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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : Operational Meeting - Case Officer [] and Vilis HAZNERS

1. On 28 March 1960 Case Officer [] [] received a letter from Vilis HAZNERS wherein the latter stated that he would be available for a meeting any time between 28 March - 1 April 1960 inclusive. Purpose of this meeting was to provide the Case Officer with the results of a trial mission previously given to Subject upon recruitment. Moreover, Case Officer would have an opportunity to elicit information relative to potential legal travellers and possible leads to future assets within Latvia.

2. Case Officer arranged by telephone to meet Subject in New York, New York on 1 April 1960. Subject was notified subsequently by phone to come to the lobby of the Park Sheraton Hotel, 55th St. and 7th Avenue, New York, New York at 1000 hours. Having checked for surveillance Case Officer met Subject and escorted him to Room 432 where a debriefing took place.

3. In response to a trial mission Subject furnished following data:

a. Membership of the present Latvian Government (Attachment A). Subject has BI on the members which might be useful to confirm what is known or to provide additional material on any of these people should they become the target of any PP activity.

b. Leading members of the Latvian CP. (Attachment B.) BI is available such as described in a above. Subject stated that brother of First Secretary, A. J. PELSE, lives in New York City. He believes that mother is there as well. A. J. PELSE allegedly left U.S. circa 1915 to study in Soviet Union at Lenin Institute and chose to remain there. In 1940, he went to Latvia. During subsequent Soviet evacuation of the country he went back to the USSR, but returned to Latvia in 1945. *cit USA*
Re association with Latvian wartime CP underground leader

(ma, Gen) Subject mentioned the name of Robert KIRSONS, now in Philadelphia, who knows I. J. CASA, one time railway policeman, now a major-general and former wartime leader in the CP underground. *Latvia*

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In Sweden the daughter of Karlis DZILLEJA, age 30, is recommended as an active leader among Latvian youth. Voldemars or Vladislavs JAUNZEMS heads the Swedish branch of the Latvian Veterans Organization, "Daugavas Vanagi," which sends a type of "Care" package to its former comrades in Latvia on a continuing basis. He is a graduate of both Latvian and Swedish Universities. Approximately 40 years of age. He actively participates in Latvian youth activities. In 1959 his parents succeeded in emigrating to Sweden.

In Germany, Janis CIRULIS, approximately 40-45 years of age, a former Latvian Army captain, has considerable contact with Latvian youth. He is the chief of the German Information Office of "Daugavas Vanagi." He has worked for a U.S. Army Labor Service Company in Kaiserslautern. Adolfs SILDE, approximately 50 years of age, is a jurist. He is a strong anti-Communist writer. Two of his older children who are doctors work with Latvian youth. SILDE is a member of the Assembly of Captive European Nations.

One of the names given as a possible contact with Latvian youth in England is Augusts ARAKUS, approximately 45 years of age, who is probably in communication with the British Intelligence Service. Another is Janis TRISVALDIS about age 40. He is chief of the Information Office of the English branch of "Daugavas Vanagi." He is a "very good friend" of Subject beginning with their school days in Jelgava.

In Canada, Bruno RUBESS, age 36, is the former chairman of the Latvian Youth Festival which was held in Toronto in 1959. His activity among Latvian youth extends to the U.S. as well. Subject who will visit Canada o/a 28 May 1960 will see RUBESS and will try to spot likely traveller leads.

One of Australia's active Latvian youth leaders is Janis LIEPINS. He is chairman of the Information Office of the Australian branch of "Daugavas Vanagi." Subject cited the potential value of the famous swimmers Ilse and John KONRADS as possibly future legal travellers from Australia. Their age makes them unsuitable at this time but their fame in the sports world is well established.

In the United States Subject recommends Edgars PENIKIS, Edgars TREIMANIS and Juris SIESERS as possible contacts for spotting Latvian youth as potential travellers. Edgars PENIKIS is a conservationist (forester). He is chairman of the Information Office of "Daugavas Vanagi" in the United States. One of his three children is a doctor who might be suitable traveller. TREIMANIS, an engineer, is chairman of "Daugavas Vanagi" in Boston. He is active in the Latvian Boy Scout movement. SIESERS, an electrical engineer, is chairman of the Latvian Youth Association in America.

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4. From a discussion of the active Latvia youth leaders outlined in d above, Case Officer proceeded to develop other leads as to potential travellers. Subject stated that a former army comrade Ervins KILPE had recently returned from Siberia to Latvia in September 1959. He is living in Riga, with relatives. KILPE's wife, however who is a dentist at a VA hospital lives at 12 West Dayton Drive, Fairborn, Ohio. One son (age 27 or 28), 1/Lt. Gunars KILPE, 074305, Co. "C" 168th Eng. Bn. (C), APO 46, New York, New York is married and is stationed in Germany. He is expected to return to the United States in the spring of 1960 for graduate study. Another son, fnu, age 23 or 24, is a medical student in St. Louis, Missouri. He formerly spent two years at De Pauw in Greencastle, Indiana. In July, Subject will attend a Latvian Song Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana. At that time he will have an opportunity, if so advised, to learn more about the mother and the medical student. Together they might be future Baltic travellers who have a desire to see their respective husband and parent. The medical student will be investigated as to his suitability to travel in a witting role.

Another lead is Juris JAUNTIRANS *cit USA? 208 circa 1954* 5928 N. Park Avenue, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania, LIVINGSTON 9-1952. He is approximately 25 years of age.

Subject furnished name MEDNIS, fnu, a Latvian who was formerly a student in Berlin University, as a potential traveller. This individual is known to SILDE in paragraph 3 d above.

5. Subject's *PRQ I* was reviewed relative to an explanation of the alias Aleksandrs SILENIKS. Subject stated that he used this pseudonym in the Latvian underground in 1941 and in his role as a journalist.

6. Conversation was then turned towards a discussion of what Subject knew regarding RIS sponsored writing, e.g. "Return to Homeland", from Latvia and elsewhere directed at emigres. Did Subject regard this writing as an effective propaganda means? What, if anything, did Subject know concerning its espionage character?

Subject stated that the "Return to Homeland" campaign is Soviet sponsored from Berlin. It originated in 1951 or 1953. Its propaganda reaches more Latvians in Canada than in the United States. This is due to the relative ease with which the Soviets have been able to acquire 60% - 70% of the addresses of Latvians in Canada, 80% of which reside in the Toronto area. Regardless of the dissemination Subject believes that Soviet propaganda aimed at Latvians is not especially effective.

With respect to espionage Subject claims to have no information. He was directed to look for any information regarding Latvian communists in the U.S. and abroad who are known to be active agents. (Case Officer has been advised to beware of emigre denunciations which are not founded on fact.) Subject asserted that there is a Latvian CI center in Australia. There is a center in Canada, he believes, for suspect Latvian Canadians only. Subject claims to have a contact with a man in Canada who might be able to identify suspected Communists and agents.

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7. Once having broached matter of RIS, Subject recounted several instances of espionage involving Latvians. One such case involved FRIEDENBERGS, (fnu) a former Latvian jurist in Australia who created a scandal among the emigres as a result of his association with an RIS representative in the country. Subject has material on this incident.

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In 1955 while Subject was in Germany a Latvian sea captain, Adolfs ALBATS, arrived there. Subject met him. Individual posed as an active anti-Communist among the Latvians. Later Subject received a letter from the Latvian Embassy in London denouncing individual as an agent. ALBATS subsequently admitted that he had been recruited and trained. He later wrote a book on his association with the RIS. (Subject has a copy available for Case Officer.) According to the author 10% of all Baltic Germans have been recruited prior to repatriation. ALBATS according to Subject was the last German harbor commander of Liepaja prior to capitulation. Presently he lives in Hamburg and is now a German citizen.

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As a follow up to the discussion on ALBATS, Subject was queried relative to [] a Latvian sea captain of recent operational interest. Subject denied knowledge of individual.

Subject tried to recall a case of espionage involving Latvians which took place in Augsburg in 1955. At that time he met a brother and sister who ran a shop there. The sister and mother had come recently from Latvia. The woman was later exposed as an RIS agent, arrested and deported by the German authorities. Subject will furnish name at next meeting. An Agency representative investigated this, Subject claims. He does not recall latter's name. It appears to Case Officer that Subject has in mind the case of BIRTH SAHLING. The Agency representative was probably [] who concurrently furnished BI on Subject at that time.

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8. Subject stated that the files of Committee for a Free Latvia contain interviews with Latvian refugees in Germany which Subject conducted while there.

9. With respect to Subject's visits to England while in Germany Subject denies recruitment by BIS. He claims to have gone to London 7 or 8 times on matters regarding "Daugavas Vanagi". There are about 2,000 members there with 30 branches of the organization. Subject visited these extensively. He claims that as a former Boy Scout he even called on the late Lord Borden-Powell.

10. In an attempt to learn something about existing card files on former Latvian veterans who are trustworthy, Subject asserted that all Latvian Veterans in the U.S. are carded (approximately 1,600 names). These files are kept in Chicago. Subject further volunteered that Latvian organizations in the U.S. have files on 12,000 out of 60,000 Latvians in this country.

11. Subject's correspondence is extensive as evidenced by the names he has in an address book which he carries. (Would that we had that book.) Subject claims that he does not use a code when writing to friends inside Latvia, but rather uses a pseudonym, Arvids HANSONS, and his home address, 4 Summit St., E. Orange, New Jersey. He has written two letters to his

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sister, Alma UBARTS in Jelgava, Latvia, and has received three replies. Subject's wife corresponds with her mother, ~~Valda~~ BUNDZA, Rīgas iela 53 *Latvia* (75) Mariya (Who may be accommodation address and mother's name Mariya) and sister Daina BUNDZA, through the mother. The wife uses her maiden name BUNDZA in her correspondence.

(an accommodation address of a step aunt: EMILIA SNORINS JELGAVA, Ozkolu iela 1, Apt. 1. Latvia)

With respect to mail censorship Subject believes that it is physically *cit Latvia* impossible for Soviets to check more than 1 out of 10 letters. At Christmas time 1956 or 1957 Riga Radio allegedly claimed that over a 1/2 million letters *female* were handled by the Riga Post Office.

"Daugavas Vanagi" during past year between mid-October and mid-December collected funds to send \$40,000 in packages to Latvia. One half of this sum was collected in the United States.

12. Subject was queried regarding his evaluation of Radio Madrid. He feels that it is doing a good job.

13. Case Officer inquired about FRIEDRICHSON, fnu, a Latvian Army officer, courtmartialled for Soviet espionage in the 1930's. Subject stated that this individual was called FREDRICH. [He is probably not identical with [] the accommodation address of []]

14. Subject stated that he had no knowledge of Latvian informants on the eve of the Soviet occupation in July 1940. He claims that out of 2,000 officers' files which passed through his hands in response to a Soviet questionnaire on their attitudes only 2 admitted to being pro-Soviet.

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15. While a member of the *cit USA?* Latvian Legion in the German Army, Subject could only identify one Latvian individual that he knew definitely to be an intelligence officer, ~~Rudolf~~ TURKS (now living in New York) was a member of the Sicherheitdienst. []

16. Subject attended a dinner in Germany, exact date unknown, with LIEPINS, fnu, a former Latvian Minister of Finance, now a Latvian representative to the German Government, who introduced him to an American who inquired extensively about Subject's interviews with refugees from Latvia. LIEPINS now lives in Ludwigsburg. He has 6 children. One daughter is married to a U.S. officer. He is known to SILDE cited in paragraph 3 c above.

17. Subject has recently learned that Janis ~~GRUNTE~~ *Latvia*, a former army colleague, is back in Riga. He was imprisoned probably in 1944 by the Soviets.

18. Arrangements for a subsequent meeting were discussed. Subject will be available 25-28 April. If necessary, Case Officer will contact Subject at his home by a person-to-person call. Subject will be in Washington area 29-30 April.

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19. Case Officer cautioned Subject that he must not under any circumstances furnish any leads to his correspondents that might in any way tie him in with a role on behalf of ^{the} AIS. The meeting adjourned at 1330 hours. Case Officer accompanied Subject to lobby entrance. No surveillance was observed as he left the immediate area.

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Deputy Chairmen	Viktors Krūmiņš
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" " Agriculture	Aleksandrs Nikonovs
" " Commerce	Ivans Jansons
" " Health	Vladimirs Ozoliņš
" " Culture and Foreign Affairs	Voldemars Kalpiņš
" " Communication	Aleksandrs Aleksandrovš
" " Interior	Ivans Zujans
" " Autotransport and Roads	Eduards Liberts
" " Construction	Boriss Bezelis
" " Education	Vilīs Krūmiņš
" " Forestry and Forest Industry	Roberts Zanders
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Minister without portfolio	Emilija Veinberga
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State Security Commission, "	Jānis Vēveris
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March 29, 1960.

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I. I. Gusekovskiy; Lt Gen Tank Troops, Commander of Baltic Military District

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Editors of Party Newspapers:

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"Sovetskaya Latvija" -- H. P. Balayev

"Kommunist. Sovetskoy Latvii" -- K. G. Tolmashov

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- 1) J. G. Avotins (Avotia); director of Museum of Revolution
- 2) V. A. Azans (Azan); First Secretary of Riga City Committee of LCP
- 3) N. I. Aleksyev; political "commissar" [no such rank at present]
- 4) M. J. Apsitis (Apsit); First Secretary of Riga City Leninakiy Rayon LCP
- 5) J. R. Bards; (female worker ?)
- 6) E. P. Beumens; Chairman of Riga City Executive Committee
- 7) S. E. Bebriss (Bebrish); political "commissar"
- 8) K. P. Bermanis (K. F. Bergan); political "commissar"
- 9) E. K. Bemanis (Beman); LCP Central Committee section head
- 10) V. A. Blums (Blyum); Chairman of Latvian Council of Trade Unions
- 11) K. J. Birse; worker
- 12) I. A. Bogdanov; First Secretary of Jelgava Committee of LCP
- 13) N. I. Bravin; political "commissar"
- 14) J. F. Vanags (Vanag); Rector of Latvian Agricultural Academy
- 15) J. J. Veveris (Veveris); Chairman of Committee of State Security
- 16) I. A. Veselov; head of propaganda section of Central Committee LCP
- 17) P. J. Vilums (Vilyums); First Secretary of Saldus Rayon Committee of LCP
- 18) A. J. Vindelis (Vindels); Minister (without portfolio), deputy chairman of Planning Commission
- 19) A. E. Voss, Secretary of Central Committee LCP
- 20) J. E. Vesa; First Secretary of Rasekne Committee of LCP
- 21) G. I. Gails (Gayls); Chairman of Council of National Economy (Sovmarkhoz)
- 22) Z. M. Geislaus (Geyslau); First Secretary of Sigulda Rayon Committee of LCP

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- 23) S. G. Golovko; Commander of Naval Base
- 24) M. P. Gribov; Second Secretary of Central Committee LCP
- 25) I. I. Gusekovskiy; Commander of Baltic Military District
- 26) N. S. Demin; Chief of Political Administration of Baltic Military District
- 27) R. K. Zandersons (Zanderson); actor
- 28) A. K. Zitmanis; First Secretary of Central Committee of Komsomol
- 29) I. D. Zujans (Zuyan); Minister of Internal Affairs
- 30) N. L. Ivanov; First Secretary of Krustpils Committee of LCP
- 31) I. J. Iverts (Ivert); editor of "Cina"
- 32) J. E. Balabersins (Balaberzin); Chairman of Presidium of Supreme Soviet
- 33) A. T. Kalans (Kalyans); First Secretary of Jekabpils Committee of LCP
- 34) A. J. Katlaps (Katlap); First Secretary of Aluksne Committee of LCP
- 35) K. J. Kaulins (Kaulin); Director of Institute of History of LCP
- 36) R. I. Kisis; Chairman of Committee for Municipal Economy
- 37) G. F. Kirilov (Kirillov); political "commissar"
- 38) A. M. Kirshenshteins (Kirshenshteyn); Academician
- 39) E. K. Krim (Krim); First Secretary of Liepaja Committee of LCP
- 40) H. K. Krasnobogev; Chief of Latvian Railroads
- 41) V. M. Krusins (Krusin'); Deputy Chairman of Council of Ministers
- 42) I. A. Krusins (Krusin'); Deputy Minister of Trade
- 43) V. A. Kupca (Kupcha); director of secondary school
- 44) V. J. Kupcs (Kupch); First Secretary of Liepaja Rayon Committee of LCP
See CINA No. 77, 1961 - Removed from membership of CC of LCP
- 45) V. T. Lacis (Lacis); author, former Chairman of Council of Ministers
- 46) V. D. Lavrinankov; political "commissar"
- 47) V. J. Laivins (Layvin'sh); First Secretary of Riga Rayon Committee of LCP

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- 48) V. P. Lecis (Lecis); former Chairman of Riga Executive Committee
- 49) V. P. Lain; Second Secretary of Riga City Committee of LCP
- 50) E. J. Liberts (Libert); Minister of Highways and Motor Transport
- 51) V. I. Ligin; Public Prosecutor of the Republic
- 52) P. J. Litvinov; First Deputy Chairman of the Council of National Economy
- 53) V. K. Lukas (Laks); First Secretary of the Administration of the Writers' Union
- 54) A. A. Lurins (Lurin'ah); head of Agricultural Section of the Central Committee LCP
- 55) P. H. Mancylo; Minister of Finance
- 56) B. H. Matveyev; First Secretary of the Riga Proletarskiy Rayon Committee of LCP
- 57) A. I. Miglinka (Miglink); Secretary of Central Committee LCP
- 58) I. M. Mikhaylov; political "commissar"
- 59) H. S. Masmir (Masmir); worker
- 60) K. K. Neilands (Neiland); director of Riga Political Institute
Died 2 Oct 1960
- 61) A. A. Nikonov; Minister of Agriculture
- 62) K. M. Ozolins (Ozolin'); Deputy Chairman of Presidium of Supreme Soviet
- 63) A. V. Ozolings (Ozoling); Chairman of Control Commission
- 64) V. B. Orinskaya; zootechnician
- 65) J. P. Ostrov (Ostrov); former Minister of Culture and of Foreign Affairs
- 66) B. E. Paskovics (Paskovich); former First Secretary of Rindava Rayon Committee
- 67) P. B. Pasho (Pashko); First Secretary of Riga Moskovskiy Rayon Committee of LCP
- 68) A. J. Palse (Pal'she); First Secretary of Central Committee of LCP
- 69) J. V. Peive (Peive); Chairman of Council of Ministers

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- 70) A. N. Petrov; First Secretary of Daugavpils Rayon Committee of LCP (?)
- 71) K. K. Plauds; President of Academy of Sciences
- 72) P. P. Plasums (Plasum); Chairman of Party Commission of LCP
- 73) M. J. Plaudis (Plaudis); First Deputy Chairman of Council of Ministers
- 74) J. P. Putnins (Putnaya'); Chairman of Committee for Higher Education
- 75) V. P. Rubens (Ruben); political "commissar"
- 76) J. P. Rubinshteyn; First Secretary of Daugavpils City Committee of LCP
- 77) H. P. Salayev; Editor of "Sovetskaya Latvija"
- 78) V. P. Samsons (Samson); Acting Secretary of Academy of Sciences
- 79) M. I. Semenov; director of the "Kakaniskas" Section
- 80) M. A. Semulis; milkmaid
- 81) A. F. Stenialavov; First Secretary of Ventpils Committee of LCP
- 82) P. J. Strautmanis; Secretary of Central Committee of LCP
- 83) V. G. Staroginov; Deputy Chairman of Council of Ministers
- 84) L. P. Titov; First Secretary of Dagda Committee of LCP
- 85) I. U. Tikhomirov; First Secretary of Ludza Committee of LCP
- 86) K. G. Tolmudshis; editor of periodicals of Central Committee LCP
See CIAA No 17, 1961
- 87) P. A. Cizulis (Cizulis); political "commissar"
- 88) I. J. Cesa (Cesha); Military Commissar of Latvian Republic (Major Gen; former CP underground)
- 89) A. T. Cullits (Cullit); Chairman of Planning Commission
- 90) F. I. Shinkarevko (Shinkarevko); political "commissar"
- 91) A. A. Elvichs (El'vikh); political "commissar"

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- 92) J. J. Jurgans (Jurgan); Rector of Latvian State University
- 93) I. K. Jansons (Jansan); Minister of Trade

In addition, there are 40 candidates for membership in the Central Committee of the LCP.

The Auditing Commission of the LCP has 21 members.

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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION

Attachment "C"

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Job circa 1914

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~~PETERIS JANELINS~~ ^{POB} --- about 42 years of age. Swedish subject. Born, raised and educated in Latvia. In 1939 (or possibly 1938), graduated from Latvian Military School. Career officer. During the Latvian independence period, he served in the 6th Riga Infantry Regiment. During ~~the~~ World War II, he served in the police and in the Latvian Legion. His last rank was that of Adjutant of Fusilier Battalion, 1st Latvian Division (according to German numeration, 15th Division). After the capitulation (May 1945), he went to Denmark, from where he moved to Sweden in the fall of 1945. He has lived in Stockholm for a long time. Address: Sodermannsgatan 27/II, telephone Stockholm 419636. Mailing address: Post Box 11040, Stockholm 11. Sweden

Marital Status: Has been married twice. The first time in 1941 (or 1942) to Aina Rauska. Was divorced from her in 1943 (or 1944). Aina Rauska came from a well-known Latvian family of book and newspaper publishers in Northern Vidzeme (Valka). She remained in Latvia; now living in Riga; has remarried; her address and new married name are not known. She is not in contact with relatives and acquaintances in the West (or in Latvia); she is probably afraid of becoming suspect to the Communist occupation regime. She works in Riga as a dentist (or pharmacist). Graduated from the Latvian University in Riga under the Communist regime. Her parents live in Valka; her oldest brother perished during World War II in Latvia. Her youngest brother was a lieutenant in the Latvian Legion

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(supply officer); during the final days of the war he fled to Sweden, from where he was turned over to the Russians (probably in the winter of 1946). However, as far as it is known, he has not been in prison or in a labor camp. Is married and lives in Valka (?).

The second wife - Velta Roga, nee Kaneps. Her first husband was a veterinarian by the name of Roga, who served during World War II as a veterinary officer in the Latvian Legion. He is now either in the US or in Canada. She has a daughter, Aija, from her first marriage, who lives with the Janelsins family in Stockholm; she is about 14 or 15 years old. From her second marriage (with Janelsins) she has a son, Peteris, about 11 years old.

Janelsins' wife, Velta, comes from a Latvian officers' family. Her father was a colonel in the Latvian Army and for many years secretary to the Minister of War. Her mother died (probably in 1955) in Stockholm. Colonel Kaneps is living with the Janelsins family, he is quite elderly (over 70) and in poor health. Velta J. belonged to some Latvian youth resistance group during the Russian occupation period and was arrested. She is strongly anti-Communist, intelligent and extremely energetic. If I am not mistaken, she works as a schoolteacher in Stockholm.

Peter J.'s father died while he [the son] was still young. His mother lived in Riga until 1956 (probably); then she was allowed to go to her son in Sweden. After about 6 months she went to live in the US. She is staying

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with her daughter Veronika and her son-in-law, Anslavs Eglitis. Their last address is: 1298 Monument St., Pacific Palisades, California. Veronika Janelsins and her husband, Anslavs Eglitis, are well-known Latvian artists; Veronika is a painter and Anslavs is a writer and painter, as well as a journalist.

P. Janelsins' mother is a very active lady, about 70 years old.

Characteristics of P.J.

Very enterprising. Self-assured and sometimes overly smart; as a result, he has few friends. Intelligent and active. Hobbies: travel, photography, motorcycles [or automobiles?] (in Latvian: 'Spēkrati'). Loves the outdoors and hunting. Whatever he undertakes, he does with enthusiasm and with an intelligent approach. He has good, reliable friends in Latvia. He speaks Latvian and Swedish fluently, and probably knows Russian fairly well. He and his family are very much devoted to their homeland, Latvia. His rank in the army was Senior Lieutenant. He drinks alcoholic beverages very rarely and with moderation.

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Det circa 1908
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FELIKS AUSEKLIS, about 52 or 53 years old. Latvian, born and raised in Vidzeme, graduated from the Cesvaine Secondary School (about 1927).

In 1931 he graduated from the Latvian Military School; he then served in the 4th Valmiera Infantry Regiment (in Riga), and during the last years of independence he was assistant of a group supervisor in the Latvian Military School. During the Russian occupation period (1940-41) he was active in the underground movement and was wounded while taking part in partisan fighting in Vidzeme. (He has a scar on the palm of one hand). He took part in World War II as a member of the Latvian Legion and remained in Kurzeme after the capitulation. Now living in Riga, works as an engineer in the "Dzirnavnieks" Plant. His wife, Valda, died about a year ago.

There are two daughters in the family, both of whom are studying in Latvia.

I do not know their address.

possibly in contact with BIS in 50's

There is some suspicion that the British Services were trying to establish contact with him in the 1950ies. One of their employees managed to receive a short letter from F.A. I was asked to identify F.A.'s handwriting. The British Service employee in question was Mr. S. Silarajs; his address at that time was 61, Mackenzie Rd., Beckenham, Kent, England. Mr. S.S. was in the Latvian Legion during World War II, serving in an aviation group as a lieutenant. I do not know any particulars, but I was told at one time that he is now working for some British Service.

Character description: Quiet, easy to get along with, intelligent, very active. Drinks hardly any alcohol. Had good connections among the

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Latvian intelligentsia in Riga. Definitely anti-Communist.

I once received a short letter with greetings from him (about 3 years ago). I also wrote to him. The letters were forwarded via Sweden; I do not know in what manner.

His army rank was Captain.

Attachment "E"

JEKABS SILIS, about 57 or 58 years old. Born and raised in Latvia. Studied mechanics at the Latvian University. In 1931, he graduated very successfully from the Latvian Military School. During the Latvian independence period he served in the 5th Cesis Infantry Regiment and in a signal company of the Vidzeme Division (in Riga). He specialized in the communications service. During World War II, he served in the Latvian Legion; his last service post was in Lt Col Reberg's combat group. He was adjutant to the commander. He was taken prisoner by the Russians on the Hela Peninsula, 9 May 1945. In the fall of that year he was deported to Ukhta, Komi ASSR. He was released at the end of 1946 and returned to Latvia. After some time (following his return from the USSR) he began to work and is still employed in Riga, in the field of radio engineering (as an inspector). He lives in Riga, Tornakalns, in his former home (Altonovas iela 85). He does not want to have any mail sent to him at this address, or to have anyone visit him there. His mailing address is: c/o Erika Svarcs, K. Marksa iela 10/12, dz. 2. It would not even be advisable to send letters from abroad to this address, i.e. letters sent through the regular mail.

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His parents are both dead; he lives with his wife and two sons. One of the sons is a student, the other one is employed as an electrician.

Character Description: Very quiet, easy to get along with. Intelligent. He was quite an expert on the subject of communications, especially radio communications. He is fond of his home and his family. Drinks hardly any alcohol. His hobbies are books and literature on technical subjects. Definitely anti-Communist. Has tried to establish contact with friends in the West. During the independence period he belonged to some restricted officers' group.

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Attachment "F"

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Denmark

IMANTS REITMANIS, 40 years old; owner of a book publishing and parcel mailing firm. Head of the Latvian National Association in Denmark and of a branch of "Daugavas Vanagi." Fluent in Danish, German, and Latvian, and has some knowledge of Russian.

His family: wife Enita and four daughters (the oldest about 13 years old).

Address: Oldmarken 12, København-Søborg, telephone 98 18 26.

Very active, sociable, independent. Likes to talk. Has friendly relations with Mr. Hvid, an official in the Danish Service. He has some contacts with Latvia. Many acquaintances in Danish circles.

Sweden

KARLIS DZILLEJA, ^{DOB circa 1895} about 65 years old. ^{ccu} A lawyer, teacher, poet, ^{cit. Latvia?} and politician. Secretary General of the Latvian Social Democratic Party. Member of KLB [Latvian Liberation Committee?]. Fluent in Swedish, German, and Russian, and knows some English. ^{over}

His family: wife (knows English well, a former schoolteacher), and daughter, about 30 years old.

Very hard-working, and sociable; has firm convictions (a resolute character). Many acquaintances among Swedish Socialists.

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Address: Post Box 701, Stockholm, Sweden. Office telephone
(Latvian Relief Committee in Sweden) 603198 or 603181.

Has some contacts with Latvia.

V. (Voldemars or Vladislavs) JAUNZEMS. University education in
Latvia or Sweden. Board member of "Daugavas Vanagi" in Sweden.
Handles the mailing of relief packages to Latvia. Married. His
parents arrived from Latvia less than a year ago to live with him.

Address: Post Box 220, Stockholm 1, Sweden.

Very active, intelligent and sensible ^(levelheaded). Has some contacts with
Latvia. Fluent in Swedish, Latvian, and Russian.

Germany

JANIS CIRULIS, about 40-45 years old. Head of Information
Branch of "Daugavas Vanagi" in Germany. Works in some US Army auxil-
iary unit in Kaiserslautern (Eng. Constr. Co.). Address: Post-
schliessfach 18, Kaiserslautern 2, Germany.

Married, has one child in his teens (probably a son).

Fluent in German, English, Latvian and Russian. Also knows
Estonian. Former Latvian Army officer (captain). Active, levelheaded
(sensible), intelligent. Well informed about conditions in Latvia.

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ADOLFS SILDE, about 50 years old. A lawyer, active in social and political affairs. Journalist. Author of the book The Profits of Slavery. Has interviewed many people who returned from the USSR and Latvia. Well informed on conditions in the USSR and Latvia. Wife Aina, 5 children in the family. One daughter (or possibly two) studying in Germany, the others are of school age.

Address: Zuckerbergstrasse 153, Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt, Germany.

Fluent in Latvian, Russian, German and English. Very intelligent and sociable. Chairman of the Latvian Central Council in Germany. Has very good relations with the Latvian group in Germany, as well as with German circles. Works for the Assembly of Captive European Nations.

England

AUGUSTS ABAUKS, about 45 years old. Graduate of the Latvian University (lawyer and economist). Chairman of the Latvian National Council in Great Britain and of the European Central Board of the Latvian Liberation Committee. Fluent in German, Russian and English (as well as Latvian). ^{acc} Works in some machine factory.

Address: 21 Beverstone Rd., Thornton Heath, Surrey, England.

Married; one son, about 10 years old.

Intelligent, resolute character. Very sociable and active. Has acquaintances among the British Services.

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His relatives live in Latvia; his father was killed in World War II (by partisans). Has certain contacts with Latvia.

England

DOB circa 1920

JANIS FRISVALDS, about 40 years old. Head of Information Branch of "Daugavas Vanagi" in England. ^{ecc} (Works as a bus conductor (or driver). Fluent in Latvian, English, German, and probably also Russian. Served in the Latvian Legion during World War II. Not married; lives with his mother and brother.

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Address: 57 Bentinck Rd., Nottingham, England.

Very active, sociable. Has good relations with the Latvian group in England. Graduated from the Mezotne agricultural secondary school (Latvia, Zengale).

Canada

DOB circa 1924

cit Latvia?

BRUNO RUBESS, 36 years old. Active in social affairs. ^{ecc} (Journalist. Graduated from a secondary school. Has read a great deal and improved his education by self-study. Very active. Has many contacts among young Latvians in Canada and the US. Was chairman of the organizational committee in Canada for the 1959 Latvian Youth Festival.

Employed as automobile salesman by the German firm of Mercedes in Toronto. Address: 879 Broadview, Toronto 6, Ont., Canada. Tel. HOward 6-0654.

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Fluent in Latvian, German, English, and knows some Russian.

Married; wife Biruta, and three small children (2 girls and a boy).

Does not drink any alcohol.

Australia

DOB circa 1920

JANIS LIEPINS, about 40 years old. Head of the Information Branch of "Daugavas Vanagi" and of the Latvian Association in Australia. Boy scout leader. Head of "Daugavas Vanagi" Youth Section.

Married; no further details on family available. *cit Latvia?* Fluent in Latvian, German and English. Served in the Latvian Legion during World War II. Very active, energetic, and intelligent.

Address: 450 Marsden St., Parramatta, NSW, Australia.

Does not drink any alcohol.

USA

DOB circa 1910

EDGARS PENIKIS, about 50 years old (or older). Head of the Information Branch of "Daugavas Vanagi" in the US. Graduated from the Latvian University (forestry department). *cit Latvia?* *over*

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Married; two sons and a daughter are studying in the US. His son Janis is consultant on youth problems for the DV organization in the US. His sons and daughter have very good contacts among young Latvian circles in the US and also in Canada.

Address: A 2149 N. 47th Street, Milwaukee 8, Wis. Tel. UP 3-6091.

Address of son Janis (probably married): 3012 Bartlett Ave., Milwaukee 11, Wis. Tel. ?

E. P. and his son Janis are both very sociable, active, and sensible (level-headed).

~~EDGARS TREIMANIS~~ ^{DOB circa 1924}, about 36 years old; Chairman of Boston Association of "Daugavas Vanagi". Completed his studies in the US. Boy scout leader. Has many acquaintances among young people. cit Latvia?

Address: A 131 Chestnut St., West Abington, Mass.

Married; his wife is also active in youth organizations and a girl scout leader. Both are energetic and active.

~~JURIS VLESERS~~ ^{DOB 1954}, about 25 years old. Board chairman of the Latvian Youth Association in the US. ^{etc} Electrical engineer (M.S.E.) cit Latvia?

Address: A 47 Plain Drive, East Hartford 8, Conn. Tel. BU 9-5505.

Has very good contacts and enjoys great authority among young people in the US and Canada.

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