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Subject: RIPA's letter to HERTA - the latter's commentaries on it.

In his letters of 30 July 1955 ( see File 907, Doc. 15 & 16 ) HERTA states that a couple days ago he received a letter from his acquaintance in Germany via air mail; this letter contained an other one from RIPA which was dated in Riga on 6 July 1955 . The a/m acquaintance in Germany had sent her letter to HERTA on 24 July or on 26 July ( HERTA mentions both dates ).

This letter from RIPA, according to HERTA's letter of 30 July, was enclosed in her letter to Bruno. However, the latter received HERTA's letter <sup>without the enclosure</sup> via Miss S. and Mr. SINGER only on 9 Sep. 1955 - after more than one month had elapsed.

HERTA has no explanation for the fact that his acquaintance in Germany has sent the a/m letter of 24 or 26 July to him directly and not to the address in Detroit as it was agreed upon.

HERTA's commentaries on RIPA's letter:

HERTA does not know the "PĪTERĪTIS" in Rigas Jūrmala who was the person with whom RIPA spent together the Midsummer festivities in Jūrmala.

RIPA's statement that the weather last spring was cooler but healthier since many ailing friends are well again and have returned home, HERTA explains as indication that some of the deportees have been returned to Latvia.

According to HERTA, the girl friend ĒRIKA who is upbringing children, is in reality \*KRAUZE Ēriks. ( girl friend Ērika was mentioned by RIPA already in his letter of 9 June 1953; see Doc.# 20; it seems that the same name appeared also in some of the recent letters of RIPA which are in the

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Office.\* In his letter of 20 March 1955 ( see File 907, Doc.6 ) HERTA gives the following data about KRAUZE Ēriks:

Construction engineer ( būvzinīeris ); senior of the fraternity "Talavia"; during the German occupation worked at the construction enterprise of engineer ŠLESERS Karlis in Riga; is married to the daughter of the brother of the noted Latvian Colonel KALPAKS Oskars; his wife was a nurse of the Latvian Red Cross and was working at some hospital; a honest man; was not able to move to the West in the fall of 1944 because at that time a child was born in his family.

Herta gives also the present address of ŠLESERS Karlis:

20 Glamis Crescent, Niagara Falls, Ont., Canada

and mentions that K.ŠLESERS too is a senior of the fraternity "Talavia" - Br.).

Herta does not know who is "PAULĪTIS" and "the beautiful RAIMONDS".

According to HERTA, "MEIERU Helmūts" is Helmūts MEIEROVICS.

"FĒLA, who has recently sent a letter" is BĪVIŅŠ Felikss ( see File 1936 ).

"Veita about whom there is no news" is RIPA's wife.

It should be added that also in his last letter of 2 Sep.1955, HERTA repeats that he has sent RIPA's letter to Bruno and expresses his hopes that Bruno has received it ( due to the long delay Bruno is able only now to acknowledge this ).

Besides HERTA mentions in his letter of 2 Sep.1955, that he has moved on 20 Aug. to Minneapolis, is living temporarily with his step-son and tries to find a job there.

\* The name "Eriks" appears in RIPA's letter of Febr.1955, i.e. in the excerpts from it which were received from John ( see File COMMO # 003, Doc.# 10 B ).

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