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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Security Research Staff

FROM : Acting Chief, FIOB/SRS

SUBJECT : BROMBERGS, Arturs
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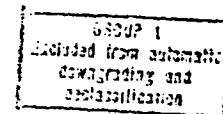
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, KGB Agent, "ANDRE",
Kaufbeuren (BE) VISION Lead

1. Arturs BROMBERGS was born on 31 August 1913 at Kandeva, Latvia. BROMBERGS was once an officer in the Riga, Latvia Police and during the German occupation in the early 1940's, he was mobilized into the German controlled Latvian Legion. He fought against the Soviets at Ostrov, deserted, and joined the Latvian resistance movement against the Soviets in 1943. In 1945, he fled Latvia to Sweden and subsequently came to the attention of this Agency in January 1951. He came, or was brought to West Germany in early 1951, leaving his wife and daughter in Sweden, and shortly thereafter was contracted by the [Combined Soviet Operations (CSO) Base (CSOB) at Kaufbeuren] for usage as a spotter and recruiter for Agency directed operations to train and dispatch agents into the Soviet Union. BROMBERGS' case officer in Munich, as of September 1951, was Edward W. KNOWLES and during the same month, he was given a polygraph examination by Donald D. TEDDING. Shortly thereafter, BROMBERGS became involved in Agency operations emanating from (KAUFBEUREN) [15-3] directed at agent penetration of the Soviet Union, and subsequently, as will be detailed later, engaged in similar operations originating in the Washington, D. C. area from the Domestic Operations Base of SR Division. On 6 May 1954, BROMBERGS was himself dispatched into the Soviet Union as an agent, and as of at least July 1957, was under KGB control in the Soviet Union. Instant memorandum will not attempt to examine the BROMBERGS case in any detail. The purpose of this memorandum is to identify certain Agency personnel, both Staff and Contract,

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who did, or probably, had contact with BROMBERGS from January 1951 to May 1954. Inasmuch as BROMBERGS was apprehended and sentenced to twenty-five years in prison by the Soviets, it is presumed that he was interrogated in detail by KGB officials concerning his knowledge of Agency personalities, properties, and operations.