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VALDENAR's Contacts.

1. Following is an account of VALDENAR's contacts as described to [] in 1949.

2. VALDENAR is a member of an organization of "illegalists". (For convenience, [] calls this organization MAIGA, but he was never told any name for it.) VALDENAR's duties are to act as a contact man with STROM, which is an illegal military-type, or partisan, organization. STROM is also known as VERONICA, but only in HAHN's signal arrangement with VALDENAR. STROM does not know that such an organization as MAIGA exists, but considers VALDENAR as contact man with another organization of the same type as itself. MAIGA, on the other hand, considers itself higher than STROM in that it has many contact men placed with many STROM-type groups. VALDENAR did not know about any of the other groups except that they existed, and considered MAIGA as the highest group. VALDENAR does not hand directions to STROM; he merely observes and reports to MAIGA. It should be noted that all members of MAIGA are illegal in the sense that they are living fully documented in names other than their own. Some members of STROM may have documents, but generally they do not. Members of MAIGA live in the towns and carry on normal pursuits outside their organizational activities.

3. The arrangement made between VALDENAR and [] was that in case of radio contact, VALDENAR would turn the contact over to a trusted member of STROM for use. VALDENAR would have no further contact. In the case of a courier being sent from the West [] has the address of a man who has contact with STROM. The courier may be able to make contact with VALDENAR through STROM, but such an arrangement has not been contemplated; since the main objective was to contact the partisans—STROM—and not necessarily the "illegalists".

4. In March of 1950, [] sent a message to VALDENAR through TILBURY, purportedly to his sister, asking "How is Veronica?" VALDENAR answered "Mrs. (last name of Veronica) is fine." Therefore [] presumed at that time that VALDENAR himself was answering and was uncontrolled.

5. TILBURY & Co. were told nothing of STROM by VALDENAR, but only about MAIGA. HAHN does not know by what name they refer to MAIGA. As far as [] knows, VALDENAR's cover name with TILBURY was VALTER.

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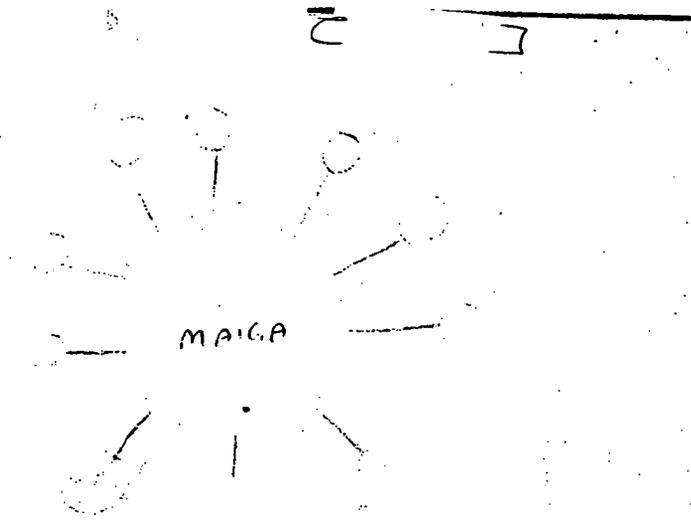
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6. MAIGA is centered in RIGA and operated in the MADONA and TALSI areas at that time, although its activities may be expanded or curtailed by now.

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