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Date: 6 July 1957

TO : Chief, Security Support Division

ATTN : []

FROM : Interrogation Research Division

SUBJECT: S.F.# 46004

IRD# 24500

REPORT OF INTERVIEW

1. Subject of this report is a thirty-eight year old married male currently being utilized by this Agency in a covert capacity. Subject is a naturalized United States citizen.

2. Subject was afforded a technical interview on 1 July 1957 at a covert location in Washington, D. C., at the request of [] Chief SR/2.

3. Following are the questions asked Subject, his answers, and any noteworthy comments made by Subject:

16. Have you ever been a member of any Communist Party?

Answer: No.

18. Other than discussed, have you ever participated in any Communist activity?

Answer: No.

This question was qualified because Subject stated during pre-polygraph interview that in 1940-1941, he was a member of the editorial staff of the Communist professional organization, Professional Students Organization for the Academy of Agriculture. Subject stated that he was in the cultural and propaganda activities section in Latvia and that he edited pro-Communist posters. Subject stated that he participated in these Communist activities because they provided a good cover for his anti-Soviet activities, and he was told to do so by his superior, Janis GRESTE (NR IRD).

19. Have you ever been sympathetic to Communism?

Answer: No.

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- 20a. To your knowledge, other than discussed, are any of your relatives or close friends members of the Communist Party?

Answer: No.

This question was qualified because Subject stated that a cousin, Julijs OZOLINS (NR IRD) residing near Riga, Latvia, is believed to be working for the Russian MVD.

21. Other than discussed have you ever worked in any capacity for foreign government?

Answer: No.

22. Other than discussed, have you ever been asked to work for foreign intelligence organization?

Answer: No.

- 22a. Other than discussed, have you ever worked for foreign intelligence organization?

Answer: No.

The above three questions were qualified because during pre-polygraph interview, Subject stated that from October 1941 to March 1943, he worked for the Latvian Card Index, which was supported by the German SD. Subject stated that the Germans paid the salaries but that this was not a part of the German SD. He further stated that his duties were investigations and reporting. Subject stated that at the time he was actually working against the Germans while working for them.

In the spring of 1942, Subject stated that he penetrated the secret files of the German SD and had access to them for approximately 3 months. He reported information obtained from the files to his immediate superior in the Latvian Card Index. Subject asked for a transfer because he thought his position was becoming too risky.

Subject stated that in 1940 and 1941, he belonged to the anti-Soviet underground group in Latvia and was engaged in collecting information about the enemy and distributing leaflets.

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At the same time Subject stated that in 1944-1945 he was a member of the Headquarters of the Anti-Bolshevik Partisans, an anti-Soviet organization first located in Riga and then in Kuldiga, Latvia. Subject stated that he was one of the organizers of this group which was supported by the German Abwehr, and because the Germans were withdrawing during this period they more or less had a free hand in their activities. Subject became the Deputy Chief of the Political Division. After April of 1945 this group became known as the Latvian National Partisan Organization. On 30 October 1945, Subject stated that he escaped to Sweden and attempted to carry on the organization's business there without success.

In Sweden, Subject was in the SC group (the communications center or Scandinavian center) from 1947 or 1948 until August of 1952. Subject stated that he contacted foreign intelligence services in order to arrange support for Partisan underground members in Latvia. Subject stated that he contacted, during this period, the British and Danish Intelligence Services. In 1949 Subject was recruited by the Swedish Army Intelligence for a secret mission and received some intelligence training from them. Subject stated that he did not go on this secret mission and his last contact with them was in April of 1950.

Subject stated that around February of 1950 the British proposed that the SC group should work for the British Intelligence. This proposal was rejected because the group wanted to search for assistance everywhere and remain free in their activities. Subject stated that he did cooperate with the British in passing messages to Latvia and actually sold them a document with a signal plan of the National Underground Group in Latvia, called the Waldermars. Subject stated that during this period he was actually a member of the SC group and the British reimbursed him on two occasions for travelling expenses incurred while cooperating with them.

Subject stated that in June or July of 1950, Officers of the Danish Intelligence proposed that Subject work for them. Subject stated that initially he agreed to go through their training in order to go to Latvia in the next year. This training should have commenced around October of 1950, but Subject withdrew his offer in September of 1950. Subject stated that he had contacted these Danish officers on approximately two or three occasions during this summer.

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23. Other than SKOBE and LUKINS, are you acquainted with anyone working for any other intelligence organization?

Answer: No.

This question was qualified because Subject identified Elmars SKOBE as residing in Toronto, Canada and having formerly worked for the British Intelligence. SKOBE was a former associate and friend of Subject and is now a student of dentistry. Subject stated that there is almost no contact now.

Janis LUKINS (NR IRD) was described as a close friend and correspondent of Subject, who is working for the Pan American Airways in Stockholm, Sweden. Subject stated that he maybe working for the Swedish Intelligence or the American Intelligence.

24. Other than discussed, do you maintain a current association with anyone residing in a foreign country?

Answer: No..

This question was qualified because Subject stated that he corresponds with his parents in Latvia through his sister, Ingrida VIETOLS (NR IRD) who is living in Anstralia. Subject stated that he also corresponds with Ragnija JANSONS (NR IRD), a pharmacy clerk in Riga, Latvia, through her mother, Mrs. Beata ~~Salite~~ ^G of Toronto, Canada.

Subject stated that he also corresponds with friends in Australia and Sweden.

- 24b. Are you attempting to conceal any close associations with anyone in a foreign country?

Answer: No.

30. Were you a member of an anti-Soviet group in 1940?

Answer: Yes.

- 30a. Did you penetrate the German SD?

Answer: Yes.

- 29a. Are you now working for any other intelligence organization?

Answer: No.

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29b. Have you ever been an agent for French Intelligence?

Answer: No.

29c-1. Other than discussed, have you ever been an agent for German Intelligence?

Answer: No.

This question was qualified because of Subject's connection with the Latvian Card Index as previously noted.

29e. Have you ever been an agent for Russian Intelligence Service?

Answer: No.

29f. Have you ever been an agent for Danish Intelligence?

Answer: No.

29g. Other than discussed, have you ever been an agent for the Swedish Intelligence?

Answer: No.

This question was qualified because of the information previously related by Subject.

25. Other than discussed, have you ever been known by another name unknown to us?

Answer: No.

This question was qualified during pre-polygraph interview because Subject stated that in Sweden in 1945-1946 he used the name A. GANGIS (NI IRD) or Jakobs GANGIS (HRIRD). Since February of 1957, Subject stated that he has been using the pen name WIDZEMIERIS.

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26. Have you attempted to hide any of your personal history?

Answer: No.

28a. Has anyone ever approached you for blackmail purposes?

Answer: No.

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- (1) Other than discussed, have you ever been arrested?

Answer: No.

The question was qualified because, during pre-polygraph interview, Subject stated that in March of 1943 in Riga, Latvia, he was arrested by the German SD for sabotaging the German war machine as a member of the Latvian Nationalist Group. Subject stated that altogether forty persons were arrested and the Germans tried, by intimidation practices, to get Subject to not oppose the German forces. Subject was released on 24 December 1943 because the situation had changed and the Germans then wanted to collaborate with Latvian nationalists. Subject stated that he was detained in Riga and Vladimir, Latvia.

Subject stated that in April of 1957, he was arrested in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on suspicion of being a Communist agent. Subject stated that he was on official business at this time and was trying to contact one Edgars or Edward BURJINS (NR IRD). Subject stated that BURJINS probably called the police and accused Subject of being a Communist agent because shortly after Subject's arrival at BURJINS' apartment the police arrived and arrested Subject. Subject stated that he told the police he was working for the US Army and after being detained for approximately six hours, his release was arranged by a CIC officer. Subject does not remember this officer's name but believes it to be HEGER or HAUSER (phonetic).

- (2) Have you ever committed any major crimes?

Answer: No.

Subject responded to this question and when confronted with this response, he stated that on 24 June 1945 he shot and killed an MVD agent in Latvia during the time he was a member of the National Latvian Partisan Organisation. Subject stated that this MVD agent had informed the MVD about certain Latvian nationalists who had collaborated with the Germans, and, in Subject's opinion, this evidence was enough to warrant his "execution." Subject stated that he did not remember this agent's name and described him as "Evan of the Ukraine."

The question was subsequently qualified.

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(4) Have you ever engaged in sexual activity with another man or boy?

Answer: No.

(6) Have you ever used any narcotics?

Answer: No.

CONCLUSION

Based on Subject's polygraph charts there were no consistent emotional disturbances indicative of deception to the above questions. It is the opinion of this examiner that Subject has been substantially truthful during his tests.

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