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TO : Chief, FBM ✓
FROM : ACOS, Karlsruhe ✓
SUBJECT: General - Operational
 Specific - [] : Progress Report No. 3.
REF : MGM-A-1683

1. Since reference Progress report, a definite change has occurred in our relationship with the []. The earlier exploratory, "get acquainted" stage, with its social entertainments and conferences confined to generalities is over, and we have settled down to operational realities. [], [] and [] are no longer consulted on every action taken and our relationship is confined to [] who has proven to be most cooperative and willing on all matters. We feel that we have definite control of all of [] activities and he is solely guided by our desires and advice. In political matters, pertaining to VLIK, [] makes a special point of not being tied up with any one political group such as the Catholic faction, but goes out of his way to keep in touch with all representatives of the VLIK Executive Committee including the more liberal minded Social Democrats.

2. The bringing of SKRAJUNAS from Paris for debriefing has turned out to be most informative to us and has filled the vacuum on the Lithuanian underground movement which until SKRAJUNAS' arrival, was a matter on which there was a dearth of even the most elementary information. There can now be little doubt that SKRAJUNAS possessed more information on Lithuanian activity than all of the top VLIK individuals put together. For this reason, and as stated in MGM-A-1721 para 5, we believe that SKRAJUNAS' possible return to Lithuania by the French constitutes a grave security risk to all concerned. Upon completing SKRAJUNAS' debriefing we propose to request officially [] through [] that SKRAJUNAS' return to Lithuania be discussed with the French from the point of view that it constitutes a security risk to the French as well as to VLIK. If as a result of the VLIK-French

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talks SKRAJUNAS is released from his commitments, we would be pleased to employ him as AEGON's operations officer, for which position SKRAJUNAS is ideally suited.

3. C] personal investigation of the proposed couriers had the following results:

NR a. MICKEVICIUS, Kestutis (Ref: MGM-A-1516, para 1,a,(1)). AEGON found this individual to be brave and courageous though somewhat of an alcoholic and given to a lot of bragging. As a result of C] initial talk with him it became generally known that "MICKEVICIUS has undertaken to sacrifice his life for VLIK". For the above reasons it has been decided to eliminate MICKEVICIUS from our prospective courier list though he may be assigned dangerous missions of lower security implications.

NR b. STEPANAVICIUS, Antanas (Ref: MGM-A-1516, para 1,a,(1)). Upon personal interview with subject, AEGON found him rather undecided about the whole matter and interested in many operational matters which could not be revealed to him at this time. STEPANAVICIUS requested time to think things over and has therefore also been eliminated from the available courier list.

NR c. KLEVINSKAS, Antanas (Ref: MGM-A-1660). Has been found to be a suitable individual and highly recommended by his camp commander as to his character and integrity. We are therefore accepting KLEVINSKAS for elementary communication training provided his communication aptitude test proves satisfactory (Ref: MUNI-843).

NR d. ZEINYS, Jonas (Ref: MGM-A-1661). Was found to be a suitable individual and we are accepting him along with his friend KLEVINSKAS. We are contemplating training and dispatching the two as a team. (Ref: MUNI-843).

e. It has been mutually agreed with C] that, if at all possible, it would be highly desirable to recruit for the first mission also an individual of higher social standing and intellect. KLEVINSKAS and ZEINYS are suitable couriers and communication men but it would be highly desirable from the underground point of view, to dispatch along with them, an individual who could be accepted by the underground as VLIK's political representative and not merely a courier. C] is therefore currently searching for an individual of SKRAJUNAS', DEKSNYS' or PAJAUJIS' personal qualifications. C] believes that the most desirable project would be the evacuation of JURGIS from Poland, debriefing him, and immediately returning him after proper briefings. The element of time may not allow this ideal situation and C] is therefore concentrating his efforts on finding a suitable substitute.

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3. Our current and immediate future operational plans remain the same as outlined in MGM-A-1621, para 5, a, b, c, e, and f, with the additional task of devising a way of evacuating the couriers who are presently in Poland. The matter of establishing closer relationship between VLIK and the Stockholm group is considered to be a political matter not directly affecting [] department but will be handled by [] with our advice and consultation being given all consideration.

4. In disbursing our financial assistance to the [] we are following the "spoon-feeding" method which we have recommended at an earlier date. Though the payments have been regular for the past few months, we intend to increase them, within the authorized limits only when and as we are satisfied that the scale of operations warrants such increases. During the first quarter, beginning with July 1949 and ending with October 1949, we have disbursed only \$600.00 of the authorized operational fund of \$1,500.00 for this quarter. No more than approximately 500.00 DM were also charged to this operational fund which were spent on entertainment and travel during our initial negotiations with top [] personnel. 1,600 DM were spent as salaries for [] and [] from the authorized compensations of \$1,200.00. On 21 October, KNOBBY contributed \$500.00 as their initial payment. As of this date the AEGE NS have received from us a total of \$1,400.00 (including the \$500 from KNOBBY) and 1,600 DM. The major expenses to which the [] were put on our behalf are as follows:

- a. [] round trip to Paris;
- b. SKRAJUNAS' three trips to Paris;
- c. Financial assistance to JURKUN and JURGIS in Poland; and
- d. Invitation to ^{Stasys} ZAKEVICIUS to come for a meeting in Germany at VLIK expense.

Our fixed expenditures as of this date amount to \$300.00 monthly for operations and 800 DM for compensation. In spite of this rather modest beginning, it is hoped that the originally appropriated funds as authorized in MGK-W-2574 will be allowed to stand unchanged for we firmly believe that the leeway given to us will be put to good use and much needed as the scale of operations increases. We have, for example, ear-marked \$600.00 of the operational fund to be used in bringing the couriers from Poland. In a few days,

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we contemplate granting a modest salary to the two couriers who will be at our disposal.

5. KNOBBY representatives have been kept generally informed of our activities within the limits described by you. KNOBBY is aware of the following matters:

a. That we have located and intend to train two [] couriers during this winter for possible dispatch this coming spring;

b. That there are two [] couriers now in Poland whom we are anxious to evacuate and bring to Germany; and

c. That SKRAJUNAS, the last authorized underground representative to come out of Lithuania is now being debriefed by us. KNOBBY has been informed that SKRAJUNAS edited and is familiar with the distribution of clandestine papers in Lithuania. It was suggested that he can be questioned by a KNOBBY representative on this particular matter which we believed to be of primary interest to them. However, KNOBBY has taken no action as of this date.

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