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December 27th, 1961.

Mr. J.W. Brinkley,  
Free Europe Committee,  
Two Park Avenue,  
New York 16, N.Y.

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Re: Publishing of the newspaper "Latvijas Brivibai" by the Committee for a Free Latvia.

Background and Justification.

From 1956 until 1961 the CFL had been publishing the paper "Latvijas Brivibai" in 2000 copies which via various channels was dispatched to Latvia. Altogether 18 issues of this paper were published and the last issue appeared in February, 1961, when the publication was discontinued because of the lack of funds.

The Committee for a Free Latvia is of the opinion that this paper's publishing should be resumed because its infiltration into the occupied Latvia, though in small numbers, undoubtedly reaches its aim by analyzing the methods of Russian imperialism and colonialism used to enslave our compatriots, thus strengthening the spirit of resistance against the Kremlin's henchmen placed in Latvia's administration, and, generally speaking, consolidating the national consciousness of our oppressed countrymen.

Target.

Reports and debates at the Latvian Communist Party /LCP/ XVIII congress in September, 1961, clearly indicated - as well as it is evident from Soviet Latvian newspapers - that dissention within the

ICP itself is still great and the struggle between the partisans of the Moscow colonial and imperialistic policy and the defenders of the national and local interests is still going on. Though for the time being the Moscow course is victorious it does not mean that the resistance has already been shattered.

The CFL thinks that one of the best means to exploit this controversy within the ICP and thus to further the spirit of national resistance would be the import of "Latvijas Brivibai" into the occupied homeland.

Description.

Enclosed herewith is the last issue of "Latvijas Brivibai". It was printed on thin paper to facilitate its mailing or dispatching by other means. The CFL has evidence that the paper had been reaching Latvia. Likewise, it is apparent from the Riga Radio broadcasts and Riga newspapers which attacked the CFL for the ideas propagated by the "Latvijas Brivibai".

Requirements.

The cost of one issue including postal expenses had been \$275.00 almost 1 year ago. We believe that 3 issues should be published prior to July 1st, 1962, for which purpose \$900.00 would be necessary because of higher postal rates and higher expenses for paper and printing.

Since no funds are available to the CFL for the above purpose we kindly ask you to transfer the necessary amount of \$900.00 from the Free Europe Committee's funds foreseen for special projects. Such allotment would much contribute to our work.

Thanking you in advance for your kind assistance,

Yours sincerely,

V. Hazners,  
Chairman.