

*File LAUNAGS
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Contact Report:

Subject: Freds LAUNAGS
To: Paul
From: []

On 26. Jan. I contacted FRED's former landlady Ksenija BRANTE who explained why she terminated the accommodations for Fred. 1. He usually used the whole apartment not his room; 2. He spent most of the time in the kitchen and sometimes taking food from other shelves; 3. Used telephone not only for local, but also for long distance calls, ^{for} which he did not reimburse; ^{her}
4. Was afraid FREDS could chase the other tenants away.

In discussing the FBI caller, BRANTE thinks that the caller might be FRED himself, in order to scare her ^{off and out} ~~for~~ asking him to leave her house.

Toward 18:00 hrs. I went to Fred's new place at 202 W.107 Street, Apt.5E (Phone: MO-31097). The Landlord is a bachelor piano accompanist. FRED was not home, but ^I told the landlord that I shall call Fred in the evening.

Then I visited the SMITS and disvussed FRED and we agreed to invite him for dinner in order to talk him into some kind of a medical treatment. The SMITS are FRED's only friends in NYC whom he trusts.

Thursday, 27 January I picked up FREDS from his place and since he was hungry I treated him ^{to} ~~with~~ breakfast. We concluded that the unemployment checks will not continue to come and his only possible move is the previously discussed hospitalization and the following rehabilitation program, at the Brooklyn State Hospital. FRED ~~was~~ agreed to that, but wanted to discuss the whole matter with the SMITS. His room was paid until 2 Feb. and ^{he} had about ^{one} dollar on hand. Later in the evening FRED revealed that he is frightened from the electric shocks. He claimed that the ones he received in Washington

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have resulted in his present state of mind: loss of memory; seeing things which are not existing etc. After talking the things over and over again for 5 1/2 hrs FRed finally agreed to enter the Hospital the next morning. But before doing so, he would like to talk to Dr. [] ^{about} the therapy and the rehabilitation program. On 28 Jan. I went to Brooklyn to fill in Dr [] Practically it turned out, that we will not be able to sign FRED into the Hospital until Monday 31 January. During the weekends the Hospital takes only emergency cases. Further Dr [] did not agree for a special meeting but suggested to come Monday straight to the Hospital where he would arrange with other doctors to discuss the matter and sign ^{him} in right after the discussions. Until Monday I had to furnish FRED with a Brooklyn address which he should use filling out the application.

I went back to see FREDs again. I told him about [] and also that he said that the shocks are administrated waly in extreme cases. Even though he- FREDs- in such case should give his consent, sance he does not have relatives to sign the auctorization. This satisfied him and we discussed to whom we are going to leave his belongings. Then FREDs told me that on Saturday he will go to see his minister Rev. OZOLS and discuss his matter with him. On Saturday morning I briefed Rev. OZOLS about the situation and as far as I heard from FRED later, OZOLS encouraged him to go into the Hospital.

On Sunday Jan. 30 I went to ^{fictive} Rev. ZARINS to obtain the address. ZARINS agreed to use the address of the Latvian Lutheran Home in Brooklyn, but as it later turned out, this was not close enough to the Hospital. Then I visited a friend, Uldis GRAVA, who lived close to the Hospital and he agreed to let us use his address - 101 Lenox Road.

On Monday morning early I picked up FRED but he had made up his mind to

to see once more the unemployment office and to inquire about his payments. After a two hour wait in line he was told, that another check is on its way. This fact immediately changed FRED attitude. Now he asked me to drive him to several places where could find employment. I did so, but naturally no one hired him. He became more and more certain, that he will find a job because he now has another week to go. It did not change his mind when I told him that he will need some money in the hospital etc. So the time had come to drive to the hospital/ At a prearranged time Dr. [] received us at the Hospital with two other doctors. Fred asked the questions and the answers satisfied him, but he refused to be admitted in the Hospital immediately. He had another week to go and he said that he will come back in a week. (how to fill out the application forms) We showed him what he has to do, because he will be alone, he was very much interested in the rehabilitation program and we all had such a feeling, that once he will be left without a financial support, he will seek for help in the hospital, but not sooner.

At the hospital he learned that Mrs. SMITS had called to let him - FRED know that a court order has arrived at SMITS residence from the ESSO Co for FRED's unpaid balance of 200.- dollars. This also did not show any effect. When I departed FRED said that he is confident that he will find a job in a weeks time, since from now on he will spent all day for the task. And he further said, that he has a good feeling that ~~XXX~~ now he has a place to go, if nothing works.