25 March 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with BRAZAITIS

1. On 24 March 1955 at 1400 hours, the undersigned met subject
in New York City at the Statler Hotel. The purpose of this meeting
was to discuss spotting of REDSOX agent candidates.

2. Subject explained that one of the candidates he had in mind
implied to him that he would be reluctant to undertake any REDSOX-
type mission. Therefore, he did not prepare a PRQ on this candidate
as he had promised to [   ] previously. Subject further
stated that he finds it quite difficult to find suitable candidates
in the United States. He then explained his general views on the
subject of recruiting agents and stated that it seemed to him that
anyone selected for such a mission at this time should be considered
a total loss.

3. The undersigned at this point then discussed in detail our
cooperation with subject's organization and the purpose and importance
of finding suitable persons that can serve the common cause for the
ultimate liberation of Lithuania. The undersigned also emphasized
to subject the great importance of having such missions, as Mr.
Galcius had discussed with him previously, implemented at this time.
Subject then indicated that he realized the importance of our
cooperation and that he will try in the future to help us in our
mission as much as it is possible for him. He emphasized, however,
that in order to make contact with the members of his organization
who would be willing to undertake a certain type of mission, he must
do a lot of traveling, and such trips he can not undertake without
any outside help. Subject mentioned that he discussed previously
with [   ] a trip to Europe for the purpose of contacting
members of his organization in Germany and France. He would also
be able to coordinate his activities with Mr. BACKYS, who is one of
the main leaders of the FRONTAS organization. Subject stated that
in all honesty he must admit that he can not promise anything concrete
from this trip. However, since the majority of young members of his
organization are now in Germany, whom he never met, he believes that
he may find among them suitable candidates.

4. Mr. BRAZAITIS further mentioned that he received letters from
several members of VLIK asking him, on a personal basis, as to his
attitude with regard to re-entering the VLIK organization. Mr. BRAZAITIS
again expressed his unwillingness to become a member of VLIK at the
present time, until the composition of VLIK, as well as its activities,
has been changed. However, he indicated that in the course of his
visits with their political leaders, the matter of his party's
cooperation with VLIK will undoubtedly be discussed privately.

Subject implied that a trip to Germany would undoubtedly facilitate his future re-entry into the VLIK organization.

5.   Subject estimated that the cost of such a trip, including transportation by plane, would amount to at least $1,000.-.   This sum will have to be advanced by us as his organization is not able to finance his travel.   As far as the security aspects of this trip are concerned, subject indicated that the Lithuanian community in the United States, as well as in Europe, will accept his trip as a normal undertaking, and they will not question what source is financing this trip.   He added that two years ago he made a similar trip on his own, and it would be quite normal to repeat the same undertaking.

6.   In view of the above and in view of the difficulties that the Lithuanian Desk encounters in securing proper agent candidates through our own facilities, it is recommended that a trip to Europe by Mr. BRAZAITIS, as outlined above, should be approved. The investment will undoubtedly prove worthwhile if subject only acts as a spotter for future REDSKIN and REDSOX leads.   Moreover, it seems that such a trip will greatly contribute to FRONTAS' joining VLIK, which is definitely in our interest at the present time.

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Chief, Lithuanian Desk
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