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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : Contact Report - AEKIL0/2

1. On 11 January 1961 at 1730 hours [] met AEKIL0/2 in the lobby of the Hotel Washington, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters of pertinent interest to the Latvian Desk. AEKIL0/2 had notified C/O by telephone on 10 January that he would be in Washington for business which it was subsequently learned concerned VOA and a call on Dr. SPEKKE, the Latvian Minister.

2. Following an operational meal at the Old Angus Restaurant, 18th and "H" Streets, the C/O and AEKIL0/2 went to the Dodge House, 20 "E" NW, where the latter was staying. A further operational discussion took place in Room 604.

3. AEKIL0/2 turned over to C/O various materials on Latvia as follows:

a. "The Tragedy of Latvia" - a pamphlet briefly outlining the history of Latvia. (Attachment A)

b. Pamphlets by the Free Europe Committee. (Attachment B)

c. Pamphlet on Radio Free Europe (Attachment C)

d. In response to a previous request regarding the names of Latvian organizations in Austria, the names of two organizations and their chairmen were furnished. (Attachment D) In the event further efforts to contact the KUKS in Austria [] an internal asset, are not successful by Frankfurt utilizing [] one of these chairmen might be contacted and assessed to try to contact them.

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e. A clipping on two recent Soviet-Latvian immigrants, Mr. and Mrs. Janis RAKOVIS, who arrived in the United States o/a 30 December 1960. (Attachment E). The Latvian Desk will contact these individuals via OO/C to debrief them on PI and OI or via a PA, e.g., AEKIL0/2 or

f. A copy of "The Undefeated Nation" by Adolfs BLODNIEKS, former Prime Minister of Latvia, was received.

g. A listing for ready reference of the various factories and industries in Riga. (Attachment F)

h. A list of the board members of the Soviet-Latvian Artist Organizations. (Attachment G)

i. A list of the various chairmen of Daugavas Vanagi (Falcons of the Daugeva) in Germany. (Attachment H). Daugavas Vanagi is the Latvian Veterans Organization of which AEKIL0/2 is a principal leader in the United States.

j. Two personnel questionnaires were supplied on fnu ARAJS, former Latvian SD head who resides in ~~Washington~~ ^{Washington} (Attachment I) and Herberts CUKURS who lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil. (Attachment J). Since these individuals are suspected of war crimes, AEKIL0/2 has been advised to avoid such individuals in all Latvian matters for their questionable past could do great harm to the cause of a future Free Latvia, not to mention the embarrassment which KUBARK might sustain were such people linked to us in any way.

k. An outline on Latvian Radio info for C/O known as

4. AEKIL0/2 was congratulated on his interview which he submitted on Mrs. BLOMNIK a recent Soviet-Latvian immigrant, who lives in Chicago, Illinois.

5. In response to the C/O's query as to whether or not AEKIL0/2 did his own typing, he admitted that his secretary, Pauls RAMANS, a former Latvian Foreign Service Officer, typed up his reports. RAMANS

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will be traced and a CSA obtained in the event any question is raised at a subsequent date about AEKIL0/2 and his work.

6. The meeting adjourned at 2100 hours. No surveillance was observed upon leaving the hotel premises. AEKIL0/2 will be contacted in New York during February 1961 at a time later to be agreed upon.

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