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Eugene Laipeniaks, 2010 South Gaylord, Denver, Colorado, track coach, University of Denver, provided the following information on December 14, 1962:

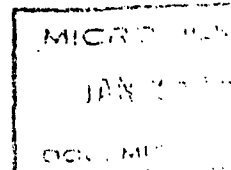
He was born June 25, 1913, Rucova, Latvia, and prior to entering the United States, resided in Chile, South America, where he was employed for various institutions as a ski and track coach.

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While in Chile, the Soviet basketball team had played in a tournament there, and his son, Juris Laipeniaks, had met Yuri Petrovich Kalnyyn, a player of the Soviet team.

In November, 1962, when the Soviet basketball team played in Denver, his son, Juris, wanted to meet the team on their arrival at Stapleton Airfield. On November 22, 1962, he and his son met the Soviet team on their arrival and at that time met Kalnyyn, with whom they talked for a brief time, along with Aleksandr Genski.

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On Friday evening, November 23, 1962, Laipeniaks stated the Soviet basketball teams were guests of Denver University at a hockey game. During the second half of the hockey game, Kalnyyn approached Laipeniaks, and began asking questions regarding life in the United States and whether he, Laipeniaks, thought residence in Canada would be better than in the United States. Kalnyyn indicated he would like to stay in the United States.

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77 (On Sunday, November 25, 1962, Juris Laipenieks contacted Kalnyn during a basketball game and at that time gave him instructions regarding his defection, what he should do, and gave him the telephone number for Laipenieks' residence. Later in the afternoon, Kalnyn contacted Edgar Laipenieks telephonically and stated he was seriously considering defecting; however, it was not an easy decision and he was very nervous. At this time, Laipenieks told Kalnyn he would be contacted on Monday afternoon regarding final arrangements, to which Kalnyn agreed.

77 (On Monday afternoon, November 26, 1962, Juris Laipenieks contacted Kalnyn, who stated that he had decided to defect, and Kalnyn was advised that Edgar Laipenieks would be at the motel where the Soviet team was staying at midnight and would wait for him at a designated spot until 1:30 A.M., November 27, 1962.

Laipenieks stated he waited until the designated time and when Kalnyn did not appear, he returned home, assuming that Kalnyn had decided against defecting.

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