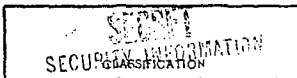


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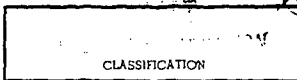
SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/Redsox/AECCE
SPECIFIC Request for Traces on Viktors PORMANS

1. The following derogatory information regarding the subject has been received from a usually reliable source:

- a. Subject was ousted from the Latvian student fraternity Lettonija for the rest of his life because of his unjustifiable behavior during the Soviet occupation of Latvia (1940-1941)."
- b. He immigrated to the United States (probably from Germany) prior to the passage of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 and settled in Detroit where he is alleged to have resided with some old Latvian immigrants who were "somewhat red".
- c. When many Latvians began to immigrate to the U.S. under the auspices of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, the subject desired to become active in the social welfare field and aid these displaced persons. However, when these displaced persons became aware of who their helper was to be, they completely ignored any possible assistance that he had to offer.
- d. My source has had several discussions with various members of the fraternity Lettonija. These discussions brought out a very negative attitude toward the subject and the allegation that the subject had been a Soviet informant during the Soviet occupation of Latvia; moreover, other Lettonija members feel that it is not impossible for subject to be in the Soviet service today.

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9. There are rumors circulating among Latvian displaced persons that subject--during his stay in Germany as a displaced person--was an informant for officers of the Russian Repatriation Mission in the Stuttgart and Esslingen area.

2. Source has furnished the following biographic data on subject: he is between 33 and 35 years old; has graduated from the First (or Second) Riga High School; studied jurisprudence at the University of Latvia. In 1936 in Berlin he had taken part in the Olympics in the so-called "Youth Sportist Group". (While there the subject was suspected of having misappropriated funds.) At the present time subject allegedly resides at 2801 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Since 1952 there appeared advertisements in various Latvian newspapers to the effect that subject is employed by the American Security and Trust Company, Pennsylvania Avenue and 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

3. There are rumors circulating among Latvians in Detroit that the subject had attended some sort of an ODERNY school and upon graduation had been assigned to Washington, D.C., allegedly in the service of ODERNY.

4. It is requested that the files of ODERPAL, the German police and all appropriate KUBARK components in Germany be checked; Headquarters will request the Berlin Station to make a Berlin Document Center check.

5. In case further substantiating derogatory information should be uncovered in the course of these traces, it is requested that summaries be cabled to Headquarters. However, in case of negative checks we see no need for cabling and would appreciate such traces by dispatch.

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