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Dear Herta.

I received your letter dated April 30 on May 15. I am happy to hear that you are healthy and are preparing to take a vacation. I therefore don't know just when you will receive this letter. I also received a letter after a long wait from the old seaman Kocinš Janka. I also received a short card from ^{BIVINS} Felas in the same way. Fela was preparing to move to another address so that now I do not know where to write to her. I would be able to relate a thing or two to her concerning her relatives. I have visited her old mother and her sister on a few occasions. They are getting along comparatively well. I lack recent news from ^{PERSONS} Lilija, however. She left on an assignment of long duration some time ago and has evidently decided to remain there for an extended stay. When ^{BIVINS} Fela writes me with her new address; I hope by that time I will be able to have some further information. It is well that her mother is healthy. Let it be then as you suggested Herta, let their closer relatives who are living nearby give them material support. If you see however that they ~~XXXX~~ are starting to forget them, help them yourself. However it will be possible, surely someday we will be able to straighten out our accounts so that neither one of us will be in the others debts. Perhaps you could send some items of food or clothing, but I do not know

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just how you would manage that. If there are any means by which this could be done please notify me.

Your friend Ilmara is also getting along comparatively well but she is surprised that she has received no news from Egons or Evalds.

Ilmara is preparing to spend the summer somewhere in Lielupe resting. She has always been fond of the water sports since her youth. I meet Ilmara quite frequently and spend much time reminiscing about our old former friends always mentioning you. Do not fret yourself about your old aunts Minna and Annina. They are getting along alright.

Arturs also promised to visit them. If you should meet the old janitor (dvorniks) Kostja greet him very cordially.

I have met his mother although it was more than a year ago.

I met her on a street and was only able to have a short conversation. Extend greetings from our side to all our former schoolmates. All of us who are still here are living and working for the future just as before.

This year in the early spring, we buried Erglis old father. Likewise in the fall, Pensons. Everybodys time arrives someday. Fricis Zalaislauks is still the same as ever- he is still ready to believe in all sorts of absurdities etc. It would certainly be fine if your son Zifgfrids would be able to spend his school vacation in his fatherlands forests, but you have it very comfortable and pleasant where you are right now.

I am certainly surprised about your fiancee Verners,

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how could he be so unfaithful. Ilmara also sends him her greetings. It may still happen that in your old age your finacee can be stolen from you. In case you meet Verners give my best regars, atleast from Ilamaras. What else can I tell you? With me personally itsall the same. I feel now quite good and hope the old sickness will not return so that I ll be able to live for quite a while. My job health-wise is quite convenient. Almost all the time I am outdoors especially in summer when such traveling is rather pleasant. Very rarely do I have to sit in one and the same place. I wish and all other friends a happy Whitesuntide. Janka Kocins writes that he has visited aunt Augustina. Write to him and send my and Ilmaras best regards. Ilmara would have written to him, but she does not know his adress. I wait for a letter from all of you.

With best regards

yours

Janka.

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Letter No. 1 -- From Janis Linis to Albins Sietinsons.

The Kocins Janka referred to in text is Janis Ozols, former SD agent and co-worker of Linis now living in Canada. The Ilmara referred to is Ilmars Rupners, a former SD agent, now in Latvia. The phrase "We are working for the future just as before" apparently indicates a continuing clandestine activity. The reference to Zigfrids apparently constitutes an invitation for the dispatch of a REDSOX agent, inasmuch as Z. is presently residing in the U.S. The Verners referred to apparently is the same Verner who was the German case officer running the network during 1940/41. Aunt Augustina is presumably Gustavs Celmins, former prominent member of the Swastika League in Latvia, now residing in the U.S.

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