MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, ID/TOKIC

FROM: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT: Candidates for Membership in the Latvian Consultative Panel

In response to your verbal inquiry with regard to Valdemars RODJANIS and Viliis RASENS, candidates for membership in the Latvian Consultative Panel, the following information is presented and opinions expressed:

1. We approve the nomination of RASINS and disapprove the nomination of RAES. RAES is considered the best Latvian Social Democrat in this country. New checking of RASINS may reveal unsatisfactory derogatory information. If this should occur SR/2 would like to be consulted.

2. It is not believed that RASENS can obtain admission into the United States under present law. He is believed to be barred from the U.S. because he was a volunteer in the Latvian division of the Waffen S.S., and because he obtained the rank of major in the Waffen S.S. In addition, we would regard RASINS' membership on the Panel as undesirable in the possible effect on our own plans for Latvian Unification. SR/2 will be glad to expand on this latter theme if you so desire.

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25 October 1952