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| ACTION REQUIRED - ALL RELS | <p>A. DIR 45637, 8 June 1963 B. DIR-46770, 14 June 1963</p> <p>1. [] has just received the attached comments and traces in answer to reference KUBARK queries. The SMOTH information and comments and traces are detailed and specific so we do not feel highlights could be selected and summarized meaningfully for forwarding by cable, as requested in reference.</p> <p>2. Regarding paragraph 3 we are advising the ODENVY representative re the SMOTH information on ARUNAS alias JURGITIS.</p> <p>3. We would appreciate Headquarters comments in reply to paragraph 4 of SMOTH's cover letter to their traces. It should also be noted that in paragraph 6 SMOTH calls attention to the point that SMOTH desires KUBARK to indicate the information on which KUBARK's request for traces was based and reason for the request. This obviously emanates from difficulty which SMOTH encountered in servicing this request and their dilemma as to what information to produce for us from their (perhaps) rather voluminous records on this subject.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E - J</p> <p>Attachment - SMOTH letter and traces</p> <p>Distribution: 3 - Chief, SR w/Att herewith ✓ 3 - Chief, WE w/Att herewith 2 - COS, Germany w/Att herewith 2 - COB, Frankfurt w/Att herewith</p> | | | | |
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1. You will recall that in the decade after the Second World War, Western Intelligence Agencies, among them the French, Swedish, British and American intelligence services, employed emigres from the Baltic States against the Russian target.

2. All the persons described in this letter with the exception of VIKENTAS VOKIETAITIS were in direct or indirect touch with SMOTH during this period. The last operations using Baltic emigres were dropped by SMOTH in early 1957, since it had become by then patently obvious that operations by Western Agencies in this milieu were either controlled or thoroughly penetrated by the R.I.S. The pattern was that the Russians controlled the base organisations, which may or may not have been wholly notional, and either "planted" or turned some of the couriers and plenipotentiaries travelling between the organisations in the field and the emigre headquarters in Sweden, Germany, France and U.K.

3. The information given on the persons mentioned in your letters does not appear to reflect all the information which must be available to your headquarters. We wonder what has caused the renewed interest in these persons. In this connexion, we draw your attention to the letter on the subject of ARUNAS alias JURGUTIS from ODENVY.

We would be grateful if you would advise ODENVY that you have had this reply and copy to him. Any material from it that he needs.

4. In our view, it does not follow from paragraph 2 above that emigre agents such as ZAKVICIUS, VOKIETAITIS, ZILINSKAS and STANEVICIUS were necessarily turned or recruited by the Russians; ZAKVICIUS, for example, was one of several Lithuanian emigre leaders denounced by DESKAYS in the Soviet press in 1960 (see para. 8 of attachment). You will doubtless have examined whether the information on which you have based your request does not have its origin in a further Russian attempt to discredit these emigres in Western eyes. You will note that some of the allegations in your information about contact with the Russians by these persons conflicts or is not borne out by our records.

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5. We apologise for the delay in replying to your queries. Considerable research has been necessary on dead files which describe the activities of these persons in voluminous detail, most of it now of only historical value.

6. We hope that you will not take it amiss if we ask that, if you have any further requests for information on these men or other associates, you supply us with the information upon which you base your request, together with your comments on its accuracy judged by your records. Without this yardstick, we have no means of assessing whether the information we hold is relevant to your enquiries; nor if we are using our limited resources to supply you with information of which you are already fully cognisant.

7. We hope the traces in the attachment will meet your needs.

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1. Your para. A.

Sveva ZYDZEMAS-ZAKVICIUS - Lithuanian - was employed as an agent by SMITH in World War II against the German target and later between 1947 - 56. He was in U.K. from 13 May '48 to 21 January '57. He left U.K. for Germany to take up employment with the Voice of America on 21 January '57. He enlisted our help in July '59 to have his travel documents reviewed. We have no subsequent record of him. We hold no evidence that he was a member of an N.K.V.D.-sponsored group in 1941. He was attacked in the Soviet Lithuanian press in 1948 as a German collaborator and his return for trial as a war criminal was demanded by "40 professors". He was later attacked by DEKSNYS in the Soviet press in 1950. There is no record that he visited either POLAND or SWEDEN in 1948 and we think this story can be discounted since we were in touch with him throughout that year in Germany and in the U.K. From the following account of his appointments supplied by ZAKVICIUS himself in 1948, it would seem that he was born in KIEV on 22.7.1908 and not in LITHUANIA in 1914 :-

" Born in KIEV 22.7.1908 - Married Marja, 25.2.1908, Vilmino ZYDZEMAS ZAKVICIUS (ZAKVICIUS) born Bizzitka (Bizzitkaite).

- 1.2.33 : Graduated Law Faculty University of Vytautus the Great in Kaunas.
- Master of Law
- 1.2.35 : Junior assistant at the Law Faculty
- 1.12.35 : Senior assistant
- 1.9.34 - : Studies in Paris University Law Faculty
- 1.2.35 : under Professors Kestre, Yere, Barsuclenon etc.
- 1.9.35 -
- 1.9.37 : Rockefeller Foundation Fellow
- 1.9.35 -
- 1.8.37 : Studies in the U.S.A. at Harvard University, under Professors F. Frankfurter, M.B. Lombie, Roscoe Pound
- 1936 : Summer Semester at Chicago University
- 1.9.36 -
- 1.2.37 : Studies in England at London School of Economic & Political Sciences under Prof. Robson
- 1.2.37 -
- 1.7.37 : Renewed studies in Paris
- 1.7.37 -
- 1.9.37 : Geneva League of Nations Library

In the meantime visits to Oxford University, Brussels International Institute of Administrative Sciences.

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1937 -
1939 Lecturer on administrative law at Kaunas
(Pater Vilnius) University Law Faculty
Professor, Head of the Chair of Administrative
Law from 1940.
1.10.40. Vice Dean of the Law Faculty.
16.7.41 -
1944 Dean of the Law Faculty

Besides, Scientific Adviser at the Council of
State 1938 - 1940, member of various committees
on administrative reforms.

Speciality:- comparative constitutional and
administrative law, public administration."

2. Your para. B.

Dr. Albinas VOKIETAITIS - Lithuanian - was in touch with MOYH
between March '44 and '48. He managed to reach Sweden by fishing boat
in October '43, returned to Lithuania and smuggled himself back to Sweden
for a second time by similar means in January '44. We have no record
that he went back to POLAND and LITHUANIA after that date. He left
SWEDEN for U.S.A. on 25 April '49 and was not expected to return. No
more has been heard of him.

According to one report, the Lithuanian resistance movement
sent three plenipotentiaries to Sweden in 1944 to refer the Lithuania
independence organisation abroad. They were :-

- i) VOKIETAITIS
- ii) VYTAUTAS STANEVICIUS-STANEIKA
- iii) Jonas ZEKSMYS

They brought letters of credence with them. VOKIETAITIS
was to stay permanently in Sweden.

3. Your para. C.

Vladas ZILINSKIS - Lithuanian - He was born in LIEPAU on 24.5.1912.
ZILINSKIS was in touch with MOYH from the end of the War until he emigrated
to U.S.A. in June '53. He resided in STOCKHOLM throughout this period.
He was First Secretary of the Lithuanian Embassy in Stockholm and remained
there throughout the war during which time he was connected with VLIK activities.
He worked in Stockholm as an auditor. We cannot confirm the reported Russian
connections of his ex-wife in Stockholm and his sister in Washington.
We have not heard of him since he left for U.S.A.

4. Your para. D.

JURGUTIS or NESTUTIS or KYSTUTIS alias ARUNAS - Lithuanian

His alleged true name is on record as JUOZAS VIZBARA and he was
a schoolteacher by Profession. He would now be about 47 years of age.
He travelled to U.K. on papers describing him as JOUZAS VILHELMIS, Lithuanian,
born KUŠVARIJA, LITHUANIA, on January 17, 1919. ARUNAS was exfiltrated to
U.K. from POLAND in August 1950. It was subsequently established that
the line used was controlled by the U.B. ARUNAS had written from
Poland in December 1949 to ZILINSKIS explaining that he had escaped and
wished to get in touch with the British authorities on behalf of Lithuanian
Resistance. As it proved difficult to exfiltrate ARUNAS, he apparently
returned to Lithuania in March 1950 but escaped again to POLAND in the
summer of 1950 from whence he was exfiltrated to Germany and U.K. was
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effected. ARUNAS related that he had been delegated by an Organization of which the head was a certain DRUBELYS. This consisted of both legally and illegally living patriots who required help from the West in order to survive. DRUBELYS, it was stated, had nothing to do with Jonas DEKSNYS. ARUNAS himself could give little information regarding the said organization. He described himself as a schoolmaster and explained that he had been chosen for the mission because he was able to absent himself without arousing suspicion.

ARUNAS returned to LITHUANIA in December 1950 accompanied by two W.T. operators recruited in U.K. Reports were received in January 1953 which also appeared in the Lithuanian Press that the KGB had launched a large-scale operation against the partisans and also that DRUBELYS had been liquidated and that DEKSNYS had disappeared. No more was heard of ARUNAS but one of the two W/T operators who accompanied ARUNAS wrote a suspicious series of letters in the Spring of 1953 which claimed that he had survived the attack on DRUBELYS. W/T contact was resumed with the operator in the summer of 1953. ARUNAS was the name he used in Lithuanian Resistance circles and certainly not a code-name exclusive to the Russians as suggested in the last but one paragraph of DEKSNYS' letter of June 27, 1963. ARUNAS was the subject of correspondence between our two Services. File destroyed dated 1951 in London is the last reference in this correspondence.

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Your para. A. Vyntas STANEVICIUS
alias STANEVICIUS also known as Jonas and Jonas Andrei STANEVICIUS -
SMITH - Lithuanian. This man was another contact of SMITH.
According to one report, he was a Lithuanian regular army officer with the rank of Lieutenant or Captain. In April 1946 he came to notice as the companion of DEKSNYS on a clandestine trip to Lithuania from LUDDECK via GDNIA. They arranged to be repatriated but by their own statement eluded registration at the Baltic end and contacted the partisans. STANEVICIUS returned to GDNIA together with his wife and was successfully evacuated to Sweden in August 1946 with messages and documents from the partisans. He took an active part in Lithuanian emigre politics between 1946 and 1948. He opposed DEKSNYS' attempts to gain control of the whole Lithuanian emigre movement. He did not return to Lithuania; it was suggested he preferred the fleshpots of Lithuania to the rigours of partisan life. He was considered as a possible courier in 1948, at which time he was destitute. His wife, who had had a baby, was sick in hospital. Our last trace of him, dated 1953, described him as "inactive".

6. Your para. B.

Vytasas VOKIETAITIS

Vytasas VOKIETAITIS alias BROLIS was the brother of ALGERDAS VOKIETAITIS. ARUNAS carried a letter in December '49 from VYTASAS to his brother in Lithuania. According to ARUNAS, Vytasas VOKIETAITIS was a member of the Presidium of the HDPS in March 1950.

7. Your para. C.

FECELIUNAS alias FECELIUNA(S)

We have a trace of a General FECELIUNAS, one-time head of the Lithuanian partisans, who was reported by STANEVICIUS, as having been killed in 1944. Your enquiry might refer to MICOLAS FECELIUNAS, who was the cut-out of STANEVICIUS in GDNIA in 1946. FECELIUNAS was in touch with DEKSNYS, who used the same escape route. This was organized by a Pole named Leonard KUCIUSKI, whose nephew lived in Stockholm. FECELIUNAS and KUCIUSKI were instrumental in evacuating ARUNAS in 1950. Several letters passed between Dr ALGERDAS VOKIETAITIS and FECELIUNAS on this subject.

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JONAS DEKSNYS

It was established that the Jonas DEKSNYS, holder of Swedish Aliens passport No. 4224/45 and Lithuanian passport No. 339/47 was born in LITVIA and was residing in HALIFAX, ONTARIO in 1955. He was registered in Sweden on 28.4.1945 i.e. one year before the Lithuanian "partisan" Jonas DEKSNYS, reached Sweden. The photograph of DEKSNYS on passport 339/47 was not that of the "partisan" JONAS DEKSNYS, according to ZAKIEVICIUS. The Lithuanian passport was pronounced genuine. The ONTARIO DEKSNYS worked at the ONTARIO MDR0 from May 10 1949 to May 16 1950, and as a labourer from January 1951 onwards. He is on record as having entered CANADA at HALIFAX on May 6, 1949. He sailed for CANADA on the "GRIPSHOLM" on 28.4.1949. The "partisan", JONAS DEKSNYS was infiltrated into LITHUANIA on 1.5.1949. Letters in secret writing were received from DEKSNYS in LITHUANIA up to mid-July 1950. This correspondence was discussed between KUBSAK and Jemth, by which time it was assumed that DEKSNYS was under R.I.S. control. The conversion to Communism by JONAS DEKSNYS was announced in issues Nos. 286 and 287 of TEVINIS BALSAS - Voice of the Fatherland in early 1950. This article denounced ZAKIEVICIUS and the British, French and American intelligence services.

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