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To: ~~ASSASSINATION SERVICE~~ 24 September 1948
From: Chief of Mission

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Subject: General - Operations
Specific - Jacob LAIPNIEKS - No record S.U.

- Source:
1. The Federation of Liberated Latvian Jews in Munich informed the Swiss Legation in London that a certain Jacob LAIPNIEKS, Latvian, was the hangman of the Central Prison in Riga, Latvia, and is suspected of having committed crimes against humanity. The Federation stated that LAIPNIEKS is at present living in Switzerland.
 2. The Swiss Federal Police believe Jacob LAIPNIEKS to be identical with Jekabs Alberts LAIPNIEKS, son of Janis and Anna née RÖLE, born 9 October 1917 at Dunika, municipality of Iibau, Latvia, student of chemistry. Description: slender build, ca. 178cm tall, brown hair, grey eyes, oval face.
 3. Jekabs LAIPNIEKS entered Switzerland as a refugee on 8 April 1945. In his curriculum vitae he gave the following details: He lived in 1944 with his uncle in Riga, where he attended the university as a student of chemistry. In the beginning of September 1944 he was deported as a forced laborer to Germany, from where he fled to Switzerland. In Latvia he was a corporal in the Light Kurlandish Artillery Regiment.
 4. The Swiss police believe Jekabs LAIPNIEKS to be still in Switzerland and are trying to locate him. His intention was to emigrate to the Argentine.
 5. The Swiss Police, before arresting LAIPNIEKS, wish to have well-founded documentation that the two LAIPNIEKS are identical and to receive names and addresses of witnesses who would be ready to appear before a Swiss court in the proceedings. For this reason it would be appreciated if Munich would contact, as soon as possible, the Federation of Liberated Latvian Jews, Kaiserstrasse 61, Munich. The Federation should be able to supply the desired information.
 6. We are enclosing photographs of the two LAIPNIEKS and, for Munich only, a copy of the letter sent by the Swiss Legation in London to the Swiss Police describing the charges made against LAIPNIEKS by the Federation of Liberated Latvian Jews.

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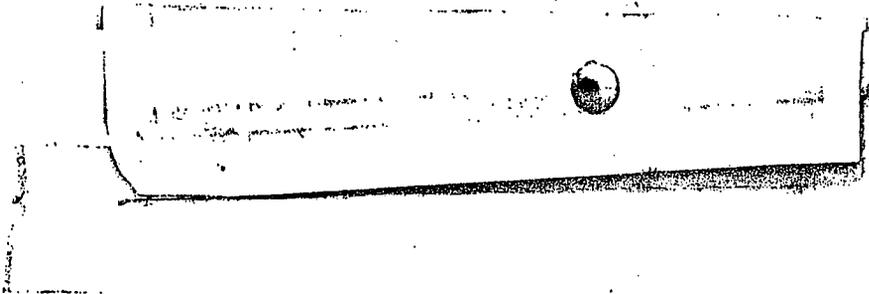
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JERABS LAIPNIEKS



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