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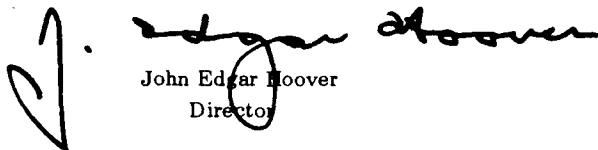
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
June 4, 1964

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Heinrichs W. Bagatais
also known as

During the early part of 1963, NY T-1, another government agency, which conducts security type investigations, advised that Heinrichs W. Bagatais, a former chairman in 1957 of Daugavas Vanagi (Latvian veterans organization), New York, New York, was suspected of Russian intelligence service involvement by an official German source.

Acquaintances

On April 22, 1964, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that he had recently heard that Bagatais is engaged at working at two jobs, one during the daytime and one at night. NY T-2 has not been able to ascertain where these places of employment are located. He stated that the subject is not happy in his work and neither job is as good as the job that he formerly had at Roux Laboratory in New York City.

NY T-2 also heard that the subject's girlfriend, name unknown, died during February, 1964. He did not know the cause of her death.

NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 30, 1964 that he has been acquainted with the subject for several years. Bagatais was formerly the chairman of Daugavas Vanagi (Latvian veterans organization), New York Chapter. Subject was, in the past, also very active in arrangements for the performance of Latvian concerts.

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NY T-3 stated that during the late 1950's, Bagatais took a trip around the world. The subject indicated to NY T-3 that this trip cost him \$1000 which money he had been able to save while he was employed as a draftsman. NY T-3 advised that during the early part of 1962, the subject took a trip to Australia where he intended on living permanently. During 1963 the subject returned to the United States because he was not happy in Australia.

NY T-3 advised that on one occasion he was in the subject's apartment which is located on Cathedral Parkway in New York City. This is a large five room apartment which was well furnished. Subject also had a collection of good books and paintings. NY T-3 recalled that Bagatais did rent out rooms in this apartment on a few occasions.

NY T-3 further stated that since Bagatais has returned from Australia he seems to have no contact with other persons in the Latvian community in New York City. He no longer is active in any organizations and is seldom seen by old acquaintances.

On April 24, 1964 NY T-4, who is in a position to furnish information concerning Latvian emigres in the New York area, advised that he has been acquainted with Bagatais for several years. NY T-4 is a member of "Rota" (a Latvian handicapped veterans organization) and has had contact with the subject through this organization.

A few months ago, the subject contacted NY T-4 and suggested that they open an art studio at Bagatais apartment. Bagatais suggested that NY T-4 and other Latvian artists display their paintings in his home for possible sale. No financial arrangements were discussed, however, the subject indicated that he would provide the studio and NY T-4 and other artists would provide the paintings.

NY T-4 declined the subject's suggestion due to the fact that Bagatais is a person of questionable moral character. He advised that he is certain that the subject is

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a homosexual. He based this statement on the fact that Bagatais is open in his statements concerning unnatural sex behavior. NY T-4 advised that about five years ago he visited Bagatais' apartment at which time the subject had several male friends in his home of the same type character as Bagatais and they openly talked about their homosexual traits. These individuals indicated that deriving sexual pleasure from being with other men was cheaper than taking care of a woman.

NY T-4 stated that Bagatais formerly worked as a security guard for two agencies, receiving a total salary of \$160 per week. However, he recently dropped one of these jobs because of the strong physical pressure put upon him by carrying two full time jobs. He is now employed as a security guard at a salary of \$90 per week.

NY T-4 also advised that after Bagatais returned from Australia, he was not able to again rent his former apartment on the ground floor at 412 Cathedral Parkway. He now has the pent house apartment at this address and pays approximately \$140 per month rent.

NY T-4 considers Bagatais to be very intelligent and he has heard that while Bagatais was in the German army he was considered to be an organizer and established a money making business, type of business unknown by NY T-4. As a result, Bagatais was able to live very well while he was in the German army.

On April 23, 1964 Mr. Janis Lacis, 35-27 91st Street, Woodside, Queens, New York, was interviewed by SAs of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Paul L. Brinton and Donald E. Hartnett. Mr. Lacis is the president of the New York branch of Daugavas Vanagi and he furnished background information concerning this organization. He described Daugavas Vanagi as an organization of Latvian war veterans who fought with the Germans against the Soviet Union during World War II. He said this group known as the Latvian Legion, was formed for the express purpose of fighting the Soviet Union and not the allies, during the war,

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He indicated that the New York chapter of Daugavas Vanagi has approximately 210 members.

Mr. Lacis recalled that of all the members of Daugavas Vanagi that he has been associated with, the only one who was actually a prisoner of war of the Russians was Heinrichs Bagatais. He stated that Bagatais was the former head of Daugavas Vanagi, New York Branch, around 1947, but is not too active in this organization any more.

During April and May of 1964 NY T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished records of subject's special checking account located at the Bankers Trust Company, 529 5th Avenue, New York City, New York, account number 20448734. This account was transferred to this branch on June 6, 1963 from the 101st Street Office of the Bankers Trust Company in the Bronx, New York. Subject's address was shown to be 412 Cathedral Parkway, New York City. He first opened an account with this bank on April 14, 1955. The balance in this account as of April 20, 1964 was shown to be \$66.45. A review of checks issued by the subject during April and May of 1964 reflects only two checks, one for cash in the amount of \$30.00 dated April 23, 1964 and a check made payable to Maurice Stahl on May 1, 1964 in the amount of \$149.50. This check was endorsed by Maurice Stahl of the Stahl-Herman Realty Company. A review of the subject's special checking account for the dates April 19, 1963 to April 20, 1964, inclusive, reflects balances in this account ranging from \$3.60 to \$527.63. No unusual withdrawals or deposits were noted with the exception of deposits made May 3 to May 6, 1963 in the following amounts:

\$233.90
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For a total of \$524.03.

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