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1 March 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI/Plans

SUBJECT : Request for Amendment of Project AEMARSH

1. It is requested that subject Project be amended to include the employment of the following person:

[] (CG No. C-17940), a Latvian DP residing in Sweden. He is one of the best known Latvian poets of the present time and enjoys considerable prestige among the younger generation of Latvians in exile. He founded the Latvian National Foundation in Sweden. He has also been active in newspaper work, both in free Latvia and in Sweden. He is an ardent fighter for the freedom of Latvia and a sincere nationalist.

2. [] is to be used as a REDSKIN agent to exploit Latvian seamen, correspondence between Sweden and Latvia, contacts with Latvians on Soviet delegations, and to develop other REDSKIN leads to the Baltic states. Due to his active participation in the Latvian National Foundation, he knows and is known by many Latvians in Sweden and is thus in a position to use them operationally.

3. [] is to be paid a salary at the rate of \$80.00 per month plus operational expenses up to \$70.00 per month, or a monthly total not to exceed \$150.00. This amount is to be paid in the form of Swedish kroner by the field []. Sufficient funds to cover this expenditure are available under Project AEMARSH for the balance of the present approval period for this project.

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29 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI/OPS/GCB/NOG
Attention:

SUBJECT: Request for Establishment of Funding Mechanism

1. The Latvian Cultural Institute (LCI) has been established as a cover organization under Project AEMARSH. According to the project renewal approved 28 October 1955, the transmission of funds to the LCI is to take place through a funding mechanism.

2. In accordance with the conversation between of your Division and of SR/2, it is requested that a suitable individual be designated who would serve as the source of funds to be supplied to LCI. It is believed that the most suitable person for this purpose would be a lawyer purporting to represent a group of Latvians.

3. The funds, not exceeding \$ a year, are to be deposited to the bank account of LCI at periodic intervals, or as the need for such funds arises.

4. For further information concerning this matter, please contact or Room 2607 J Building, extension 8545.

Chief, SR/2

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*req. cancelled
verbally by
in telephone conversation
with
Jan. 1956.*

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FI OPERATIONAL AUTHORIZATION

TO : FINANCE DIVISION

THROUGH: FI/PLANS/PROJECTS BRANCH, FI/ADMIN/BF

SUBJECT: ABMARS ; 6-2400-53-994 903 ; Munich, Germany **SR**
APPROVAL OF PROJECT ; ACCOUNT NO. ; COUNTRY, AREA DIVISION

SECTION 1. TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECTS BRANCH

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED FROM 1 August 1955 TO 31 July 1956 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ AS BROKEN DOWN BELOW.

RCZ/ 1 Nov. 1955
FI/PLANS/PROJECTS BRANCH DATE

SECTION 2. TO BE COMPLETED BY CASE OFFICER

BREAKDOWN OF REQUESTED TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR		FISCAL YEAR	
	1956		1957	
COMPENSATION	\$	<u> </u> <u> </u>	\$	<u> </u> <u> </u>
ALLOWANCES				
TRAVEL		<u> </u> <u> </u>		<u> </u> <u> </u>
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		<u> </u> <u> </u>		<u> </u> <u> </u>
OTHER: Cover		<u> </u> <u> </u>		<u> </u> <u> </u>
TOTAL	\$	<u> </u> <u> </u>	\$	<u> </u> <u> </u>

ACCOUNTING DETAILS

TYPE OF PROJECT (Check one) REGULAR SUBSIDY PROPRIETARY

METHOD BY WHICH PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE
Deposits in American bank through cover mechanism.

FUNDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY: (Check one)
 REGULAR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTINGS (AFR 30-10)
 RECEIPTS ONLY (CFR 9.4) **Administrative Plan approved 3 December 1953**
 OTHER (Explain):

SECTION 3. TO BE COMPLETED BY DIVISION BUDGET OFFICER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE **SR** DIVISION BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR **1956** CONTAINS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MEET THE OBLIGATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

myk 10/20/55
DIVISION BUDGET OFFICER DATE

SECTION 4. OTHER APPROVALS

FINANCE DIVISION MUST HAVE, IN ADDITION TO FI PROJECT APPROVAL, SPECIFIC WRITTEN APPROVAL ON CERTAIN TYPES OF EXPENDITURES BEFORE FUNDS CAN BE ADVANCED. INDICATE BELOW ANY APPROVALS IN THIS CATEGORY THAT HAVE BEEN SECURED:

<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN WHEN REQUIRED
<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (Explain):
<input type="checkbox"/> RENTALS IN EXCESS OF THAT PERMITTED BY REGULATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL CRYPTONYMS, PSEUDONYMS, ETC.

 ABMARS/1.

SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER <u> </u> <u> </u>	EXTENSION 8545	SIGNATURE OF DIVISION CHIEF OR DESIGNEE	DATE
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29 October 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

SUBJECT: Project AEMARSH

1. In reviewing project AEMARSH with Mr. Helms, it was agreed that this project should be approved and monies allocated to the branch, with the understanding that the division will review this whole effort in the light of other approaches to the USSR. It seemed to me to be illogical that a REDSKIN effort against the USSR should be based on Latvian connections; in the present atmosphere it would appear that our job is more that of selection and rejection of REDSKIN opportunities than that of having to use an elaborate refugee mechanism to get at them. Thus, a REDSKIN effort directed against a very small part of the USSR and based on a distrusted ethnic group would seem to be wasteful.

2. We realize that this project has other merits, but call this to your attention in the hope that the overall effort against Latvia can be rationalized.

3. Please go over this and be prepared to discuss it with me sometime late in November or early in December.

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GORDON M. STEWART
Chief,
Foreign Intelligence

cc: FI/Plans

I would think it wise not to charge the branch with fear plans. I think they have done very well; however I do think a review of their effort against the backlog of your other jobs might help.

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