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24 February 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Counter-Intelligence Staff
Attention: CI/BPB

SUBJECT : Herberts ZAGARS

1. It is requested that Operational Clearance be granted Herberts ZAGARS for employment in Germany as a spotter and developer of REDSKIN leads under Project AECHAMP/FI.

2. It is also requested that Provisional Operational Clearance be granted to contact ZAGARS in order to assess him for this position.

3. PRQ Part I is attached. PRQ Part II will be submitted after the initial contact.

4. RI traces reveal no derogatory information. Green List and field traces are being made.

5. Further inquiries should be directed to
Room 2607 J Building, extension 8546.

Chief, SR/z

Attachment
PRQ Part I (in dup)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2D
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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PERSONAL RECORD QUESTIONNAIRE

PART I - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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- Instruction: 1. Write clearly.
 2. Answer all questions completely. If question does not apply, write "not applicable"
 3. Attach blank pages if additional space is needed.

1. Full Name Herberts ZAGARS
 First Middle Last
2. Name in native script ZĀGARS
3. Name at birth (if different from 1.) _____
4. Aliases, nicknames, legal changes (State briefly time, reason and place of use.) Among friends called "Herbis" (abbreviation from Herberts) and "Garais" (The Long One)
5. a. Date of birth 9 April 1912 b. Place of birth Valmiera, Latvia
6. Present citizenship, race if appropriate Latvian, white race
7. Nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities (if different from 6.) Latvian
8. Present residence (Owner, tenant, sub-tenant.) tenant in a refugee camp: Augustdorf/Detmold, Westfalen, Germany, Wohnlager, Bl.9
9. Permanent address (if different from 8.) _____
10. Present occupation (full title, salary etc.) none, receives rent from the German state as a war invalid.
11. Naturalization of subject or of close relatives in the United States.
 (Give date and name in which certificate granted.) Brother Valdemars ZAGARS, born Dec. 22, 1904, professor of Economics, US citizen since about 1953
12. Relatives, friends, correspondents in United States. (Explain relationship) Brother Valdemars ZAGARS, see above; resides in New York, NY; a friend from the time during the war Karlis KUZULIS with wife Bronislava, both immigrants ab. 1950, residing in New York 9249 168th Place, Jamaica 32, NY well acquainted with former Minister Alfreds BERZINS, Committee for Free Europe, N.Y.

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18. Relatives in service of any government, names and positions held.
Brother Valdemars ZAGARS a professor of economics in some institution in New York, no definite information.
19. List all official identity papers held with dates, numbers, place of issue and duration of validity.
Latvian Foreign Passport ("Latvijas arzemju pase") and probably German identity card.
20. Religion - degree practiced, membership in religious orders
Ev. Lutheran
21. Present and past political affiliations - Member of the Latvian Veterans' Association "Daugavas Vanagi"; sympatizes with Mr. Alfreds BERZINS, who is known as representing Agrarian Party of Latvia; foe of Dr. Alfr. Valdmanis.
22. Travel outside country of present residence - country, dates, purpose, people and firms visited - Visited England as representative of the newspaper "Latvija" then in 1952/53; visited US (family Kuzulis, see above) from Jan. 1954 to Sept. 1954.
23. Education - school, location, course, degree, dates
Graduated from school in Valmiera, Latvia; studied economics at the University of Latvia in Riga, not graduated/studied also law there, not graduated.
24. Languages and dialects (indicate proficiency as good, fair, poor.)
Language Latvian Speak good Read good Understand good
Language German Speak good Read good Understand good
Language English Speak fair Read fair Understand fair

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29. (Continued)

30. Has subject done any writing? Give details including titles of books, articles, publishers, dates.
Articles in Latvian newspapers re Latvian problems in exile, not many.
31. List persons living at same address, close associates, (individuals or groups,) correspondents at home and abroad. - Lives in the refugee camp Augustdorf where there live all the Latvians directly connected with the Latvian organizations: Col. JANUMS, head of "Daugavas Vanagi" and Latvian Committee in Germany; Major HAZNERS, secretary of "Daugavas Vanagi"; Auseklis ZALINSKIS, manager of the magazine "Daugavas Vanagi".
32. List five character references.
Mr. Alfreds BERZINS, c/o Committee for Free Europe, New York, NY
Col. Vilis JANUMS, Germany, Augustdorf b. Detmold, Wohnstaette, Bl. 9
Karlis KUZULIS, 9249 169th Place, Jamaica 32, NY

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