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25 August 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/COP/FI

SUBJECT : Lyman M. HEMERET (p)

1. The Subject is a REDSOX agent who was infiltrated into the Latvian SSR in May 1954. He was in contact with us, by S/W and W/T, at regular intervals shortly after his arrival in Latvia until December 1956. In September 1957 RADIO MOSCOW announced his capture. We have no further information concerning his fate.

2. Attached is a memorandum from Chief, Benefits and Services Division, Office of the Director of Personnel, concerning the payment of a WAEPA life insurance policy owned by the Subject and in which his daughter, a minor who lives in Sweden, is named as the beneficiary. Prior to notification to the insurance company, it is necessary for the SR Division to request the Director of Personnel to declare the Subject dead under the Missing Persons Act. Subsequent to taking action on our request, and assuming that the Director of Personnel will acquiesce, the Benefits and Services Division will notify the Equitable Assurance Company of our pending claim. When the claim is actually filed, it will be necessary to inform the insurance company of the Subject's true name and probably some information concerning the circumstances of his disappearance. It is possible that the insurance company will exercise its prerogative to wait seven years before paying the claim. In any event, whenever the claim is paid, the insurance company will make payment by check drawn in the name of the beneficiary--in this case, the minor daughter of the insured. A cursory estimate of the amount due the beneficiary from this insurance policy is \$27,000.00. Separate and apart from the insurance, this minor daughter was also designated by the Subject as his heir to all monies due him in accordance with the terms of his contract with this Agency--the total of these benefits being \$39,404.00. Of this latter amount, \$29,404.00 of it represents his salary being held in escrow by the Finance Division and \$10,000.00 of it being death benefit payment.

3. Your recommendation is requested on the advisability of providing the insurance company with data concerning the Subject. In addition, there are other and related problems involved in this case. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss them with you in order that appropriate action can be taken at an early date.

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