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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : (AESIDECAR-2) - Part I

meeting in early
Sept 62

1. Unfortunately, I had little or no time to prepare myself before meeting Subject. My initial contact was to translate his 12-page handwritten autobiographical statement from German to English for [] which covered the period 1928 till 1945 (Attachment A). It was not a detailed statement at all, but served some purpose. Throughout this paper the German word "Wunder" (miracle) is used many times and, in fact, Subject's story as he tells it is indeed an account of a series of miracles:

- (a) His survival during the first Soviet occupation;
- (b) the escape of his wife from arrest and deportation during the first Soviet occupation;
- (c) his father's release after sentenced to be killed by the Germans in the days after World War I;
- (d) his apparently charmed life during his participation in Latvian police raids when men all around him were shot fatally;
- (e) his acquisition of a V-card which exempted him from military service and enabled him to run his in-laws' bakery;
- (f) his release from the custody of the Gestapo after he was denounced for his "soft" handling and release of Communist prisoners he had under his control;
- (g) the obtaining of a Gestapo document permitting him to carry weapons and commending him for his earlier Latvian Political police activity;
- (h) his escape from Riga to the south in 1944;
- (i) his escape from death when his ship was bombed during the trip from Danzig to Liepaya with Paul KOVALEVSKIS to get his family possessions;

aka Pauls KLANS []
DOB: 2 MAY 1912 POB: [] LATVIA

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(j) his meeting with the Bosch man in Preussisch Eylau and securing a job and permission through him to bring one thousand pounds of household effects from the family home on the Lithuanian border to East Prussia by boat;

(k) his escape in one of the last boats from Liepaya to Danzig;

(l) his smuggling of a uniformed S.D. man from the ship and through dockside customs control under guise of a refugee;

(m) his receipt of a two-day travel pass for Insterburg, East Prussia for himself, wife, two boys and the escaping S.D. man, and his alteration of the pass to enable his travel via Berlin and Munich to Innsbruck, Austria;

(n) his ability to register as a "DP" in Innsbruck;

(o) his ability to travel from Vienna to Dresden to Koenigsberg to sell two fine horses (1500 R.M.) in Preussisch Eylau;

(p) his escape across the ice, snow and water between Baltisk and the Frische Nerung made difficult, since ice breakers had opened a channel to keep the Soviet tanks from encircling Koenigsberg by crossing the ice which necessitated Subject to use two tables (sic) on which to cross the slush and keep from falling into the sub-zero water and freezing in the sub-zero air (minus 35 degrees);

(q) his escape from the draft of German manpower into the army during the last days of the war and his ability to settle in Valley of the Inn River and obtain employment as a physiotherapist in a military hospital;

(r) his ability to move to the Feldkirch-Bludenz area, get living quarters with a Party official and survive the occupation of the area by the Americans and later the French by hiding in the woods with his family after a wild escape on a stolen bicycle;

(s) his receipt of a short two month prison sentence in Feldkirchen from the French military court in Bregenz for theft of the bicycle;

(t) his ability to withstand the attempts of a Soviet/Lithuanian repatriation official to get the French to have him repatriate;

(u) his use of the identity cards of Austrian sport friends in order to travel through customs controls and the Soviet Zone of occupation to Vienna and Mariazell where he participated in and won the Austrian National running and cross-country skiing championships in his true name (ca. 1946 or 1947, having used the Ausweis of *Ossi SCHULTZ). [redacted] COMMENT : "He told me he had done this in alias."

* No identifiable RI traces

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(v) his ability to interest the French occupation authorities in a program of military skiing which led to his living like a king in St. Anton and traveling throughout Europe with his team, winning meets and sometimes posing as a French Army captain in uniform;

(w) his receipt of a visa to Chile even though he did not have the \$200.00 per person (\$800.00) to put down as a "deposit";

(x) his departure from Austria the day before Soviet police agents in civilian clothes surrounded his house, hoping to forcibly repatriate him to the USSR as a "traitor to the fatherland";

(y) his ability to live in safety outside of Paris while awaiting his processing and boat passage through IRO facilities;

(z) his ability to withstand the hostile interrogation of several Soviet officers and French Surete who pulled him from the French ship GIROUX in Le Havre and attempted to force him to confess that he had been the "Chief of the Gestapo in Riga"; lastly, his phenomenal success in the sport world in Chile which led to some wealth and an eventual opportunity to come to the United States, even though there was a six-month delay while the United States authorities checked his conviction for arrest in Austria in greater detail; and also, his arrival and life in the United States.

2. Although his life's story makes one question how any single man could have undergone such a series of experiences without losing his courage and nerve, as well as athletic appearance and ability, Subject appeared to be telling a reasonably credible story during the seven hours I spoke with him. In order to go into every detail, it would have been necessary for me to repeat much of the material which has already been covered by [redacted] and [redacted]. Although areas of his life and activities appear somewhat unrealistic, I am not prepared to call him a liar at this point, since some of the things which actually happened during the war are fantastic and known to have happened. Given the information I have read and heard to date, I feel that Subject is probably NOT presently working for the KGB (COMMENT: The polygraph confirms this), although he does admit he has a sincere liking for the Russian people and did order a number of the thousand or more "subversive (Soviet) cases" he was investigating to be released from prison in Riga. However, I would not be too surprised to find that Subject did play a much more active role for the Gestapo and the Latvian Political Police and for a much longer time than he has admitted to date. (COMMENT: The polygraph tends to confirm this fact.)

3. Subject is all that has been written about him; a famous Latvian athlete for many years, he apparently combines a tremendous physical ability (middle distance running - 5,000 meters, cross-country skiing) with a very fine mind. He appears to be a very volatile person, and made frequent references to his dexterity with the knife and what he would do to certain people if he met them again. He appears to have survived by his wits, by blind good-luck and by

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a tremendous drive to live and to win in whatever he undertakes. He became successful in whatever he undertook and was able to turn even the most dismal situation into a victory. He is a man of charm and apparent warmth but underneath this exterior I feel that Subject is cool and calculating, and every serious discussion is well thought out in advance. When talking about social amenities, personalities and certain outstanding highlights of his life, Subject was ready and willing to reply quickly and without much hesitation. However, when an attempt was made to learn more about the specific activities of his police unit, their techniques, their training, then relationship to the Gestapo, and whether he could be blackmailed, there was a noticeable hesitation. Subject indicated that he did not understand the question. At other times, when asked to discuss a specific point in detail, Subject would quickly skip to a period some 20 years later and only with effort (under a friendly situation) could he be brought back to the topic under discussion. There are, of course, certain discrepancies between the story as recorded by [redacted] and that which he has given to me, but there may be reasons for this and at present I have not been able to study all the material to determine how many variations there are, e.g., Subject told us that his baggage, he and his family, were already aboard the French ship in Le Havre bound for Chile when he was pulled off by the Surete, whereas he told [redacted] he was picked up with his family while boarding the train in Paris for Le Havre, and then was later taken with his family to Le Havre and aboard the ship. [redacted] COMMENT: "This is not catastrophic. I may not have gotten this straight." For security of this operation, no traces have been run with French services. I hope that the [redacted] will resolve the situation.

4. Unfortunately, on the evening of 6 September, I felt nauseous at about midnight and had to excuse myself suddenly from the meeting just as I began to inquire about the possibilities of blackmail. I had in mind the fact that just a few years ago, at about the time he met AESIDECAR/1 in Australia, Subject's brother, Ziedonis L [redacted], was released from prison. However, I was not able to develop this point, although [redacted] did and was satisfied. Also, I made no attempt to recover the areas which [redacted] had covered in California since [redacted] had done this and had the benefit of my questions. I was going to double-check the matter in the [redacted].

5. Subject is a strange person in many ways, and I do not really understand him on the basis of my two meetings. He could be a real Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde sort of person, for behind this All-American boy exterior (with its love of sport, fraternity life, the college campus and the teaching profession). He has a very calculating intellect, his face can freeze in a second and his blue eyes become most intense as they stare at you. Subject appeared fully cooperative and willing to help in answering any questions about personalities of interest to the Latvian Desk, but I am not able to judge how valuable or new his material is. (COMMENT: Limited current operational interest. (LAC.)) Subject indicated that he would be willing to assist AIS in the future, but that he had no interest or desire in getting back into the intelligence business. He also stated that he did not think AIS knew of his Abwehr/Gestapo background, but wished to volunteer all as a sign of good faith.

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6. Re AESIDECAR/1 : The only statements which were made about this case in my presence were: "It is interesting to remember that AESIDECAR/1 stated that 'I (AESIDECAR/1) am above them now and "they" cannot hurt me'. They referred to the Latvian Communist leaders who might have been able to affect him because of his Latvian Legion background. Also, AES/1 indicated that he could not push himself into the Party from the outside, but rather the initiative had to come from inside and he would be willing to wait. AES/1 also told me that the Soviets had forgotten all about my AES/2's wartime duties and activities in Latvia and would probably now welcome me in Moscow as "coach" rather than "fascist war/criminal" and "Traitor of the Fatherland", the term by which I (AES/2) and 200 other Latvians had been denounced after the war in the Soviet "black list".

7. AESIDECAR/2 is a smart operator and an intelligent one. No inexperienced person should be asked to run him at any time or to make contact with him. To be utilized to best advantage, a Latvian speaker or a person with first-hand knowledge of the intimate details of Latvian life and the emigration should be placed in contact with him to develop personality data on individuals of interest.

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Handwritten notes and stamps, including "Date" and "11/10/62".

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SUBJECT : [AESIDECAR-2] - Part II

1. Subject arrived in Washington on 3 September and was billeted at the Shoreham Hotel, Room 4036. On 4 September the undersigned (known as [redacted]) met him for the first time at 0900 hours in his room. Agency credentials were produced. During the course of the morning, Subject was given the task of self-debriefing on certain specific areas of interest (see Attachment B) in order to further complete the picture of Subject's activity [at the United States/USSR track meet held at Stanford University, 21 - 27 July 1962]. In addition, Subject was requested to prepare an autobiographical statement. This statement, together with specific information on Alberts TREKNAIS, was written by Subject in German. Case Officer [redacted] dictated the translation of this material (see Attachments A and C).

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DoB: ? PoB: —, LATVIA
RESIDENCE: SEVEL, CHILE

Tuesday, 4 September

2. The undersigned returned in the late afternoon of 4 September, at circa 1700 hours, to continue the debriefing of Subject based on the areas of desired clarification.

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While in Palo Alto [] and AES-2 talked about the influx of Russians into Latvia, an estimated 1 million. [] allowed that in two years there would be no Latvia since time favored the Russians. Soon the country would be only Latvia in name. The cities and key positions are already Russian strongholds. The Latvians make up the holbezes. Soon all will be lost. AES-2 replied after awhile, "you know O _____, I would like to say something very serious. You can do a job voluntarily." [] and AES-2 looked intensely at one another. AES-2 continued: "I have been here two years (meaning the U.S.A) I still believe in Latvia." The conversation then centered on the Free World. Finally [] laughed with irony: "Dumb Yankees. How do they allow all this stuff."

AES-2 replied: "We are good fellows, not NKVD. We have ideals. The AIS has to know what goes on in Russia. You can be sure I escaped once and was scared. You will be saved. We will never mention your name."

[] spoke up: "I don't scare. I can die only once. If we can do something good in life, why not."

AES-2 believes that [] could not have purchased the transmission without his help. [] had neither the time nor money. AES-2 thinks that [] was probably afraid to go out shopping on his own. [] specifically asked AES-2 to make the effort to purchase the transmission. When [] learned the cost, he was completely down on his luck. AES-2 is unclear as to the exact chain of custody of the Buick car which [] has. How Marshal VASILEVSKY fits into the ownership is unclear.

With respect to the question of [] purchasing a camera in Philadelphia in 1960, AES-2 is inclined to believe that he bought a film projector. As to the amount [] claims to have paid for it, AES-2 states that is what AES-1 said: \$300 with resale at 15,000 rubles.

Alexander CELMS

AES-2 could furnish very little information regarding Alexander CELMS. AES-2 feels certain that CELMS who was present at PASTENIEKS at same time while [] was there never spoke to [] while AES-2 was present. AES-2 has no idea what CELMS and [] discussed. He does believe that CELMS will keep his mouth shut. [] told AES-2 that PASTENIEKS and CELMS had been at his dormitory around 1800-1900 hours following the track meet on 22 July to take pictures. [] remarked to them that he would be seeing AES-2 at 2130 hours to say good-bye. (C/O Comment: This meeting did not take place because of [] being tied up in a coaches conference. PASTENIEKS seems to be the best source for clarification of what transpired re: CELMS and []. There are no RI traces on CELMS.

AES-2 clarified the matter regarding Russian language copies of "The USA Answers", Manhattan Publishing Company, 225 Lafayette Street, New York 12, New York. This book was distributed to the rooms of the Soviets at Palo Alto. It was not given out in Moscow as originally believed.

Soviet Basketball Players

In Chile in July 1956 (AES-2) came to know the members of the Soviet Latvian basketball team then touring the country. He recalls MAIGONIS VALDMANIS () later captain of the men's team which played in the USA in 1960. (AES-2) describes VALDMANIS as a loyal Communist - 200% - and a ranking leader in Soviet Latvian sports circles. (AES-2) drove him around Chile in his car on one occasion for about two hours.

At one time (AES-2) had sent a gift to his godchild, fnu RIEKSTINS in Latvia, daughter of Alberts RIEKSTINS. (AES-2) tried to get VALDMANIS to carry a gift to RIEKSTINS. Initially VALDMANIS agreed to do so but backed out eventually. RIEKSTINS once sent (AES-2) a card which he dropped off a train. (See attachment for further particulars re: RIEKSTINS.) A letter from RIEKSTINS using his nickname at the University "FILIPINE" is attached. (See attachment M). There are no identifiable RI traces. There are SR/10/Latvian card traces, but not derogatory.

Valdis MUIZENIEKS ()

Valdis MUIZENIEKS () impressed (AES-2) as an interesting fellow but not a freedom fighter. He felt that MUIZENIEKS was enjoying his position as a player too much to entertain other ideas. (AES-2) compared him with Janis LUSIS () the Soviet Latvian javelin man at the Stanford meet. LUSIS seemed to be another athlete enjoying his fame and good living although probably a better nationalist.

Janis KRUMINS ()

Janis KRUMINS, () the seven foot giant was characterized as a sloppy player.

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Regarding [] planned trip to Belgrade in September to participate in the All European Track and Field Meet, 7 - 15 September, AESIDECAR-2' inquired as to whether or not some contact should be made with [] He was advised that circumstances ruled out sending him there because his appearance without any plausible cover for action would only further arouse Soviet suspicions. Although it was agreed that attendance at the meet would be considerable, it was deemed unwise to recontact [] so soon. It was felt that [] would be better assured that AIS' need for information was not without due regard for [] personal safety.

AESIDECAR-2 stated that Fnu TERRILL, an assistant coach at Stanford, who had coached in Yugoslavia during the summer of 1961 would be going to Belgrade and knew [] Through him he felt that greetings could be carried to [] This idea was vetoed for the reasons set forth above. There are no identifiable RI traces regarding TERRILL.

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(AES-2) mentioned that he has received two letters--one comparatively recently--from Juris BERNSONS who until 1961 was president of the Latvian Track Federation. BERNSONS was frequently head judge in many track meets in the USSR. He has never been to the West. BERNSONS, who is 49 years of age, lives at Lenina iela 100-22, Riga, Latvia. (AES-2) has forwarded to the undersigned ~~two~~ letters from BERNSONS which have been translated. (Attachments F, G, and H). There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

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Jiri SKOBLA DOB: 16 APRIL 1936 POB: (Czechoslovakia)

The basis of AES-2 and Jiri SKOBLA's acquaintance is a casual one. While in Melbourne AES-2 met him. SKOBLA was one of the leading Olympic contenders. SKOBLA speaks fluent German. Together they sat on the grass and talked about sports. SKOBLA expressed himself as anti-Russian. The memory of Hungary was fresh in most participants minds. The conversation drifted into a discussion of what each was doing and how they lived. AES-2 casually mentioned [] SKOBLA inquired if [] was Latvian. He then remarked, "this guy has a high job in Moscow in the NKVD". AES-2 felt that he could not ask more except to acknowledge the remark skeptically. "I saw him in the uniform. What do you mean I don't know the colors." AES-2 commented that he was shook up by all this. In retrospect AES-2 feels that even if [] is in the KGB, he is still "a right guy".

SKOBLA's address is as follows:

Praha - VIII, Czechoslovakia

Drahobejlova 5

There are RI traces identifying SKOBLA as a shot-put star and alledging him to be non-Communist.

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Speaking of Vilis PASTENIEKS [redacted], who entertained both [redacted] and AES-2 in Palo Alto, AES-2 feels that he does not know a deeper interest in AES-2 than just friendship. AES-2 describes PASTENIEKS as a happy gardener and well-disciplined ex-Latvian Army sergeant. AES-2 has heard no rumors in Latvian circles since [redacted] departure. A local Latvian mechanic, name unknown, came to PASTENIEKS' home to disassemble the transmission. He was told that the parts were intended for South America.

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[redacted] [redacted]

In reply to a query as to any relatives in South America AES-2 furnished the following information:

Janis LAIPNIEKS*

DOB: circa. 1911 POB: Dunika Pagasta, Latvia

Residence: Caixa Postal 47, Sao Roque, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Wife: Meta LAIPNIEKS nee

Occupation: Mechanical engineer; owner of a factory which manufactures industrial tapes, e.g., Scotch tape variety.

Other: Wife is a former Latvian actress

Relationship with AES-2: Cousin. (Note: Spelling of surname differs from that of AES-2)

Comment: There are no SR/10/Latvian card traces. There are no identifiable RI traces.

Jekabs LAIPNIEKS*

DOB: circa. 1912 POB: Dunika Pagasta, Latvia

Residence: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Wife: Name unknown, Brazilian origin

Occupation: Chemical engineer; works with Janis LAIPNIEKS

Other: There are no SR/10/Latvian card traces. There are derogatory RI traces probably identical with Jekabs LAIPNIEKS. (See attached information). AESIDECAR/2 will be queried on this information.

Before leaving the Shoreham Hotel at 2230 hours the undersigned assisted AES-2 in placing a call to his friend Fred WILT in Lafayette, Indiana. WILT, an ex-FBI agent and former track star. There was no answer.

Wednesday, 5 September

The undersigned again met [AES-2] at the Shoreham Hotel at 0830 hours and breakfasted with him in the hotel restaurant. At 0945 hours they departed from the Shoreham to meet with a [KUBARK] psychologist, [] at the LaSalle Apartment Hotel, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, Room 620, at 1000 hours. Arriving in the vicinity of the Mayflower Hotel several minutes early, the C/O and [AES-2] walked down De Sales Street along the north side of the Mayflower to 16th Street to view the construction of the new National Geographic Building, then south on 16th Street to "K" Street. Returning to Connecticut Avenue and walking one block north towards the Mayflower, the C/O and [AES-2] crossed at the corner to the west side of Connecticut Avenue and entered the LaSalle Apartment Hotel. No surveillance was detected. [AES-2] was informed that he would be talking to a psychologist and would be given some tests. (See attachment N). After introducing [AES-2] to [] the C/O departed. Previous instructions to [] were to send [AES-2] back to his hotel at the conclusion of the testing, and to notify the C/O as to the outcome. The C/O returned to Headquarters. Not having heard from [] circa 1600 hours the C/O returned to the LaSalle but found no one there. From the LaSalle circa 1700 hours the undersigned proceeded to the Shoreham lobby to await the arrival of C/O [] known as [] [] at 1800 hours.

Since [AES-2] had written an autobiographical sketch and completed a portion of a self-debriefing write-up in German, [] consented to read the material and inform the undersigned of their contents to facilitate further debriefing. To provide [] time to digest the material the two C/O's retired to a park bench nearby and discussed the material. At 1900 hours [] went to supper to prepare some notes for subsequent interrogation and the undersigned returned to the Shoreham to meet [AES-2] for dinner in his room.

[AES-2] told the C/O that he had enjoyed the session with [] which lasted some 6 hours. He stated that there had been some language difficulties necessitating translation for [] of his descriptions of certain pictures. [] did not have facility in German. This language problem had not been foreseen in advance of the scheduled meeting with []. In explaining one humorous portion of the test [AES-2] admitted that he had not grasped the idea of the test and had accomplished it rather poorly.

At 2015 hours C/O [] arrived and was introduced to [AES-2]. After an exchange of pleasantries and viewing of the Denver University yearbook and [AES-2]'s family the debriefing continued. [] led [AES-2] through the story of his life while the undersigned took notes on the highlights as follows:

[AES-2]'s father was a Social-Democrat in 1920. He belonged to a small farmers party. During the chaos which marked the emerging independence of Latvia the father was seized by the Germans and threatened with execution in the presence of [AES-2]. From this experience with the Germans as well as the probable animosity of most Latvians towards the privileged Baltic-German elements [AES-2]'s father remained to the end of his days anti-German. With

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respect to the Soviets he was neutral or until the Soviets first occupied Latvia somewhat sympathetic. In addition, (AES-2) mentioned that his father taught the 6th class in Rutgava.

Some additional highlights of (AES-2)'s life were the revelation that (AES-2) had participated in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. While attending the University in Riga (AES-2) taught the sixth grade and first year of high school of the 10 year school. The subjects taught were mathematics, geography, and the Latvian language. Among his former pupils were:

✓ Kurt ^{*}RADZINS

Residence: 159 Cambridge Avenue, Toronto, Canada

Other: Engineering graduate.

Comment: No RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

✓ Olavs ^{*}RADZINS

Residence: Riga, Latvia

Other: Corresponds with Kurt RADZINS

Comment: Subject may be identical with individual of same name residing at Riga 2, Talsu 8-10. Per SR/10/Latvian card. No RI traces.

(AES-2) belongs to the fraternity, "Selonia". Both of his sons, Juris and Maris are members as well.

As a reservist (AES-2) was called up to serve in the Latvian Army in 1940 until the Soviets occupied the country. During the first Soviet occupation (AES-2) worked as a teacher in Riga and served also as a housing administration officer. When pressed for details as to his supervisors (AES-2) stated that he believes a fnu BIRNBAUM (?) was the head of the housing administration and gave him the housing job. He does recall for a certainty that the assistant housing administrator was:

✓ Viktors ^{*}OTLANS

Residence: 4805 So. "C" Street, Tacoma, Washington

Occupation: Roofing contractor

Other: Member of "Selonia", (AES-2)'s fraternity. SR/10/Latvian cards have no derogatory information. No RI traces.

In 1940 (AES-2)'s father, mother and sister were residing near Liepaja. (AES-2)'s brother, ZIEDONIS (?) who had gone to school in Liepaja was expelled for poor work and came to Riga. (AES-2) assisted in placing him in a technicum which he successfully completed.

(AES-2)'s brother, MIERVALDIS L _____ who now lives in Canada was a soldier in the Latvian regular army. His brother, ZIEDONIS L _____ still resides in the father's house in Rucava, LSSR, with his wife and daughter. ZIEDONIS spent 10 years in a Soviet concentration camp and returned only in 1953.

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AES-2's mother died in the fall of 1945 to the best of his knowledge. His father died in Siberia in 1954.

On the same night 13/14 June 1941 that his in-laws were deported to Siberia AES-2's close friend, Arnolds BERZINS, a former Latvian decathlon man, was staying with him. (AES-2's wife and child were in the forest.) About 0300 hours the NKVD rapped on the doors of AES-2's home. Both men were ordered at gun point to line up and a thorough search of the premises was made. BERZINS was given 10 minutes to pack his bags. According to AES-2 BERZINS only crime was that he didn't like the Red Army and had worked at the local jail for women. AES-2 presumes that someone denounced BERZINS because of his job. AES-2 opines that the reason he escaped was just that his name did not happen to be on the list. The NKVD group consisted of 1 NKVD officer, 4-5 soldiers, 1 Latvian Communist, and 2 militia men. 2/10/51

Once the NKVD group departed with BERZINS, who according to Imants GAILIS circa 1958 had not returned, AES-2 set out for his "in-laws" home. He had observed that others were being rounded up. Arriving at his "in-laws" AES-2 learned from one of the Latvian policemen that they had been already taken away. He further learned that his wife was on the list for deportation but apparently her married name had been overlooked in compiling the same. Apparently no one had connected AES-2 with the MATISON family. His wife and child were a considerable distance away living in a forest. AES-2 had reason to fear for them and their safety and his own. In the forests Latvians often seized arms from the Soviets and shot them.

After the Soviet forces evacuated Latvia, AES-2 had occasion to meet the Latvian Communist who had accompanied the NKVD to seize BERZINS. AES-2 wasted no time in turning him in to the authorities.

In his role of an interrogator for the Latvian Political Police AES-2 had responsibility for many cases. He admitted to having released some prisoners even though Communist sympathizers because some were former friends and athletes and their crimes were purely political. One of the individuals so released was:

Konstantins* ROMANOVSKIS

Residence: Riga, Latvia

Other: One time Latvian distance runner. According to Imants GAILITIS in his letter, circa 1958, to AES-2, ROMANOVSKIS has become a writer. No RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

The Latvian Political Police had an investigations group numbering 100 to 150 men.

In examining AES-2's wartime service in the Latvian Political Police AES-2 often mentioned numerous persons involved directly or indirectly in his past as follows;

Nicholas LIBERTS

Former Latvian Political Police Chief

Residence: Melbourne, Australia

Other: There are no SR/10/Latvian card traces. RI traces indicate that LIBERTS was an official in the Latvian Political Police and betrayed people to the Gestapo. Replaced by TEIDEMANIS.

Herberts TEIDEMANIS (C O)

Former Latvian Political Police Chief

Residence: West Germany

Other: In 1948 he wrote a letter to AES-2 asking for assistance in writing a book. Several years ago he worked for a U.S. Army Labor Service Company, KAISERSLUTERNZ, ABHOLFACH 561. His wife lived at Karlsruhe, Rupper (17A), Rosenweg St. (C/O Comment: A recently received Soviet propaganda booklet using the Daugavas Vonagi format contains several references to TEIDEMANIS. The booklet is currently being translated.) SR/10/Latvian cards reveal the attached information. RI traces indicate subject was an official in Latvian State Political Police during German occupation was chief of Special Department in Gestapo called "Abteilung Lettische Politische Polizei" in Riga. Worked for British Intelligence. Derogatory information.

Captain Vilis* KRUMINS

Former pilot for SS General Rudolfs BANGERSKIS

Residence: Canada

Other: There are RI, ~~and SR/10/Latvian card traces~~. No derogatory information.

Herbert* CUKURS

Well-known Latvian aviator

Residence: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Other: (AES-2 met CUKURS once during WW II in Latvia. He describes CUKURS as being a careerist. SR/10/Latvian cards reveal the attached information (Attachment). There are derogatory RI traces.

H.* KIP(P)ERTS

Former employee of the Economic Section (Wirtschaft Abteilung) of the Latvian Political Police.

Residence: 3415 16th Avenue South, Minneapolis 7, Minnesota

Other: KIP(P)ERTS is possibly identical with Henrys KIPERT (C O)

There are no SR/10/Latvian card file traces.

1st Lt. fnu APSENS

Former colleague of AES-2 on the police force. AES-2 states that he was killed in WW II.

Other: There are no RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces.

✓ 1st Lt. fnu JESKE

Former colleague of AES-2 on the police force. AES-2 states that he was killed in WW II. (C/O Comment: The surname JESKE sounds like Albert GESKE who is the source of derogatory information regarding AES-2's involvement in war atrocities. Although AES-2 was asked several times whether he knew Albert GESKE, he evidenced no recognition. The same was true during the polygraph.)

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✓ Alfreds STERNS

Leader of Investigation Section of Latvian Political Police during WW II.
Residence: Chile

Other: STERNS was the immediate superior of AESIDECAR/2. There are no identifiable RI traces. There are no SR/10/Latvian card traces.

fnu CELMINS

Leader of the "Peronkrusts" (Latvian Nazis) before WW II

Residence: Mexico City, D.F.

Other: CELMINS wrote to AES-2 in Chile once. He formerly lived in the USA where he taught Russian. There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

Nicholas OZOLINS

Latvian athlete

Residence: Jelgava (?), Latvia

Other: AES-2 describes him as having been the leader of a leftist group before WW II. OZOLINS belonged to the Jelgava Sports Society. No traces SR/10/Latvia and RI.

✓ fnu MIEZIS

DOB: POB: Jelgava, Latvia

Residence: Jelgava, USSR

Other: MIEZIS, an uncle of AES-2's wife, was distantly related to a Communist of the same name. The uncle succeeded in obtaining the signature of the Communist MIEZIS whereby AES-2 was granted permission to teach school. AES-2 states that his wife knows MIEZIS' first name and he will furnish it. There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

✓ fnu PARUPS

Former 1st Lt. in the Latvian Army Reserve

Other: AES-2 served under PARUPS during his military service, 1934-1935.

(C/O Comment: PARUPS is probably identical with Eriks PARUPS. See attachment from SR/10/Latvian cards. There are RI traces, but no derogatory information.

V. BAUMANIS

Former 1st Lt. in the Latvian Army

Residence: Maywood, Illinois

Other: AES-2 stated that BAUMANIS was formerly a basketball coach for the Latvian Army Sports Club. (Comment: Subject is identical with Valdemars BAUMANIS, DOB: 19 April 1905), Latvian Army Basketball Coach, circa 1930-1932) AES-2 believes that BAUMANIS is now an accountant.

Vilis ERIK CIKA who resides in Washington knows BAUMANIS personally.

AES-2 stated that when the Soviet forces came into Latvia in June 1940, BAUMANIS was then a 1st Lt. in the Latvian Army. At that time BAUMANIS was transferred from the 6th Latvian Regiment to the 5th. Apparently there was too much athletic activity going on in the 6th Regiment. BAUMANIS was strictly an athlete, not a soldier. AES-2 declared that many Latvian Army officers were seized and later some 50% were shot down near GULBENE at a former summer military camp. According to AES-2 BAUMANIS is aware of the particulars as to how many of the Latvian officers were taken to Bulbene and shot. BAUMANIS was seen wearing a Red Army uniform in Riga after the Soviet take over in June 1940. AES-2 challenged BAUMANIS as to why he was wearing the uniform. He recalled that no answer was forthcoming. Once after the German forces arrived in July 1941 AES-2 saw BAUMANIS once more. To AES-2's knowledge BAUMANIS was never picked up and investigated. AES-2 opined that BAUMANIS lacked a strong character and possibly wanted to appear as a "big shot" in wearing the Soviet uniform. He further added that BAUMANIS spoke fluent Russian. As to his political ideas AES-2 offered no opinion. BAUMANIS was not a member of the Latvian Legion. AES-2 further stated that BAUMANIS sent him on sports trips while he was in the Latvian Army. Whenever AES-2 won, BAUMANIS would write an article on the meet and pay \$5 to AES-2 while pocketing \$95 for himself. Comment: There are SR/10/Latvian card traces. There are RI traces which allege that BAUMANIS was a homosexual in Latvia.

Valdis* ZABORS

Residence: Denver, Colorado

Occupation: Architect

Other: Personal friend

Comment: No RI and SR/10/Latvian card file traces.)

Vilis* CHIKA ()

Residence: 5030 31st Millcrest Heights, Washington, D.C. Tel. JO 8-9312

Other: Sports writer for LAIKS and VOA. Personal friend and fellow athlete.

Comment: There are RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces. No derogatory information.

Nicholas* STULS

Residence: 1400 South Garfield, Denver, Colorado

Occupation: Employed at Lowry Air Force Base

Other: Personal friend

Comment: No RI ~~and~~ SR/10/Latvian card file traces
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Mirdza* TURKIS nee MARTINSONS

Residence: New York, N.Y.

Other: Originally married to Alfons BERZINS. (See attachment D). Now married to fnu TURKIS

FNU GRETITIS

Residence: New York, N.Y.

Other: No RI and SR/10/Latvian card file traces.

Rasma TEICHMAN

Residence: 12 Wellington Street, Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, Australia
Other: According to AES-2, TEICHMAN returned to Australia in 1946 as a "German". TEICHMAN succeeded in duping Soviets by concealing his true ethnic origin. TEICHMAN who had been captured at a POW described how the Latvians suffered. (Comment: There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.)

fnu DANKERS

Residence: ~~USA or West Germany~~ TORONTO, CANADA

Other: AES-2 states that DANKERS would be particularly knowledgeable about the organization of the Latvian Political Police. (Comment: fnu DANKERS is probably identical with Oskars DANKERS who became head of the Latvian "Self Administration" and also responsible for "Internal Affairs" under the Nazis in Latvia during WW II. There are RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces, but no derogatory information).

Father: AUGUSTS MELNGAILIS
Mother: ALVINE NEE TEICIS MELNGAILIS

29 Dec 1913

Elmars MELNGAILIS

DOB: ~~1917~~ POB: Latvia JAUNGULBENES PASTS

Residence: Santiago, Chile, Mosa 68, Vicinity of RCA Victor Radio Factory

Occupation: Employed by Industria Metalurgica, Puertas Y Ventanas de Acero. Perfiles Metalicos Cerrajerco, 2990 Santa Rosa, Santiago Chile

Other: Subject is known to AES-2 as "Emils". He arrived in Chile on 31 July the summer of 1949 from ^{SVANDENE} Switzerland. AES-2 regards him as an agent from Moscow. MELNGAILIS came to Chile as a representative of a Swiss firm -

TRUDI WEGMILLER

DOB: 17 Aug 1912

POB: BERNE

Foundation Liberty -, a machine building outfit. He brought with him a Swiss wife. After 1 to 2 years they separated and the wife went back to Switzerland. For awhile MELNGAILIS lived with Peteris NORENBERGS who finally asked him to leave. Subject is now remarried to a Russian girl. When subject met AES-2 he showed him a paper from Switzerland allegedly to prove his bona fides. AES-2 told him that such a paper was unnecessary. AES-2 asked him where he had lived in a DP camp. Subject claimed not to have been in camp but rather in Hungary after WW II. From there Subject allegedly fled to Austria and hence to Switzerland in the vicinity of Voralberg. AES-2 questioned him on the particulars of his escape and feels that Subject was lying. Subject could not remember the exact year. Again Subject stated that he was in the Salispils concentration camp once but couldn't remember his block number. Another time Subject said that Munich was in the Russian zone.

Description: AES-2 describes Subject as a blond, 6' tall, speaks Russian without any accent, Latvian with a Russian accent and only broken German. Education: Graduate of the Daugavpils Railroad School. AES-2 remarked that during the days of a Free Latvia Daugevpils was a center of communist activity and activists.

Comment: There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

fnu RITS

Latvian sports editor

Other: According to AES-2 RITS accompanied by Visvaldis MELDERS and Alexander VANAGS, a professional soccer player, visited the USA in 1937 or 1938 to study basketball techniques.

Comment: There are no identifiable RI traces on RITS. There are no SR/10/Latvian traces. See attached thermofax according to AES-2 regarding

Alexander VANAGS. VANAGS still lives in France. There are RI traces but not derogatory.

fnu ^{*}MELCERS aka MELTZER

DOB: unk POB: Germany

In 1942-1943 AES-2 worked with MELCERS. At the time he was with a Captain or a Colonel in the German army.

Comment: There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

Persijs ^{*}ZAULS

Former Chief of Investigation Department of Latvian State Police

Residence: Massachusetts

fnu ^{*}AIVARS aka fnu PAPLAKSTS

Residence: Australia

Other: In 1943 AIVARS parachuted into Latvia with Soviet and Latvian communists. He was picked up and interrogated by AES-2. He agreed to work for the Germans. He had received sabotage training in schools in the USSR. After WW II he lived in Italy under the name of AIVARS. He now lives in Australia possibly under the name PAPLAKSTS. There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

At circa 2330 hours the session with AES-2 broke up. Due to the presence of a Soviet delegation at the Shoreham numbering among its representatives a Soviet-Latvian attending the Fifth World Congress of Sociology. It was decided that AES-2 would move to another hotel the following day. The undersigned informed AES-2 that he would be advised in the morning circa 0930 hours as to the particulars of the move.

Thursday, 6 September

At 0930 hours the undersigned telephoned AES-2 at the Shoreham to inform him that a reservation had been made for him at the Hotel Washington, 15th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue. He was instructed to check in any time after 1030 hours. AES-2 was permitted the opportunity to spend the balance of the day sightseeing and meeting with his long time friend. Vilis CHIKA [an employee of VOA and sportswriter for LAIKS. AES-2 told the C/O that he would meet him at 1730 hours at the Hotel Washington.]

The meeting was held as scheduled. AES-2 and the C/O went to the hotel restaurant for dinner. For the first and only time during AES-2's visit to Headquarters AES-2 consented to have a highball. AES-2 recounted at some length how much he enjoyed sightseeing. His meeting with CHIKA proved to be pleasant and uneventful. The highlight of AES-2's day was when he checked out of the Shoreham. At the cashier's desk when he asked for his bill AES-2 was greeted by Walton OJEDA, who is an employee of the Shoreham in Spanish. OJEDA then informed AES-2 that he was a Chilean and that after all AES-2 was well-known in Chile for his coaching feats. (Comment: AES-2 has been the Olympic coach for Chile in 1956 and 1960 as well as soccer coach for Chile teams that have won.) OJEDA related that he was an ex-Army Officer and had come to the USA to help himself financially. He offered to give AES-2 some Chilean sports papers which AES-2 could pick up the following day at the Shoreham. AES-2 did receive the papers. There are no RI traces.

Walton OJEDA

Residence: 4600 Connecticut Avenue NW, Apt. 4 107, Washington, D.C.
Telephone: 966-4575

Following supper the C/O and AES-2 returned to the latter's room for a further conference. Having been provided by C/O [with a list of names of Latvians [the C/O proceeded to query AES-2 about these persons:

Andy BROMBERGS

AES-2 recalled that BROMBERGS had been a soldier in the Latvian Army circa 1942 and a strong fellow. He added that BROMBERGS probably played basketball for the Latvian Army Sport Club and participated in track events. (Comment: BROMBERGS was lost in an abortive REDSOX operation and is presumed to have been shot by the Soviets circa 1957.)] There are numerous RI and SR/10/Latvian traces on BROMBERGS.

Henry BAGATAIS

AES-2 stated that he had heard the name once.

Comment: There are RI and SR/10/Latvian traces on BAGATAIS but not derogatory.

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Robert ANCANS

AES-2 has never met him personally but affirms that ANCANS was a particularly brave fighter and fanatic against the Russians. ANCANS was promoted from a sergeant to a 1st Lt. for his heroics in WW II. AES-2 has written a few articles in Chile on ANCANS was record which later appeared in the magazine Daugovas Vonagi.

Comment: There are RI and SR/10 card traces but not derogatory.

fnu ^CSTIGLITES

Head of Latvian Political Police in Riga (1937-1938). AES-2 recalled that Subject whose first name he believes was Alexander was the Prefect of the Political Police until the Russians came. Then STIGLITES fled to live in the forest until the Germans came. Today Subject lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil where he works in a brick factory. AES-2 stated that Subject had planned to come to the USA on a visa about 1 year ago. Someone beat him up seriously and Subject gave up his plans to do so. AES-2 last saw Subject in 1958. There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

Lt. fnu LIEPKALNS

Head of the 12th Precinct in Riga (1939-1940). Subject is unknown to AES-2.

fnu KISELIS

Chief of Police in Riga (May 1940). AES-2 knew Subject's name only. Subject was an inspector for the criminal police.

Bruno ^{*}KALNINS

Senior Political Officer of the Latvian Army following the Soviet occupation of Latvia in June 1940. Following the departure of the Soviet forces KALNINS was imprisoned. He agreed to work for the Germans by exposing anti-German persons. AES-2 on one occasion in his capacity as a member of the Latvian Political Police interrogated KALNINS for approximately an hour. The results were unproductive in ascertaining KALNINS' role under the Russians. Later KALNINS was taken to Germany from 8 to 12 months. He then returned to Latvia to work for the Germans. Any investigation by the Latvian Political Police of KALNINS met an order to cease and desist at higher echelons.

Comment: There are numerous RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces, some derogatory.

fnu JAUNDZENS

Member of Bruno KALNINS' Social Democratic Party and later in charge of the 12th Precinct in Riga. AES-2 was not familiar with the individual.

Rudolf (?) Sigurds (?) ARAJS

AES-2 was familiar with the ARAJS' commando. He did recall that a member of the commando was fnu HELMUTS, an outstanding Latvian volleyball player, who was born in Liepaja. ARAJS himself was not known to AES-2; however, he was aware of ARAJS being a senior SS Chief and exterminator.

fnu LAUNAGS.

AES-2 stated that he once had a pupil in school named LAUNAGS. He evidenced no knowledge of the name Fred LAUNAGS.

Colonel fnu WEISS

AES-2 recalls that WEISS emigrated from Latvia to Germany circa 1939. WEISS later returned to Latvia with the German army. He was killed on the Eastern Front circa 1943. His body was interned in Riga in the Soldier's Cemetery.

AES-2 was asked about his letter to C/O [redacted] dated 17 July 1962 from Los Angeles, California. It had been typed on a machine with an italicized script. AES-2 stated that the typist was Jean MONTGOMERY, an employee of Fred HOLGER, President of the Sparta Soccer Club, Muscle Beach, California. At the time AES-2 was acting as the club soccer coach. HOLGER is a naturalized U.S. citizen from Austria. He is a European car broker with the International Trading Company, 10020 Palms Boulevard No. 4, Los Angeles 34, California. There are no RI traces on HOLGER.

In reply to a query as to what he knew about the Latvian underground AES-2 stated that anti-Communist partisans did exist.

AES-2 related that his wife's cousin Karlis ABOLS, was executed circa 1949 because he had been a one time chauffeur of fnu ARAJS (see above). ABOLS who had been injured in the fighting around Berlin had returned to Latvia after WW II. ABOLS went to work on river boats. Someone recognized him and he was tried and shot in the market place of Añice. ABOLS ^{WIFE} remarried during WW II and now lives in Cleveland. AES-2 does not know her married name.

Another individual mentioned by AES-2 was Mrs. Vera POMERS who at one time had been a secretary to both Nicholas LIBERTS and Herberts TEIDEMANIS, former Latvian Political Police Chiefs. (See above). Mrs. POMERS' husband an architect, is now deceased. She lives in Denver and is an employee of a high school. Her brother-in-law, fnu POMERS, was a prefect in Riga before WW II (There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces on POMERS.).

AES-2 recalled that fnu SPARINSKIS, once a Latvian sportswriter, had repatriated to Soviet Latvia recently. SPARINSKIS is circa 50 years of age.

In his opinion AES-2 believes that for releasing certain persons from jail and arrest, e.g., Konstantins ROMANOVSKIS he was turned in to the Gestapo circa 19__ by the following individual:

Alberts ^{*}PURINS

DOB: circa 1910 POB: Latvia

Occupation: Member of the Latvian Political Police - a special investigator who reported to TEIDEMANIS (See above)

Description: Plump individual, conspicuous stomach, hair worn flat, well-dressed, prima donna.

Other: Member of AES-2's fraternity.

AES-2 opines that PURINS once wrote a book since WW II about spying. He believes that PURINS lives in West Germany today.

Comment: There are RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces, but not derogatory.

During his peregrinations in late 1944 AES-2 met up with Paul KOVALEVSKIS aka Pavil KLANS. KOVALEVSKIS at one time had been editor of the leading Latvian newspaper. He met KOVALEVSKIS during a trip from Danzig to Liepaja to retrieve his family possessions. AES-2 added that on the ship with him from Danzig to Liepaja were Anders BERZINS and his brother, Janis BERZINS. The trip was a hazardous one since the convoy was under bombing attacks by the Soviets. One of the vessels carrying German Marines was sunk. After WW II KOVALEVSKIS became associated with the Latvian paper in West Germany. A close friend of KOVALEVSKIS is Professor fnu SPUDINS. (There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces on SPUDINS.)

Comment: There are many RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces on KOVALEVSKIS. There is derogatory information surrounding his Nazi associations. There are no identifiable traces on Anders and Janis BERZINS.

Other individuals mentioned by AES-2 or the undersigned were as follows:

Karlis VIDENIEKS ()

AES-2 proclaimed no particular knowledge of VIDENIEKS when the undersigned mentioned his name except to say that VIDENIEKS worked for VQA (sic) in Spain. CHIKA had told AES-2 that VIDENIEKS had returned.

Comment: VIDENIEKS is the brother-in-law of Pauls KOVALEVSKIS. There is no derogatory information on VIDENIEKS.

Valdis TETERS

Residence: Toronto, Canada

Other: AES-2 cited TETERS as a friend who escaped with AES-2's help at Danzig. There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

Dr. fnu PLUME

Other: An employee of the Wirtschaft of the Latvian Legion in Berlin. He later worked in a Field Hospital in Foralberg, Switzerland. There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

Rudi ALBRECHT

DOB: POB: Austria

Occupation: Member of the SD in Riga

Other: AES-2 stated that ALBRECHT was a very fine skier. Later he met his sister in Innsbruck. ALBRECHT was reported missing in Italy in 1945.

Alexander MILRUD aka MURUDIS

AES-2 claimed no recollection of this individual even when it was pointed out that MILRUD's father had been the publisher of a Russian language newspaper in Riga entitled "Sevodniya" (Today).

Friday, 7 September

The undersigned met AES-2 in the lobby of the Hotel Washington at 0830 hours and together they breakfasted in the coffee shop. Afterwards the C/O escorted AES-2 to 1818 "M" Street, N.W., Apartment 4 for a polygraph conducted by

AES-2 was not informed of the nature of the interview until just before entering the premises. Following introductions and a brief exchange of words with the operator in a back room the undersigned departed. Following purchase of a rail ticket at the C & O Office on "H" Street the C/O continued on to Headquarters.

When at 1430 hours no word had been received regarding the outcome of the polygraph C/O [] telephoned [] who reported back that AES-2 had left the premises of the polygraph operator at 1330 hours. It was decided that since the outcome of the polygraph was unknown, the undersigned should send AES-2 on his way as planned with an assurance that he would be advised at a later date but not to intimate to him that he had failed, although nagging suspicions tended that way. (See attached Polygraph Report).

The undersigned met AES-2 at his hotel at 1610 hours. After a hasty settlement of finances which proved rather unsatisfactory for all parties concerned (See attached report) the C/O hurried AES-2 into a taxi for the trip to Union Station. Arriving there in good time the undersigned bid AES-2 goodbye and promised to look into the matter of some compensation for his loss of employment during the days spent at Headquarters.

AES-2 stated that he planned to spend the weekend at Lafayette, Indiana before continuing on to Denver from Chicago on Sunday night. His host would be Eric DARGEVICS, President of University Motors, 25 South Third Street, Lafayette, Indiana, SH 2-0024. Eric DARGEVICS lives at 900 Princess Drive, West Lafayette, Indiana, RI 3-2529. DARGEVICS' father is August DARGEVICS, M.D. in Denver, Colorado who was formerly a hospital director in Guam. There are no RI traces on Eric DARGEVICS.

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ATT B

Information Requested on the Following Topics

1. Alberts TREKNAIS * *See ATT C.* All details about him that you know especially the exact nature of his relationship to [] ; How they communicate; Address of TREKNAIS in Chile; employment; can he be contacted by you except by mail in the near future and asked about [] Is it possible to learn the identity of the man in New York who partly composed the letter to [] which you delivered; Is it possible to see the film which [] brought out? Who might have a copy? Is there a relationship between the man in NY and [] Can you describe the Latvian girl in Australia? How did she know that [] had given you a film? Would the New York man, if he can be identified, likely know this girl in Australia? Do you think that she could be KGB? Is the man in New York a relative of TREKNAIS?

2. Meeting w, [] in Melbourne - After meeting [] on the Olympic field and mentioning a letter, it is recalled that [] suggested a get together the next morning. Was there some reason why you gave him the letter after the workout and not the next morning?
What was the nature of your conversation in the basement where he gave you the film? What was said at your other get togethers both indoors and in the open? Did it not seem strange that [] was willing to be seen so much with you on the last day of the meet in Melbourne? What is known of JAUNZEMS and her friendship with [] and wife? Where did you get the track shoes to give them? Did the wife's hysterical outburst in the Olympic streets cause any trouble? Would it seem to you that the Soviet security types became aware of your friendship with [] Did [] emotional feeling towards you as a fellow countryman seem natural? Did others of the Soviet team respond similarly to former countrymen? What books did you give him? Titles?
3. Yuriy SKOBLA - - - What is the basis of your friendship with SKOBLA? How do you evaluate or explain SKOBLA's frankness in saying that [] was a "high GPU official"? Did he say where he had seen [] in ~~uniform~~ a NKVD uniform? Did you make any attempt to clarify this information with SKOBLA or [] If this is not a valid accusation, why not? If you felt [] were NKVD why did you write him afterwards?

3. [] - - - - - Please give all the bio data you can on [] esp. his war-time service with the German Army. What was the ~~relationship~~ ~~of the Latvians~~ makeup of Latvians serving in German units? What were the differences? Waffen SS, etc., When did [] first become an athlete of international repute? Was his trip to Brussels in 1952 for the Olympics? What is known of the circumstances surrounding his possible defection? Who was the newspaperman involved? How did this topic come up? At Stanford why did he consider leaving the wife and child behind while as a bachelor in Brussels he turned the idea down?

4. PASTENIEKS - - - - Is he unaware of a deeper interest in [] Have you heard any rumors from Latvians on the West Coast regarding [] or any of the others at the track meet?

5. At Stanford - - - Why on 20 July were you more convinced that [] was O.K. when on 19 July you were not so sure/? Could [] have gotten the transmission without help from you or someone else? What language could he have used when shopping? When [] ate with you on Sat. evening would his absence from the Soviet group seem odd? How did [] ever get \$300. in Phila for a camera and resale for 15,000 rubles?

6. Alexander CELMS - Evaluation of him.

A.B. TR.

A. ist Ottos Vetter (Cousin). Seine Mutter ist O. Muttens Schwester. Die beiden sind ganz nahe zusammen aufgewachsen. Die beiden haben gar nicht bevor Melbourne Olympics sich einander korrespondiert, das weiss ich ganz genau. A. hat mir einen kurzen Brief für O. nach Melbourne mitgegeben. Bevor ich Chile verliess, O. hat mir einmal einen Postkarte nach A. geschickt. Ich glaube, O. hat später mehr geschrieben, weil er in P.A. mir sagte, das A. ihm gar nicht schreibt, nur paar Wörter in einer Weihnachtskarte.

A. kam nach Chile 709 1950-1951 nachdem ich ihn in seiner Familie das chilenische Visum beschaffte. Er hat mir nach Chile geschrieben und hat mir das Viso. Er arbeitete die letzten Jahre in einer grossen Auto Reifen Fabrik als Zeichner und arbeitete auf dem Schloss als Abteilung Leiter für Batterien. 1961 A. hat seine ar-

beet gewechselt nach North Hill,
wo er in eine Mine arbeitet.
Ich habe nicht seine Adresse
jetzt, aber, wenn es nötig wäre,
ich könnte es beschaffen in eine
Woche. A. ist mein sehr guter
Freund und ich bin sicher, dass
es bestimmt alles genau über
O. mir erzählen würde.

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Ich glaube, ich könnte es vertreiben
dem Mann in N.Y. finden. Ich sollte
Mrs. Dustra Anderson nach Pasadena
Calif. anrufen und fragen, weil
ich zusammen mit Mr. & Mrs. Ander-
son das Film angeordnet haben,
bevor ich es nach N.Y. gesandt
habe. Ich glaube, sogar das Paket
habe ich in Mr. Anderson Haus ab-
gefertigt und from Pasadena Post-
office abgesandt.

Also ich glaube Mr. Pukinskis
sagte mir etwas damals über den
Mann in N.Y., das er Teater oder
so was arbeite.

Ich glaube nicht direkt verwandt
mit dem Mann in N.Y., aber der
Mann in N.Y. vielleicht war mit O.

Zusammen in Lokales Division.

Das Gift in Australia war blond
und attraktiv - 700 damals
28-30.

Ich glaube jemand Frau Latina
hat nach Melbourne für diesen
Gift geschrieben, das Paket
zu abholen. Ich bin nicht sicher,
aber ich glaube, sie hat O. in
Olympic Village aufgesucht und
dadurch sie wusste, dass ich das
Folie sehen erhalten habe.

Bestimmt, irgendwo eine
Beziehung oder Verwandt-
schaft zwischen N.Y. & Australia
Gift kann sein.

Ich glaube nicht, dass K.G.B.
damals in zwischen sich mischte.

A bestimmt ist nicht verwandt
mit N.Y., weil es nicht
wusste.

in Melb. Basketball spielte —
das GIRL auffindig zu machen.
Ich glaube, ich habe ihm do-
mals etwas über das GIRL
gesagt und er kannte Sie.

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INFORMATION ON ALBERTS TREKNAIS

Source of Information: ARESIDECAR/2, 5 September 1962

Subject is [] Subject's mother is [] Both had grown up very close to one another. Neither had corresponded before the Melbourne Olympics, I know for a fact. Subject had given me a short letter to take to Melbourne for [] Before I left Chile, [] had only sent a post card on one occasion to Subject. I believe, however, that later [] had written more often, since [] said to me in Palo Alto that Subject had not written him apart from a couple of words in a Christmas card. Subject came to Chile about 1950 or 1951 after I had obtained for him and his family the necessary Chilean visa. He had written to me in Chile and had requested the visa. He has been working the last few years in a large auto-tire factory as a draftsman, and worked also towards the end as a section leader in a bakery. In 1961 Subject had changed his work to North Chile where he worked in a mine. I don't have his address yet, but if it is necessary I can get it in a week. Subject is my very close friend, and I am sure that he would be able to report everything accurately about Otto. (ADDRESS: IND. ENG. DEP. BRADEN COPPER CO., SEVEL, CHILE)

The Unknown Man in New York City

I believe I can try to find the man in New York. I will call Mrs. Austra ANDERSONS* in Pasadena, California, and ask, since I, together with Mr. and Mrs. ANDERSONS, had viewed the film before I sent it to New York. I also believe that I had tied up the package in Mr. ANDERSONS' house and sent it to New York from the Pasadena post office. Also I believe Mr. FUKINSKIS said only that the man was connected with the theatre or something similar in New York City. I believe that [] is not a direct relative of the man in New York, but perhaps the man in New York was with [] together in the Latvian Division. Subject (TREKNAIS) is definitely not related to the man in New York, since he knows nothing about him.

* No identifiable RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

The Latvian Girl in Australia

The girl in Australia was blonde, and attractive, and at the time was between 28 and 30 years of age. I believe that someone had written to Melbourne from Latvia to this girl requesting that she pick up the package. I am not sure, but I believe that she had tried to find [] in the Olympic Village and in this way learned that I had already received the film. It is definite that the man in New York would know the girl in Australia, since there was some sort of a friendship or family relationship between them.

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I don't feel that the girl was employed by the KGB at that time or that the KGB was involved at that time. I can try through Mr. Peteris BUMBERS, my friend who lives in Melbourne and played for the Australian basketball team in the Melbourne Olympics (he lives at 21 Heath Avenue, Oakleigh, S. E. 12, Australia), to learn the identity of the girl. I believe I had told him something about the girl at that time and that he knew her.

She called me five or six times at the Olympic Village in Melbourne and wanted to see me personally. She was blond, attractive, spoke Latvian, 25-30 years of age. Someone wrote her and said something would be coming out from Latvia; no direct knowledge about it. She saw [] and he told her he had given the film to Ed. I asked [] what I should do--give it to her or to TREKHAIS. He said, "You don't have to give it to the lady", and I told her that [] wishes it to go to a man in the United States. (I did not tell her the addressee's name, though I feel she has some relationship to the addressee in New York.)

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Att. C

The following types of questions might be posed under suitable conditions if a suitable opening arises:

- a. when did the people depart the Baltic States
- b. when did they depart the USSR
- c. what do they have on their minds and wish to say about the present world situation and its effect on the people in the Baltic and in the USSR
- d. have there been any significant governmental changes in the political hierarchy from the top down to the raion level in last few weeks
- e. have there been any unusually striking rumors or grapevine activity on economic, political or military matters or pending events or national intent
- f. have there been any noticeable increases in the amount of rail or air movement by day or by night observed
- g. has the temperament of the people changed toward foreigners
- h. have security restrictions and controls increased and has travel been at all hampered; have the number and size of restricted areas been increased
- i. has the availability of food remained constant; has there been evidence of hoarding, increased black market speculation (what items desired), etc.
- j. has the number of military personnel on the street and in nerve centers of transportation greatly increased
- k. was anything of an unusual nature observed during the flight from the USSR
- l. were there any travel delays experienced in your recent travels to Moscow or in the USSR
- m. has there been any tightening of the procedures affecting the mailing and receipt of international mail.
- n. have any unusually large number of planes or new types of craft been recently observed of both military or cargo variety
- o. have the university or student body been affected of late and has there been any evidence of the apprehension of students
- p. what has been the reaction of the people in the Baltic States to recent events and how have they interpreted them. What has been the reaction of the Russians living in the Baltic States to recent events and has there been any change in the relationships of the Balts and the Russians. Is there any feeling that the day of liberation is coming soon.

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SECRETTRACES

1. ✓ Fnu PEDRAKO - No RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces.
2. ✓ Alfonss BERZINS - SR/10/Latvian cards — trace, no derogatory information. See attached thermofax. No RI traces.
3. ✓ Lasma AVOTINA - SR/10/Latvian cards — traces, no derogatory information. No RI traces.
4. ✓ Arija GAILITE - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
5. ✓ Fnu VOLDINS - No RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
6. ✓ Fnu VITOLS - Probably identical with Vilis VITOLS, former Latvian skiing champion. RI traces indicate that Vilis VITOLS worked for "Ostlandfilm" in Riga during World War II and was a Gestapo agent.
7. ✓ Erika TIZNERS - No RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
8. ✓ Fnu ROMANOVSKIS - Probably iden with Konstantins ROMANOVSKIS. There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
9. ✓ ILGAIS - Probably identical with E. ILGASS. SR/10/Latvian cards — trace, no derogatory information. No RI traces.
10. ✓ Fnu ALBITIS - No RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
11. ✓ Armins, aka Aimins LAURES - No RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
12. ✓ E. JEKABSONS - No RI traces. No derogatory information in SR/10/Latvian cards. See attached thermofax.
13. ✓ Arnolds BERZINS - No RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
14. ✓ Fnu DUBOVSKIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
15. ✓ Fnu ADAMOVICS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
16. ✓ Robert PLUME - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
17. ✓ Janis DIMZA - SR/10/Latvian card trace contains no derogatory information. See attached thermofax. There are RI traces — no derogatory information.
18. ✓ Fnu JANSONS - Subject is probably identical with H. JANSONS, a Latvian athlete. There are SR/10/Latvian card traces (see attached thermofax). There are no RI traces.

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19. ✓ Fnu PILAGS - Probably identical with E. PILAGE, a Soviet/Latvian runner. There are RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces, but not derogatory. See attached thermofax.
20. ✓ Fnu TAURENS - Probably identical with Janis TAURENS [redacted], a runner whom [redacted] met at the Moscow Fair together with his then fiancée, Wanda SKUCS, circa July - September 1959. Claims to be a student of English literature at the University of Latvia. There are RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces, but not derogatory. See attached thermofax.
21. ✓ Fnu KUKUSKA - ^M There are ~~no~~ SR/10/Latvian card traces. *Probably identical with V. KUMUSKA, a top Sov Latv Athlete.*
22. ✓ Fnu BARBANS - Probably identical with Aija BARBANE. There are no RI traces. SR/10/Latvian cards reveal no derogatory information. See attached thermofax.
23. ✓ Fnu LEVICKA - Probably identical with Dzidra LEVICKA [redacted] A Soviet Latvian runner. There are RI and SR/10/Latvian card traces, but no derogatory information. See attached thermofax.
24. ✓ Fnu JACIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
25. ✓ Fnu PAUPA - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
26. ✓ Maris GAILIS - There are no RI traces. SR/10/Latvian cards reveal no derogatory information. See attached thermofax.
27. ✓ Fnu HEBERTS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
28. ✓ Maija OTLANE - There are no RI traces. SR/10/Latvian cards reveal no derogatory information. See attached thermofax.
29. ✓ Zigrīda MEDNE - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
30. ✓ Baiba MIGLA - There are no RI traces. SR/10/Latvian no derogatory info. See attachment. *DAU. of Rev. Vilhelms MIGLA.*
31. ✓ Vilhelms MIGLA - *Probably iden. with Rev. Vilhelms MIGLA, Latv Luth Pastor.* There are ~~no~~ SR/10/Latvian card traces. *Lives in LIEPĀJA.*
32. ✓ Fnu BURVIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
33. ✓ Fnu KECHRIS - Probably identical with Eriks KECHRIS. No RI traces. SR/10/Latvian cards reveal no derogatory information. See attached thermofax.
34. ✓ Fnu GRAUDULIS - No RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
35. ✓ Fnu VAIVADS - *HAMMER THROWER.* Probably identical with V. VAIVADS. No RI traces. SR/10/Latvian cards reveal no derogatory information. See attached thermofax.

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- ✓ 36. Voldemars BRIEDIS - No identifiable RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓ 37. Fnu DEKSENIKS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

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ATTACHMENT E

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TRACES

- ✓1. Peteris ZELTINS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓2. Fnu LIEPASKALNS - Probably identical with Adolfs LIEPASKALNS, a Latvian sportsman, formerly world champion in distance walking. See attached thermofax.
- ✓3. Fnu KRUKLINS - Probably identical with A. KRUKLINS, a Latvian sportsman, who participated as a distance walker at 1936 Olympics in Berlin. See attached thermofax. There are no RI traces.
- ✓4. Fnu FELDMANE nee LAVIZE - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

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ATTACHMENT F

TRACES

- ✓1. Juris BERNSONS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓2. fnu BERZZARINS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓3. Ziedonis MACKAITIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

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A letter from Imants GAILIS and a letter from Lidiya GAILIS are attached.

(See attachments D and E.)

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ATTACHMENT G

SECRETTRACES

- ✓1. Karlis LIEPINS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓2. Roberts BALTINS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓3. V. VAIVADS - There are ~~no RI or~~ SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓4. Irma URDE-KRAMA-JAUNZEME - There are no identifiable RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓5. fnu JACKOVICKIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓6. fnu VITOLS - Previously traced. *Possibly same as VITOLS (#6) ltr. of c. JAN 58*
- ✓7. fnu SPANBERGS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓8. fnu MARTINFELDS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓9. fnu JURGIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓10. E. JEKABSONS - Previously traced. *See ltr from Imants GAILIS c. JAN 58.*
- ✓11. E. LAPINS - There are no identifiable RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓12. fnu AUDERS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓13. fnu BERZZARINS - *Previously traced. See ltr from BERNSONS 17 JUN 58.*
~~There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.~~
- ✓14. Ruta BERNSONS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓15. Ilze BERNSONS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓16. Ziedonis MACKAITIS - Previsouly traced. *See ltr from BERNSONS 17 JUN 58.*
- ✓17. J. DELINS - There were no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓18. A. KRAVINSKIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓19. I. STERNS - There are no identifiable RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

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ATTACHMENT I, J, K and L

TRACES

- ✓ 1. Evalds LIZBOVSKIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓ 2. Evgenijs LIZBOVSKIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓ 3. Ramamons LIZVOVSKIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

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While still living in Chile in 1957 and 1958, (AES-2) received several letters from a 13-14 year old Latvian boy, Evalds LIZBOVKIS, praising him and requesting postage stamps. The boy stated how proud he was to read about a Latvian in the West after seeing (AES-2's) name in the Soviet-Latvian press. Every year thereafter the boy wrote 2-3 times. (AES-2) sent him some cards c/o Evalds LIZBOVSKIS, Riga Rayons P.O. Salispils "SENCU", Riga, LSSR, but these were never acknowledged. (AES-2) mentioned in passing that the Germans had a concentration camp at Salispils.) The letters no longer come. The boy c. 19-20 is now in the Soviet navy. In one of his letters he wrote, "These bandits have closed us in here."

(AES-2) forwarded three letters that he has received from LIZBOVSKIS. (See attachments I, J, K, and L.)

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ATTACHMENT M

TRACES

- ✓1. fnu DRUGIS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓2. fnu BALTUSKINS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓3. Inese JAUNZEME - Previously traced.
- ✓4. fnu PAKIŠTE - ~~Previously~~ traced. *No RI or SR/10 traces.*
- ✓5. fnu PIPINA - Previously traced. *No RI or SR/10 traces.*
- ✓6. Peteris STRODS - There are no RI traces. There are SR/10/Latvian card traces, but not derogatory. See attached thermofax.
- ✓7. Alfons BERZINS - Previously traced. *See ltr from IMANTS GAILIS c. JAN 58*
- ✓8. Tatjana DRIZINA - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓9. Lasma AVOTINA - Previously traced. *See ltr from IMANTS GAILIS c. JAN 58.*
- ✓10. Pauls FELSBERGS - There are SR/10/Latvian card traces, see attached thermofax. There are no identifiable RI traces.
- ✓11. A. KLAVINA - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓12. A. GULITE - Subject is probably identical with Arija GULITE. There are no RI traces. There is an SR/10/Latvian card trace, but not derogatory.
- ✓13. F. LEITIS - There are SR/10/Latvian card traces, but not derogatory. There are no RI traces.
- ✓14. G. MININA - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓15. L. VITOLA-ZVAIGZNE - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓16. E. JAUNZEME - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓17. J. GRANTINS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓18. S. STRODS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓19. A. JURJEVS - There are no RI traces. There is an SR/10/Latvian card trace, but not derogatory.
- ✓20. P. PETROVS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓21. N. GALAKRODZNIKES - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓22. A. KOVACENKO - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.
- ✓23. fnu RUMBA - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

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✓24. fnu VILSONS - There are no RI or SR/10/Latvian card traces.

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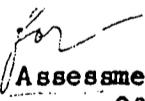
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14 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: [] SR/2/Baltic
SUBJECT : Attached Assessment Report

1. It is recommended that any questions concerning the attached assessment report or its application to the current situation be resolved through discussion with an assessment psychologist. Such a discussion may be arranged by calling extension 6296. The A&E Staff will also welcome any comments concerning any lack of clarity in the way the report is written.

2. If a need for the report develops after it has been returned, it may be obtained by calling extension 6296.


Chief
Assessment and Evaluation Staff
Office of Training

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REPORT OF COVERT ASSESSMENT

NOTE: This Report of Covert Assessment is entrusted to [] SR/2/
Baltic. It may be retained in the operational personnel file but should
not be shown to the individual assessed. In the event the person assessed
becomes a staff employee, the Report must be returned to A&E/TR GD 0410,
Headquarters Building in a sealed envelope.

Name: Laipeniek, Edgar

Date of Assessment: 5 September 1962

Date of Birth: 25 June 1913

Sex: Male

Official Requesting Assessment: [] SR/2/Baltic

Comments:

1. Mr. Laipeniek was referred for assessment to help determine in what operational assignments he might be useful and, in general, to help in understanding him. Since Mr. Laipeniek was available for only one day and since he could not write in English, the assessment data are limited. They should be considered together with information from other sources about his background and about his current behavior.

2. In ordinary social contact, Mr. Laipeniek seems much the affable, athletic, hardworking, dedicated coach his background suggests he is. As long as the conversation focusses on athletics or veers only to superficial matters in other areas, this image of Mr. Laipeniek is liable to persist; but if his personal life is probed, if he is challenged, or if he is caused to lose face, he is likely to reveal a much colder and more hostile nature than is seen on the surface. Thus two different people, depending on the circumstances, may gain two distinctly different impressions of Mr. Laipeniek. Both kinds of impressions are valid, for the changes in Mr. Laipeniek's manner are not whimsical but reactions to environmental pressures, and in similar situations similar behavior can be expected from him.

3. Basically, Mr. Laipeniek is a pretty detached and distant man; he has had to learn to show some emotion. His own concept of himself is that of a warm humanitarian but actually he is the sort of person who could be cold and cruel in an appropriate (e.g. wartime) setting. In his coaching, he finds an acceptable outlet for somewhat sadistic impulses by subjecting his athletes to ever longer and more grueling training. Also belying his professed warmth is the way he typically reacts to laziness and ineptitude with cursing rather than coaxing. While he can be quite charming with acquaintances, in short-term relationships he is probably unable to maintain long-term, intimate, reciprocal emotional relationships. He is not the sort

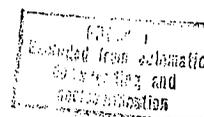
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of guy to be a close buddy or to work very closely and happily with someone for a long time; but on the positive side he can change jobs easily, be away from his family comfortably and adapt to new countries and people effectively. He should be good at his athletic recruiting for he can put on an engaging and persuasive manner while giving very little of himself. He probably could not admit enjoying such recruiting for he sees himself as a man of honor and principle to whom athletic scholarships are crass and mercenary; he admires Europe where people go to school for an education--not to run or to play ball.. In addition to being principled, it is important for Mr. Laipenieks to appear cultured (to listen to the right music, read the right books, etc.). He makes his way in life by strong intellectual and physical discipline, and relies on unusual skills to set him off from the herd. Without very special skills, he would not be very successful since he is not the kind who can fit himself to various people and get by on his personality. He functions best as an expert. He adjusts by taking his world (of expertise) with him, rather than by changing to become part of his environment. This need to be a specialist is helped in its realization by his desire to be in positions of responsibility and by a temperament that enables him to immerse himself in his work. Although his intelligence is but average--about that of an average high school graduate--these other attributes evidently enable him to achieve at a high level. Being a coach is in many ways an ideal job for Mr. Laipenieks; it is unlikely he would have been as successful in other jobs. He can relate to people as an authority, as "coach", and while he may become dogmatic and authoritarian in his views, no one minds as long as his athletes do well. It is only when his frame of reference is challenged that he is likely to become hostile and punitive. At the extreme, this is the sort of person who could tend to be a dictator, to see himself as superior to all others, but we have no indications from his history that such has been the case with Mr. Laipenieks.

4. The personality characteristics brought out in the general description of Mr. Laipenieks can be expected to be part of him in any operational role he might assume. Thus, he can be expected to be best at short term contacts, to have good recruiting ability, to be hostile when he feels his privacy is intruded upon, to be dogmatic in his beliefs, to want recognition for his special skills, to work hard for what he believes in, to enjoy power and responsibility, to maintain activity in the face of frustration and to accumulate a good deal of underlying tension that could cause angry blowups under appropriate circumstances (enforced intimacy, lack of recognition, prying supervision). The way he makes people and situations adjust to him rather than vice versa also is important; he does not really understand people well. He is a good observer and has adequate memory, so his reporting should be all right, but he is quite likely to misinterpret the significance of what he observes because he will not have been aware of what others really were thinking or doing.

5. Factors of attitude and allegiance are of course equally as important as personality in determining his operational potential. Language difficulties



precluded searching exploration of these areas, but some relevant feelings of Mr. Laipenieks did emerge. He maintains he is staunchly anti-communist because the communists were responsible for his father's death. "I like the Russians but I hate the communists," he says. He is not particularly pro-U. S.; he says he would fight the communists but would not help U. S. intelligence in other ways. In fact he is strongly considering returning to Chile where he felt more important than he does in the U. S.

6. Valuing his concept of himself as a dedicated man of principle, he usually acts in a loyal way (especially if an organization checks up on him). Of course, from this assessment we cannot be sure he has not already given his allegiance to the Soviets or the Germans or anyone else. If not, he could be appealed to in the name of freedom (not in the name of the U. S.).

7. If it is decided to recruit him, the above perceptions he has of himself should be used in the pitch, together with his picture of himself as a humanitarian, and above all as a big wheel who may "volunteer" his aid (not as someone who is being given a tryout).

8. In working with him, it would be important to have him handled by a real "pro", someone whose professional acumen he can respect and someone who can satisfy Mr. Laipenieks's need for recognition without establishing an intimacy that would eventually scare him off.

9. In summary, Mr. Laipenieks is a man of average intelligence who is well suited by personality for his coaching career. He likes hard work; he likes to push others; and he can relate effectively to just about anyone in a short term contact. If his allegiance is verified, the present assessment data indicate Mr. Laipenieks could be of value in (recruiting Soviet athletes) or in similar kinds of assessments. Considerations relevant to recruiting and controlling Mr. Laipenieks are discussed in the body of the report.

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Chief
Assessment Branch,
Assessment and Evaluation Staff

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GAUJERS ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A.

ab.1915

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Germany,
Hamburg (~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~), Camp Funktura

A well known Latvian sportsman in walking ("solosana") was in Latvian Legion during the war, now as a refugee in Germany; member of the Latvian Veterans' Organization "Lau-gavas Vanagi". In 1952 visited the Olympic games in Helsinki, Finn and, since was very enthusiastic about sports. While in Helsinki tried to contact Latvian sportsman who were with the team of Soviet Union. According to Gaujers' tale, he met the famous wight putter CRIGALKA (see File # 6) on the street and tried to talk to Crigalka; the latter answered Gaujers' greetings, but the accompanying Russian sportsman meddled into the conversat. on and asked Crigalka in Russian "what does this man want from you?"; upon that Crigalka walked away with his Russian companion. Later Gaujers succeeded in meeting the Latvian distance walker ZVIRGZDINS (or ZIRDZIESY) alone, while Zvirgzdins went from the field to the dressing rooms; they had a conversation undisturbed; during this conversation Zvirgzdins stated that he receives 2000 rb per month for his sportist performance and does not need to work elsewhere; he did not commit himself to any judgment about the prevailing system, but stated shortly that the life is hard. (U)

mentioned in LATVIA VACISI, 13 Oct. 1954, pg 2, as a representative of the Latvian committee of Camp Funktura and of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ VANAGI. (U).

SR/2/LATVIA CARDS

DOJ: 23 Nov 1954

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PURINSKIS Arvids

5511

1112 South Hauser Blvd
Silver City, Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles, Cal.

Latvian immigrant, was known as soccer referee in Latvia, immigrant in USA; underwent
a plastic surgery to remove traces of mutilation on one side of his face (since
birth). Attached clipping from Laiks Jan. 6, 1954. (d)

Vice-President of the Latvian Society in Los Angeles. Sister lives in Canada.
Close friend of [AECIDECAR/2] who visited him in July-Aug 1952. [NY 100-100000]

SR/110 / Latvian card

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LŪKINS Janis (see card 2205). In 1948 told QINTERS Hugo that he has been on an assignment by the Brits to Vienna, Austria, in counterintelligence matters. At ab. the same time told H. QINTERS that he has established connections with Latvians who are employed by the Soviets and are now and then entering illegally into the Soviet zone. In 1949 he wrote G that he has been on a meeting with higher US officials from some intelligence agency. Formerly a close friend of AEBY. (C).

DOI: 21 Oct 55

[AESIDECAR/2] stated that he served under PARUPS during his military service, 1934-35.

DOI: Sep 62

PĀRUPS Eriks

ab.1910

4727

USA; 100 Strawberry Hill W.Cottage, Stamford, Conn.

Former 1st Lt. at the Latvian Army; a graduate of the Latvian Officers' Training School (Latvijas Karaskola). Was known as an able sportsman, especially in chess. In summer 1941 participated for a short time in partisan fights against the dispersed Soviet forces in Vidzeme. During the Soviet German occupation he was among the leaders of the Young Officers' Association (chairman was Lt. Col. E. KUMIŠ, now in the USA); had his office at the "Latvian Kartoteka". Together with other young officers, P. I. KUCIS P.V. (see card 2206) and KUMIŠ, tried to organize a resistance group among the Latvian officers against the Germans. Was arrested by the SD in Nov. 1942 together with RAUČIS, released in spring 1943 when he joined the Latvian Legion. In exile lived in West Germany, British Zone, where he was among the founders of the LPKDA in June 1946 (LPKDA membership card 532) and was its deputy chairman until ab. 1948; afterwards in opposition to the present leadership of the LPKDA. While in Germany he served at some MSC unit (Latvian, up to his immigration in the USA in ab. 1950). An ardent follower of the former Minister VALMĀKIS Alfreds. In 1943 was in contact with the illegalists, DAUDA and SILDEKŠ Jēkabs (see their cards). Very industrious but egocentric and uncooperative. It is told that recently drinks in excess, was married but divorced his wife; lived together with another woman. Is cousin of



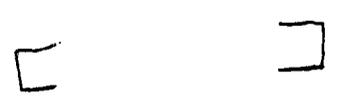
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WIKIPIPI Alberts

Latvia; Riga

Sportsman. Former Latvian Olympic champion. According to H. VALDINS (see card I 21), as told to WIKIPIPI (see card 4785), A. WIKIPIPI is now in charge of all Soviet Latvian track and field athletes; is going now and then to Latvia with his wife for fishing and hunting - H. VALDINS often accompanies him there. In July '56 A. WIKIPIPI sent his address in Chile to WIKIPIPI through H. VALDINS (see the article by A. WIKIPIPI in "Australijas Latviete" 11 Aug. '56). For possible relationship see card 4490. (3).

SR/10/LATV CARD



BAUMANIS Voldemars

Apr. 19, 1955

2153

56, rue Marechal Foch,
Lorient, France

A well known Latvian sportsman, basketball coach; was officer in the Latvian Army during the World War II was commander of a supply unit in the 15th Division in the rank of a major. Was as a refugee in Germany, emigrated to France where he was employed as a basketball trainer with the basketball club in Lorient, together with several other Latvians. According to Karalis Karlsons, another former Latvian officer, now in New York, Baumanis is going to emigrate from France to USA, is sponsored by a/m Karlsons, and intends to work as construction worker with Karlsons' enterprise; on May 1, 1955 during a telephone conversation Karlsons asked B whether there might arise opportunities for Baumanis in an office work in Washington, D.C., since Baumanis knows several languages: Latvian, Russian, German and French, Karlsons did not know about English. The answer was, that B would inquire. Karlsons is afraid that A would not be able to do hard manual work. According to A Baumanis is a homosexual. (B)

See [REDACTED] file for additional comments on [REDACTED]

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K. ULLIUS A.

Latvian SSR

A sportsman (distance-walker), participated in the competition held in May 1935, finished second to V. Abeltips (see card 124). He is member of the club "Laupeva", and was known as a distance walker already before the war, participated in the Olympic Games 1936 in Berlin (was distinguished for his correct walking style). (U)

His name mentioned Subject in a letter dated 19 March 1948.

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LIEPASKALNS Adolfs

1910

8023

Latvia; Gulbene

Latvian sportsman, formerly world champion in distance walking; was first in 20 km walk in 1 hour 44,57 minutes at the field and track events of the "Daugava" sports club in Riga (see Australian Latvian, 31 Aug. '57). (C).

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ČEKHA Jants
Wife, was ANSEVICA, wife

1 Nov. 1905 [p] [p], Latvia

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Latvia;

Sportsman; police officer in [p] (in 1939); graduated from secondary school in 1931; held records in 12 disciplines in Latvia; in decathlon was the fourth best in the world; awarded with the Three Stars Order (from SVV). Participated at the BERLIN Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932; got injured during the events of decathlon. During the days of the Soviet invasion in Latvia in June 1940, he was in charge of the Railroad Police in Riga; afterwards got arrested - the Communists asked for his death sentence in many meetings. According to "These Names Accuse", he was removed from prison and deported; his last address: Riga, L. Bontņa 90-1. According to the Latvian press in exile (in Sep. '56) he has been recently released back to Latvia. According to ČEKHA Vilis (see card 5154), J. ČEKHA came from a poor family, joined first the Social Democrat Sports Club (SSS), later changed to the Army Sports Club; is very strong physically that was able to survive. (S).

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JANIS R.

1971

Riga, Latvian S.R.

Student of the Agricultural Academy, sportsman of the club "Leņģava", won championship in 200 meters dash during the 1955 Spartakiade in Riga. His picture is in the newspaper Sovietskaja Latvija # 184, Aug. 5, 1955. (U)

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SECRET, Alfonso

7 Nov. 1916 Riga

1991

Soviet Union

His father, [redacted] was a tailor in Riga. First name of his mother - [redacted]. He attended the [redacted] school of [redacted] in Riga and graduated from it in 1937. Was for 5 years Latvian champion in speed-skating; in 1938 obtained the title of Latvian Champion and was the overall best at the world championship in speed-skating in Helsinki, Finland (from USSR and Latvia together). After graduating from the school he married [redacted] (now Mrs. [redacted]) employee of the Committee for Free Latvia in [redacted] in the Latvian Army and the Soviets occupied Latvia in 1940; participated in during the Soviet occupation in skating but had some trouble with the Soviets during a trip to Russia proper. During the Soviet occupation was head of the Latvian Legion; participated in the [redacted] of success in 1944; in May 1945 tried to escape from Latvia to [redacted] but failed. According to [redacted] he was arrested by the Soviets and was still in jail in [redacted] in 1945. According to KGB, [redacted] was sent back to the [redacted] of the Soviets in 1945. (C)

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PILAGS E.

1618

Latvian SSR

A student of Pedagogical Institute, master of sports in Latvian SSR, one of the best at 400 meters sprint, mentioned by "Sovetskaja Latvija" 310, Dec. 31, 1954 in a review for sports events in 1954. No further details. (B)
He is shown on a group photo published in CIJA on 18 July, 1954. (C)

SR/110/ Latvian card

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TAURENS J

SECRET

7583

Latvia; Riga

A sportsman. Was second in the 1500 meters run by 3:50 min. during the 1956 Spartakiad of 1956 and second in the 800 meters run by 1:55.5 min (see "Republikas Spartakiade", p 2, and "Dzina", 17 July '56). (U).

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BARBANE Aija

1941

8076

Latvia; Riga

Junior sportsman; pupil at the 1st Children Sports School in Riga; during the competitions of school youth in Riga in July '57, she was second in 80 m hurdles by 11.5 sec, which is a new All-Union record for girls up to 16 year old, and was first in high jump by 1.50 m (repeated this result on 21 Aug. '57); during the All-Union Student Championship in Riga on 22 Aug. '57 achieved a new All-Union Youth record in 80 m hurdles by 11.4 sec.; her coach is GAILE Lidija (see c.7320); judging by her photos (see Sida, 24 Aug. '57, and Sports, 3 Jan. '58) she is a good-looking typical Latvian girl. - According to Sports, # 8, 1958, she is a prospective candidate of USSR Youth Team for Europe Championship in Stockholm, Sweden, in Aug. '58 (see also ref. card 8070). (G).

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GAILIS Maris

sp. 2079

807

Latvia; Riga

Junior class sportsman; student at the "Daugava" Sports School in Riga; his coach - GAILIS Imanis (relationship possible though not stated); during the championship of "Daugava" in July '57, set a new Latvian record for youth in 800 m run by 1 min. 56,7 sec.; during the Latvian Spartakiade in Riga on 24 July '57, achieved a new All-Union record for youth in 1500 m run by 3 min. 57,9 sec, but on 29 July '57, a new All-Union record for youth in 1000 m run by 2 min. 30,5 sec. - According to Sportis/Riga, # 8 (see ref. card 8070), he is a prospective candidate of USSR Youth Team for Europe Championship in Stockholm, Sweden, 19-24 Aug. '58. (C).

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OTLINS Maja

ab.1940

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Latvia; Riga

A young and very talented female sportist of USSR. Was third in the 400 m run by 79.5 sec. at the USSR Spartakiad of 1956 in Riga. In 1955 she was a student at the 1st Children Sports School of Riga (see "Republikas Sports" of 2; File SPORTS)(C

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MIGLA Baiba

apr. 1959

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Latvia; Slein

Junior class sportswoman; member of sports club "Vārpa" (rural sports organization in Latvia); on 21 July '57, in Riga she achieved a new Latv.SSR youth record in 800 m run by 2 min.17,1 sec.; during the All-Union Championship for Students in Riga on 22 Aug. '57, she became USSR Champion of Youth in 400 m run by 58,3 sec. together with OTLASE Maija (see c.7582). - According to Sportis/Riga, # 8/1958 (see ref. card 8070), she is a prospective candidate of USSR Youth Team for Europe Championship in Stockholm, Sweden, in Aug. '58. (C).

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EDUARD ERITS

7581

Latvia:

LSSR champion in broad jump; won the 1st place during the LSSR Spartakiad of 1956 in Riga by 7.14 meters ("Ciga", 18 July '56). According to "Ciga", 17 July '56, he is a member of the USSR track team (prospective candidates for the Olympic Games of 1956 in Melbourne, Australia); his result 7.44 m in broad jump, achieved this year, was the third best in USSR. See his picture in "Republikas Spartakiado", # 2 (File SPORTS). (C). During the All-Union Spartakiad in Moscow in Aug. 1956 he was second in broad jump by 7.33 meters ("Iaika", 29 Aug. 1956). (C).

SR110 / Latvian card

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VAIVADS V

7285

Latvia; Riga

A sportsman. Won the championship in hammer by 23.41 meters during the USSR Spartakiad of 1956 (see "Republikas Sportists", # 2; File SPORTS). (C).

JR/10/Latvian card

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1. KAZEMIS P...
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192, Latvian SSR

won championship of Riga in speed-skating, from sports club "Linnae"; his picture
is in "Riga" # 52/55. (S)

ADDITIONAL File wherein Subject is mentioned
in article RIKS... in Riga

ALFIS P.

100

Biga, Latvian S.S.

A kate-racer, from club "Linano", together with I. Titovs, of "Linano" achieved each three racing records for youth, "Biga" # 52/53.

See MEMO file wherein Subject is mentioned in connection with Albert's RIKETING in Riga.

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JURJEVS , A

725A

Latvia; Riga

Bicycle racer; was third in a race through Riga. Working at some bicycle factory in Riga as a turner(see ref. card 6925). He was well-known in bicycle races already before WW II. (O).

See [AEMIDEC R/2] file wherein Subject is mentioned in a newspaper article written from Alberts RIEKSTINS in Riga.

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TALDENIS Karkats

1 MAR 1906

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Summary

Student of law in Latvia; participated in some self-defense units during the German-Soviet War; as a refugee in Germany; served with US Labor Service Company until ab. 1923. In 1933/34, was heard of as living in Karlsruhe, US Zone then, and interviewed some representatives of a Soviet Union, among others with SMILING (see card 909); the latter had stated to other people in Augsburg that she did not like the way Taldenis questioned her. It was believed that T. was working with some US office. (s)

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CUKURS Herberts May 17, 1900
Wida nee BARZDPE, wife
children

1686

Brasil

See file. (B)

CUKURS Teodors ab. 1907
wife
two children
Herberts, brother (see card 1686)
two other brothers

2089

Latvia; Lidoņa, Jaunlidoņa on Līgas st., ab. No. 30

Turner at the "Lidoņa's metalurgy" factory in Lidoņa. Same a waterboat. His brother Herberts is the well-known aviator, now in Brazil (see file 1940, Doc. 45, p. 14). (C).

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Latvian

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Latvian

Latvian skate-racer, remained in Latvia under Soviet occupation; in Soviet newspaper of fall 1955 shown coaching younger generation of Latvian skaters; believed to be a relative of A. Strods (see card 586), Deputy Minister of Culture of Latvia.

Coach, Trainer, Sports Assn "Daugava" - Soviet Latvia, No. 14.