## TRANSLATION OF AESIDECAR/2's AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

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## 1928-1934

I attended the Teacher's School in Yelgava (Mitau). During the six years in Yelgava Teacher's Seminary my sport and social-political development was fixed. My father was a Latvian freedom fighter, and in 1918 was sentenced to death by the German occupation troops. Somehow or other he was not shot and later became active in the Latvian Social Democratic movement. He was a teacher, as was my mother, who also was a choir director and very active in political life. In Yelgava I made friends who exposed me to an entirely different political philosophy. Very quickly I became a member of a youth organization "Viestura, Savieniba", which was very nationalistic and active on the international plane and fought against the social communistic ideology. In this way as an 18-year old youth I often had to argue with my father and often we came to political misunderstandings and disagreements. In this way I received from my father the belief in the injustice of life and the enormous difference between richness and poverty and was always ready to fight for any injustice in life in an active fashion. Already in my youth I was happy to help everyone and never asked what I would receive for it.

## 1934

In the fall I volunteered for the Latvian Army and was admitted and became part of the 6th Riga Regiment. I became a specialist in the ski troops and later went to reserve officer's school and as such was discharged from the Latvian Army in the fall of 1935. Then I became a teacher in Riga. In 1936 I entered the University. In the morning I was a teacher, in the afternoon I studied, and in my free time I took part in track and field athletics and ski sports. In the summer of 1936 and 1938 I was chosen by the Latvian government and sent to Finland where I increased my sports knowledge. In 1936 I became a member of the Latvian fraternity "Selonia". My character and my deep understanding of the social and national problems were thereby more deeply developed. I also came into contact with the highest Latvian figures. In 1939 I married Tamara MATISONS. Her father owned and operated a large bakery in Riga. On June 13, 1941, my in-laws were sent to Siberia and they died there. During the first Soviet occupation. I worked as a teacher in Riga and at the same time in the evening and sometimes at night as a housing administration officer. These were very difficult

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times and many of my friends were arrested by the NKVD and murdered. Also, many of my students disappeared. Sometimes they were even arrested during class. Also, my wife and I were destined for destruction, but were able to save ourselves through luck and chance. That was June 1941 and at that time my wife, my older son, Juris, and I fled, hid in the thick woods in a jungle like clearing until the German troops arrived and freed us.

I visited my colleagues and my school. I was summoned by the Latvian Relief Organization as a teacher and we identified the murdered Latvian patrios who had been buried in mass graves, shot by the NKVD. I reported and worked in this terrible task two or three months. It was a shocking experience to dig up my personal friends and my students from school. In this way from this experience I derived a hate and enmity towards everything which was Communist and Russian. A Latvian political police organization was formed and since I had many good friends in the Latvian political police, I joined it. This group sought the Latvian communists who had remained behind and flushed them out, also the Russian functionaries who had remained behind. From the beginning we only had this task since no Communist organizations were functioning, except that the Russians after their retreat left behind intentionally certain trusted and well-qualified communists who later began to work in every possible way in the underground. It was very difficult and dangerous work to discover these organizations and the individual leaders. Later more and more agents were sent from Russia and the majority of them were well trained agents who spoke fluent Latvian. For the most part they came through the front lines, but later they were dropped by Russian airplanes. There were several different types of groups which sprang up: (1) those who returned with the missions to reestablish communidations with the necessary people, to observe everything, and also to report by radio to Russia. Also there were women among this group. (2) Secondly, there were those who came with the mission carrying out sabotage assignments. They derailed trains, blew up bridges, promulgated false intelligence, and so on. For the most part they lived in the woods and visited the cities only to make additional contacts and get food. To this group most of the fleeing Russian prisoners became attached. (3) The last group was the most dangerous. They came with the mission to establish black lists and to assasinate the Latvian national leaders.

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Between August 1941 and the fall of 1942, I was an investigations officer and had five or six police officers who assisted me. Since I had good success in my operations and by virtue of my own personal ideas had increasingly good success, in the fall of 1942 I was assigned more people, for the most part young Latvian army officers, and my mission at the end was only to discover armed paratroopers and saboteurs and to fight them. I was the leader of a special section which worked very closely with the German Abwehr. I received my assignments from the leader of the Latvian Political Police, that is, directly from the Abwehr. My first police chief was Mr.

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LIBERTS, who at the present time is living in Australia, and my later chief until my release in August 1943 was Mr. TEIDEMANIS, who at the present time resides in West Germany and, so far as I know, exists under an assumed name. There are only a few of my assistants who are alive today, since most of them died on the East Front. In September 1943, the Latvian Political Police was attached to the Gestapo and became known as the S.D. Latvian Section. Since some of the young Latvian officers were not in agreement with this affiliation, they tried to join the Latvian division. Those who are still alive and were able to save themselves are: Captain KRUMINS in Canada; 1st Lt. ABOLTINS in Sweden; 1st Lt. ALKENIS in England; two nonmilitary types in Argentina whose names I can not at the moment remember. One of my assistants who now lives in Minneapolis became a member of the Economic Section after leaving the police. His name is KIPPERTS, who was also a member of my student fraternity. So fareas I know, Lt. APSENS and Lt. JESKE (Y) were killed in battle as were five or six others. So far as I know, two are still in England who were flight lieutenants. In Chile a Mr. STERNS is still living, who for a period of time was the leader of the investigation section and from the beginning was my immediate supervisor. Mr. STERNS was a member of the Latvian Political Police during the inedependent period of Latvia as were Mr. LIBERTS and Mr. TEIDEMANIS. I became a civilian again in August 1943 in order to take over the operation of my Tather-in-law's bakery business. After my release from the police force, I was viciously attacked by someone who claimed that I had helped many people to gain their freedom who had been in some way involved in Communist activity. I was investigated for several days and nights by the Riga Gestapo, including the head-man Mr. LANCE (Big Lange) and Mr. LANCE (Little Lange). Big LANGE was the chief of the Gestapo in Riga, and Little LANGE was the chief of Section 4, which was responsible for fighting against the Latvian underground movement. At the end of the investigation I was allowed to keep my weapons, and in order to guarantee my personal security I was given a certificate that I had performed a very great service for he German army as a member of the Latvian Political Police. This certificate helped my family and myself very greatly in the future, especially it enabled us to escape from the ring around Riga and later from the ring around Koenigsberg, and in this way it enabled me to save my own life.

In July 1944 I fled with my family using a horse and wagon to East Prussia, and there I worked as a machinist in the Bosch Factory in Preusische Zulav. In October, when the Russians had already occupied Tilsit, we fled to Austria to Innsbruck where I worked in a scap factory and in a margarine factory and where I worked as a sports teacher in the University after the war.

Concerning my activity as a police officer in Latvia between 1941 and 1943, of course I could write a very thick volume and indeed it would be interesting. On occasions we allowed very dangerous young fellows to get free with the purpose of learning more, and this was very often also against

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the regulations of the German Abwehr. In other words, we won over some Latvian Communist prisoners and had them work with us. One Russian paratrooper who today lives in Australia had really performed a great service for us, and as a result we very often knew in which places the next agent group would spring up and both their true names and also the names contained in their false papers. I can state for sure that these chaps were for the most part very tough fighters, and they often fought right down to the last bullet and then used this to kill themselves. Sometimes they even sprang through windows during interrogation, and very seldom did they ever betray their comrades. To the very great amazement of the Germans, we caught on one day a section leader of the former NKVD who had simply been left behind and for two years had been making up black lists. In the year 1943 in April we found a former Russian Ostsee fleet commander who somehow had been taken prisoner, then he escaped, and later had built up a large organization which supplied the fleeing Russian prisoners with weapons and hid itself in the woods as partisan troops. At the time of his arrest in Riga he unfortunately resisted and several of my people were killed in the battle.

That the Russians after the war had my name on the black list is no miracle, and they tried to get hold of me in Austria and France, and it was a miracle that they did not. It is also remarkable that the Riga newspaper at the time of the Olympic Games in Melbourne wrote about me and my success as the track coach of the Chilean team (and nothing more).

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