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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

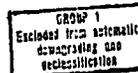
SUBJECT: Discussion of LAUNAGS' Case with Dr. [ ]

1. On 20 June I discussed the LAUNAGS' case with Dr. [ ] I briefed him on LAUNAGS' current difficulties and explained that when the possibility of LAUNAGS' repatriation to Latvia had first come up in December 1964 we had carefully considered the medical assessment of LAUNAGS and had decided that the case should be handled without showing U.S. Government interest to Subject. Accordingly we had monitored LAUNAGS' problems primarily through [ ] and had not asked Domestic Contact Service to pick him up again as an active charge. I stated that it was my feeling that the time had come for us to review this earlier decision and probably to ask DCS to take him over, on the theory that we would be in a much better position to help the man, to monitor his employment situation, his morale and his activities in New York via our own channels.

2. Dr. [ ] stated that we should be prepared in such an eventuality for LAUNAGS to lean on us completely for decisions relating to his future and we should further be prepared to take on his financial support if necessary. He believed it was a question of our own assessment of the equities in the case. If we felt that keeping LAUNAGS out of trouble and preventing his repatriation was worth the cost in manpower effort and money he saw no reason not to do so. He further stated that if LAUNAGS were returned from Canada and committed to an institution by the appropriate authorities without any action being required by the Agency, we might desire to await the results of his treatment in the institution before DCS picked him up.

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