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MEMORANDUM

TO: STC

FROM: Chief, SR/Baltic

SUBJECT: Case Officers Assessment of Alfreds Launags

In accordance with your request, we are attaching herewith, case officer's assessment and carriage test results on Alfreds Launags. The medical report will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received from the field.

1. Alfreds Launags has been working for this agency for approximately one year as an operational planner. In this capacity subject has exhibited efficiency and organizational and directional ability.

2. Alfreds Launags was born in Latvia in 1919 of well-to-do parents. Subject studied agriculture at the University of Latvia. Subject joined the anti-Soviet underground in 1940 and was active in underground cells from 1940-41; subject also participated in underground activities against the Germans from 1941-45. Subject penetrated the SD in Riga and was arrested in 1943; he was released from prison after several months. Subject became a political assistant to the guerrilla movement in Latvia and after the capitulation on 8 May 1945 he coordinated and guided guerrilla action in the Kurzeme region. Subject escaped to Sweden in 1945 with a self-imposed assignment to seek aid for the Latvian partisans.

3. Alfreds Launags is a somewhat pessimistic, extremely intelligent individual. Subject possesses an excellent memory and can grasp a situation with a minimum of explanation. He is motivated by a desire to aid in the fight for Latvian freedom. Subject likes wine and gin, but never to excess. He is fond of women, but has no known mistress.

4. Subject possesses exceptionally good security, although in 1945-47, when he first left Latvia, he was somewhat too trusting and was used in a political way.

5. The work he has done for this organization overseas has been of value, and the capacity in which he will serve in this country will be of greatest importance.

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