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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : Contact Report - AEKIL0/2

1. On 3 May 1962 at 1705 hours
 met with AEKIL0/2 in Room 1646 of the Park Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Avenue & 55th Street, New York, N. Y. The purpose of the meeting was to debrief AEKIL0/2 on his activities during the past 7 week period. The exact meeting time was arranged by a telephone call at 1530 hours to Subject's place of employment, Committee for a Free Latvia, 29 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York - Code 212 Plaza 3-8570. Subject agreed to meet the undersigned in the hotel lobby at 1700 hours.
2. The following items of information were received and/or discussed:
 - a. DZIMTENES BALSS (Voice of the Homeland), newspaper published by the Committee for Return tot the Homeland and Cultural Relations with Latvians abroad. Copies were received for the following dates:

Nos. 7-21, 23-26, January-March 1962
Back copies - No. 39, May 1960, No. 49, Jun 1961,
Nos. 99-100, December 1961.
 - b. DAUGAVAS VANAGI, No. 2, Mar - Apr 1962.
The Latvian Veterans Magazine
 - c. BALTIC REVIEW No. 24, March 1962.
AEKIL0/2 is the author of an article therein entitled, "Who Is in Power in Latvia?"
 - d. NEBRASKA MESSENGER, March 1962. A publication of activities and events for people of Latvian origin living in Nebraska.
 - e. A list of Daugavas Vanagi officials in Minneapolis for the current year. (See Attachment A),
 - f. A circular of the Northern New Jersey Latvian Association, Newark, New Jersey. (See Attachment B). The circular contains the list of the newly elected officers.
 - g. A list of Daugavas Vanagi officials in Canada. (See Attachment C).

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h. Circulars from Daugavas Vanagi in West Germany regarding a meeting held in Pinneberg on 7 and 8 April and an agenda for meetings scheduled 28 May - 3 June 1962. C/O Herman Redin will scan contents for any matters of interest to the Latvian desk. (See Attachment D).

i. A short Guidebook of Riga (Riga Isas Izzinas) Latvian State Publishing House, Riga, 1960.

j. Latvijas Brivibai (Voice for Freedom of Latvia) a 4 page newspaper formerly published 5 or 6 times per annum by the Committee for a Free Latvia. (See Attachment E). From 1956 until 1961 the Committee for a Free Latvia published this paper for mailing at irregular intervals via various channels to Latvia. In February 1961, it was discontinued because of the lack of funds. The cost was approx. \$300/issue for 2000 copies. The Free Europe Committee was the ostensible source of funds. AEKIL0/2 and Alfred BERZINS authored some 80% of the articles. The contents were aimed to counter the activities of the CP in Latvia. Information was printed about the activities of Latvians and prominent events in the West i.g. President Kennedy's inaugural address, Khrushchev at the UN, etc., some 1000 copies were sent to CP personnel in Latvia based on addresses gleaned from Soviet Latvian periodicals especially Dzintenes Balss (Voice of the Homeland). No copies were sent to relatives or friends for fear of reprisals against them. The system of mailing was similar to that employed by Dzintenes Balss. Fictitious return addresses were used on the envelopes. The actual mailing was handled as follows:

ca 2000 copies -

500-600 mailed from Sweden
300-400 mailed from West Germany
200-300 mailed from Canada
500-550 mailed from England
ca-150 mailed from Denmark

Tourists from Sweden were also encouraged to carry in copies. AEKIL0/2 recalls that Riga Radio denounced the newspaper in 1960 or 1961, and Dzintenes Balss attacked the mailing campaign in either 1958 or 1959. During 1960-1961 some 6 or 7 letters were received from Latvia stating that the paper had been received.

k. Riga Retour. AEKIL0/2 stated that in 1961 Helmars RUDZITIS, publisher of LAIKS, paid a stipend to in the amount of \$200. towards his education. Also Liliya ZARINA, a doctor in Heidelberg, W. Germany, received a similar stipend in the same amount. ZARINA who came to West Germany from Soviet Latvia in 1955 is according to AEKIL0/2 one of the individuals described in Riga Retour.

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1. AEKIL0/2 was paid the sum of \$7.25 for postage to mail films to Sweden. Receipts for postage fees are attached to the pertinent finance voucher. The four films received from A. EGLITIS of the Latvian National Fund in Stockholm, Sweden, were not deemed worthy of reproduction.

m. In an attempt to develop information regarding Janis Antonovich BERZINS and Janis Karlovich BERZINS, one of whom was possibly a GRU official before WW II, AEKIL0/2 was asked to develop biographical information.

n. To provide further information on prominent Soviet-Latvian personalities AEKIL0/2 will forward pictures of same clipped from current Soviet publications scanned in preparation of the monthly press reviews. Pictures of a number of prominent Soviet Latvian Men of Science have been received

3. The meeting adjourned at 1800 hours. The undersigned treated Subject to a meal in the coffee shop of the hotel. At 1900 hours AEKIL0/2 departed. The next meeting will be held on call. In the interim Subject will attend the American Latvian Association's Congress in Milwaukee, 18-20 May 1962.

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