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of the activity of Alfreds LAGZDIŅŠ in Madrid, Spain,
from 18 Nov. 1955 to 12 March 1956.

On 18 Nov. '55 Alfreds L. arrived in Madrid from New York by plane; was met at the airport by JOHN. Around 11:00 both went to Mr. Roberts KAMPUS with whom they had a talk for about two hours. Since it was the 18th of November, i.e. the Latvian Independence Day, A.L. suggested that R.K. should make the first payment of recompensation to Mr. & Mrs. PIERNAVIEJA for their work at the Latvian broadcasts in Madrid (already during JOHN's meeting with R.K. last July it was agreed that Mr. & Mrs. P should receive \$ 50. a month). Mr. R.K. refused this proposal because of the fact that the total amount he had asked for from the Latvian Culture Institute was not given to A.L. for R.K.'s disposal. Mr. R.K. refused also A.L.'s proposal that this payment should be made from A.L.'s private money.

Next day JOHN and A.L. visited Mr. R.K. again in order to talk some financial questions over - as R.K. had proposed it the previous day. Instead of this most of the time was spent on a meal given by Mr. & Mrs. R.K.

The details of these two meetings presumably will be found in the report by JOHN who left Madrid on 20th Nov. Before doing that JOHN instructed A.L. on the following:

1. since it was obvious that Mr. R.K. is very eager to get the money from the LCI (Latvian Culture Institute) but on the other hand seemed to be^a difficult man to work with, all the money from LCI should go through A.L. and not directly to R.K. - as it was planned previously.
2. since previous info about R.K. indicated that he is rather lazy, A.L. should make use of this fact and secure his positions in regard to R.K. as well as to the officials of the Radio Nacional in Madrid by hard work, mainly by writing features for the Latvian broadcasts.

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3. in order to be trusted by Mr.R.K. it could be of use that A.L. mentions to R.K. that SINGER is the treasurer of LCI and well known to A.L.; however, JOHN suggested that this fact should be revealed to R.K. only after the relations between R.K. and A.L. are developing without troubles.

JOHN repeated also the previously discussed opinion that it would be better to let R.K. know the true name of A.L. - this too should be done after a while.

When A.L. wanted to know how could he contact [] (assumed name of an American official in Madrid) in case of emergency, JOHN replied that he will find out the best way when back in the States. John warned A.L. also not to use in excess the code names in the letters between A.L. and LCI, i.e. SINGER and GEORGE as it was agreed upon previously.

On 20 Nov., after JOHN had left Madrid, A.L. had a lengthy talk with Mr.R.K. The latter showed now even more his dissatisfaction about the delay of the money needed and remarked that, if this matter would not be cleared up soon, he would prefer to continue the Latvian broadcasts without the assistance of the LCI. During this talk A.L. mentioned the fact that some of his relatives are behind the Iron Curtain and that due to this A.L. would like to avoid any publicity. In this connection A.L. revealed also that Alfreds LAGZDIŅŠ is not his true name; when mentioning his true name it came out that R.K. remembers A.L.'s father. A.L. tried also to explain the delay of his coming to Madrid as partially caused by the fact that he did not want to come to Madrid under his right name - it took some time to arrange his present documents in this manner. When A.L. asked about the possibility to meet Mr.& Mrs.P, R.K. showed quite clearly that he would not like it now. He remarked that the situation at the home of Mr.& Mrs P is not suited to visit them there. This and some other remarks showed that R.K. wants to keep A.L. away from Mr.& Mrs.P.

Next day A.L. submitted to R.K. his first writing for the broadcasts. It came out that R.K. has no knowledge in advance as to the program of the broadcasts; he was receiving the ^{daily} Copies only afterwards - once a week or even more seldom.

To A.L. this was the first clear evidence that R.K. in fact has not much to say about the broadcasts. R.K. tried to explain this strange situation by some fault of Mrs.P - according to R.K. she once had ~~xxxx~~ changed the text of the broadcasts after it had already been submitted to the Spanish officials, was reprimanded due to this and the result was that R.K. too lost the opportunity to read the text of the broadcasts before it was transmitted (a couple of weeks later Mrs.P and Mr.P told A.L. another version of this happening - according to them it happened already a couple weeks after the Latvian broadcasts had started, i.e. in March 1955; the respective text included a writing about Generalissimo Franco; R.K., not Mrs.P., made some changes in the text crossing out some words about Franco with the motivation that the Latvians in Great Britain would not like such expressions. The result was that the director of the Eastern European broadcasts, Padre M(urati ?) forbade Mrs.P to show the text to R.K. before the broadcasting was done and to ~~xxx~~ make some substantial changes in the text after it had been submitted to the officials of the radio).

After this talk Mrs.R.K. went together with A.L. to an apartment in the same building, owned by some Spanish widow who was acquainted with Mr.& Mrs.R.K., to get a room ~~for~~ with full pension for ~~XX~~ A.L. - the Spanish lady asked 100 pesetas per diem and A.L. agreed with that.

Next day, on 22 Nov., R.K. introduced A.L. to Mrs.P. The latter was quite nervous and made an unfavorable impression to A.L. Nevertheless the first discussion with her showed that she has a good knowledge as to the work at the radio; on the other hand R.K. was able to speak about it only in general phrases.

The following days A.L. was busy in writing articles for the broadcasts. In between he had daily chats with R.K. during which A.L. tried to find out R.K.'s political background. The latter denied that he is under the control of Minister K.ZARIŠ in regard to the broadcasts - made some abusing remarks about K.Z. as well as about Professor A.SPEKKE in USA . Abusing the policy of the Brits, R.K. showed also very clearly ~~xxx~~ his anti-American attitude: told that the Americans are too

are in fact ruled by the Free-Masons
 business-minded, have no culture, etc. (some of these remarks were provoked by
 A.L. who mentioned that many aspects of the American way of life are strange to
 him). Only for the French politicians R.K. had some good words to say.
 Among other things R.K. mentioned also ^{on 24 Nov.} that he had talked over with some higher
 Spanish ^{Hqs'} officers a project of the training possibilities for Latvian officers in
 Spain, that the Spaniards did not exclude such possibility but were emphasizing
 that in positive case this project has to be ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ^{handled} as top secret. A.L. was
 quite surprised that R.K. came out with such sensitive matter. It might be explained
 by R.K.'s desire to obtain A.L.'s respect toward him; another explanation to R.K.'s
 frankness might be the fact that A.L. had mentioned that during the last month in
 the States he had access to some confidential materials about Latvia in Pentagon.
 (a couple weeks later A.L. asked Mr.P about this project; Mr.P doubted that R.K.
 ever had such discussions with the Spanish Hqs - more likely that R.K. had heard
 from somebody about such projects, f.i. about the talks between the Polish refugees
 and the Spaniards).

During these casual talks with R.K. the latter tried also to find out where exactly
 JOHN is working; A.L. avoided a direct answer and R.K. did not try it again.

The turning point in the relations between R.K. and A.L. came on 26 Nov., when
 A.L. mentioned that the money from LCI will ~~be~~ be sent to A.L. This fact made R.K.
 almost to explode. A.L. tried in vain to explain to R.K. that such procedure would
 be of advantage for R.K. too, that it is an unimportant and only technical question,
 that R.K. will receive ^{through A.L.} all what he needs and what has been promised to him. R.K.
 suddenly had become suspicious and taciturn. Again and again he repeated only that
 such procedure is contrary to the promise made by JOHN during their talks in July.

On Sunday, Nov.27, A.L. for the first time visited Mr.& Mrs.P at their home -
 Mrs.P had invited him on the previous day by phone. This meeting took nine hours
 and seldom had A.L. experienced such pertinent and interesting discussions. Mr.P
 participated actively in them - since he speaks fearly well English there was no
 language barrier. Both were glad to become acquainted with A.L., especially
 because R.K. had created a whole myth around A.L. - as Mrs.P told, the impression

she and her husband got from R.K. about A.L. was that the latter must be either a "spy or saboteur". They explained also in length how the Latvian broadcasts in Madrid got started and how unable R.K. had been to organize support for them. When A.L. tried to find out some prices in regard to the rent of a office room and the furnishing of it, both showed also concern as to possible savings on this post, f.i. Mrs.P. suggested that in fact there is no need to have a special office for the redactional work of the broadcasts because she was allowed by the director of the radio to work at home (the same applies to the Estonians, Lithuanians who work for the radio). As to the typewriter of R.K. which was used by Mrs.P, it came out that it is an old model and its price would be \$ 50. at most (R.K. had asked \$ 150. for it).

Next day, when A.L. talked over some of these financial matters with R.K., the latter got very angry about the suggestions of A.L. how money could be saved. During this discussion R.K. called A.L. a spy and advised him not to bother about these things; R.K. is going to organize all this and A.L. should only do the writing. A.L. protested to this, saying that he is responsible for the money of LCI, therefore has to make some observations and has to report to LCI the conditions and needs here. From this meeting A.L. got the impression that R.K. fears that A.L. could get in close contact with Mr. & Mrs.P; because of this R.K. tried to frighten A.L. but did not succeed in it.

The following day A.L. submitted to R.K. the instructive article about the Latvian communistic youth organization which should be sent to Mrs.P for the broadcasts. R.K. showed a fearful attitude as to the using of this article - he suggested that before using such writings some prominent Latvian personalities in exile should be asked about their opinion in these matters, f.i. Alfreds BĒRZINS in USA and Maj.V.HAZNERS in West Germany. A.L. remarked that it would take too long time to accomplish such consultations and that such instructive articles have been already talked over with other well qualified people in the States.

The same day, i.e. on 29 Nov., Mrs.R.K. asked A.L. by phone to have a private talk with her since her husband is not home. In this talk she tried to explain the attitude of her husband - told A.L. that he had had a nervous break-down while in Stockholm, Sweden, as official of the Latvian Legation there, because of the annexation of Latvia by USSR; that afterwards the physicians had ordered to keep him out of excitements; that in her opinion R.K. is now very upset by the troubles he has in regard to the financial support from LCI; that he likes A.L. very much but cannot agree with the proposals made by the latter; that A.L. should respect R.K. as an experienced diplomat and ardent Latvian patriot who is supported in his struggle for free Latvia by his family (in fact, both sons of R.K. do not speak Latvian and are uninterested in the Latvian cause - as observed by A.L. several weeks later). To all this A.L. replied politely but clearly that he is responsible to his organization for its money, that it would be only of advantage for R.K. not to receive money from LCI directly but through A.L., especially because of the fact that this organization is sponsored by some wealthy Americans - if it came out that R.K. receives money from American sources it could only complicate his status as a representative of Latvia. A.L., however, expressed his gratitude of the advice given him by Mrs.R.K. and his hope that R.K. will change his mind and take the things as they are. - The same night A.L. visited again Mr. & Mrs. P at home. They told him that R.K. today had visited the radio and had had a discussion with the director of the Eastern European broadcasts, Mr. Castro-Farinas; that the latter had become very angry during this talk due to some things R.K. had told him. Mr.P promised to get the full story about this from Mr. Castro Farinas, since both are school-mates and from the Canary Islands. Mr. & Mrs. P asked also about the ^{instructive} article of the Communistic Youth (A.L. had told them previously that he has prepared one but that R.K. is afraid to accept it for the broadcasts). Mr.P proposed that this article should be given directly to his wife who alone is responsible for the Latvian broadcasts. Mrs.P mentioned also that she would be glad to introduce A.L. to the director in order to get a

permit to work at the Latvian broadcasts as a speaker.

Next day R.K. invited A.L. to a talk about the latter's future activity. During this talk R.K. told A.L. that yesterday he had visited director Castro Farinas and discussed the question of A.L.'s work at the radio. R.K. said that unfortunately the director seems to have some objections as to A.L.'s direct participation at the broadcasts; that A.L. should be prepared to work at home in writing articles for a longer time. R.K. explained this attitude of the director by the assumption that Mrs.P might be against A.L. and has therefore started an intrigue at the radio in order to keep A.L. away from it. - The same night Mr.& Mrs. P ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ retold A.L. the content of R.K.'s discussion with the director on 29 Nov.: first R.K. had told the director that he is the head of the Latvian broadcasts - the director had expressed his doubts about that, showing R.K. the list of the employees of the Radio Nacional where Mrs.P is mentioned as head of the a/m broadcasts; then R.K. had mentioned that Mrs.P as a Spanish subject is not suited for the Latvian broadcasts but that R.K. has a better candidate now, i.e. A.L. This offending remark about the Spanish subject had hurt the pride of the director very much and the discussion had taken an abrupt end R.K. was asked to leave (this fact was later confirmed by A.L.'s Estonian colleagues). - Mr.& Mrs.P told A.L. that the director is boiling over now due to the tactless approach made by R.K. but that this does not apply to A.L. - on the contrary: Mr.Castro Farinas had asked that Mrs.P takes A.L. to the radio and introduces him to the director. Further the director has found the idea of the broadcast for the Latvian Communistic youth as excellent and therefore A.L. should give it to Mrs.P to be broadcast. Since this day A.L. also followed this procedure and R.K. did not get any info as to the future broadcasts.

On 2 Dec. A.L. had his first talk with Mr.Castro Farinas in the presence of Mrs.P who made the introduction. Mr.C-F asked A.L. only two questions;

- 1/ whether A.L. really is independent from R.K., and
- 2/ whether A.L. will respect Mrs.P as head of the Latvian broadcasts and is going

to collaborate with her. - When A.L. answered positively on both questions Mr.C-F expressed his pleasure to have A.L. as co-worker at the radio and ordered Mrs.P to make the necessary arrangements as to A.L.'s work as speaker there (the first day A.L. participated as speaker at the Latvian broadcasts was 6 Dec.). A couple hours later A.L., Mr.& Mrs.P had a meeting with R.K. in the latter's apartment. During this meeting A.L. explained the new situation to R.K., i.e. that the director has accepted A.L. as speaker at the radio; that the director has asked A.L. to regard Mrs.P as ~~his~~ the head of the Latvian broadcasts; that the financial support from LCI for the broadcasts will come through A.L., who will make the payments to Mr.& Mrs.P and R.K. in exchange for ~~their~~ receipts signed by them - when A.L. asked if somebody has some objections to such procedure, nobody had (Mr.& Mrs.P previously had told A.L. that they would not accept any payments from R.K.). Mr.P added also that due to the new regulations at the Radio Nacional the employees there have no rights to give the copies of the broadcasts to any unauthorized persons, i.e. that from now on R.K. will not receive anymore the ^{daily} ~~copies~~ from Mrs.P but that R.K. has the possibility to make an official request whenever ~~he~~ if he is interested to read some of them. All the talks at this meeting were very polite; A.L. stressed besides that he is a newcomer and maybe is rushing some things too fast but that he ^{is very} interested in teamwork and hopes that all persons present agree with him on that. A.L. proposed also that all four should meet once a week to talk over the program of the Latvian broadcasts (later Mr.& Mrs.P refused to have such meetings with R.K., so that they never took place). - In the evening of the same day there was a meeting at the apartment of Mr.RAUD where all the members of the Baltic broadcasts discussed the new regulations; R.K. was not invited to participate at this meeting - neither was the Estonian representative, Mr.PUSTA. - Later on the same day R.K. told A.L. that the latter has put R.K. in a unfavorable light during the meeting with Mr.& Mrs.P, telling them that Mrs.P and not R.K. is the head of the Latvian broadcasts. R.K. was quite upset and said that he still is morally responsible

for the Latvian broadcasts; that Mr.C-F is only temporarily on his post and will be soon replaced by Padre MURILLO who is on very friendly terms with R.K.; that R.K. is going to visit the director general of the Radio Nacional in order to get the things cleared up, i.e. to regain his status as the head of the Latvian broadcasts. To this A.L. remarked that this could make the things only worse. A.L. added also that Mr.C-F has told Mr.P that he is going to write a letter to the Latvian Minister in Great Britain, Mr.Kārlis ZARIŅŠ, and complain about the behavior of R.K. during the latter's meeting with him but that A.L. has urged Mr.P to deter Mr.C-F from doing so.

On 5 Dec. A.L. talked over once again the financial problems with R.K. The latter announced that he does not want money from LCI anymore but proposed that he receives honorars for his articles prepared for the broadcasts, i.e. at least one article weekly about the international political situation. When A.L. asked how about the expenses for the representation on which R.K. and JOHN had agreed during their meeting in last July, R.K. replied with indignation that he has never asked for such recompensation, in any case no amount was fixed on them. However, he added, that from now on he will write down all such expenses and present these to LCI when the final answer will be received from it. Besides, R.K. complained now and then that up to now he has received no official letter from LCI about the assignment of A.L. to Madrid and that he still is awaiting for such letter. A.L. replied that he represents LCI and that he doubts whether R.K. is going to receive such letter. A.L. promised also to repay R.K. for his typewriter the amount R.K. was asking for, i.e. \$ 150 although A.L. considers this price as too high.

Some days later A.L. had a similar talk with R.K. in which A.L. tried to explain to R.K. why he is concerned about making some savings here - that LCI has also some other fields of activities, not only the broadcasts of Madrid. To this R.K. replied that A.L. unnecessary uses LCI as a cover; that he cannot understand why the Americans do not give all the financial support which is needed here

in the same time spending huge amounts for the broadcasts from Munich, Germany. Time and time again A.L. tried to calm down R.K., promising that R.K. will get what he needs in connection with the broadcasts and emphasizing that the question about who receives the money should not be made a question of prestige. However, it did not work.

On 14 Dec. A.L. had invited Mr.C-F and Mr.& Mrs.P to a dinner. During this meeting Mr.C-F once again repeated that R.K. would have nothing to say about the Latvian broadcasts; that the only thing R.K. could do is to write features for these broadcasts but that no more than four articles of him in a month should be used. Mr.C-F was still very angry toward R.K. due to the latter's behavior - he said that he still would like to write a letter to Minister K.ZARIS in London about that. A.L., however, calmed him down, pointing out that such step could result in a common counter-move by all the Latvian diplomats; in any case it could make A.L.'s situation difficult since he as well as LCI would like to avoid all unnecessary publicity about the fact who is supporting the Latvian broadcasts in Madrid. Mr.C-F expressed also his recognition of A.L.'s work at the radio and was very displeased when A.L. told him that he intends to go back to the States in 3 or 4 month; C-F promised to do all in his power to get A.L.'s wife to Spain so that A.L. could stay here permanently.

On 17 Dec. A.L. had another talk with R.K. during which R.K. said that he wants to have his typewriter back without any recompensation, and that A.L. should stop his "investigations" on it. A couple days later, when A.L. came to R.K. to talk over the financial matters, i.e. how much R.K. wants for his features, the latter replied that he will not accept any money from A.L. since he does not know who is A.L. and what his assignment in Madrid in fact is. R.K. accused also A.L. that the latter has intrigued against him and thus has tried to hurt the good relations between R.K. and Mr.& Mrs.P. To this hypocrisy A.L. interjected that the relations were rather tense already when A.L. arrived here; that Mr.& Mrs. have complained to A.L. about R.K.'s arrogance and tactlessness

and that A.L. has done all in his power to convince Mr. & Mrs. P about the necessity to avoid all controversies among us four and to create a real teamwork. RK replied that A.L. is not telling now his the truth, i.e. that his relations with Mr. & Mrs. P have been excellent until A.L.'s arrival. At this point A.L. lost his patience and mentioned that some other people too, who had known R.K. for a long time in the past, had told A.L. that R.K. often has been arrogant toward his subordinates and that therefore A.L. should watch out in dealing with him. When R.K. said that this is a lie, A.L. remarked that this has been told him by the former minister Alfreds BĒRZIŅŠ, who should know R.K. quite well. After this discussion, which took an abrupt end, the relations between R.K. and A.L. were very tense. Nevertheless, Mrs. R.K. invited A.L. to spend the Christmas night at their home - A.L. accepted it. Though Mrs. R.K. had told that only the members of her family will be present at this party and a Latvian student Konstantins BALCDIS, there were also two other persons invited to this party - a Mr. from KUSHKA (?) and a Belgian woman. This party went on peacefully and A.L. had the opportunity to become more acquainted with the sons of R.K. (the oldest one had just arrived from Great Britain where he is studying). None of both understands Latvian and showed no interest in the Latvian cause; their thinking about the fight against Communism was quite defeatistic; on the other hand they were very smart when the talk was about money, f.i. when the prices of stamps were discussed.

On 27 Dec. A.L. had his last talk with R.K. When A.L. ~~phoned~~ asked R.K. by phone whether the latter would sign some letters ^{for co-workers} A.L. had prepared, R.K. refused to do it. His motivation was that he cannot sign such letters which contain promises about ~~future expenses~~ fees and other financial matters since he still does not have any letter about all that from LCI and cannot be sure whether such promises will be held in the future. To this A.L. replied that he as a representative of LCI takes this remark as an insult. A.L. added also that recently R.K. has insulted A.L. several times - first, calling him a spy, then a person he cannot trust and finally, in regard to the typewriter, a snooper. In doing so R.K.

has not only insulted A.L. personally, but also questioned the motives of LCI, its American supporters, further also the State Department in regard to A.L.'s documentation and finally also the respective Spanish ministry which has considered A.L. as a reliable person who is authorized to work at the radio. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Due to all this A.L. therefore expects that R.K. is going to apologize to him otherwise A.L. thinks that there is no use to continue the discussions with R.K. The latter replied that A.L. himself has acknowledged that he has some special assignment here, beside the work at the radio - that A.L. had told R.K. that he is going to send reports to USA (the implication of this was that A.L. is a spy or secret informer). To this A.L. did not answer anymore and hung up the receiver.

Since then A.L. did not meet R.K. anymore, except on two occasions at the radio (on 31 Dec. and 1 March when R.K. was invited through Mrs.P to participate in the program of the respective day; this was suggested by A.L.). Besides, during the a/m talk with R.K., A.L. mentioned also that Mr.P intends to put an announcement in the Latvian newspapers that all materials for the Latvian broadcast should be sent only to Mrs.P and also to put the things ~~xxxxright~~ straight on the question who has initiated these broadcasts and who is in fact responsible of them. It seems that this remark made a deep impression to R.K. because from then on R.K. was utmost tactful and polite toward Mr.& Mrs.P. (invited them to an after-Christmas party; asked several times Mr.P to come up for a drink etc.).

During the Christmas time A.L. spent many nights together with Mr.& Mrs.P who became very friendly to him - in fact, around 29 Dec. they proposed a "Thou-friendship" between A.L. and them, which, of course, was accepted. However, already in January there were some signs that they do not trust A.L. completely. So, f.i. Mrs.P, while rather animated at the end of some dinner, remarked that she is not so stupid as to believe that A.L. is here only to work for the radio. When A.L. asked her why has she such funny ideas, Mrs.P replied that she had observed that A.L. is very strict in regard to his writings - does not allow to change some words

in these before the broadcasts. A.L. replied that this is nonsense and was quite angry about such suspicions; later on Mrs.P tried to explain that it has been only a joke. - However, Mr.P, who is by far not as impulsive as his wife, several times, while talking with A.L., ~~xxxxxxx~~ made some remarks about Texas. Since A.L. had sent some letters and gifts during the Christmas time directly to Texas to his relatives there and since Mr.P made these remarks after that, A.L. concluded that Mr.P has some connection with the Spanish censorship. These suspicions got more ground when Mr.P mentioned in January that he is going to work half of his office hours at the main post office (otherwise he was working at the Ministry of Information at the book censorship).

On 3 January A.L. was invited to a party at Mr.& Mrs.P. The main reason was to become better acquainted with the Latvian student of medicine, Konstantins BALODIS - this party was, in fact, arranged just for him. During this party the discussions went to the politics. Mrs.P made some derogatory remarks about Amerika, i.e. the usual complaint that the States are ruled by the Jews and the Free-Masons, who are friendly toward Spain; that democracy is rotten and cannot fight successfully Communism etc. Since it was said in the presence of this young (about 22 years old) Latvian student, who intends to go to the States after graduating in medicine, A.L. started to defend the American way of life and made some comparisons as to the life in Spain. The discussion became very heated - especially Mrs.P showed a rather biased opinion in regard to all facts outside Spain. A.L. made then a mistake and started to criticize some conditions in Spain, f.i. the censorship of books, the absence of tolerance in confessional questions. It was obvious that K.BALODIS was rather glad to hear such things - since he is a Greek-Orthodox, he felt about the same way and remarked that a pressure has been applied on him at the university to convert him to Catholicism although without success.

Despite of this, the relations between Mr.& Mrs.P remained still friendly - both were helpful and tried still to convince A.L. to stay in Spain permanently.

Mrs.P. mentioned several times that she is very glad to have A.L. as co-worker; that it will be very hard for her to have another person, i.e. A.L.'s successor, here since she is very shy and reserved toward new acquaintances - gets really sick for a time when she has to go out to a party where strange people are present. Mr.P. on the other ^{hand} ~~side~~ tried to convince A.L. that Spain is the best country for Latvian refugees etc. When A.L. always gave evasive answers to this but later flatly rejected this idea, Mr.& Mrs.P. showed a more formal attitude toward him. Since A.L. had interrupted all connections with R.K. but it could be assumed that R.K. will try to work behind the scenes against him, Mr.P. as well as Mr.C-F and Mr.RAUD suggested that an explanation of the present situation should be given to the Latvian emigrants as a whole; Mr. RAUD suggested that the best way to do it would be through a interview for some Latvian newspaper; Mr.C-F agreed to become interviewed. The respective questions were prepared by Mr.& Mrs.P. together with A.L. On 11 Jan. the interview took place - the answers given by Mr.C-F were genuine and much more frank than these which appeared in "Latvijs (Vācija)" on 4 February, f.i. Mr.C-F told that no diplomats would be allowed to interfere with the broadcasts of the Radio Nacional (this answer was an obvious hint to R.K.). Mrs.P, however, when translating this interview from Spanish to Latvian, omitted this part of the answer, mentioning only that no interference ^{political} by _{parties}, groups or persons will be permitted. Further Mr.C-F indicated in his answers also that a Latvian born lady is the head of the Latvian broadcasts but Mrs.P changed it in such a manner that only a Latvian born redactor was mentioned, not giving the sex. It took also almost two weeks before Mrs.P sent this interview to Mr.P.KOVALEVSKIS, the editor-in-chief of "Latvijs (Vācija)" - for some reasons she wanted to delay its publication. On 6 or 7 Febr. R.K. received the 4 Febr.issue of "Latvijs", containing this interview; on 7 Febr. he asked Mr.P to visit him. Afterwards Mr.P retold A.L. what R.K. had told him during this meeting. The main topic had been just this interview - R.K. wanted to know who had written it but Mr.P pretended to know nothing about it. In general R.K. was very upset about two things in

this interview. First, that some Latvian refugees (and not R.K.) had suggested to start these broadcasts in Latvian, and secondly, that responsible for these broadcasts is a person of Latvian origin. As to the latter, R.K. had tried hard to find out whether this applies to A.L. (the text implicated that the person in charge of the Latvian broadcasts is a man). In this connection R.K. had tried to make Mr.P. suspicious against A.L. as to the latter's intentions - R.K. had told Mr.P that he has received info from the States that A.L. has sent letters to US boasting that he, i.e. A.L. is the real boss of these broadcasts not Mrs.P (besides, A.L. has never written such things). Beside of that R.K. had several times during this meeting showed that he is very concerned about the money - Mr.P told A.L. that it was quite disgusting to see how eager R.K. is in this aspect - and had asked whether Mrs.P receives really financial support from the States, whether she receives it regularly etc. R.K. had told Mr.P also that Major HAZNERS has written him from Germany, asking what to do with a letter received from Mr.P (in this letter Mr.P was proposing to Maj.H to participate with writings in the Latvian broadcasts). On all these questions Mr.P had shown "baby face" - as he told A.L. - pretending that he does not know anything about this interview and that his wife does not tell him much about the work at the radio. Only when talking about the publicity in regard to these broadcasts, Mr.P had remarked that R.K. himself had previously made some unnecessary publications in the newspapers and by doing so has revealed also that Mrs.P is participating on ~~thm~~ the broadcasts; that this was done without the consent of Mrs.P.

Since the news from LOI was indicating that R.K. is intriguing behind the scenes, A.L. tried to find out more facts about the background of R.K. In this connection A.L. had a talk with Mr.RAUD on 17 Febr. at his apartment. The main question was whether R.K. is under British control. Mr.RAUD denied it - told that R.K. was known in London as a person who is anti-British. Mr.RAUD mentioned that now and then a higher officer of the British intelligence is coming over to Spain and contacting many persons working at the Radio Nacional, i.e. aliens, not

Spaniards, but that this man does not contact R.K. considering him a fool. Mr. RAUD emphasized also that R.K. has shown his complete inability to organize the Latvian broadcasts; that in fact these have been almost a scandal for the first nine months; that Mrs.P had also no experience in propaganda matters but that she at least had worked tirelessly to get them better.

When Mrs.P was asked by A.L. about the political affiliations of R.K., she mentioned two facts; first - her acquaintance for many years, Mr. Jānis KĀRKLIŅŠ from Stockholm, Sweden, while visiting her during summer 1955 in Madrid, had told her that R.K. in fact is paid by the Brits. Secondly, Mrs.P recalled an article prepared by R.K. for the broadcasts where he praised the Latvian Catholic Democrat Party, indicating that he himself is a member of that party (as a funny thing in this article Mrs.P recalled that it was concluded by the phrase that there are some other political parties of the Latvians in exile too; thus it was implicated that the main party is the a/m - which is not true).

Later, when A.L. became acquainted with Mrs.L.BARNES, the latter mentioned that R.K. is a bad representative of Latvia in Spain - shows no initiative, is influenced by his wife whose only interest is to stroll around to the parties.

Once, when A.L. asked Mr.C-F about the possibility that R.K. could convince some higher Spanish officials that he should be the real boss of the broadcasts, Mr.C-F laughed at such idea - he mentioned that, f.i. the Director General, Senor ALONSO, had not replied to R.K.'s Christmas greetings and that this fact means in the diplomatic language that Senor ALONSO despises R.K. Mr.C-F emphasized also that in case R.K. would have something to say about the Latvian broadcasts, he, Mr.C-F would immediately resign from his post. Besides, Mr.C-F had proposed to Mr.P that he is ready to write a letter to A.L.'s organization in order to counter the behind-the-scenes moves of R.K. (A.L. had previously told Mr.P that R.K. is making trouble by his letters in the States), i.e. to declare officially that A.L. is proceeding in his work in full agreement with ~~with~~ the Spanish authorities. A.L. wrote about this proposal in his letter to LCI on 15 Jan.;

although Mr. P had asked A.L. to suggest such move by LCI already during a meeting on Jan.9, A.L. wanted to be sure whether R.K. in fact is making some troubles. When this suggestion was rejected by LCI in its letter of 20 Jan. and A.L. made the answer known to Mr.P, the latter was quite surprised - apparently it became obvious to him that A.L. has not the full backing from his organization.

When LCI in its 23 Jan. letter proposed that A.L. stays permanently in Madrid, the situation changed radically. It became clear to A.L. that the question of his successor is far from being solved. On the other hand A.L. knew too well that his wife would take some drastic steps if A.L. would not come back to the States as promised, i.e. at the end of February or the beginning of March - as he had promised. Since Mr.& Mrs.P, even Mr.C-F had several times emphasized that it is out of question that A.L. leaves after 3-4 month and that he should stay here at least for a year or two, A.L. decided to change his friendly attitude toward Mr.& Mrs.P to a more official one. From the letters of his wife A.L. saw that something has happened with her which has upset her very much (only on 14 April A.L. found out what had happened and that his assumption had been right - but this is his private matter, not to be told here). All this irritated A.L. very much and his relations with Mr.& Mrs. P became tense. For the first time A.L. and Mrs.P had some quarrels ~~xxxx~~^{about} the program because A.L. now tried to find out what would happen to his successor if he would try to play the role of a boss. The conclusion: Mrs.P can be very stubborn and difficult to work with if somebody does not try to convince her about some matter but instead is giving her directives. At the same time A.L. remarked to Mr.P that in his opinion it would not be right that Mrs.P remains the boss of the Latvian broadcasts when A.L.'s successor arrives - that a man may become irritated in the long run if his boss is a woman; thus, in A.L.'s opinion it would be better that Mr.P becomes nominally the head of the Latvian broadcasts with Mrs.P and A.L.'s successor working under him as ^a team. This suggestion did not impress Mr.P - he stressed that his wife is very co-operative and would never overplay her role as the boss. About a month later A.L. made

the same suggestion to Mr.C-F when talking about A.L.'s prospective successor. Mr.C-F was rather surprised about such proposal, i.e. to have a man, not a woman as the head of the Latvian broadcasts. He remarked that Mrs.P had done a good job while working for 9 month alone. To this A.L. replied that, although Mrs.P had been very diligent during this time, the broadcasts were on a very low level. This was a still greater surprise to Mr.C-F - he tried to object to this but when A.L. asked him whether he understands Latvian and therefore is able to judge these broadcasts from the Latvian viewpoint, Mr.C-F got thoughtful. Because of some later remarks by Mr.C-F, A.L. got the impression that Mr.C-F too agrees with A.L. as to the unsuitability of having Mrs.P as the boss. When, f.i. A.L. asked Mr.C-F whether Mrs.P should get a higher salary or not from LCI, Mr.C-F first asked how much does she receive now and then replied that it is completely enough, i.e. \$ 50. a month (this discussion occurred during the party of the first anniversary of the Latvian and Estonian broadcasts on 6 March at Mr. & Mrs. RAUD).

Since at the beginning of January Mr.C-F had proudly announced that A.L. should receive the usual salary from the Radio Nacional, i.e. 1000 pesetas a month, but when on the payday in February it came out that the order of Mr.C-F still needs to be accepted on some higher echelon, A.L. asked Mr.C-F how the situation would be for his successor. Mr.C-F promised that in that case it will be certain that A.L.'s successor is going to receive this salary as a permanent worker at the radio, like all the ~~other~~ workers from other nations, i.e. 1000 pesetas a month.

Meanwhile A.L. became acquainted more closely with Mr.Leo KUUS - the youngest of the Estonian staff. It came out that Mr.L.K. has about the same background from the States, i.e. has lived for some years in Washington, D.C.; some remarks showed that he could have been employed there by our Bureau, f.i. he asked whether A.L. knows one Dimitry LEWITZKY; whether Mr.PEAK works for the CIA . On 14/15 Jan. A.L. made a trip to the mountains together with Mr.L.K. During this trip the latter told A.L. that there exists a censorship for the letters of aliens in

Spain and that one Estonian, a linguist who knows 7 or 8 languages, also Latvian, is working there. In general Mr.L.K. was always very helpful and co-operative toward A.L., showed a great understanding of A.L.'s troubles; he was also the first person to whom A.L. mentioned his suspicions about the shadowing by the Spaniards; however, it was difficult for A.L. to convince Mr.L.K. that this is true - the latter thought that A.L. is exaggerating. On the other hand Mr.L.K. was also concerned about his documentation as a permanent resident of the States, not yet a citizen. He wanted to go back to the States in the spring of 1957; in case something went wrong he had decided better ^{to} go illegally to West Germany than to stay in Spain.

Besides, Mrs.P had received as Christmas gift from Mr.Janis KÄRKLIŅŠ in Sweden the book "Ajurjonga" (translation from Latvian to English). Since her husband, Mr.P had read it and found it excellent, even worth to translate it in Spanish, A.L. got the idea to give this book to Miss Ava GARDNER in order to convince her about the suitability of this book for a movie script. To be sure that he is right, A.L. gave this book also to some American girl who was studying in Madrid, Miss Patricia Iru (A.L. was living ^{during December} at the same apartment where she lived). In this connection A.L. had two dates with her in a cafe. During the second date A.L. asked her also to write the address of the P.O.Box in Hyattsville on the envelope of the letter in which he sent his true address report card to the States (A.L. gave her a plausible explanation why he needs an other handwriting). During these dates A.L. for the first time in Madrid got the impression that he was under surveillance - if it was true it might explain why the Spanish authorities thought that A.L. has something to do with the student riots.

These riots culminated in Madrid on 9 February. A day or two afterwards Mr.P asked A.L. by the way if the latter has ever been in the Student University area. When A.L. wanted to know more about the riots, Mr.P first explained them by the Communist infiltration among the students, later tried to create the impression that in reality the trouble started because of the antagonism between

two fellow students. Mrs.P on the other hand always stressed that these riots are surely provoked by some Communistic youth and were directed from Paris, France; by the way she asked whether A.L. has ever been in Paris.

The first unmistakable sign that A.L. has aroused the suspicion of the Spaniards against him occured in the dining room of the Radio Nacional where A.L. often went to have a lunch since it was very cheap there. The people there were almost only the Spanish employees of the Radio Nacional; they were polite and friendly toward A.L. but since they spoke only Spanish there was no closer contact between them and A.L. Their attitude changed, however, radically, after the following happening:

On 10 Mar Febr., i.e. one day after the student riots, A.L. had his lunch at the a/m dining room. The Spaniards were very upset about the riots and there was a heated discussion as to the cause of the students' unrest. As far as A.L. could understand the debate, the majority of the Spaniards present were sympathetic to the rioters and defending their rights - of the 6 or 7 Spaniards only one was asking for punishment. Next day A.L. encountered Mr.P and asked him about the cause of the riots. When Mr.P came out with the explanation that these have been inspired by the Communists, A.L. mentioned that some Spaniards have another explanation, i.e. that the riots were started by liberally-minded students who love the freedom. Mr.P became quite angry about such explanation and doubted whether any honest Spaniard could think so. Then A.L. made the great mistake and mentioned what he had heard the previous day in the dining room. The next time when A.L. arrived in the dining room the attitude of the Spaniards there was changed - they were unusally silent and a young Spaniard, who never before was seen there, took place at A.L.'s table (and continued to do so the next 2 or 3 times A.L. went there). When A.L. continued to go to this dining room, he observed that the Spaniards there in their conversations are trying to insult A.L. - there were remarks that one has to be careful not to speak up in the presence of " this boy "; that some "Americanos" are spying around here -

since they are well-off why should some of them come to this cheap place otherwise; that it is a scandal that "this person" has the nerve to appear here ; that " he" is a very hard-boiled person if "he" can stay so calm and have his meal here despite the fiendly atmosphere here etc.

First A.L. tried to blame his bad Spanish and thought that he might misunderstand some of the conversations of the Spaniards. However, during the next times he observed that the Spaniards got even more mad about his appearance there - they started to talk about A.L.'s troubles with his landlady (on 9 February A.L. let her know that he is moving out on 1 March since the rent is too high for him; in reality A.L. decided to move out because of the too obvious attempt of his landlady to come on intimate terms with him), mentioning some facts about his behavior, f.i. that "he" must be perverse since not responding a woman, that "he" refuses to pay the rent but at the same time spends 1000 pesetas a week (what was true), etc. In order to calm the Spaniards down, A.L. did not go to the a/m dining room anymore, having his meals at his favorite inns not far from his home. However, there the situation was the same - usually some gang of 3-6 young persons took the place not far from A.L.'s table and started a very noisy discussion - never about politics but usually laughing at somebody not present at their table (though sometimes making a gesture in A.L.'s direction). So it went on until A.L.'s departure, i.e. almost for a month although A.L. tried to change the inns, sometimes choosing quite expensive restaurants in order to have his meals undisturbed. Also later, i.e. the last week in Madrid, when A.L. took his meals in the Hotel Emperatriz where he lived since 1 March, the situation was the same only with the difference that here there were very distinguished looking persons, apparently not Spaniards but British (spoke with a clear British accent but the content of their talks was the same).