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Edgars Laipenieks, a former Olympic coach and CIA informant, has filed notice of appeal of an order that he be deported for alleged war crimes in his native Latvia during World War II.

He was ordered deported to Chile last September by the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Laipenieks, who coached Chile's Olympic track teams in 1952 and 1956 and the 1964 Mexican track team, has denied he was involved in war crimes while serving with the Latvian Political Police during the Nazi occupation of his homeland.

He said his responsibility was to track down Communists and terrorists sent into Latvia by the Soviet Union.

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