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Appendix # 1

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Subject: News concerning SVEICS Vidvuds and the latter's family

E.S. stated that recently he has received two letters containing info about his nephew and god-son, SVEICS Vidvuds. The first letter was written by TEPFERS Verners (see card 3785) from Stockholm, Sweden, on 6 Dec. '56. E.S. read some excerpts from it regarding V.S.; it was obvious from the text of this letter that E.S. and V.TEPFERS are old acquaintances who, however, have not seen each other for a long time. In his letter V.TEPFERS does not state how he received the following news about V.S. - he gives only these facts: Vidvuds is alive and is well-off - is working as the chief engineer (galvenais inženiers - in Latv.) at the "Degviela", and is living on Meierovica (now Padomju) Boulevard above the Cafe "Luna". The brother of Vidvuds got married last year and is working as a construction technician. (there were some more facts in this letter but C.O. did not have the opportunity to read it himself and he thought to be unwise to ask for it; in any case these additional facts were of no importance - in fact all written in this letter by V.TEPFERS was already known by C.O.). * The letter, written by SVEICS Vidvuds, is mailed on 20 Dec. '56. The handwriting and style is undoubtedly that of V.S. though he has signed this letter as S.JANSONS (this assumed name appears on the envelope) and the return address is as follows:

S. JANSONS
 Lepina iela 164
 Riga

This letter is sent to E.S. (latter's true name) but not to his home address but to the Latvian Lutheran Parish in New York (which has forwarded it to E.S., i.e. its pastor ZARIŅŠ Richards). It states: father of V.S. (brother of E.S.) deceased in January, 1942; grandmother of V.S. - in 1943 (apparently SVEICS Matilde, born in 1865 - see "These Names Accuse"); in 1943 deceased the mother of V.S., too (the letter mentions the ~~name~~ of the death of the latter two but C.O. does not recall these). Lilija (JEKABSONS, the step-sister of V.S.) is now working at some bookbindery in Riga; in this connection V.S. asks whether E.S. would like to get some books sent in a parcel from Latvia. Talivaldis (brother of V.S.) got married in 1956; he should get more education but now it is difficult for him to think about it because of his age and family status. V.S. himself is working on constructions (does not state where) and has a large family to support: beside his son Alvars a daughter Dagnara was born after W/ II and V.S. has also to support his mother i.l. (Mrs. BERGMANIS) who is ailing - has some troubles with her legs. - Further V.S. states that the little family house of E.S. in Amņipīlīša (in Pardegava; northeast of RR Station Imanta) still stands and is occupied by some people V.S. ~~and name~~ does not know. In ^{ECW} this connection V.S. mentions also that the small plants of birches which on ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~address~~ ^{address} painted ~~sentimental~~ ^{phrase} of PURVĪTIS (Vilhelms, a famous Latvian artist-painter) - a very ~~sentimental~~ ^{phrase} which seems to intend to create homsiokness in E.S.

* V.TEPFERS writes also that E.S. could send a letter to V.S. by using the following address: Vasaras Street 18 in Rigas Jurmala (should be in Melluži or Jaunmelluži) In doing so E.S. might use as addressee any name he wants since TEPFERS - V.S. has made some arrangements with the people living at this ~~address~~ ^{address} so that all letters received there are going to be forwarded to V.S.

E.S. stated that he has immediately written to V.S. (presumably to the address in Rigas Jurmala), using this true name as sender - which he regrets now - but up to now has received no answer. E.S. does not intend to write again - not before he gets an answer from V.S. - since ~~he does not want~~ ^{he does not want} to endanger his nephew and now

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he is also doubtful as to the intentions of V.S. - is going to be very careful in this correspondence.

Further E.S. characterized his nephew as a rather unbalanced person who was weak in his character and was easily influenced by others - had no strong principles on his own. In this connection E.S. admits that it would not be impossible that now his nephew has come under the influence of the Communists. E.S. thinks also that the family of V.S.' wife, i.e. the BERGMANS, might have influenced V.S. in this direction because the BERGMANS were not a Latvian family but mixed up with the Russians. E.S. told also that the father of V.S. did not like the present wife of his son, i.e. BERGMANS Alise, while she was one of the girl-friends of V.S. (they got married when the father and other relatives of V.S. had already been deported to Russia) and was opposed to the intention of V.S. to get married to this girl. In this connection E.S., too, did not participate at the wedding of his nephew since he thought that V.S. should respect his father's will. Besides, E.S. recalled that participating at the wedding of V.S. were the KROLLS (see card 2922, i.e. KROLLS Otto) who are in some relationship with the BERGMANS. E.S. even suggested that C.O. should get in contact with the KROLLS (now living in Chicago - as E.S. had heard) if C.O. intends to get more info about the BERGMANS. C.O. rejected this suggestion since it might arouse unnecessary suspicions - it would be rather difficult to explain to the KROLLS why C.O. is asking for such info. E.S. agreed that it might be too complicated. Besides, E.S. stated that he is one of four brothers (another one was the late father of V.S., SVEIOS Adolfs) and each of them has had a different fate - E.S. did not explain this statement but it implied that not all of these brothers were as honest and good Latvian patriots as E.S. himself.

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