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RE AESIDECAR OPERATION

1. Since my comments of a day or so ago a few more thoughts have come to me which I place in the record for consideration when evaluating the file:

a. How much does it mean that Subject (#2) while apparently a fine husband and father (hotel room had four or five pictures of the children and aging wife) is so frequently wandering away from them rather than staying at home and providing for them. I would not be surprised if the marriage was one of a rather strange duo: ^{unattractive} a very wealthy/girl and a poor but athletically gifted boy. It seems strange to me that the average father of four children would run off to Alaska with some young pre-med student to work for the summer as a gardener. By the same token, why is Subject now suddenly eager to run off with the peace corps.

b. For the record it should be noted that after checking into the Hotel Washington, one of the chambermaids opened the door to his room and brought ^{but not unattractive} in a rather chubby/woman on the pretext that the chubby woman's husband had left his shoes behind. Subject was caught lying in bed in his underwear and apparently felt that his morals were being tested by CIA. *does he know and what?*

c. Concerning his wife's parents; it should be noted that after they were arrested by the Soviets in June 1941 they were able to write a note and give it to a "Militz" friend of Subject who in turn gave it to Subject. The note indicated where all of the family jewelry and valuables had been hidden and Subject availed himself of the opportunity and found some and dug the remained from the ground and their various hiding places. Perhaps this is the basis for his wealth. By the way, how much is 200 acres of prime Chilean land worth on the market today if located near Santiago?

d. Additional points of conflicting testimony when comparing report and debriefing in Washington. *plus claim of thought comments for [redacted]*

1. Subject did not graduate from Riga University but from the

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Jelgava Teaching College possibly mis-
understanding on my part

2. Subject did not become a teacher after finishing College but went into the army
3. Subject taught the sixth grade and not highschool
4. Subject joined the police force on his own initiative since he had friends there AND WAS NOT asked
5. Did Subject work for the Gestapo or the Abwehr? It appears he ~~was~~ was commended by the Gestapo and not the Abwehr. P.S. He indicated he ^{was} affiliated with Abwehr and when turned over to Gestapo, he resigned.
6. How realistic was Subject's claim that he was able to (hung up in trees) capture and break a paratrooper who had been so widely and insecurely exposed during Soviet training that he knew alias and true names of agents and many D.Z.'s
7. Subject asked for "out" of the police work when he found tide of battle was turning, that he was getting closer and closer to getting killed and that his nature and character were being blighted.
8. Subject's difficulty (denunciation) with the GESTAPO came after he was released from the police force and given a deferred status rather than before his release.
9. Subject got his job in Prussia through the good offices of his old Bosch factory friend from Riga who was in charge of the tank assembly factory and not through a member of the occupation forces. *Yes, may be occupation.*
10. The travel orders for Subject his wife and the SS soldier were for weeked travel to Insterburg and were not in the form of PCS orders. Nevertheless he was able to travel for ten days by rail to Innsbruck

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11. Subject made no mention of the shipment of supplies to Innsbruck and in fact indicated that he had quickly and quietly falsified the travel permit and had moved without any great fanfare or shipping of supplies; even leaving behind his horses.

12. Subject didn't mention the friend in Austria to whom he had sent the supplies and packages but indicated that he had registered in ^{one of} the main hotels in the city with his D.P. papers. (He had never mentioned his D.P. papers before) !!

13. Subject got his papers for work not from a Latvian-German but from a pure Latvian who was the head of the supply office/charged in Berlin with feeding etc. the Latvian Legion on the front (Q.M.)

14. Subject went to East Prussia to sell his horses and get 1500RM and not to see his friend. It was only after East Prussia that he returned to Berlin where he got his papers in some strange sort of fashion.

15. Subject indicated that two or three others with him had trouble getting across the ice and snow and as a result he made it some the second time but he did not indicate that he fell into the water although he did get wet and was shot at by diving Soviet planes

16. Subject was not in Innsbruck but near Feldkirch when the Americans took over the area in which he was living

17. Subject was arrested by the French for having stolen a bicycle and not because he was accused of working for

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This could all have been reported by ...

the Germans. He spent two weeks in jail in Bregenz on this minor charge since he had actually returned the bike later

18. Comment: I find it most difficult to understand why the French ~~army~~ which are noted for their mountain troops and skiing ability would have to rely so heavily on subject who obviously had had little previous exposure to Alpine skiing

Belgian July had been top-notch skier, but after his forte was probably cross-country, rather than Alpine skiing

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e. Subject does not believe [] is a KGB agent because Subject has seen many many agents and does not feel that [] is well trained enough to be one. Subject admits that there are many many questions which are unanswered about [] and his present stature and past experiences but ^{was} ~~is~~ not ^{able} ~~willing~~ to give any ^{detailed} explanations. *of this by writing some body was covering this aspect (LATVIAN)*

f. Regarding subject's knowledge of individuals of ops interest to KUBARK, all I can repeat is that most of it was over my head and meant little. [] appeared to have situation well in hand, however, giving credance to my belief that this fellow should be handled by officers fully au courant with the Latvian scene.

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