

FROM: IRP/ Stockholm  
DATE OF REPORT  
26 March 1956

SUBJECT IDENTIFYING DATA  
CLASS: BGCAPES  
IRP CONTROL NO.: STOCKHOLM - 153  
FAMILY GROUP NO'S: None

NAME (SURNAME): VALDMANIS (FIRST NAME): Andrejs (MIDDLE NAME): (NONE) SEX: MALE

ALIASES: aka Waldmanis, Andrejs  
PRESENT NATIONALITY: STATELESS - LATVIAN

DATE OF BIRTH (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR): 20 December 1899  
PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY) (COUNTRY): Ciesare Latvia

ACCOMPANYING MINORS (NO SEPARATE REPORT PREPARED)

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	IRP CONTROL NUMBER
N/A				

A. RECORDS CHECKS	RESULT	DATE	RESULT	DATE
U.S. RECORDS CHECK	NR	21 Jan 56		
<del>U.S. RECORDS CHECK</del>				
<del>U.S. RECORDS CHECK</del>				
<del>OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</del>				
Board of Prisons, Stockholm, Sweden	NR	9 Jan 56		
Swedish State Alien Supervisory Commission	R	30 Nov 55		
Embassy Visa Records	NR	7 Dec 55		
Embassy Central Files	NR	7 Dec 55		

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LEGEND: R. RECORD, NR. NO RECORD

F. SPLIT INVESTIGATIONS:  
None  
FOR COORDINATION WITH State

C. REMARKS:  
ATTENTION IS INVITED TO PARAGRAPH (S) 8  
Political

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

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S. L. Schuyler, Investigator

Clifford E. Curran  
for James H. [unclear]

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NAME: [REDACTED]  
IRP CONTROL NO.: [REDACTED] - 453

SPONSOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS:  
Edward Janis Minvald, 436 Fairfax Ave, Waltham, Michigan

DETAILS

1. Certificate of birth, issued by the Latvian Relief Committee in Sweden on 14 Mar 1956, indicates that SUBJECT was born on 20 December 1899 at Ciecere, Latvia.
2. The certificate of birth referred to in paragraph one indicates that SUBJECT is the son of Andrahs Matins and Liba Veldmanis, nee Glande. SUBJECT states that his father is dead and that his mother resides in the U.S.
3. SUBJECT states that he is single. He plans to join his mother in the U. S.
4. SUBJECT is Stateless - Latvian. Swedish Alien Passport #13094, issued by the Swedish State Alien Supervisory Commission, on 7 Aug 1951, valid until 6 Aug 1956, verifies SUBJECT's Latvian nationality.
5. No evidence has been developed that SUBJECT has any close relatives residing in Iron Curtain countries.
6. According to SUBJECT's statements, he presently resides at Borgarden, Hallstahamar, Sweden, and was a resident of Sweden on 7 Aug 1953. Previous residences given were as follows: Jan 1948-present, Borgarden, Hallstahamar, Sweden; July 1946-Jan 1948, Borgarden, Hallstahamar, Sweden; Apr 1946-July 1946, Stormossen, Skakar, Sweden; May 1945-Apr 1946, Sjofallet, Lindfors, Sweden; May 1945, Refugee Camp, Kungslnas, Sweden; June 1944-8 May 1945, Liepaja, Latvia; Mar 1942-June 1944, German Army; June 1941-Mar 1942, Ciecere, Latvia; Sep 1940-June 1941, Imprisoned by Russians at Ruldiga, Latvia; Apr 1939-Sep 1940, Ciecere, Latvia; Mar 1919-Apr 1939, Latvian Army; Oct 1918-Mar 1919, Ciecere, Latvia; 1911-Oct 1918, Russian Army; birth-1911, Ciecere, Latvia.
7. No physical or mental defects were revealed during the course of the investigation.
8. SUBJECT states that he was drafted into the Russian Army for compulsory military service in 1911. He attained the grade of Sergeant Major and was captured by the Germans in July 1915. He was held prisoner in Germany and released in the autumn of 1918. He returned to Latvia and on 10 Mar 1919 joined the Latvian Army. He served therein until retirement on 27 Jan 1939 at which time he held the rank of Captain. From Mar 1942 to June 1944 he served as a Captain in the Latvian Legion of the German Army on the Eastern front and in Riga.
9. SUBJECT states that he has never been a member of any political party in any country. He states that he is anti-Communist and for this reason the Russians put him in prison at Riga on 16 Sep 1940. He escaped from prison 28 June 1941. He served in the Latvian Legion in the German Army against the Russians from Nov 1942 to June 1944. He remained in Latvia until 8 May 1945 and then escaped to Sweden with 100 other persons in a fishing boat. He arrived at Kalmar, Sweden, on 10 May 1945. SUBJECT states that he has never advocated or assisted in the persecution of any person because of race, religion, or national origin.
10. SUBJECT states that he has been a member since 28 Aug 1948 of the Swedish Metal Workers Union. He has also been member and chairman since 2 Oct 1949 of the Hallstahamar Chapter of the Jaunavas Varsai (Latvian Refugee Organization).
11. SUBJECT states that he has never been arrested for any crime by the police of any country, other than the political arrest mentioned under item 9. The Stockholm Board of Prisons reports that there is no record of SUBJECT's having been imprisoned in Sweden.

Classification

NAME

VALDANIS, Androjs

IRP CONTROL NO.

STOCKHOLM - 153

SPONSOR(S) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

Edward Janis Birwald, 438 Fairfax Ave, Kalamazoo, Michigan

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DETAILS:

12. According to SUBJECT's statements, he completed his schooling in Latvia and has the equivalent of an American military college education. SUBJECT passed the literacy test administered during the RRP interview.

13. According to SUBJECT's statements, he has been employed as a transport worker from 26 Aug 1946 to the present date at the Bultfabrik Co., Hallstahammar, Sweden.

14. On 30 Nov 1955, the Swedish State Alien Supervisory Commission reported that it was prepared to issue a Certificate of Readmission to SUBJECT, as he had not misrepresented any material facts on his preliminary questionnaire for use in connection with application for a visa under the provisions of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

On 9 Nov 1955 and 19 Jan 1956, the following named persons were interviewed at the American Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden, concerning SUBJECT:

Mr. Janis Breiksn, born 25 Dec 1887 at Vec-Piebalga, Latvia, residing at Kommandorsgatan 19A III, Stockholm, has known SUBJECT ten years as a social acquaintance.

Mr. Peteris Vanelsins, office clerk, born 26 May 1916 in Riga, Latvia, residing at Sodermannagatan 27, Stockholm, has known SUBJECT 15 years as a friend.

Mr. Valdemars Kragebergs, local employee of U.S. Embassy, born 12 May 1912 in Riga, Latvia, knows SUBJECT slightly.

These persons stated substantially that SUBJECT is a man of excellent reputation. He appears to be in good health. He is not known to have any police record. SUBJECT has never had any political affiliations but is anti-Communist. No adverse information of any type was developed during the course of the reference interviews.

15. SUBJECT was interviewed at the RRP Office, American Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden on 2 Nov 1955. He made the same statements orally about his life, as he had previously written on his preliminary questionnaire. SUBJECT made a favorable impression upon interviewer.