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, age 31.

a. First contacted as outgrowth of KALME contact, by [ ] in Hamburg, Germany, June 1950. Later met and recruited by [ ] in Sweden. Came to Germany at our instruction in May 1951.

b. Arrived in Sweden by boat in late 194<sup>5</sup>. Never in military service. Claimed to be contact man for partisans and underground, worked with numerous attempts to re-establish contact, was trained for TILESTONE B but not sent. Had contact with Swedish (Capt. ANDREASSON), Danish (Capt. HVID), British (Major HILLMANIS) <sup>KILGOUR</sup> Intelligence. Worked in various places in Sweden, in woodcutting and textiles, but mainly occupied in attempts to contact Latvia. Formed "SC" as a secret organization, non-political, aiming to help occupied Latvian resistance in any way possible, especially by getting support to the partisans and underground. In Sweden, especially friendly with Dr. Voldemars GINTERS, who worked closely with TILBURY in recruiting for TILESTONE Latvian operations. His contact-man to England, SKOBE, is believed to have worked with the BIS; is now said to be in Canada since last summer. Persons with whom LAUNAGS may have <sup>had</sup> contact, directly or through others, who may work for BIS:

Major A. AMERIKS (said to have severed BIS connection)  
Lt. Col. RUCELIS (fnu, perhaps Janis)  
Lt. Col. Adolfs BULLE  
Lt. Col. KAGNUS, fnu

LAUNAGS was instructed to sever all connections in May 1951. Has often said that he would be happy to cooperate with any other service which could actively assist us.

c. Political: Claims to be "Liberal" (Liberal Party in Latvian emigration is very small). Rather pro-German than pro-Russian, but worked against the Germans during the occupation, although ~~later~~ he also worked for some time in the Latvian "Kartei" under the SD. Considers ZARINS main leader of emigration, due to authority given by ULMANIS plus recognition as such by Western powers. Anti-parliamentarian, but not pro-ULMANIS type of government, although believes ULMANIS period was not too unsatisfactory. Believes future free Latvia would have military government dominated by Allies; then government under Constitution approved by people, parliamentarian government with strong executive and limited number of parties. (over)

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Anti-Bruno KALNINS; grants that KALNINS is presently anti-Communist, but believes he is disruptive factor in emigration due to his habit of denouncing anyone further right than himself as Fascist. Would allow KALNINS to return to a free Latvia and stand in free elections.

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