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24 August 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Counter-Intelligence Staff

Attn: CI/OA

SUBJECT : Rudolf's KOCINS

C-37315

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1. Attached hereto is PRQ Part I on Subject. It is requested that appropriate clearance be granted in order to contact and assess Subject in Germany for possible recruitment as a principal agent in the United States under Project AEBLOSSOM.

2. HI and Green List Traces have revealed no derogatory information. The results of Field Traces will be forwarded to your office as soon as they are received.

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Chief, SR/2

Attachment
PRQ Part I (2 copies)

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SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2005

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PERSONAL RECORD QUESTIONNAIRE

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PART I - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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- Instruction: 1. Write clearly.
2. Answer all questions completely. If question does not apply, write "not applicable"
3. Attach blank pages if additional space is needed.

1. Full Name Rudolfs KOCINS
First Middle Last
2. Name in native script Rūdolfs KOCINŠ
3. Name at birth (if different from 1.) _____
4. Aliases, nicknames, legal changes (State briefly time, reason and place of use.) among friends called "Rudās"
5. a. Date of birth Dec. 15, 1907 b. Place of birth Tirza, Latvia
6. Present citizenship, race if appropriate Latvian, ~~white-race~~
7. Nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities (if different from 6.) Russian before ~~the~~ Latvian independence was established
8. Present residence (Owner, tenant, sub-tenant.) Germany, Muenchen-Gladbach, Hohenzollernstr. 155
9. Permanent address (if different from 8.) _____
10. Present occupation (full title, salary etc.) commander in Latvian labor service units with British Forces in Germany, in a rank of superintendent with MSO (Mixed Service Organization) in Muenchen-Gladbach, Rheinland, Germany
11. Naturalization of subject or of close relatives in the United States.
(Give date and name in which certificate granted.) _____
12. Relatives, friends, correspondents in United States. (Explain relationship) _____

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13. Father - full name occupation, present residence, year and place of birth, nationality at birth and subsequent nationalities.

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14. Mother - same information as 13.

15. Wife (or husband) - full name, maiden name, date and place of birth, date and place of marriage, nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities, present residence, divorce, annulment. (Give data for all previous marriages.)

16. Children - full names, sex, year and place of birth, nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities, present residence.

17. Brothers and sisters - Same information as 16.

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18. Relatives in service of any government, names and positions held.
19. List all official identity papers held with dates, numbers, place of issue and duration of validity. Probably Latvian travel passport issued in London, England, by Latvian Legation, there.
20. Religion - degree practiced, membership in religious orders
Ev. Luth.
21. Present and past political affiliations As active officer in the Latvian army was not supposed to participate in the political life; in spring 1945 was member of a Latvian self-government in Liepaja, Latvia under the German occupation; after 1947 member of a Latvian political organization in exile "Latvijas Nacionala Padome" (now practically dissolved).
22. Travel outside country of present residence - country, dates, purpose, people and firms visited
23. Education - school, location, course, degree, dates graduate from high school (~~"gimnazija"~~), graduated from the Officers' Training School in Riga 1931; graduated from the Latvian Military Academy in 1939; upon graduation was teaching in a/m Academy (tactics). Organized partisans against communists in 1941, afterwards participated in ~~the~~ World War II starting as captain, commissioned to major.
24. Languages and dialects (indicate proficiency as good, fair, poor.)
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| Language | <u>Latvian</u> | Speak | <u>good</u> | Read | <u>good</u> | Understand | <u>good</u> |
| Language | <u>Russian</u> | Speak | <u>good</u> | Read | <u>good</u> | Understand | <u>good</u> |
| Language | <u>German</u> | Speak | <u>good</u> | Read | <u>good</u> | Understand | <u>good</u> |
| | <u>English</u> | | <u>suff.</u> | | <u>suff.</u> | | <u>suff.</u> |

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25. Military service - dates, country, unit, rank, duty, where services performed, decorations, when discharged, why. Give

details if ever prisoner of war Graduated from Officers' Training School in Riga in 1931; graduated from the Latvian Military Academy in 1939, upon graduation was teaching tactics in the a/m Academy, ^{had a} ~~was in~~ a rank of a captain. After first communist occupation organized partisans against Soviets in Krimulda in 1941; after the outbreak of the war between Germany and Soviet Union commander of the 16th Battalion since Nov. 1941 at the Eastern front. Was promoted to the rank of a major and commanded a regiment in the 19th Division, last in Courland (Kurzeme). Retired Jan. 24, 1945 due to illness (it is believed it was "volinian fever" similar to Malaria). Was in charge of Interior Affairs with the Latvian National Committee under German occupation in Liepaja during the last period of the war ("Kurzemes valdiba") and a member of "Kurzemes Tautas Padome" (National Council in Courland); after capitulation fled to Germany; since 1948 commander of MSO unit with British (labor service units consisting of Latvians). Awarded Iron Cross and The Cross in Gold(?)

26. Present and past membership in organizations (professional, social, political, etc.) Member of the Board of the Latvian Veterans' Organizations "Daugavas Vanagi" in Germany. Probably member of the Association of the Graduates of Latvian Officers' Training School.

27. Special skills, abilities, hobbies (radio, photography, etc.)

Still studies military problems though in his present service with Labor Service units has little to do with military matters.

28. Financial status - earnings, bank deposits, securities, property

29. Employment history - type of work, salary, dates, employers, ad-

resses, reasons for leaving. Include employment by any government.

Officer all his life; in 1941 quit Latvian army because Army taken over by Soviets; during the war released due to illness. After the capitulation fled from Latvia on board a ship, in Germany lived as a civilian refugee, until employed by the British.

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29. (Continued)

30. Has subject done any writing? Give details including titles of

books, articles, publishers, dates.

Articles on military problems in Latvian newspapers and magazines, among others in the newspaper "Latvija" in Germany and in the monthly magazine published by the organization "Daugavas Vanagi" (DV Biletens).

31. List persons living at same address, close associates, (individuals or groups,) correspondents at home and abroad.

32. List five character references.

Andrejs VIKMANIS, Box 420, Hallstahammar,
Sweden (was aid of Maj. Kocins during the war)

Roberts ANCANS, Vogesenstr. 55, Augsburg, Germany (served in same batallion as Maj. Kocins)

Herberts ZAGARS, Augustdorf b. Detmold, Wohnstaette, Germany (served with K. during the war)

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33. Court record - court, date, arrests, charges, punishments, sentences, acquittals, denazification, etc.

34. Description (Use American standards of measurement, if possible.)

Age 47 Posture erect
Apparent age 45 Weight _____
Height 5' 10" Teeth _____
Eyes _____ Hair dark, thin
Face - shape round Scars _____
Complexion dark Build strong, not fat
Sex male
General appearance military
Prominent features _____
Other identifying features _____

35. Other miscellaneous biographical data and comments.

A very sharp-minded individual, expresses himself very precisely and clearly. Follows up-to-date military problems. Not liked by soldiers due to his sharpness. The same attitude and blunt statement of his opinions prevented him from winning friends among fellow-officers. Is not on very good terms with col. Janums, both being representants of two different Divisions of the Latvian Legion (the 19th and the 15th respectively); same applies to other officers of the 15th Division like major HAZNERS and major AUGSTKALNS; there is besides an antagonism due to the fact that Kocins though graduated together with Augstkalns was promoted earlier, and Augstkalns is close to col. Janums; this antagonism results in accusations against Kocins that he wants to split the organization "Daugavas Vanagi" into the followers of the 19th Division and the ones of the 15th Division, which to opinion of B is not true, though there exists some desire to show off on the part of Kocins. He is probably aware of the fact that his knowledge of modern military warfare is higher than that of other Latvian officers.

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