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SUBJECT

Mr. Juozas BRAZAITIS

1. In accordance with CSI 240-6 permission is requested to contact, assess, and if the assessment is favorable, to recruit Mr. Juozas BRAZAITIS.

2. Biographic Data:

Mr. Juozas BRAZAITIS (formerly known as AMBRAZEVICIUS) was born on 12 January 1899 in Gudine, a suburb of Kapsukas, Lithuania. He studied Lithuanian literature at the University of Kaunas (1922-1927) and later at the University of Bonn (1931-1932). From 1923-1927 he was the editor of the newspaper Lietuva. From 1934-1940 he was editor of the Catholic youth monthly magazine Ateitis (The Future), and co-editor of the Catholic daily newspaper, XX Amzius (20th Century). BRAZAITIS was a professor at the University of Kaunas from 1934-1940, at which time he was dismissed by the Communists who had taken control of the country. In 1941 BRAZAITIS was the head of the provisional national _) government of Lithuania. Later, he escaped from Lithuania to Germany where he became the leader of the Lietuviu Frontas (Lithuanian Front) and a leader in Vyriausias Lietuvos Islaisvinimo Komitetas (Supreme Lithuanian Committee for Liberation); both of these organizations are devoted to liberating Lithuania from the Soviets. BRAZAITIS, his wife and two children immigrated to the United States in 1951 and presently reside at 1060 East 39th Street, Brooklyn 21, New York. He still retains his Lithuanian citizenship and is still the head of Lietuviu Frontas. BRAZAITIS is the editor of the Lithuanian language newspaper Darbininkas (The Worker) which is published by the Fransciscan Fathers at 680 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn 21, New York.

3. Previous Contact with CIA:

BRAZAITIS was granted a Covert Security Approval on 21 June 1954 for use as a spotter for agent candidates for REDSOX operations and as an informant within Lithuanian emigre circles for obtaining REDSKIN leads. He was instrumental in spotting and recruiting ______ anc___ in 1956 as candidates for a REDSOX operation into Soviet occupied Lithuania. This operation got to the "dispatch stage" before it was cancelled by DCI. BRAZAITIS was assigned a pseudonym for use in signing receipts and reports. Contact with Subject ended in 1957 when this office temporarily suspended contact with Lithuanian emigre leaders.

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4. Objectives and Intended Uses:

The objectives of recruiting BRAZAITIS are to: (a) learn the names of the American-Lithuanians who plan to visit Soviet occupied Lithuania in 1962, (b) gain insight into the Lithuanian emigre community in the United States, (c) learn the names of Lithuanian political leaders in the West, particularly in the Scandanavian countries, who would be willing to cooperate with CIA, and (d) serve as a consultant on Lithuanian matters. BRAZAITIS is well qualified to assist CIA in attaining these objectives because of his position as the leader of the Lithuanian political party, Lietuviu Frontas, and as the editor of a prominent Lithuanian Catholic newspaper.

5. Salary:

It is not intended to offer BRAZAITIS a salary. It will, however, be necessary to reimburse him for any operational expenses he may incur. Also, Subject may be paid a nominal sum for specific tasks which he is assigned. This payment may take the form of gifts not to exceed \$20.00 per gift. The total amount of gift purchases will not exceed \$60.00 a year and cash payments will not exceed \$500.00 a year. Payments will be charged to AEPOLE funds.

6. Security Clearances and Approvals:

BRAZAITIS was originally granted a Covert Security Clearance on 21 June 1954 which was allowed to lapse in November 1959. He was granted a Provisional Covert Security Approval on 22 December 1961. Field and All-Agency checks on BRAZAITIS aka AMBRAZEVICIUS did not produce derogatory information.

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