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Reference is made to previous communication of this Bureau concerning Freds Ziedonis Launags, dated October 31, 1967, at New York, New York.

Kenneth C. Newbern, Apartment 5E, 202 West 107th Street, New York, New York, was recontacted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 22, 1967, at his residence, and he advised that he had recently located 15 additional items of correspondence of Launags, a former tenant from January 22, 1965, until June 5, 1966, which items he had disposed of by turning them over to NY T-1.

NY T-1, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available on November 22, 1967, the following 15 additional items of correspondence of Launags, which NY T-1 indicated had been received from Kenneth C. Newbern, Apartment 5E, 202 West 107th Street, New York, New York, the former landlord of Launags:

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Ten (10) Aerogram letters addressed to Launags during the period Launags was a resident of Lancaster, Pennsylvania;

One (1) Airmail letter addressed to Launags during the period Launags was a resident of Lancaster, Pennsylvania;

One (1) Airmail postcard addressed to Launags at Bronx, New York;

One (1) Airmail postcard sent by Launags to Denmark, which was returned to Launags at New York, New York, for insufficient address;

Two (2) empty large size airmail envelopes addressed to Launags at Babylon, Long Island, New York.

NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 27, 1967, that about two or three weeks previously, "Cina", the Latvian Communist Party daily newspaper, published in Riga, Latvia, had carried an article relating that Freds Launags had stopped by the Soviet Mission to the United Nations (SMUN) at New York, New York, and tried to obtain help at the SMUN to enable him to visit Soviet Latvia, indicating that in return, he would write friendly articles about Soviet Latvia.

"Cina" set out Launags' life story and accused him of collaborating with the Germans during World War II. According to "Cina", after the war, Launags had been with a group in Sweden which was trying to send refugees back to Latvia and subsequently, Launags had gone to the United States and worked for Central Intelligence Agency.

NY T-2 characterized Launags as a mentally ill and unstable individual, who had been mentally disturbed for about three or four years.

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As background regarding the foregoing "Cina" story about Launags, NY T-2 related that Launags' visit to the SMUN in New York City had actually taken place about one year ago, and Launags had talked with Khariy Kalninch at the SMUN and asked his assistance in visiting Soviet Latvia. According to what NY T-2 had heard, Kalninch had just listened and then told Launags to make his request through official channels.

Khariy Y. Kalninch is a Soviet national who was born December 26, 1928, at Riga, Latvia, and who served as an Attache at the SMUN during the periods he was in the United States, from September 18, 1963, through June 29, 1965, and from August 5, 1965, through January 4, 1967, respectively.

NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has identified Kalninch as being affiliated with the KGB Committee for State Security (KGB).

NY T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 21, 1967, that about two weeks previously a Radio Riga broadcast from Soviet Latvia had indicated that Fredis Launags had gone to the Soviet Legation in the United States and asked permission to obtain an entry visa so that he could return to Latvia. This broadcast then related that Launags had furnished biographic data indicating that he was a scoundrel who had fought against the Soviets.

NY T-4 commented that he truly felt sorry for Launags, who is a mentally sick man and who has been alienated from his family.

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