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TO : Chief, SR
FROM : Chief, Frankfurt Operations Base
SUBJECT: GENERAL— REDSKIN/AECOB
SPECIFIC— PRQ Part II on Herbert ZAGARS.

DATE: 17 MAY 1955

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Reference: EGFW-3532

1. Attached is PRQ Part II for Herbert ZAGARS, who was interviewed on 4 May 1955, as a prospective field agent to assist in Latvian matters.

2. ZAGARS appears adequate for the tasks envisaged for him and indicated a willingness to be employed by us. He stipulated, however, that he'd have to advise one person that he was so employed - Colonel Vilis JANUMS, Latvian leader in Germany who is well-known to Headquarters. This desire on the part of ZAGARS is not unacceptable to us since we have been considering employing JANUMS as well. Since JANUMS is evidently more capable and has more extensive contacts than ZAGARS, he might be the best choice for a PA-type job. In view of JANUMS' numerous activities, however, he obviously would not have time to devote more than a few hours weekly on our behalf, and it is unlikely that he would want full-time employment with us. In view of this situation, it may be wise for us to recruit both JANUMS and ZAGARS, using JANUMS as a PA and ZAGARS as his assistant and "leg-man".

3. Although we have not decided whether, in fact, we will recruit ZAGARS, it is requested that you initiate full operational clearance for him. POC has already been obtained as indicated in reference.

4. It is requested that subject be assigned a cryptonym.

Approved: [Signature]

16 May 1955

Attachment:
2-PRQ Part II

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PART II - OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Instructions to Case Officer:

1. If feasible, subject should fill in Part I of PRQ in his own hand.
2. Part II of PRQ is classified, must be filled in by the Case Officer and is not to be shown to subject.
3. Headquarters will not be able to provide an Operational Clearance unless it receives answers to all questions on page 1 of Part I (items 1 to 12), and to all questions of Part II (items 36 to 53).
4. In emergency these answers, keyed to items 1 to 12 by number, and with summary of Part II, may be cabled to Headquarters, followed promptly by pouch with complete data.
5. Fully completed PRQ must be sent to HEADQUARTERS as soon as possible, two copies of Part I (including copy in subject's handwriting, if possible) and one copy of Part II.
6. Data acquired later must be sent to Headquarters in PRQ format on a continuing basis.
7. All pages of both parts will bear the PRQ number, composed of (a) Station symbol (b) PRQ (c) number assigned consecutively by the field station; e.g. PAA/PRQ/10.

36. Cryptonym

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37. How, when and where was subject first contacted or developed?

Directly by [] in May 1955.

38. Could subject be turned over quickly and in a secure manner to someone else for handling? Yes. To Whom? Any mature case officer.

39. Best estimate of subject's motivation.

Ideologically opposed to Communism.

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40. With what agencies and files has subject's name been checked? When? Results? What else has been done to verify biographical information furnished by Subject? Headquarters and field stations concerned. No derogatory information. Headquarters' covert contacts have furnished information re subject.
41. What control exists over subject at present? How can it be increased? Very slight through subject's desire for employment. By cultivation by c/o.
42. For what service does he think he is working? What does he think becomes of his information: American. Use by AIS.
43. Explain fully subject's past or present connection with any intelligence service. Unknown.
44. What type of information has subject furnished? What type is he best qualified by education and experience to furnish? Give evaluation of information received. Not applicable.

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45. If subject's duties are to be other than intelligence gathering, explain.
Field agent developing Latvian REDSKIN leads.
46. Has he been given special training as an agent? Explain.
No.
47. How and from whom does he obtain information?
Not applicable.
48. Is it proposed to pay subject a regular salary? If so, amount per week, month, etc. Explain any other methods of payment, such as exchange commodities.
DM 600,00 per month.
49. Have any promises or commitments whatsoever (not covered elsewhere in this form) been made to subject? Explain.
No.
50. Are subject's language abilities and other characteristics such that he could pass as a native of a country or region other than his own? Explain.
No.
51. What is subject's social standing? Aristocracy, upper middle class, lower middle class, peasantry, etc.?
Lower middle class.

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53. What are subject's personal habits? Liquor, drugs, gambling, mistresses, or lovers?

Drinks.

54. Evaluation of subject's character, reliability, security.

Appears mature and trustworthy.

54. What other foreign power would subject be most likely to collaborate with because of his ideology, obligation, etc. Explain.

Great Britain, because its anti-Communist interests coincide with his.

55. What special abilities, talents, or qualifications are possessed by subject which would conceivably be of value for other operations in the future?

Not applicable.

56. Attach samples of subject's signature and handwriting in all languages known to him, also a recent, dated photograph, and fingerprints.

To be submitted later.

57. How was information in Part I obtained?

From Headquarters' covert contacts.

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58. Other miscellaneous operational data and comments.

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