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KURGVEL, Aleksei - (8)

I. BASIC BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

- a) Date of Birth: 13 September 1904 in Kuressaare, Estonia
- b) Nationality : Estonian; U.S. citizen; pertinent to Displaced Persons Act.
- c) Present Address: 1838 Lamont Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
- d) Family Status: Married; Wife and Two Sons - Residence Long Island, N. Y. Subject commutes between New York & Washington every other week-end.
- e) Languages : Estonian, Russian, French, German, Polish, and Finnish.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

- a) Type Employee: Contract Employee Type B on a year to year renewal basis.
- b) Entered on Duty: Effective date of original contract, 5 September 1952, renewed and amended 23 February 1963 due to expire 23 February 1964.
- c) Salary : Current contract salary \$8,310.00 per annum - GS 11/2
- d) Medical : Subject examined on 29 August 1963 and found to be physically qualified.

III. OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS & EXPERIENCE:

Education:

- 1911 - 1914 Attended elementary school (Ministerial) in Kuressaare, Estonia.
- 1914 - 1923 Attended High School "Gymnasium" in Kuressaare, Estonia.
- 1923 - 1926 Attended Military College, completed two and half years majoring in electrical engineering with a rank of Junior Lieutenant, Technical Troops. Tallin, Estonia
- 1929 - 1932 Attended Military Academy, graduating with the degree of K.S. DIPLOM-OFFICER. The letters K.S. indicate that the officer has graduated from this academy of General Staff and the word DIPLOM adds that one has graduated, written and defended an assigned dissertation.
- 1943 - 1944 Attended University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia majoring in Economics during the War Years.

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Skills:

Electrical Engineering	-	In general wire and wireless communications and power supply.
Civil Engineering	-	Surveying, roads, bridges and buildings
Mechanical Engineering	-	Maintenance of different machines.

Civilian Employment:

1940 - 1945	Employed by I.G. FARBEN: Economic Intelligence Research, USSR. With Military Intelligence: In charge of agent training, clandestine W/T training and operational communications and assisting the Chief of Operations. In 1944, Estonian Chief Liaison Officer to the German Military H.Q. in Estonia.
1945 - 1946	POW - held by the British in W. Germany in 7 different special interrogation camps.
1946 - 1949	Clerk-Interpreter - Displaced person camps; promoted to Office Manager & Assistant Camp Leader dealing with life in a refugee camp.
1949 - 1951	International Refugee Organization, U.S. Resettlement & Immigration Center, Weymouth. Clerk - Registering of Incoming and outgoing mail.
1951 -	Contract employee as instructor, translator and analyst in Washington, D. C.

IV. SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE EXPERIENCE & TRAINING:

Wireless Mechanician (Training and Experience)
Clandestine Communications (W/T, Ciphers) - Experience
Officer of General Staff - Training & Experience
Intelligence Research Work - Experience
Translating, Technical & General - Languages, Estonian, Russian & German
Interrogation of POW's and Escapees - Experience

V. ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION:

Subject is a former Estonian General Staff Officer with 23 years of experience in intelligence work. He has had experience in information compilation and analysis, intelligence liaison, intelligence and CE interrogation, w/t training and management, recruitment and assessment of Estonian, Latvian and Russian agents and in instruction for the dispatch into Estonia of Estonian, Latvian and Russian agents.

He has an excellent area knowledge of Finland, Estonia and Latvia, and speaks and writes fluent Estonian, Russian, German, fair French and Finnish. Subject is temperate in his habits and has considerable initiative in fields with which he is familiar. Since his association with the Agency, he has on his own initiative studied radio techniques, prepared lectures for training, and compiled information on Estonia from overt sources in an elaborate card file.

Subject is performing his cover employment assignments satisfactorily and does not have any problems which require special handling. Subject is a well disciplined person and because of his strong sense of honor, he does not present any security problem.

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VI. REASSIGNMENT:

In view of Subject's intelligence background and training, he is well qualified as a translator/analyst or as an instructor whose services can be utilized by the Agency.

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