

MEMORANDUM

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EGMA 58132

Chief, SR
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Chief of Base, Frankfurt
Chief of Station, Germany

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FFN: FI 2746

FROM Chief, Munich Operations Group

DATE 15 March 1962

SUBJECT CAMOG REDWOOD [] Operational
Talivaldis MEDNIS

RE: "433" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
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ACTION REQUIRED Hdqts: See para 4. FOIs: See para 5.

REFERENCES

EGMW 11544, 26 February 1962

1. MOG is very much interested in the information reported on Subject in Reference. We are particularly interested because we had considered assessing Subject for use as a support asset for the project sketchily outlined in EGMA 57396, 15 January 1962. Obviously, he cannot be considered for such use until we know a good deal more about him and his Soviet Latvian and Latvian emigre contacts.

2. We have taken the following steps to dig out additional facts about Subject's background, current activities, and associates:

a. Request for traces on the following individuals:

- (1) Subject himself
- (2) Olga ZARINS, London
- (3) (Mrs.) Helma LAPINS nee SLIPSE, Riga
- (4) Subject's "Aunt Berta", London

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b. Analysis of translations of Subject's correspondence with the following individuals:

- (1) Elsa KRISTAPSONS (Subject of MUNI 5628)
- (2) Betty ALKSNIT (Subject of MUNI 5627)

c. Request to Hamburg for Subject's current address.

d. Request to Berlin for Maldeamt information on Subject's family (mother and sister or sisters) in West Berlin (which should determine if the individuals cited in paragraph 2 of Reference are Subject's family).

e. Request to Scandinavian Stations for information on Subject's activities among the Latvian emigration there.

3. We intend to debrief both [] and [] on their contacts with and knowledge of Subject. This information will be reported as soon as it is available. It should be mentioned that [] met Subject in Munich after her return from Riga in March 1961, and he expressed great interest in her trip. We intend to see AENOCAT-4 soon, and we will elicit her opinion of Subject during that meeting (as well as information requested in DIR. 42988). None of Subject's associates will be mentioned to [], [], or [], unless they bring up the names themselves. We will not reveal to them that we know anything about Subject's Latvian contacts. Incidentally, [] claims to have been the first to debrief Subject in West Berlin after his repatriation in 1957.

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4. Headquarters: You can help us to unravel this puzzle in the following ways:

a. Please forward any information on Subject which is not already available to us. For instance, do we know when and under what circumstances Subject returned to Latvia after his first repatriation to Germany in 1939?

b. Send translations of Subject's correspondence with the following individuals in Riga (list taken from the 1961 AEJAMMER Machine Run):

Visvaldis BALTMANIS
Miss Erika CELMINS*
Mrs. Elza KRISTAPSONS
Dora RATNER
Mrs. Elza SKULTANS

(*NOTE: [] and [] met a CELMINS family - Arturs, Austra, and daughter Inta in Riga in August 1960. Austra is the sister of [] mother. There is no evidence that Erika CELMINS is related to this family.)

c. In addition, translations of the following AEJAMMER documents are requested. If this taxes Headquarters translation facilities too heavily, the originals can be sanitized and translated by []

H 000904	11031	KRISTOPSONS L	S 230 G RIGA CHRISTOPHSOHN L WBER LA G
H 003912	25071	KRISTOPSON E	S 230 G RIGA RASMA MEDINA WBER LA G
H 130302	03110	GALE MRS	R 230 G RIGA ALKSNIT WBER LA GA
H 130302	03110	LAZDA A MRS	R 230 G RIGA ALKSNIT WBER LA GA
H 129809	18100	TENTS VALLY MRS	R 230 G RIGA ALKSNIT E WBER GE G
H 003741	08081	DEVYATOVA LYUDA	R 230 G RIGA ALKSNIT E WBER RU G
H 118701	03120	TENTS VALLY MRS	S 230 G RIGA ALKSNIT E MRS WBER GE G
H 000202	30011	LAZDA I	S 230 G RIGA ALKSNIT E MRS WBER LA

(NOTE: MOG files contain no information on Lyuda DEVIATOVA, Mrs. GALES, Mrs. A. LAZDA, or Mrs. Vally TENTS. Information on Betty ALKSNIT and Elza KRISTAPSONS - correspondents of Subject - is known to Headquarters. From AEJAMMER materials we know that Mrs. Lyuda DEVIATOVA was a Russian neighbor of Betty ALKSNIT when she still lived in Riga. Rasma MEDINA may be a garble of Rasma MEDNIS, a sister of Subject.)

5. FOB: We would be interested in AEMARSH-1's ^(Sally) comments on his meetings with Subject in 1957. At some time in the near future, we would like to discuss with FOB the possibility of sending AEMARSH-1 (or another Latvian-speaking FOB principal agent, if AEMARSH-1 is no longer active) to Hamburg to debrief Subject. This will be brought up when an MOG representative is next in Frankfurt on TDY.

Approved by []

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