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#### 1. Documents

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St. Passport

b. Military Book

c. Employment Certificate. (Only the biggest factories issue employment books, e.g. V.S.F. Ordinary paper is used for smeller firms).

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Employment certificates are used for many purposes, e.g. when applying for firewood, renting a flat, etc., they must be shown.

### 2. Cost of Living in High

Rooms - A two-roomed flat costs 30 to 60 rubles per month. To obtain such accommodation one usually has to bribe the man in charge of the flats or houses. This may cost from 3,000 to 4,000 roubles.

A small furnished room costs at least 100 moubles per menth.

Electricity for a two-roomed flat is about 35-30 roubles per

One cubic setre of firewood costs 30 to 40 roubles.

### 3. Imerts to Latvin

From Satonia - Light rain conts

From Germany - Agfa films, Misses films and photo paper

Pron Czechoslovakia - Boots and shoes
Textiles
Creckery
Brief cases \_\_\_\_ These are made from
Gloves pie-skin

From Russia - Mazor blades
Wireless sets
Meter cycles
Cars
Mazor other articles like pencils, etc.

From U.K. - Glucosin (35 roubles per 200 graz packet)



### 4. Appearance of meple in Latvia, especially in Riga

People dress well in Riga, i.e. decent suite and coats, collar and tie, shows imported from Czechoslovakia in rather fancy styles, crops soles, etc. It does not pay to go around looking chabby or uncheven and one should always try to appear clean and neatly dressed.

Carrying a brief case is permissible as many people do so now. The brief cases used in Rige are either the old Russian type, or the pig-skin kind imported from Grechoslovakin, in appearance exactly like the German brief case with central etrap. One should definitely avoid carrying a ruckeack or a bag, especially if badly dressed, as such a person is immediately suspected of being a farmer who is trying to cell his farm produce without delivering it to the Kolkhori (cellective farm). Knee boots are vorm a great deal in Riga and do not cause any comment. A very good cameuflage is to go around in a railwaymen's dirty uniform, as these people are never asked for documents. A suitense should always have a waterproof cover on it, the colour of which must be light gray. Gases are normally sold with the cover included. If carrying a plain case, one may be stopped and asked what it contains.

When in Riga, do not stop or idle about the streets; one is liable to questioning if found loitering. It is recommended always to carry with one seme digarettes and, if possible, a small bottle of Schmapps, because quite often the Russians, especially if outside Riga, will request these things and are rather unpleasant if one cannot produce them. The effer of a digarette or a small drink is likely to ensure that one is not bethered further by them. When travelling by lorry, the usual fee for the driver is 5 roubles per 20 km., but in cartain circumstances a bottle of Schmapps is a good thing to offer. At times a higher or lower for them the above-queted is given, depending on the number of spassengers the lorry driver already has in the vehicle.

5. Since the Privateer Affair a permit is required for entering Liceaja. No permit is required for entering Ventspile. Informant does not know of any other place, except Dundaga, where a permit to enter is required.

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#### Documents in use in LATVIA.

(Up to September, 1951)

1. Movement Order (KOMARIAPOBOUHOE YIOCTOBEPEHRE) printed only in Russian, as used by the Latvian S.S.R. Ministry of Forestry. (See attachment No. 1,)

2. Movement Order (KOMANDEJUMA APLIECIBA)
(KOMAHAMPOBOUHOE YAOCTOBEPHHME) printed in Latvian and
Russian, as used by the Latvian 8.S.R. Ministry of
Agriculture. (See attachment No. 2.)

5. Certificate (IZZINA) issued by the Latvian 8.8.R. Ministry of Social Welfare (SOCIALAS NODROSI-NASANAS MINISTRIJA), located in RIGA, VALDEMARA iela 38, telephone 6651. The letter-head is printed in Latvian and Russian, but the certificate itself is typed only in Latvian. The certificate was issued on 31st August 1950, and certifies that the citizen ..... is employed as an inspector at the above-mentioned Ministry. The certificate is to be handed to the housing section of his RAYON. The certificate is signed by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry - MEZSARGS. The stamp on the certificate is in Latvian and Russian.

Outer circle of stamp in Latvian:-

LATV. PSR SOCIALAS NODROSINĀSANAS MINISTRIJA

Inner circle of stamp in Russian:-

Миниотерство Социального Обеспечения Латв. COP

The letters on the coat of arms are:-

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(See attachment No. 3.)

8tate Sea Fishery of the Latvian S.S.R. Ministry of Fishery Products (ZIVJU RUPNIECIBAS MINISTRIJAS VALSTS JURAS ZVEJAS PARVALDE). This certificate is issued on ordinary, poor quality paper with the name stamp of the office in the top left hand corner. It should be noted that the second "G" after the date should have been a Russian one - "r". The stamps on the certificate itself being typed in Russian only, and certifies that the holder works at the Fishery office as a book-keeper. This certificate is to be shown at the POLIKLINIK, and is signed by the Manager of the Fishery office. The round stamp on the dertificate is in Latvian and Russian.

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Outer circle of stamp in Latvian:-

LATVIJAS PSR ZIVJU RŪPNIBOĪBAS MINISTRIJA

Inner circle of stamp in Russian:-

Министерство рибной проминиенности Латвийской ССР

Centre of stamp, Latvian text:-

valsts jūras zvejas pārvalde

Centre of stame, Russian text:-

Управл. Госуд. Морск. Рибо-MUDCTBA

(See attachment No. 4.)

5. Latvian S.S.R. passport, printed by GOZNAK (PCSERN) in 1941, issued by the 11th Militia station in RIGA on 15th April 1948, valid until 15th April 1953.

#### Handwritten Eussian text of passport:-

15. IV. 1953. г. Криево Хуго Янович 1909. г. 1.1. гор. Рига (Signature) пиробац расочия
в. / обяв.
XI. отд. милицие гор. Рега.
Вр. уд. II/6697 внд. XI. отд. мелицие гор.
Рига 23. I - 47.г.
I5. IV - 48.г.

The die stamps have the following letters:-

TYM MBA CCCP.

The round militia stamps are in Russian and Latvian.

Outer circle, Latvian text:-

LPSR IOM RĪGAS PILSĒTAS 11-Ā MILICIJAS NODAĻA

Inner circle, Russian text:-

лсср мвд II-е отделение милиции г. Риги

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#### Handwritten Latvian text of passport:-

15. IV. 1953.g.

. Krievs Hugo Jana d.

.. 1909.g. 1.I. RIgã.

..... Latvictis.

..... SIGNATURE

etrādnicks.

..... padots.

..... Rīgas XI. milic. nod.

15. IV - 48.g.

The round militis stamp is the same as on the . 2 previous pages of the passport.

#### Employment stamp:-

Handwritten:

Pienemts darbā ar rīk. N 101 1947.g. 1. augustā.

Stamped:

Valdes prickssedis; /SIGNATURE/

(Translation: Employed under order N 101 on 1st August, 1947. Chairman of the Administration.)

#### The round stamp is in Latvian and Russian:-

Latvian text: Outer circle: RAZOSANAS KOOPERĀCIJAS PĀRVALDE PIE LATV. PSR TKP

Russian text: Inner circle: Управление Промкооперация при СНК Латвийемой ССР

Latvian text: Centre of stamp: Kooperativais razosanas artelis "SANTECHNIKA"

Russian text: Centre of stamp:

Промесон. арт. " Сантехника "

#### Square employment stamp on the left:-

LPSR Dz. un Civ. Celtn. Min. BUVPARVALDE No. 7

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Принят "/6 " VII 1981 г. Подпись отв. лица: М. П.

(SIGNATURE)

Square "discharged" stamp on the right:

LPBR Dz. un Giv. Celtn. Min. BUVPĀRVALDE No. 7

METC JATE. COP OTPONYNPARIENHE 12 7

> Уволен "25" VII 1951 г. Подпись отв. лица: М. П.

> > (SIGNATURE)

#### Registration of address stamp:

RĪGA

Latvijas PSR PNTA Jarbenceas CCP

ll. milicijas nodeļa отделене милиции Pierakstīts "15. " IV. 1948 g./r

Anyseo iela m. No. 14 dz. 2 yz. z. EB.

Pasu galda pr-ks Hav. nacn. croza

(SIGNATURE)

(See attachment No. 5.)

6. Latvian S. S.R. passport, printed by GOZNAK (roshak) in 1941, issued by the 11th Militia station in RIGA on 7th March 1949, valid until 7th March 1954.

#### Handwritten Russian text of passport:

7 III 1954 г.
Похомов Адександр Александрович
30 III 1930 г. гор. Витебск
русский
(Signature)
рабочий
привывик
II отд. мил. гор. Риги Латв. ССР
обм. вр. уд. Г 416836 выд. 4.отд. мил. гор.
Риги 15 I 1947 г.
7 III 1949 г.

The die stamps have the following letters:

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Outer circle, Latvian text:

LPSR Tem RIGAS PILSETAS 11-A MILICIJAS NODALA

Inner circle, Russian text;

ДСОР МВД II-е отделение Милиции г. Риги Handwritten Latvian text of passport:

1954 g. 7 III

Pochomovs Aleksandrs Aleksandra d. 1930 g 30 III Vitebskā kriçve

(Signature) strādnieks

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iesaucamais
Latv. PSR Rīgas p. 11 mil.nod.
apm pag.apl.N4/6836 izd. no Rīgas pile.
4 mil. nod. 1947 g. 15 I

The round militia stamp is the same as on the 2 previous pages of the pessport.

#### Employment stamp:

Jars. Poc. . Подпись

This might be: датв. Государств. морского флота

#### First registration stamp:

RTGA

Latvijas PSR Jatbunckas CCP PMTA

milicijas nodaļa Pierakatīts " 14 " III 1949 g./r. Прописан Вецпилоста јеја m. No. 19 dz. один YJ. 4.

Pasu galda pr-ks Hay. macm. croxa (Signature) (Signature)

#### The round militia stamp:

#### Outer circle, Latvian text:

LPSR IOM RĪGAS PILSĒTAS 1-E MILICIJAS NODAĻA

Inner circle, Russian text:

ACCP MRA SECOND ....



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#### Second registration stamp:

RÎGA Latvijas PSR PNTA Jamenhoras COP

milicijas nodela 2. отделение милиции Pierakstīts " 6 " IV 1949 g./ Прописан 3/0 "Калины рад" iolā m. No. dz. ул.д. кр.

Pasu galia pr-ks Haw. macm. cross (Signature)

#### Third registration stamp:

RĪGA Latvijas FSR PMTA Jerbuncuas CCP

milicijas nodala
3. отделение мидиния
Pierakstīts "19" X 1949 g./r.
Прописан
Валдимара ielā m. No. 41/43 dz. 3
yz. д.
Pasu galda pr-ks
Hav. nacu. cro.ya (Signature)

#### Fourth registration stamp:

KEMERI Latvijas PSR KEMEPH Jatdunckas CCP

Rīgas rajona milicijas daļa Puzckum PO милиции Pierakstīts uz laiku Прописан временио

No 20. VI 1951 g. līdz 16. VII 1951 g. r. no r. Sanat NI ielā m. No dz. KB.

/ Illegible. Presumably: Pasu galda pr-ks Hay macn.croxa

(See attachment No.6)

7. Latvian S.S.R. passport, printed by GOZNAK (FO3HAK) in 1941, issued by the 7th militia station in RIGA on

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of March, 1986 Falld until 2nd March, 1955.

#### Handwritten Rissian text of passport:

PAGO T. 2. MADTA

1. 2. POCOPT SHORM
2. T1 1950 F. Sphielcras Bos. Baschars 7.

1. (Signature)
5. Pago un
6. Heboehhoodssahhn
6. Heboehhoodssahhn

7.09д. Милиции гор. Рига Летв-СОР Пасп III-УВ М 55849. вид.7. отд. Милиции гор. Рига 19, II. 1945 г.

The letters in the die stamp, except for OCOP, are illegible.

The round militia stemp is in Latvian and Russian

#### Outer circle, Latvian text:

LPSR IOM RIGAS PILSETAS 7-8 MILICIJAS NODAĻA

#### Inner circle, Russian text:

исср мвд 7-е отделение мелиции г. Риги

#### Handwritten Latvian text of passport:

1955.g. 2. Martam.

1. Boss Roberts Jāna d.

2. 1.1.1905.g Jercenu pag. Valkas apr.
Latv. PSR

Latvietis
( --)

5. strādnieks
6. Kara dienestam nepadotājs
7. milicijas nod. Rīga Latv. PSR
Pase ser III - YD No. 553439. izd.
7. milic. nod. Rīgā 19.II.1945.g.
2.Martā 1950.g.

The round militia stamp is the same as on the two previous pages of the passport.

#### Employment stamp:

Государотвенний завод

"В 8 0 "

Pienemts 6. X 1947 г.

Принят

Зав. Учет. личн.

состава

(Signature)

( orRun cm.a)

Registration .



#### Registration stamp:

Latvijas PSR Zarbukozas CCP

7. milicijas nodala orgazense mazenus Pierakstīts " 27 " II 1945 g./r.

прописан Gertrudes

iela m. No. 121 dz. 52

Pasu galda pr-ks Нач. пасп. отола

(Signature)

The round militia stamp is in Letvian and Russian.

Outer circle. Latvian text:

LPSR IOM RIGAS PILSĒTAS 7-5 MILICIJAS NODAĻA

Inner circle, Russian text:

ЛССР МЕД 7-е отделение Милиции г. Ригк

(See attachment No. 7.)

8. It must be noted that when somebody is employed, or residing at a certain address before the new passport is issued, the stamps are back dated to the original date of issue.

9. It may also be of interest that all the die stamps of the three passports issued in March/April, are placed in such a manner that the letters "CCCP" are facing "down".

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#### Notes on Dogumentation in LATVIA. (Up to September 1951)

#### Passports

- In RIGA new passports are issued at the Militia Stations.
- The location of the Militia Stations, their memeration, and administrative areas are exactly the same as for the former RIGA police.
- Every citizen from the age of sixteen must have a passport and overy male citizen from the ago of eighteen must also have a Military Ticket.
- 4. The most important document is the passport. If a person has no passport, he must have a "Roplacement for Passport" (PASS) ATVIETOTAJS), with bearer's photograph, stating that his old passport has been handed in to the militia, and is to be exchanged for a new one. Such a "Replacement for Passport" is issued at the local militia station where the individual has to exchange his passport, and is valid for one to six months, varying according to each militia station.

#### Registration

- In RIGA every inhabitant must personally register his address at the local militia station. It is not permissable to send sembody olso with the completed registration (or "registered-out") form and the house book.
- This order is not so strictly observed in rural districts and it is permissable for somebody clse to take the passport and completed registration form to the militia station.
- 7. In order to register in rural districts, a person first has to obtain the consent of the village council in the area in which he wishes to live, and then register with the militia at the district (RAYON) town.
- In rural districts it is impossible to live openly for more than a few days without registering, otherwise the village council or some committee will start to take an interest in who the newcomer is, etc.
- Most district towns have not got a militia station competent to register addresses, therefore several districts have one common district town for militia

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#### Identity Cards

10. In the first few years after the war temporary identity cards, based on people's old (pre-war) documents, were issued by village councils and committees. People went to the district town with these temporary identity cards to get their passports from the militia. Such temporary identity cards are no longer issued.

11. Nothing has been heard in Latvia about issuing identity eards in lieu of passports, valid only for Latvia. Nor has anything been heard that three passport photographs will be required, or about a forthogoing census of the population.

#### Employment Cortificates

12. Places of employment issue Employment Certificates, which are usually valid for a period of up to six months. After that time a now employment certificate is issued.

#### Work Passos

13. Factories also issue special passes to their workers which have to be shown to the guard at the gate when entering and leaving the factory.

#### Mormont Orders

IA. Movement orders (KOMONDIROVOCHNOE UDOSTOVERNIE) are still issued by places of employment. The practical value of such movement orders is that the holder receives preferential treatment in a crowdod vehicle, i.e. a seat, and if he can give a movement order for "reason of journey" no questions are asked.

#### Document Checks

- 15. Militia patrols, consisting of two or three militiamen, often patrol the streets in RIGA and stop people here and there and ask for their documents. Frequent passport checks occur at railway stations and markets. On such occasions parcels are also often checked, since the militia is still combatting black marketeers.
- 16. Passport checks occasionally take place at night in the flats of the inhabitants. At such checks everybody in the flat (whether resident or visiting) must show their passports. Such checks are usually very superficial, but it has been experienced that, while one militiaman checks the passports, two or three others search the wardrobes in the flat for anybody hiding inside.
- 17. Document checks take place on trains and it is not advisable to travel by train if not in possession of a passport.
- 18. It often happens in RIGA after 11 p.m. (Local Time) that militiamen who are on duty at street corners ask passers by for their documents, where they come from and where they are going. This is explained by the fact that the streets after that hour are rather empty and the militiamen, feeling bored, give themselves scatching to do.

Clandestine Documents

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#### Clandestine Documents

19. It is only possible to obtain very secondary documents, such as employment certificates or other certificates issued at places of employment.

20. A person cannot expect to get through a document check with only secondary documents.

21. The only first class document obtainable, on rare occasions, is a "Replacement for Passport", which sometimes can be clandestinely obtained from a corrupted militianan. The only drawback is the short validity of this document.

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#### LATVIA / USSR

#### NOTES ON DOCUMENTATION

(Up to October 1950)

#### Documents in Latvia

- 1. Every person legally residing in Latvia has the following documents:
  - a. Passport
  - b. Military book. (men only).
  - c. Employment certificate

(Only the largest factories (such as the "VEF") issue Employment Books. Ordinary paper certificates are issued by smaller firms.

#### Passport

- 2. The two most important stamps on a psssport are:
- a. The Registration stamp showing where the holder lives. This is usually a large squere stamp covering the whole page (the size varieb.slightly in different militia district offices).
- b. The employment stamp, showing where the holder works. This is a triangular or a round stamp.
- 3. The employment stamp is the most important one, as, in the event of a document control, the Militie usually look at the stamp showing where the man is employed, rather than at his name and address.
- Note: Informant had this experience himself, when a house was burgled and the police cordoned off the whole block, they searched the papers of everyone present, but looked only for the employment stamp (without paying attention to names address or photograph).
- 4. In Latvia, it is possible to excuse oneself for not carrying a passport on one's person by saying that it has been sent to the local Militia office for renewal or extension. Passports are issued for 1 3 5 years, and must be renewed at those times only. People in the Communist Party, or persons on whom the Communists have completed investigations, receive passports which do not have to be renewed.

#### Military Book

5. The Military Book is not used very much, and no official is likely to ask for it during a check-up of papers.

#### Employment Certificate

6. Wext to the passport, the most important document is the employment certificate. It is usually a square piece of paper about the size of half a sheet of foolsgap. In the top left-hand corner, it has a square stamp giving in both languages, Russian and Latvian, the name of the office or factory where the holder works. There is a round stamp in the bottom left-hand corner. The certificates are sometimes typed, sometimes hand-written - it does not matter which.

2. Employment certificates are never issued for a longer period than three months. A forged document, therefore, should

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never be issued for more than one or two months because, at a checkup, the Militia may say that as the document is already two or three months old, the holder may no longer be working in the same place.

- 8. The dates of issue and expiry of employment certificates are always "round" ones, such as 1st or 15th of the month, and never the 2nd or 4th etc. Therefore, when issuing such documents, it must be ensured that they are always appropriately ante-dated or post-dated. No special type of paper is needed for these certificates, and ordinary sheets of local paper will suffice.
- 9. Employment certificates are required for many purposes, e.g. they must be produced when renting a flat, applying for firewood, etc.

#### Other Useful Documents

- 10. (a) A birth certificate, irrespective of when issued, before, during, or after the war, is a useful document for a Soviet Latvian citizen, especially when he is establishing himself legally.
- (b) The cover of a Party Membership Card, in a wallet amongst other papers, can be of great help to an agent when asked to show his documents.
- (c) "KOMMANDIROVKAS" are still essential to an egent when he has to stay at an hotel.
- (d) A certificate issued by the Soviet Tourist Bureau is another valuable help to an agent when under way.

#### 11. Details of attached forms.

- 1. Reproduction of form as used by the LATVIA FSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH, DISPENSARY FOR SKIN AND VENERAL DISEASES, for employment certificates, etc. This should be a <u>printed</u> form.
- 2. Reproduction of stamp as used by the offices in (1) for various certificates, when a printed form is not available. Color of stamp shown in right-hand corner.
- 3. A certificate that JANIS, son of Feter KRUMINS, works at the above office (see (1) above) as an exonomist. Stamp in bottom left-hand corner (see (4) below). Signature in bottom right-hand corner is said by Informant to be nearly identical with the real one.
- 4. Stamp in bottom left-hand corner as seen on (3). Color of stamp shown in top right-hand corner.
- 5. Same stamp as in (4), now used to stamp owner's passport to the effect that he was employed on 15.3.49. Text in ink employed 15.3.49 and signature.

When the holder leaves his employment, he gets the same stamp, but with the wording - left employment, with date and signature (in Latvian: ATSTAJIS DARBO). The holder also gets a certificate similar to Form (1) should why he left his job.

6. This is the employment stamp proper. (5) is only used when (6) is not available. The signature - SULCS - is said to be almost identical with the original. Informant is not absolutely sure, but almost certain, that this stamp is in both lenguages, i.e. Latvian and Russian. Informant remembers the signature quite well,

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as he has much to do in business with the man named SULCS.

The stamp of employment is entered in the passport  $\underline{not}$  by the Militia, but by the place of employment.

- Note: A. The printed form (1) is thought by Informant to be more convincing than the one with the stamp in the dorner (2).
  - B. It is better to type a certificate, than to write it, but handwritten certificates are also common, as typewriters are not easily available.

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