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2 May 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : AEKIL0/2

BI SUMMARY

1. AEKIL0/2 is a domestic asset of SR/2 which recruited him in March 1960 in New York, New York. Subject is a former Latvian Army officer who has carried on extensive correspondence with former army colleagues, some of whom reside in the Latvian SSR.

2. Subject was born 23 July 1905 in Vircava, Latvia. From 1926-1940 he served as a Latvian Army officer. His education comprised successful completion of the Latvian Army Officer's School (1929-1931) and the Latvian General Staff Academy (1937-1939). Following the Soviet invasion of Latvia in June 1940 he was discharged from the Army and later imprisoned by the Soviets in July 1941. He survived the massacre in the Central Prison in Riga. When German forces subsequently occupied the country he served in the Latvian Legion from 1943-1945. He attained the rank of major and commanded a battalion and then a regiment. He was cited for bravery and awarded the War Merit Cross 2d Class with swords during his service.

3. Following World War II he was camp leader at DP Camp Granum in Lamelin, Germany (1946-1947); workshop manager and instructor at Invalid's Rehabilitation Center at Eversburg, Germany under IRO (1947-51); and administrative work and Latvian representative at Augustdorf Camp, Germany (1951-1956). In 1956 he emigrated to the United States with his family and now lives in East Orange, New Jersey. He has been closely connected with Latvian affairs--both in the United States and world-wide.

4. While in Germany Subject was secretary of "Daugavas Vanagi," the Latvian Veterans' Association, which he helped to found. In conjunction with his responsibilities in this body he visited England, Denmark and Sweden. He denies having been employed by IS of any of these countries.

5. In the United States Subject is closely associated as a Vice Chairman with Alfred BERZINS and the Committee for a Free Latvia, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. His ostensible income stems from his work on behalf of this organization. He is also a board member of the World Latvian Association and is an active leader in the work of the Latvian Veterans Association.

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6. Interest in Subject centers around his previous contact with assets of SR/2: AEMARSH/15 and [ ] Moreover, he can provide info on Latvian affairs world-wide as well as serve as a spotter for likely REDSKIN candidates. At this time he is being consulted on Latvian realities. No operational use of this individual is foreseen at this time other than his spotting role.

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