECT'S CREDIT HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH ANTI-COMMUNIST CAUSES AND GROUPS SINCE 1945 AND HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE ASSESSMENTS BY TWO FORMER [ ] OFFICERS, [ ] AND [ ].Y

3. SUBJECT WAS DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION AS PROSPECTIVE PBCHORD EMPLOYEE IN 1956 BECAUSE OF DEROGATORY INFO ABOUT HIM AND DESPITE FAVORABLE ASSESSMENTS, COULD NOT BE USED OPERATIONALLY BY [ ] BECAUSE HE COULD NOT BE CLEARED.Y

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4. SUBJECT WAS, HOWEVER, USED ON TWO OCCASIONS IN UNWITTING CAPACITY. IN 1962 SUBJECT'S SOVIET STUDY GROUP IN STOCKHOLM WAS FUNDED FOR ONE YEAR BY BKHERALD NOTIONAL FUNDATION. IN #1972 SUBJECT WAS USED IN MAILING OPERATION IN WHICH COPIES OF PROPAGANDA MATERIAL ~~WAS~~ WERE SENT TO SUBJECT'S BALTIC INSTITUTE IN STOCKHOLM FOR FORWARDING TO USSR.Y

5. IN VIEW OF ALLEGATIONS AND CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING SUBJECT, HIS ADVANCED AGE (76) AND FACT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET OPS CLEARANCE TO USE HIM, RECOMMEND [ ] NOT INITIATE DIRECT CONTACT.Y

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