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22 March 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Publications Review Board  
Information Review Officer, DDO

FROM: C J  
Associate Legal Adviser, PRB

SUBJECT: Allan Ryan Manuscript - Suggested Revision  
on Laipenicks

Attached is a copy of the language Mr. Ryan proposes will meet the Board's objection to the Laipenicks discussions. Please provide me with your response early during the week of 19 March. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

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Attachment

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We also filed a deportation case against Edgars Laipenieks, a 68-year old Latvian who had fled after the war to Chile, where he became a citizen. Laipenieks came to the United States in 1960 as a permanent resident alien, and found employment at a number of schools and colleges, principally in California, as a track coach. Laipenieks had been a well-known athlete in Latvia prior to the war, and had participated in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. When the Germans entered Latvia in 1941, Laipenieks had joined the Latvian Political Police -- the Nazi-controlled force of indigenous henchmen, and had spent most of the war years as an enforcer at the Riga Central Prison, the Nazis' holding tank for Jews and political enemies.

After he entered the United States in 1960,

Laipenieks volunteered his services to the CIA, [redacted] offering to ferret out information on East European nationals who visited the United States. [redacted] Like most

[redacted] The CIA accepted his offer, [redacted] informants, he was never on CIA staff; he provided information on a piecemeal basis as he came across it. [redacted]

[redacted] I doubt that his efforts ever resulted in much valuable information, but when INS began an investigation of him in 1976, Laipenieks brandished his "CIA connection" and wrote to the Agency asking for assistance in getting INS to go away.

Laipenieks, in fact, was not deportable at all in 1976, because he had entered the United States under the

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request as framed. The records concerning defendant maintained by the DO relate to defendant's service with the United States

P.100 after "CIA," offering to ferret out information on Eastern European nationals who visited the United States. THEN NEXT STENCNCE IN TEXT. Like most informants, he was never on CIA staff; he provided information on a piecework basis as he came across it. PICK UP THE REST OF THE TEXT.