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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : Contact Report - AEKIL0/2

1. On 18 September 1961   
 telephoned AEKIL0/2 in New York from Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, at 1430 hours to request him to come to Philadelphia  
for a meeting at 1815 hours in the lobby of the Sheraton Hotel.  
AEKIL0/2 was met upon arrival and escorted to Room 1032 for a briefing  
on matters of interest to the Latvian desk.

2. In an effort to develop any information on various Latvian  
individuals of operational concern the undersigned presented AEKIL0/2  
with the following list of names:

- a. Janis PRESNIKOVS  
DOB: c. 1917 POB: Latvia  
Former squad leader of 15th Latvian Division
- b. Alexander PRESNIKOVS
- c. Laimons ZARINS
- d. Peteris GRUNDE (Father)
- e. Peteris GRUNDE (Son)
- f. Austra GRUNDE nee JEKABSONS (JACOBSONS)
- g. Alida JEKABSONS (JACOBSONS)
- h. Karlis UDRIS  
DOB: c. 1922 POB: Latvia  
Soviet Army Lieutenant who allegedly defected in 1954 or 1955

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- i. Arnolds (?) AUZINS  
Soviet Army Colonel who allegedly defected in 1954 or  
1955 in Frankfurt, West Germany
- j. Janis TUCS  
DOB: c. 1927 POB: Latvia
- k. fnu PALDE
- l. Peteris RUNGIS  
Residence: Riga, Latvia  
Occupation: Veterinarian
- m. Milda PODNIEKS  
Residence: Riga (?), Latvia
- n. Jekabs PARUPS  
Occupation: Forester in Latvia
- o. Krisjans KALEJS
- p. Arturs STANKEVICS  
Residence: Riga, Latvia  
Occupation: Teacher
- q. Augusts GRUZDULS  
Occupation: Forester in Latvia
- r. Eduards MILLERS
- s. Arvids VIGANTS  
Residence: Sigulda, Latvia
- t. Kristina DARZINS  
Residence: Doles Island, Latvia
- u. Zorzs KLAVINS  
DOB: c. 1905 POB: Latvia
- v. Valdis VIKSNA
- w. Edgars IEVINS  
DOB: c. 1904 POB: Latvia  
Former member of Latvian Legion

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3. A list of recent Soviet Latvian immigrants residing in the New York area was furnished to AEKIL0/2 who will try to interview them for PI and OI.

4. In an effort to stir up support for Baltic broadcasts from RFE, AEKIL0/2 agreed to promote the idea in discussions with other Latvians. It is hoped that growing enthusiasm for Baltic broadcasts from RFE will assist KJBARK efforts to promote the idea especially to counter likely objections from ODACID.

5. To clarify the background of two circulars which Eduards DOBELIS, a Latvian publisher in Waverly, Iowa, has been circulating over the signature of Daugavas Vanagi, the Latvian Veterans Organization, of which AEKIL0/2 is the U.S. chairman, in which [ ] and Helmars RUDZITIS, the editor and publisher respectively of LAIKS, are denounced as Communists to the Latvians living in the West, AEKIL0/2 was asked for his comments. He categorically denied any truth to these circulars and disclaimed any responsibility for the use of Daugavas Vanagi's name. AEKIL0/2 feels that DOBELIS is a stupid person, dishonest and unscrupulous in trying to bolster his publishing interests at the expense of destroying his vastly more successful competitors. The undersigned recommended that AEKIL0/2 should set the record straight by leaving no doubt in the minds of Daugavas Vanagi members about the allegations as no statement disclaiming responsibility for these remarks might leave an unfortunate impression in the minds of some members of the organization. (C/O Comment: Helmars RUDZITIS is suing DOBELIS for libel. DOBELIS has been traced but no tie in with RIS instigation of these circulars has been established. Nonetheless, DOBELIS unwittingly, it seems, is aiding a Soviet objective to destroy the effectiveness of the leading Latvian paper. While this matter is apparently an emigré episode of character assassination, the Latvian desk will keep tab on its progress especially for any links to the RIS.)

6. AEKIL0/2 reported that he recently met [ ] mother. [ ] a recently debriefed traveler to Latvia, underwent a physical search at the hands of Soviet customs officials upon her return to West Germany. She had been rash in violating tourist restrictions to remain within the environs of Riga.) The mother recounted her daughter's humiliating experience. In good conscience the undersigned disclaimed any REDSKIN involvement of this individual.

7. The first monthly review of the Soviet-Latvian and Latvian emigre press beginning with the month of September has been promised.

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8. AEKILO/2 furnished a copy of a paper, Political Evaluation of the New Soviet Communist Party Program, by Dr. Laszlo BARTOK of ACEN. (Attachment A) A copy of the Communist Party Program mailed to Headquarters by [ ] is on file.

9. The meeting concluded at 2100 hours. The C/O reimbursed AEKILO/2 for his travel to Philadelphia and escorted him to the 30th Street Station in Philadelphia.

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