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CONTACT REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: 23, October 1958

DATE OF REPORT: 27, October 1958

PLACE OF MEETING: Hbg., Daimlerstr.44.

TIME OF MEETING: 19.00 HRS TO 20.15

OBJECT OF MEETING:

A try to get in contact with subject.

NAME OF CONTACT:

Mr. CELMINS []

ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Hamburg, Daimlerstr.44

COMMO:

PRESENT MEETING: Got introduced to subject by Mrs.Dzenis-Petersons.

NEXT MEETING: After our conversation subject invited me to visit him some time in future once more, which I promised to do.

SECURITY DATA: All necessary precautions were taken and nothing suspicious was to observe.

BIOGRAPHIC DATA: []

~~Mr. CELMINS~~ is a Latvian, born 24, August 1917 in Vitrupe/Latvia. Divorced.

Profession - mason. Since about 8 years working as loader in the port of Hamburg.

Has contact with Latvian Sailors and Refugees

CIRCUMSTANCE: I visited subject at his home together with Mrs.Dzenis-Petersons who introduced me to him and after a while left. With subject there was also a friend of him, also a Latvian - Mr.RUICIS,who, nevertheles I told I will speak to subject, did not leave, so there was no opportunity to speak to subject alone. I told that I am working with the Latvian Central Committee and DAUGAVAS VANAGI and I have heard from Mrs.Dzenis-Petersons that subject was visited by some sailors from Latvia. In this connexion I wanted to learn to know him and hear what the sailors have told about the conditions there. Subject told that some time this summer a Latvian sailor - a friend of his brother who is in Latvia - had visited the Camp of Daimlerstr.44 and asked for him. Subject was not home ,so he had left a parcel from his brother and the best greetings. A short time later some other Latvian sailor had visited the Camp once more (a friend of the first sailor). This time subject was home and had a conversation with this man. It ~~seems~~ ^{this sailor} has tried to persuade subject to go back to Latvia, if also not directly. Then we all had a talk about the conditions in Latvia and also about the going back there, and I asked subject whether

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CIRCUMSTANCE (Continued): subject ~~stark~~ does not intend to go back? Subject's answer was - no. He told his relatives have never asked him to do this, maybe they have done just the opposite. So his brother 1947 or 1948 had written, in the future he will not write to him any more, because of "rheumatism in both his arms". Farther subject told once he had asked on a russian ship whether there ~~is~~ is not some Latvian sailor too. A russian sailor had ~~the~~ pointed him a young man, but when he had tried to speak to this man in latvian, he ha ~~not~~ answered. Subject thought perhaps he was afraid to speak to him in latvian. As I asked whether there are many opportunities to get on russian ships for subject, he answered that in the last time russian ships was very seldom there, but he thinks during the winter-time there will be more. So also the Latvian sailor has told, he and the first one probably will be in Hamburg about at X-mas time - end of December - and then they will try to visit subject once more. They promised then to take a parcel for his brother too. During our conversation subject told he was a soldier too, only it was difficult to find out whether he was with the Latvian Legion or with some German unit. He had got to Germany some time in November ~~1944~~ 1944. Subject showed to me also some pictures of his relatives. As I left him, subject invited me to visit him once more in the future when I will get out of sanatorium and will have an opportunity to be in Hamburg. In the mean-time he perhaps will get visited by these sailors and then he will be able to tell me more. I promised to do this and to come and see him.

7. ASSESSMENT OF CONTACT: The impression of subject is not bad. He is manual worker but seems not to be unintelligent. He was reserved (from what I had heard about subject in before, I expected he will be more reserved) but at the same time really very kind and friendly. Subject seems not to be disposed to communism (subject was borned as a farmer's son and his father's farm is now in a koholz). As most of manual workers subject don't like "the gentlemen (kungi)" very much. As subject now knows that I was a soldier too, even if I have advanced to an officier, I think that maybe ~~there will be~~ it will be possible to get in closer contact with subject and to find out whether he ^{will be} ready to cooperate with us or not not.
- Subject leaves the impression of an orderly and hard-working man. His room was clean and comparatively good furnished.

8. ATTITUDE, MORALE, PERFORMANCE: Subject was reserved but also very kind and friendly. My impression was that subject's invitation to visit him once more in the future was meant honestly.

9. FINANCE AND SUPPORT: None.

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Re contact with
 Subject: Mr. Arvids CELMINS - Hamburg, Daimlerstr. 44.
 and Mrs. Irene Dzenis - Petersons

On 11, July 1958 I visited our Mail Drop - Mrs. Irene PETERSONS and Mr. Attis DZENIS (Post Box 531) in Hamburg, Daimlerstr. 44. During our conversation Mrs. PETERSONS told that some time in June 1958 there had appeared two Latvian sailors from Soviet Latvia. One of them came ~~inside~~ into the canteen and asked for Mr. CELMINS telling he has a parcel for Mr. CELMINS from his brother in Latvia. The other one stayed on the street outside the canteen. As Mr. CELMINS was not there the sailor left the parcel for Mr. CELMINS and also a Tel. number in Lübeck where Mr. CELMINS can get him. He told also that his ship is in a ship-yard in Lübeck and he will stay in Lübeck for a longer time. He said that Mr. CELMINS shall call him. As Mrs. PETERSONS once asked Mr. CELMINS whether he has met the sailors, he said he had called the number in Lübeck some time later, but the sailors had then left Lübeck already.

Farther, Mrs. PETERSONS told that Mr. CELMINS is a Latvian, who is working as loader in the harbour of Hamburg. He is a quiet and very reserved man who don't come to Latvian arrangements also not to Latvian national days as 18, November or 14, June. Otherwise he is a sympathetic person and more or less friendly to Mr. PETERSONS. Mr. DZENIS could tell that he remembers that once for about 8 or 9 years Mr. CELMINS has told him that during the German occupation he was imprisoned in SALASPILS K Z in Latvia, but he had not spoken with a hate about the Germans. In the harbour of Hamburg he is working about 8 years already.

Some personal data about Mr. CELMINS - born 24, August 1917 in Vitrupe / Latvia. Divorced. Profession - mason. Since about 8 years working as loader in the harbour of Hamburg.

Mr. CELMINS has told he often has the opportunity to work with the Russian ships and sometimes on these ships are also Latvian sailors.

Maybe after checking Mr. CELMINS on security, there is an opportunity to get in contact with him, although, because of his character it seems to be difficult.

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CONTACT REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: 10, October 1958

DATE OF REPORT: 16, October 1958

PLACE OF MEETING: Hamburg, Daimlerstr. 44/c-5

TIME OF MEETING: 19.00 hrs to 23.00

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Maintenance of the contact and information.

1. NAME OF CONTACT:

Mrs. Irene BZENIS-PETERSONS []

2. ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Hamburg, Daimlerstr. 44/c-5

3. COMMO:

a. PRESENT MEETING: Agreed by a phone call to her husband Mr. Attis DZENIS

b. NEXT MEETING: Some time in future when I will be in Hamburg.

4. SECURITY DATA: All necessary precautions were taken and nothing suspicious was to observe.

5. BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

< Re contact with Subj and Mr. Arvids Celmins
On 6, September 1958 subject was married to Mr. Attis DZENIS

Change of her name to Mrs. Irene DZENIS-PETERSONS >

6. SUBSTANCE: During our conversation subject told that in the meantime she has met Mr. CELMINS and has told to him that a friend of her and her husband, a Mr. ZAGARS who is working with the Latvian Central Committee and DAUGAVAS VANAGI had visited her once and ~~she told~~ they have told about him in connexion that some Latvian sailors had visited CELMINS. Mr. ZAGARS was interested in this matter and she has searched for him at this evening, but he was not home. Mr. ZAGARS will visit him in this connexion some time in the future when he will be in Hamburg once more. Mr. CELMINS was reserved, but he has answered - of course Mr he (Mr. Zagars) can visit me. Subject got the impression that Mr. CELMINS was not especially delighted for such a visit.

After this conversation subject had not have an opportunity to see Mr. CELMINS once more.

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SUBSTANCE (Continued):

7. ASSESSMENT OF CONTACT: Subject is a person well known to me, so her husband too.

8. ATTITUDE, MORALE, PERFORMANCE: Subject was very friendly and of a good humor.

9. FINANCE AND SUPPORT: None

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Subject: Mr.CELMINS - Hamburg, Daimlerstr.44.

Before I visited subject on 29, April 1959 in Hamburg, I met Mr.Dzenis and Mrs.Dzenis-Petersone, who told me that in February or on the beginning of March 1959 Mr.CELMINS was visited twice by Latvian sailors from Latvia. First time by two persons, second time by one person. First time the sailors came from Lübeck where their ship was in a ship-yard. They had sent a letter to subject asking him to come and see them in Lübeck. As subject was working at this time he had asked Mrs.Dzenis-Petersone to go to Lübeck to see them and to agree another appointment when subject will be free of work. Mrs.Dzenis-Petersone did this and met both the sailors at the railway station of Lübeck. Some days later they came to Daimlerstr.44 and visited also Mrs.Dzenis-Petersone. One of the sailors was a young man and a kind of a tale-bearer. He told how good and nice is now in Latvia and they have there nearly all the things which they have seen in Germany if not more and better. (It is very possible that he was a member of KP or at least of Komsomol). The other one was an older man who told he was borned in Siberia and came to Latvia only 1946. This one was not so aggressive and sometimes tried to oppose his partner. The conversation was more general and the sailors were not ready to go in details or to touch politics. Later on Mrs.Dzenis-Petersone heard from subject that the sailors had brought a letter from his eldest brother in which his brother wrote to him to come back to Latvia. At the same time subject has got a letter or a postcard from his youngest brother where he writes - do not believe all what the eldest brother writes!

After the got information I visited Mr.CELMINS and met subject on the way. Subject was not very delighted seeing me (perhaps perhaps therefore that he was going to visit some friend). However, as I told him I am now back from sanatorium and I wanted to see him, he subject accompanied me to his room. I told him I heard from Mrs.Dzenis-Petersone that he has got some visitors from Latvia and I would be glad to hear something more what they have told about the conditions there. Subject was very reserved this time and not talkative at all. He answered nearly my questions only. At least subject stated the information given by Mrs.Dzenis-Petersone and about the second visit told that some time later after the first visit, one day he was visited by a Latvian sailor once more. This man was a 2nd Officer on a Russian ship which got to Hamburg.

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This man had got subject's address from the young man of the first visit who brought the letter from his brother. The young man had sent to subject also 6 gramophone records with Latvian and Russian songs. These records brought the 2nd Officer. He had brought also a small bottle of Latvian Vodka from Riga. Subject told that this man had not tried to persuade him to go back to Latvia. On the contrary, he has mentioned that it is not so bad now in Latvia, but if one person can live good in some other country, maybe it is better to stay there. Then subject had asked him whether it is true that only ^{to} Members of KP it is allowed to work as sailors on the ships which are going to the West? He had answered that some time ago it was so, but now all sailors can work. For instance he himself is not a member of KP too.

As I asked subject whether he expected some visitors also in the future, he answered he don't know this, but it is possible.

I spent with subject little bit more than half an hour and it was impossible to stay there longer, because he was to reserve. When I left him I asked whether I can visit him once more, because now I hope to be oftentimes in Hamburg? Subject's answer was - yes you can come and see me.

Subject was much more reserved than first time when I visited him in October 1958. He wanted not to talk at all. As I already said, it is possible that he felt disturbed, because he was going to see some friend, but there can be also other reasons. It will be very difficult to get close to subject, if at all.

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