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FROM : Mr.Kurgvel

SUBJECT : Outside Activity.

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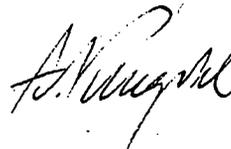
1. On Saturday, 16 March, I attended the annual meeting of the New York Chapter of the Association of the Estonian Independence War Veterans ("VOITILEJA"), of which I am a member. The latter fact is known to my Employer.

2. At this meeting my candidacy was raised repeatedly: for the post of the chairman of the Chapter; for member of the Presidium, and into the Revision Committee. I refused on all occasions, referring to the regulation according which I, working with the Government, can not participate actively in administration of private organisations like our Association.

3. However, when my candidacy was raised again, this time to have me among the seven representatives of the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ New York Chapter at the annual meeting of all the Chapters located in the States, I felt that my repeated withdrawal would not have been wise. On the same meeting some of the old representatives were blamed because of their undue critique of our Association's President, Mr. E. Reissaar, in connection with his co-operation and liaison work with the American sponsors of the Estonian Voice of Liberation broadcasts.

4. In secret balloting I shared the highest number of votes with the President of the Association, Mr. Reissaar, the Chairman of the New York Chapter remaining on the third place.

5. As a representative I possibly will be asked to participate on ONE yearly meeting of the Representatives. Normally this has been done on one weekend, during summer period. Thus, this would not interfere with my work and duties.



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