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TO : **E** **MUNICH FRANKFURT BONN**

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1. **VILIS JANUMS, BORN 7 JAN 94, CODE, LATVIA, FORMER LATV OFFICER, WELL KNOWN PERSONALITY. IN 43 HE BECAME CO OF 33 GRENADIER REGT, 15 WAFEN SS DIVISION, LATVIAN LEGION. FOUGHT ON EASTERN FRONT AND SURRENDERED HIMSELF AND HIS UNIT TO US FORCES NEAR MAGDENBURG BEFORE END WORLD WAR TWO. HAS BEEN REFUGEE IN WGERM AND DEEPLY INVOLVED EMIGRE POLITICS WORLD WIDE SINCE THEN. CREATED AND HEADS DAUGAVAS VANAGI, WORLD WIDE ORG OF LATVIAN VETERANS, WHO FORMER MEMBERS LATV LEGION AND OTHER GERM UNITS. TOTAL MEMBERSHIP CA 10000, ABOUT 2500 INCLUDING WOMEN AUXILIARY IN AUSTRALIA, WHERE SEVERAL OF THEM RESPECTED LEADERS OF LATV COMMUNITY. MEMBERSHIP LISTS OVERT AND EASY FOR HQS TO OBTAIN.**

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2. **DUE TO HIS ROLE AS EMIGRE LEADER SUBJ HAS NATURALLY BECOME EMBROILED EMIGRE SQUEBBLES AND CONSIDERED CONTROVERSIAL.**

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HE DESCRIBED AS INTELLIGENT, BUT FIRM AND UNCOMPROMISING IN HIS  
OPINIONS, A MAN WHO GIVES ORDERS AND EXPECTS THEM OBEYED.

SIMILARY HIS VERY OUTSPOKEN ANTI COMMUNIST ATTITUDE HAS CAUSED  
HIM BECOME CONSTANT TARGET SOV DEFAMATION PRIMARILY IN PRINTED  
PUBLICATIONS. ONE SUCH RECENT ITEM HAS EARMARKS OF BEING BASIC  
FOR [ ] RECOUNT OF UPROAR IN LATV COMMUNITY. THIS

PUBLICATION MOST VICIOUS, DEFAMING AND SLANTED AGAINST VARIOUS  
RESPECTED LEADERS IN WEST INCLUDING NONEMIGRES. EXCEPT FOR SOME  
DEROG INFO, NOT INVOLVING SUBJ, CONTENT THIS ITEM DISCREDITED BY  
EMIGRE LEADERS AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTED BY LATVIANS IN WEST.

HENCE, PLS SEE [ ] OR [ ] WOULD IDENTIFY PERSONS CAUSING  
UPROAR PER PARA ONE OF REF.

3. SUBJ VISITED USA IN 51, EARLY 54, AND LATE 62 RE EMIGRE  
AFFAIRS, NONE OF WHICH SPONSORED BY KUBARK. SUBJ LAST VISIT  
INCLUDED CANADA. THOROUGH HQS TRACES REVEAL NO INDICATIONS THAT  
LOCAL LATVIANS OBJECTED SUBJ VISITS, SUBJ EVER COMMITTED

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ATROCITIES OR ASSIGNED WARSAW GHETTO. SUBJ A CONTACT OF VARIOUS ODYOKE AGENCIES.

4. POUCHING SUMMARY TRACES AND SOV ARTICLES DEFAMING SUBJ. PLS. REQUEST LIAISON TRACES ON SUBJECT. FYI ONLY: RE PARA 4 REF.

5. [ ] REVEALED THAT A CERTAIN ROGAL, A LITHUANIAN WHO LIVED FRAN TILL 56, WAS A PA OF KGB DIRECTORATE TWO, AND THAT A COWORKER OF ROGAL AND ALSO A KGB AGENT WAS A CERTAIN JANUMS OR SOMETHING SIMILAR, A LITHUANIAN OR LATVIAN. ALTHOUGH H FILES REVEAL NO INFO THAT JANUMS EVER IN CONTACT WITH ROGAL, INVESTIGATION REPORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IF JANUMS POSSIBLY IDEN WITH JANUMS, IF SO, WILL FORWARD DETAIL FOR PASSAGE [ ] END OF MESSAGE

SR/COMMENT: REQUESTED TRACES ON COLONEL VILIS JANUMS WHO ACCUSED OF COMMITTING ATROCITIES AS AN SS OFFICER, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LIQUIDATION OF THE WARSAW GHETTO. C/SA/4E [ ] C/EE/PE [ ] SR/CI [ ] FE/PIA [ ] SR/COP [ ] DC/EE/G [ ]

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