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Dear John,

As you are interested in Latvians who could possibly work for Roten (Red)

something came into my mind: his name is Vitolds Pormanis, emigrated to

the United States either in 1948 or in 1949. He was one of the first

persons who received the American visa. I remember very well that Latvian

circles in Germany discussed this matter very much at that time.

P (ormanis) was a student at the University of Riga, he belonged to the

"Lettonia" fraternity and he, an excellent sprinter, was a member of the

University track squad. He was known to us for his national and patriotic

attitude.

However to our greatest surprise, both to myself and to many other friends,

who knew him well, he collaborated with the NKVD during the first Russian

occupation.

During the summer 1941 we found P.s secret reports among documents which

had been left behind by the NKVD. As far as I remember these papers con-

cerned information about anti-Communist minded people and about persons

who worked for the Latvian underground. P. was arrested and remained in

custody for several months. I think that I, myself, interrogated him several

times. As far as I could see it P. was then considered a "lost cause".

Because of his parents' and relatives' influence and on account of the

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good relations they had established with the German Security Police,
P. was, to our admiration (it is meant: amazement), released. Whether
he was later forced to work as a Gestapo agent I cannot say; however,
after his release our circles (Latvian State Police) suspected him
of being a Gestapo agent.

Perhaps I could obtain his address in the States by means of the
"Lettonia" fraternity in Denver provided that you are interested
in him.

P.S.

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