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Potential Target personalities and also Redskin Agent assets for contact with the Targets.

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1. Basketball

a. Tournament of the Cup of Europe; 15 March - 15 July, 1958

Participants divided in four subdivisions. Final plays taking place from 15 June to 15 July (no place announced; presumably decision will be made when the finalists are known).

USSR will be represented by the ASK team of Riga *(Military District Sports Club; Apgabala sporta klubs - in Ltv.). Their first opponent - Humboldt University team of Berlin on 23 March in Berlin; return play will take place in Riga on 13 April.
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b. Tournament of the Cup of Mariano; in Rome, Italy, in September, 1958

USSR team not yet known (in 1957 some of the Latv.SSR basketball players took part at this tournament). Winner supposed to play afterwards in Madrid, Spain, 18 - 21 Sept.'58. **

c. World Championship in Basketball; Santiago, Chile, 28 Oct. - 4 Nov.

USSR team not yet known (presumably at least three players of a/m ASK team are going to participate - M.VALDMANIS, V.MUIZNIEKS and J.KRUMINS the most likely candidates since all three already went on a trip to Latin America in June/July'56 - H.) ***.

* Team presently coached by USSR State Coach, GOMEISKIS A. (presumably a Russian); its regular coach is BALDZENS Gunārs (see card 8080). Its players: VALDMANIS Maigonis, MUIZNIEKS Valdis, KRUMINS Janis (all three participated at Olympic Games of 1956 in Australia), JANKOVSKIS L. (c.7326), LEONČIKS A. (c.7327), SILINS Gunārs (c.1136; lately often mentioned as having troubles due to excessive drinking); GULBIS A. (c.7329), HECHTS O. (c.1802; now spelled HEHTS), and the new but skillful player MUIZNIEKS Gundars (c.8079); possibly KALCHERTS T. (c.2813; formerly with "Spartaks"), too.

** If some Latv.SSR players show up there they might be contacted by VIDENIEKS Karlis (c.3141) who works at Radio National in Madrid and is a sports fan.

*** All three already known by LAIPENIEKS Edgars (c.3745) who met them in Chile in July'56, and later at the Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, in the fall of 1956.

Remark: It should be noted that a/m ASK team has been USSR Champion for the last two years therefore it is very likely that its members will be used at all important international tournaments.

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2. Field and Track

European Championship in Lightathletics of 1958; Stockholm, Sweden, 19-24 Aug.

The final selection of USSR team will be made after USSR Championship (which will take place 18 - 22 July in Tallin, Estonia; there follows a contest between USSR and USA crack teams in Moscow, presumably on 27/28 July). The preliminary basic team of USSR contains eight Latvians from Latvia:

BURVIS Janis (c.2821), KECHRIS Eriks (c.7581), GRAUDULIS Zigfrids (c.8071), AIKSNE-GRUNDULE Aina (c.7583), LEVICKA Dzidra (c.1417), TRALIE Dzidra (c.8077), SAULESLEJA Taiga (c.8072) and JAUNZEME Inese (c.7589)

/ of these eight the most likely participants could be: E.KECHRIS - in broad jump; GRAUDULIS Z. - javelin; LEVICKA Dz. - 800 m run for women; SAULESLEJA Taiga - high jump for women; JAUNZEME Inese - javelin for women - H./

Additionally, USSR is going to send to these games also a youth team. Its prospective candidates from Latv.SSR are:

ROZENBERGS Davids (c.8073), GAILIS Maris (c.8074), OTLĀNE Maija (c.7582), MIGLA Baiba (c.8075), BARBĀNE Aija (c.8076) and KAUSE Irena (c.8070)

/ all, except OTLĀNE Maija, are new and very talented runners who achieved excellent results in 1957 - H./.

Besides, two more Latvians presumably are going to participate at the games in Stockholm, though not residing now in Latvia but USSR proper:

GRIGAIKA Otto (c.6) - who was the 6th best in world in discus in 1957 by 55,05m; BALODE Valentina (c.5764) - who was 7th best in world in high jump in 1957 by 1,68 m.

Remark: of the Latvian emigree sportsmen in Sweden, who probably are going to witness these games and come in contact with Latv.SSR sportsmen, ~~two~~ two are especially qualified due to their achievements in sports - MILLERS Noldis - young Latvian weight putter, possibly member of the Swedish team; member of the Latvian YMCA in Sweden (see card 640); Mrs.SMILTNIECE - JŪRMALA Alise - former Latvian woman champion in field events, has participated at international tournaments during free Latvia; active in sports since 1929; comes from Liepaja (see card 2996).

3. Weight Lifting

USSR - USA contest is going to take place from 20 to 26 May, '58, in USA (probable participant on USSR team - STEPANOV'S Vasilijs from Riga who got the silver medal at Olympic Games of 1956; presumably a Russian - H.).

World Championship is going to take place in Stockholm, Sweden, 16 - 21 Sept. '58.

4. World Championship in Sailing

Is going to take place in Portugal and Belgium (date not yet known).

(probable participant - KANSKIS Jevgeņijs, a Russian from Riga of formerly wealthy family; repeatedly USSR Champion in Yachting during the last 4-5 years; see card 2008).