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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : Contact Report - AEKIL0/2

1. On 19 February 1962 at approximately 1500 hours, [] telephoned AEKIL0/2 at his office, Committee for a Free Latvia, 29 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York, Code 212, Plaza 3-8570, to arrange a meeting at 1800 hours in the lobby of the Park-Sheraton Hotel, 7th Avenue and 55th Street. The purpose of the meeting was to debrief AEKIL0/2 on his activities during the past two months. AEKIL0/2 arrived promptly at the meeting site and was escorted to Room 1742 for a debriefing.
2. AEKIL0/2 turned over to the undersigned various materials concerned with Baltic and Soviet matters:
 - a. At the C/O's request AEKIL0/2 visited the Brooklyn Museum of History to see the Soviet exhibit of children's books. No Latvians were among the Soviet exhibitors, and the items of Latvian interest were limited primarily to a few drawings, books and posters. AEKIL0/2 procured two pamphlets, Education in the USSR and Technical Designing and Art by Soviet Children, and a package of post cards concerning Moscow. These materials have been added to the Latvian library collection.
 - b. Three envelopes in which propaganda from the Committee for Return to the Homeland has been received were turned over to the undersigned. Three different addresses of the sender were listed as follows:

<u>Addressee</u>	<u>Sender</u>
1. Mrs. V. STRAZDINS 326 N. College Street Carlisle, Pennsylvania (No derogatory trace)	Berlin W 8 Schadowstr. 16

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<u>Addressee</u>	<u>Sender</u>
2. Baltic Freedom House 131 East 70th Street New York 21, New York	Ernst BERGER Berlin N 4 Invalidenstr. 17 Germany
3. --- ditto ---	Paul KEGEL Berlin N 54 Schonhauser Allee 181 Germany

c. Copies of Latvijas Brivibai (Voice for Freedom of Latvia), 1956-1961, a propaganda publication of the Committee for a Free Latvia mailed at irregular periods to selected addressees inside Latvia. Also a copy of a recent letter from AEKIL0/2 to J. W. BRINKLEY of the Free Europe Committee was furnished asking that publication of the paper be reinstated since its discontinuance in February 1961. (See Attachment A.) Distribution of the paper, c. 2000 copies, was handled by mailings from several different points of origin, namely Sweden - 500 to 600 copies; West Germany - 300 to 400; Canada - 200 to 300; England - 500 to 550; and Denmark - 150 copies.

d. Article concerning a Latvian refugee family which appeared in the Recordak RECORD, a publication of a subsidiary of Eastman Kodak. (See Attachment B.)

e. Copy of The Canadian Intelligence Service, Vol. 11 - No. 12, December 1961 - a private publication attacking CP activities and fellow travelers in Canada. (See Attachment C.) Comments on Rabbi FEINBERG amplify what has appeared concerning him in the Latvian emigre press.

f. Two copies of the ACEN news for November - December 1961 and January 1962.

g. A list of Daugavas Vanagi members now living in Germany. (See Attachment D.)

h. A compilation of the Resolutions, Reports, and Organization of ACEN, IV-VII Sessions, 1957-1961.

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3. The undersigned discussed with Subject the matter of completing his 1961 Income Tax Return. AEKILLO/2 was instructed to list the \$600.00 received from KUBARK as income received from "free lance writing and translations". A copy of his income tax form signed by him has been forwarded to the C/O for inclusion in his 201 file. This procedure obviates the need for a Form 1099.

4. Subject was asked to obtain back copies of the Baltic Review, Nos. 4, 5 and 22. These copies will be used to complete the files of SR/2/Baltic/Latvia.

5. AEKILLO/2 was directed to obtain information on Alice ZIEMELIS, mother of a Latvian actress whose stage name is Lindy Cindy. Alice ZIEMELIS is suspected of CP, narcotics and/or prostitution activities. She is a friend of Robert ANCANS and Henry BAGATAIS, persons currently being investigated by this office for possible CP involvement. AEKILLO/2 could supply no immediate information. However, he was familiar with a Captain fnu ZIEMELIS who served in the Latvian Legion and escaped to Sweden but was sent back to Latvia forcibly in 1945. This person was married to a Baltic German woman, name unknown, who together with two children repatriated to Germany in 1941. AEKILLO/2 does not believe that the wife of Captain fnu ZIEMELIS is identical with Alice ZIEMELIS.

6. Regarding Cecilia LAPINA and her sister, fnu BEDRITE, now deceased c. 1961, persons possibly involved in CP, narcotics and/or prostitution activities, AEKILLO/2 stated that he could furnish information on them. He also mentioned that LAPINA is a friend of BAGATAIS.

7. In an effort to try to establish further the identity of Judge Osvalds OZOLINS, the father of a potential internal asset, AEKILLO/2 was subsequently able to furnish only information found in standard Latvian reference books.

8. AEKILLO/2 was asked to try to develop information on Henry BAGATAIS especially as to his planned trip to Australia in March, how he could afford such a journey, whom he planned to visit, particularly relatives, and any other interesting aspects.

9. With respect to Voldemars ALPS, a former Latvian police official, living in New York, AEKILLO/2 has no knowledge of his wife, fnu ALPS, and brother, Nicolajs ALPS. AEKILLO/2 recommended FRITURS NEPARTS, residing in Detroit, Michigan, as a possible source of such information.

10. AEKILLO/2 was not aware of any Latvian Jew by the surname of FALKOV, FALKOFF, or variations thereof. He could not recall any city

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officials from Ludze, Latvia, now living in the West. (Comment: FALKOV, born in Ludze, may be a relative of Abrams TRUNKS, a naturalized Latvian-American of interest to the Latvian desk, who visited Latvia in 1961 but proved non-cooperative during his debriefing.) In his letter of 27 March 1962 to the C/O AEKIL0/2 furnished leads to the following former residents of Ludze.

- a. Mr. H. KOKARS
789 W. County Road B
St. Paul, Minnesota
Telephone: St. Paul, Humboldt 9-3437

- b. Mrs. V. TUTINS
1103 Churchill
St. Paul, Minnesota
Telephone: St. Paul, Humboldt 8-2303

These individuals are related. They are not particularly active in Latvian affairs.

11. In a continuing effort to find a suitable Latvian candidate for recruitment as a REDSKIN spotter in Canada, AEKIL0/2 has recommended Peteris BALODIS and Eriks ROBEZGRUNTNIKS as two other possibilities. Traces will be run and further information developed. ROBEZGRUNTNIKS aka E. ROBEZ

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For this reason he will be excluded from further consideration. Further investigation of BALODIS will be made. (See Attachment E.)

12. After many delays and promises AEKIL0/2 has been assured by the Latvian National Fund in Sweden that four films will be sent to him in the near future. The films, one of which was allegedly made from footage brought out by [] [] were received at Headquarters on 2 March 1962. The material will be viewed in the near future and a decision made to reproduce any or all of them. The film from [] [] purportedly shows the unhappy living conditions of kolkoz workers in the Jekabpils area. Andrejs EGLITIS, Chairman of the Latvian National Fund in Sweden, loaned the films to AEKIL0/2.

13. AEKIL0/2 is tentatively scheduled to testify before a Congressional Committee headed by Representative (Mrs. fnu) KELLY (N.Y.) during early March in Washington. The hearing will concern itself with conditions in the Baltic States. In addition to AEKIL0/2, other Latvians to testify will be Janis SIMPSONS [] [] Vilis MASENS, a member of the ACEN, and Vilis BERTOLDS, the Latvian fisherman who defected to Canada in 1959.

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14. On 24-25 February AEKIL0/2 was scheduled to be in Hamilton, Ontario, to attend a meeting of the local Daugavas Vanagi Chapter. He will keep his ear attuned to any other events of interest involving Latvians.

15. Following a meal on the hotel premises, AEKIL0/2 departed from the meeting room at 2000 hours. The next meeting will be held on call.

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