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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DO/SR

SUBJECT : Meetings with AEKILO/2

1. This report covers meetings with AEKILO/2 on 19 December 1962 and 9 and 27 March 1963 held in New York City. The meeting of 19 December took place at the Hotel Park Sheraton, 7th Avenue and 56th Street. The latter two meetings were held at the Hotel Statler, 7th Avenue and 34th Street, New York, N.Y.

2. The following materials were received:

a. Copies of Daugavas Vanagi (Lawks of the Daugava), the Latvian Veterans magazine No. 6, Nov.-Dec. 1962 and No. 1, Jan.-Feb. 1963

b. Copies of Dzimtenes Balss (Voice of the Homeland), No. 104-105, December 1962, Nos. 3-10, January 1963, Nos. 4, 5, 8, 9, 11-13 February 1963, No. 19, March 1963. Dzimtenes Balss is a KGB publication of the Return to the Homeland Committee. Copies have been forwarded to SR/3.

c. A current listing of Soviet Latvian CP Officials. See Attachment A.

d. Listing of Latvian Americans serving as commissioned officers in the U.S. Armed Forces. See Attachment B. Info will be carded.

e. Problems of Youth in the USSR: The Eighth World Youth Festival - a Story of Soviet Coercion published by the Union of Emigre Youth of the Peoples of the USSR (SMWSE).

f. New addresses of Daugavas Vanagi personnel in the United States. See Attachment C. Info will be carded.

g. ACEN Publications, 29 West 57th St., New York 19, New York

1) The Western Choice in East-Central Europe, a Memorandum

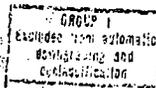
2) ACEN News, Nos. 93-94 February 1963

3) ACEN Documents 325 (IX) Inf., Oct. 22, 1962, The Fate of the Political Prisoners in the Communist Ruled Countries.

Anti-Communist publications (in German) sent by an unidentified Latvian in West Germany:

h. Unter die Haut by Michael BERGEN

i. GRUNDBEGRIFFE DES KOMMUNISMUS, Schriftenreihe Innere Führung
Reihe: Bolschewismus Heft 1, July 1959



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j. Optik die aktuelle politische Information Ausgabe 15

k. Bulletin des Presse-und Informationsamtes der Bundesregierung,
Bonn 17. August 1962.

1. The Soviet Zone of Germany--The Facts, published by the Federal
Ministry for all-German Affairs, Bonn

3. Due to the large quantity of undistributed copies of Jauna Skira
(The New Class) published by the now defunct Latvian Institute of Culture the
undersigned asked K/2 if he could from time to time accept copies for distribu-
tion by the Committee for a Free Latvia. He agreed to accept 100 copies.
[] has forwarded 50 copies to date. [] is the custodian
of these materials.

4. ABEKLO/2 was requested to furnish a list of Latvian travelers to
and from Denmark in 1960, 1961 and 1962. [] SR/3 expressed a desire
for this information as part of his study of the [] case, since transferred
to C/SR/9-[] K/2 stated that he could acquire the information by
writing to his contact in Copenhagen, Imants REITMANIS. As Chairman of the
Committee for a Free Latvia he can devise a plausible reason to acquire the
information. This information has since been received for []

5. K/2 informed the undersigned that the Reverend Didrikis GRAUDS, a
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran minister, from Hempstead, L.I., New York accompanied
by Arvids KLAVSONS, a reporter for LAIKS, visited for an hour in New York with
the Reverend Arvids Davidovich KAULIN [], a Soviet Latvian Lutheran
pastor accompanying a Soviet church delegation to the USA in March 1963. KAULIN
made a favorable impression on both KLAVSONS and GRAUDS. KAULIN allegedly
stated that the Reverend Peteris KLEPERIS of the Soviet Latvian Evangelical
Lutheran Church might possibly visit Montreal, Canada in July 1963. (Comment:
This possible visit is in connection with an International Conference for Faith
and Order to be held under the auspices of the World Council of Churches o/a
12 July.) The most likely Soviet Latvian Lutheran pastors to attend the
Lutheran World Federation, IV Assembly in Helsinki, 30 July - 11 August 1963
are Archbishop Gustavs TURSS [] and the Reverend Albert FREIJS. (See
ZARINS' debriefing in [] There are DODS/Latvian card traces on
GRAUDS and KLAVSONS but not derogatory.

6. The undersigned suggested to K/2 that he telephone or visit Heinrich
BAGATAIS [] who has recently returned from Australia. BAGATAIS is a
former chairman of the Daugavas Vanagi (Latvian Veterans) chapter in New York
City. K/2 as the current chairman has a plausible reason to talk to BAGATAIS
and to inquire about old comrades-in-arms and friends in Australia. K/2 has
been advised to treat BAGATAIS circumspectly because of suspicions regarding
his possible RIS associations. A report will be rendered by K/2 on his contact
with BAGATAIS. (Comment: In a recent Soviet publication attacking the world
wide leadership and many members of DAUGAVAS VANAGI no reference is made to
BAGATAIS.)

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7. In response to the undersigned's query as to the identity of the relative of Juris SLESEBS, [] former president of the American Latvian Youth Association, who was strangled in Boston last year, K/2 stated that it was his mother. She was a victim in a series of still unsolved crimes involving women in the Boston area.

8. K/2 reported the following lead on a recent immigrant:

Mrs. Livija KARLSONS
DOB: POB: Latvia
Former Residence: Riga, Latvia
Present Residence: c/o Haralds KARLSONS (son)
1109 Clay Avenue
Bronx 56, New York

There are no DODS/SR Latvian card traces on Livija or Haralds KARLSONS. K/2 stated that Haralds KARLSONS has a daughter, Ingrida, and a son, Andris (?), who is in college in North Carolina.

9. In response to a query regarding the family of Dean JANIS TERINS of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Stockholm the undersigned learned that Mrs. TERINS who is the daughter of the first President of Latvia, Jnu CAKSTE, has a brother still in Latvia as follows:

Dr. Ringgolds CAKSTE, M.D.
DOR: POB: Latvia
Residence: Jelgava, Latvia

Occ: Director of City Hospital in Jelgava
Other: During the waning days of WW II Ringgolds was in charge of a hospital in Riga which had some Russian prisoners as patients. Instead of permitting them to be shot he chose to remain at his post. For his humanitarian services the Soviets responded by leaving him to continue his profession. According to K/2, [] sister worked at the hospital in Jelgava for a while.

10. An interesting historical note on German intelligence before and during WW II came to light, during the meeting of 27 March 1965. The undersigned asked K/2 if he had ever heard of any Nazi official in Riga during WW II known as Jnu LANGE. (Comment: AESIDECAR/2 during his debriefing in Washington in September 1962 spoke of a "big" LANGE and a "little" LANGE as being German SD officials.) K/2 stated that he personally had never known Jnu LANGE of the SD but recalled once meeting his deputy in Riga, a Balt-German from Latvia named Captain Jnu LIBRAM. LIBRAM who was killed in Minsk was later the chief of the SD in Minsk. LIBRAM who spoke Russian without an accent was friendly disposed towards the Latvians. He related to K/2 that he came from the Volga Germans. In the 1920s the Germans dispatched him to the Volga area as an agent where he lived among the Germans. He worked diligently and became a leading CP official in the Volga community. In time he was recruited by the RIS, trained and dispatched to Germany on a mission to kill Hitler. (In retrospect K/2 supposed that LIBRAM's double agent role was probably bona fide but who can say.) LIBRAM further stated that he had once questioned regarding CHEKA methods, Jnu DIMZA, a Latvian light athlete who had been arrested by the Soviets. (Comment: Jnu DIMZA is probably identical with Janis DIMZA, DOB: 1 Nov. 1905 POB: Ipiki, Latvia.)

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See DODS/SR-Latvian card Janis DEZA.)

11. K/2 turned over a copy of a letter given to him by fnu KLIVE in Toronto, Canada. The letter was addressed to Osvalds KLAVERIEKS, 254 Bain Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario from Karlis KIKURS, Bonska Rayin LIPECOS, Latvia who is a former neighbor of KLIVE. The letter itself is not especially revealing except to point up the struggle of one of the little people to survive. See Attachment D.

12. While in Canada in March 1963 to attend a Daugavas Vanagi convention K/2 learned that someone had talked at length in Canada with Marius LIEPA, a Soviet Latvian ballet star with the Bolshoi Ballet. It was learned that LIEPA, contrary to earlier beliefs, is married to a Russian and has a child. His wife and child living in Riga. LIEPA was called upon to defect but cited his family as being left behind.

13. Copy of letter sent to New York Herald Tribune by the Joint-Baltic American Committee re: newspaper article admitting a discussion of Soviet rocket installations in the Baltic States. (See Attachment E.)

14. In response to a query as to a lead to a Latvian artist in New York City who might be judged suitable to contact Soviet Latvian painters K/2 furnished the following name:

Fridrichs MILTS
500 W. 42nd Street
New York, New York
Wife: Ilze

(Comment: There was a possibility in December 1962 that some Soviet Latvian artists might come to the United States.)

15. K/2 was advised that the undersigned might be leaving his present work in the near future. He was told that another colleague would probably take over his work. No names were given. It was suggested that since the next handler might have German as a language, it would be desirable if K/2 would render his reports in German. K/2 replied that unfortunately his writing ability in German was not good. It appears that reports will continue to be received in Latvian. (Comment: The physical location of DODS/SR in relation to FDD should permit expeditious translation.)

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