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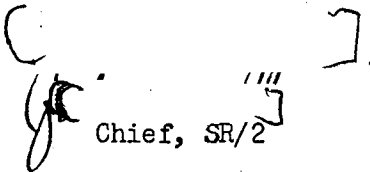
MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/COP/CE

SUBJECT : Information on Survival of REDSOX Agent

1. On 30 April 1956, a covert associate of this Branch informed his case officer as follows: The Lithuanian weekly newspaper "Teviskes Ziburiai" (The Lights of Homeland), published in Canada, in its issue of 19 April 1956, published an article entitled, "Surrender of Several Partisans". At the end of the article there is the following passage: "According to new information, JULIUS BUTENAS is alive and located in a forced labor camp. He was sentenced to 25 years." (The newspaper issue in question is now available in SR/2).

2. JULIUS BUTENAS, a REDSOX agent, was dropped into Lithuania together with a teammate in 1951. As the teammate reported initially, he became separated from BUTENAS shortly after they were dropped; he later heard that BUTENAS was killed.

3. The covert associate, a former member of VLIK in Germany, was closely associated with the case officers engaged in the dispatch of the above mentioned agents, knew the agents personally, and was familiar with the details of the operation. The covert associate believes that the source of the news item about BUTENAS was a private letter received from Lithuania in which the fate of Subject was mentioned. The covert associate requested the editor of the newspaper "Teviskes Ziburiai" to inform him as to the basis for the news item on BUTENAS.

 Chief, SR/2

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