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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/Reports

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Information

1. The following is an excerpt from a report by AECOB/3 dated 25 March 1955:

a. In Riga at GIMNASTIKAS IEJA No. 1, there is an officers' school, where officers of various ranks are being trained (from junior lieutenant to colonel). Most of the officers observed are with the infantry, but there have been seen some artillerists and tank officers. The number of trainees in the school is approximately 200. According to reports by the population, the staff members of the school change from time to time. The school is heavily guarded.

b. At the corner of JELGAVAS IEJA and VIENIBAS GATVE is a communications unit. From personal observation this unit appears to include about 100 men.

c. Near the pontoon bridge, on the left bank of the Daugava River, is an anti-aircraft battery (medium caliber).

d. At the corner of LENINA IEJA and RAINA BULVARS is the army headquarters (staff), around which one can always see officers from various armed forces units. (Infantry, Tank divisions, Air Force, Navy, etc.) It is not possible to determine either the number of the armed forces unit or their location by the uniform. No noticeable concentration of armed forces has been observed.

e. At the present time the year 1936 is being drafted in Latvia.

f. I have heard from conversations that resistance groups exist, but only small ones, as they have to work in the greatest secrecy because of the fierce chaos terror.

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g. As a result of the communist mismanagement, the food situation in Riga is very difficult and there are lines in front of the stores. It seems now that the kolkhos organization is fallen "through", although the communist propaganda will not admit this and tries to explain things by citing the run-down condition of the kolkhozes and the mistakes of the former leaders.

2. For any further information concerning this memo, please contact [] 2609 J Building, extension 3582.

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