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Personnel.

Chief - Alexander Ozolins

Members: Boris Nagolds

Leonids Silins

Capt. V. Urins

Lt. Sibres, formerly of CA-land Army and presently emplo. in CF-land railroads.

Lt. Sande, of ex-CA-land Army

Mr. Vitols - former journalist in CA land.

Members of Alex Ozolins

If necessary, up to 20 men could be recruited.

Base of Operations

The above group has excellent contacts with CF-land military authorities and could freely operate from a base on the island of Gotland, near the town of Slite. Lt. Sibres has been in Gotland on numerous occasions and is friendly with the mil. authorities there and during the war helped evacuate Latvian refugees from Latvia to this point. He is presently on vacation and has proceed to Gotland and while there will discuss the possibilities of setting up a new base of operations from this point.

From Gotland to CA-land there are two routes which can be taken in carrying out such an operation.

The first is from Slite through the Riga Gulf, to the town of Vecaki. Source (A-335) has informed that this point is very much inland and is not patrolled, also that Latvian fishermen are allowed to ply their trade freely within these waters. The only danger with which they would be confronted would be passing the controls at the entrance to the Riga Gulf which is understood to be considerably easier during the darker hours of the night, as ref. have recently escaped from Latvia by this route.

The second route is direct from Slite to the Latvian coast between the towns of Windau and Libau. This is a distance of approx. 180 kms and can be made in from 2 to 3 hours in a fast speed boat. From CF-land shores to Island of Gotland there are no papers necessary for travel and there is constant passenger traffic which is completely uncontrolled. Of the two routes, source states that the first is the more preferable and least dangerous.

Purposes:

On the first trip (Capt. V. Urins and Lt. Sande) would be placed ashore with a radio transmitter. They would make contact with partisans who are members of the Latvian underground movement, the area where they land. They would also establish a new password between members of the underground movement in Latvia and outside Latvia which is because old one is scheduled to elapse at the end of Sept. 48 C.

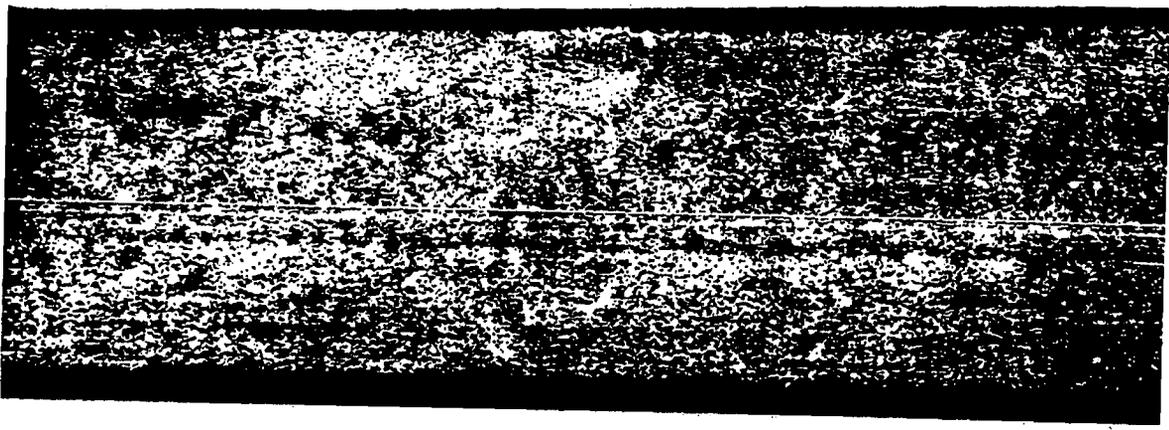
They would recruit two members of the partisan unit who are

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best informed about the Latvian underground movement ops and Soviet activities to be returned to Sweden with the second boat.

They would collect information on order of battle nature to be sent out at the same time as the two partisans.

They would maintain radio contact with the remaining group in Sweden to advise as to the date and time and best location for the next boat arriving to evacuate the two partisans and carry out the information collected.

They will furnish instructions to the partisan group to assess the strength organization, method of contact between groups and other data concerning their movement. It is understood by source that the Latvian underground movement is presently in possession of very valuable maps of airfields, ammunition dumps, fuel supplies and have collected an abundance of data concerning troops, radio equipment, etc.

Communications: Two methods

One, radio contact for the purpose of setting times of departure places for landings,

Two, all written communications would be brought out by motor boat by two chosen partisans. No radio contact will be made for the purpose of transmitting intelligence information.

Supplies:

3 w/t sets - 1 Latvian, 1 Swedish, 1 boat.

3 machine guns, 12 grenades, 4 revolvers.

1 speed boat, approx. 40-42 knots, 1 rubber boat.

500 meters rope for retrieving rubber boat after landing or facilitating the escape of 2 members to be placed ashore in case they are immediately discovered and fired upon.

Propaganda and instructions for partisans.

Approx. 8,000 kronor for purchasing gas, oil, food supplies, salaries for the men.

Cost estimate:

The above-mentioned 8000 kronor would cover all expenses including salaries incurred in making 2 visits to Latvia and would pay operating costs for approx. 6 weeks after operation started. Further operation would cost approx. 1500 kr. (approx. 41£) per month, to be spent for gas, oil, food supplies. Majority of men engaged in this operation would not be on salary and are motivated by patriotism.

Boat to be obtained Bremen. 3 w/t sets 25 watts, 3-5 freq. inc. batteries; extra spare parts kit; 2 hand or foot generators; 2 alcohol compressors, net maps, 3 doses poison, 1 box fatigue tablets

On Gotland source contacted thru agent Landfiscal BONDE who charge section of island of Gotland and occupies position comp to sheriff. Previously most helpful to Latvians in evac. refugee thru him has been possible obtain small house approx. 20 kms south city of Slite. This house has small river

leading inland which would give excellent cover for boat and op.  
to establish cover 2 Letts bought fishing boat.

At the Oct. 46 stage of the proposed op. the recruits for it were as follows:

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
ZANIS ANDERSONS, born 16 March 28, LAZLAKAS, Latvia. Graduate of the Liepaja Technical School. During the German occupation was employed at the Ventspils telephone and telegraph bureau. Worked as a technician up until 13 Oct 44, when he escaped to Sweden. Will be sent to Latvia as agent. *freely sent Latvia as agent*

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
ARIMIS KREBS, born 19 May 19, in Piltava, Latvia. Joined the Latvian mil. forces in 41 and joined Lat/ underground movement, remaining in Latvia until 12 May 45, when he escaped to Sweden. Will be sent as agent.

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
ZAKIS TOMSONS, born 15 Jan 11, Latvia. Has served Latvian army and air force, became pilot 36. Was drafted as military flyer by Germans 43, flying a light bomber, was a member of Latvian resistance mvt, escaped to Sweden 8 Oct 44. Presently employed with a cement factory at Silte, Gotland. Will be used as a boat pilot.

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
EDVINS OZOLIS, born 25 Dec 12, Latvia. Family still residing Latvia. Mechanic by profession. Joined Latvian Legion 43 and was later transferred to air force. Escaped to Sweden in May 45. Will be used as boat mechanic.

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
ROBERTS SLOGS, born 27 Aug 15, Riga. Was member Latvian Army and later Latvian police. Came Sweden May 45. Member of crew.

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
JANIS DAVIGA, born 18 May 26, Latvia. Radio technician. Came to Sweden 16 Sept. 44. Is graduate of 6 month radio course with the Swedish telegraph board. Will be used as asst radio operator.

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
BRIS WAGOLDS, b. 19 June 19, Sverdlovsk, Russia. Came Sweden 19 Sept 44 from Latvia. Presently employed with L.L. Ericsson, telephone company. Profession: radio technician. Graduate of U. of Riga. Will be used as chief radio operator.

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
JANIS WITOLIS, b. 11 Nov '11, Latvia. Former newspaper reporter and press officer in Ministry of Agriculture. Served in the Latvian Legion and is a member of Latvian underground mvt. On 8 May 45 escaped Sweden. Presently employed Electrolux factory, Stockholm. Will be used as handy man and courier from Gotland to Stockholm.

*H. at USSR Sweden*  
LT. ROBERTS SKRIS, b. 18 July 10, Latvia. Was officer Latvian army, fought Eastern front during German occupation and deserted 44, worked in the underground mvt. 17 May 45 escaped to Sweden. Has several family members presently Latvia. Will be used as contact man with source and working out arrangements with BONDS for cover and security of operations.

FCM/11 Latvian file includes some photos of the individuals. In Oct. 46 men had been given radio refresher courses, codes had been set up, and expedition was awaiting for equipment.

It did not take place due failure obtain boat. Time elapsed May - Oct.

