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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : [AESIDECAR/2] - Preliminary Evaluation

1. [AESIDECAR/2] arrived in Washington on 3 September for the purpose of a debriefing on his past life, an assessment of possible future operational use and review of his recruitment of [] A thorough debriefing, psychological assessment and polygraph were administered. A graphological analysis has also been processed. The results of the psychological assessment, polygraph and writing analysis have not been completely reviewed at this time. From an incomplete report on the polygraph it would appear that [A/2] is hiding certain things in his past. He was aware at his departure that he had disenchanted his KUBARK contacts. Although the C/O tried to preserve the facade that a complete analysis of the tests would follow and he would be advised accordingly, [A/2] acted surprised presuming the outcome of the polygraph was known that KUBARK entertained further interest. He lamely admitted to having had difficulty with the polygraph and having angered the operator. It was fairly evident that he was glad to be on his way. He did promise to furnish certain names and addresses. A future meeting in a couple of months was mentioned as a possibility.

2. [A/2] departed hastily on 7 September 1962 at 1800 hours leaving a distinctly bad impression on the undersigned. His lengthy, involved story of his life, while probably believable in some respects, cannot be readily corroborated. There is a nagging suspicion that he has told only what he has chosen to tell. While probably not a presently active KGB agent, [A/2] lacks real conviction in his tale of being "200% anti-Communist." It would be no surprise had he been captured by the Soviets to find him a rehabilitated coach for some Soviet athletic aggregation today. His record as a Latvian political police official probably unnerved him to risk seizure by the Soviets in 1944. Certainly his stamina, aggressiveness and will-to-survive stood him in good stead to escape the clutches of the advancing Soviet armies where lesser men perished in the sweep of extermination wreaked by the Soviets upon the military and civilian population of East Prussia in the waning days of the war. As [A/2] tells it, he was no coward in fights to apprehend Soviet parachutists and saboteurs. However, by his own admission [A/2] never risked his neck by enlisting in the Latvian Legion or the German Army. A seeming lack of character, patriotism and "guts" would never bring him to shoulder a weapon and mingle with the common soldier. It is regrettable that this good physical specimen escaped the recruiting officer at a time when the bottom of the barrel was being scraped for old men and young boys.

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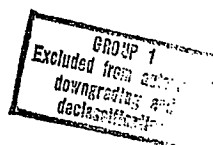
3. A/2 exudes charm but when he pretends not to understand his questioner or the conversation touches upon matters unsympathetic to his image of a builder of winning athletic teams, his manner changes abruptly and he pretends not to grasp the question or takes off on some tangent. His temper is volatile. It takes no vivid imagination to see A/2 in the role of an interrogator for the Gestapo or Abwehr. Hollywood would find him ideally suited to type casting as an SS officer with his lean, hard physique, crew cut, and icy blue eyes. Pity the prisoner who might provoke his temper. Under stress he would lash out and vent his spleen on whatever hapless victim happened to arouse his dislike. Shedding blood would not be foreign to his personality.

4. On the plus side it should be stated that A/2 furnished some remarks regarding Latvian personalities of pertinent interest to the Latvian desk including those involved in past REDSOX operations. Once more the Latvian REDSOX corpse was exhumed and again reinterred with a no less sickening stench of professional ineptness and lack of security surrounding this entire operation. This information will be recorded for the appropriate files.

5. In settling expenses with A/2 for his time spent in Washington the C/O found him to be rather free in rendering accounts. Of \$336 advanced to him at departure time the C/O could only reconcile his expenses as being \$292. A/2 stated that he had used the difference to pay for travel by POV from Los Angeles to Denver which was not authorized and not a legitimate expense considering A/2's original plan to return to Denver by car to sign his contract for the school year at Denver University. As a consequence A/2 after payment of his hotel bill had only travel money for tickets from Lafayette, Indiana to Denver. A/2 was provided with a rail ticket to Lafayette where he planned to see Fred WILT, an FBI agent and ex-sportsman. If A/2 sticks to drinking water and gum for subsistence between Washington and Denver, it seems that he will make it, otherwise he will have to spend his own money for a change. Not satisfied with trying to make a few fast bucks A/2 also would like some added financial assistance because of his limited summer earnings and loss of employment during his visit. The C/O promised to raise the matter with his superiors. It is recommended by C/O [] that \$125.00 be sent to A/2 (\$25.00 per day for his 5 day stint in Washington).

6. The undersigned recommends that the [] case be continued, if possible, without A/2's services. If further entree to the Soviet athletic milieu has to be achieved via A/2, the approach should be dropped. From the standpoint of a KGB officer charged with the security of Soviet athletes, the C/O feels that A/2, if not already, will draw attention unto himself, and to any sound, secure operation. On paper A/2 looks good but scarcely that good after further examination to warrant continued operational use. It is hoped that A/2 may conclude following his local performance that his future lies in Chile where his niche as a coach is firmly established and drinking schnapps with old Abwehr cronies least likely to evoke painful

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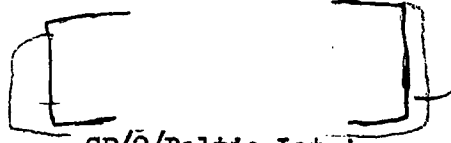


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memories. The time and effort devoted to an intensive examination of A/2 has been well spent especially at the outset of an internal case in order to develop paths for future development.



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