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re American Lithuanian Workers Literary Assn (ALDLD).

article in Sviesa 1952 criticizes article written by Bishop V. Brizgys entitled "The Lithuanian Nation and Christian Democracy" targeted against Marxism and Communism. B. says that communism and democracy are incompatible.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SVIESA first published September, 1934. It is self-described as a political, scientific and literary quarterly magazine published by American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association, 110-12 Atlantic Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY. This organization is stated by informants to be made up of Lithuanians sympathetic to the CP and the U.S.S.R. ANTHONY BIMBA, Editor and ROY MIZARA, member of Editorial Board of SVIESA, described by informants as being leading Communist propagandists among the Lithuanians in the United States. Current mailing list consists of 3,013 subscribers located throughout the U.S. Copies also distributed in Canada, South America and U.S.S.R. Excerpts from current issues set out.

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Confidential Informants T-5 and T-11, of known reliability, stated that the leaders of the ALDD, which published the SVIESA, were generally regarded as being the leaders of the Communist element among the Lithuanians in the United States and that the membership of the various branches of the ALDD were generally regarded as those Lithuanians in the United States who were favorably inclined toward Communistic principals and the Soviet Union.

T-5 and T-11 both stated that articles appearing in the SVIESA reflect a favorable attitude toward Communist principals and the Soviet Union, to the extent that they regarded this magazine as a Communist publication.

Articles Appearing In The SVIESA

The following are translated excerpts of articles which appeared in current issues of SVIESA:

Issue of January - February - March, 1952

Article: "Attempt to Justify Itself in the Eyes of the Lithuanian National", by A. ~~ASILENAS~~.

This article criticizes the Catholic Church's political role. It is stated that the history of the Church in Lithuania is accompanied by bloodshed and that there is a constant effort among the clergy to unite the causes of nationalism and religion.

(Bishop) V. ~~BRIZGYS~~ has written an article entitled "The Lithuanian Nation and Christian Democracy". In this article which is typical of many others written by the clergy, Marxism is the chief target and along with Marxism, Communism. BRIZGYS insists that Communism and democracy are incompatible but since he does nothing to prove his point except quote a few time worn cliches, his arguments are not worth spending time on.

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Evaldas Marūnas, camera operator at the Vilnius TV studio, is attacked as son of Kulaks, from whose father's house he was expelled and killed Communists and Komsomols in 1941. His family parents and brothers were obtained jobs and apartments by fraud; his uncle was killed by the KGB. He is still furious because he had lost all his relatives therefore he is beating his wife.

(Tiesa, 29 November 1962)

Excerpts from the diary of the late Archbishop Skvireckas. He agreed with Hitler's racial theories and had excellent relations with the German military commandant of Kaunas. Attack on Bishop Brizgys, who also collaborated with the Germans, and has since escaped to U.S.

(Komjaunimo Tiesa, 30 November 1962)

A two-year atheist personnel school began work in Ukmerge region.

(Tarybinis Mokytojas, 29 November 1962)

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OR INVESTIGATIVE ACTION <i>(Always handcarry 1 copy of this form)</i>		DATE 17 December 1962				
TO:	CI/Operational Approval and Support Division	FROM: SR/10/B				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security Support Division/Office of Security					
SUBJECT: Bishop Vincentas Brizgys <i>(True name)</i>		PROJECT OCB				
CRYPTONYM, PSEUDONYM, AKA OR ALIASES		CI/OA FILE NO.				
		RI 201 FILE NO. na	SO FILE NO. na			
1. TYPE ACTION REQUESTED						
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<input type="checkbox"/>	COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIAL INQUIRY (<i>SO field investigation</i>)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL FOR LIAISON WITH U.S. OFFICIALS					
2. SPECIFIC AREA OF USE Chicago, Illinois						
3. FULL DETAILS OF USE Subject recently attended the Ecumenical Congress in Rome where he met several Soviet Lithuanians who are of present and future ops interest. Subject will be contacted and debriefed on his contacts in Rome and on several American-Liths whom he should know. This is being and will be coordinated with OC []						
4. INVESTIGATION AND COVER			YES	NO		
A. U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST MAY BE SHOWN DURING INVESTIGATION?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
B. CIA INTEREST MAY BE SHOWN DURING INVESTIGATION?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
C. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN HIM?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
D. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF CIA INTEREST IN HIM?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
E. INDICATE ANY LIMITATIONS ON COVERAGE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT. CIA interest should not appear						
F. SUGGEST "COVER PRETEXT" TO BE USED IN CONDUCTING PERSONAL INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT. I. and N.S.						
IF NO INVESTIGATION OUTSIDE CIA, EXPLAIN FULLY see E.						
5. PRQ AND GREEN LIST STATUS						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PRQ I, OR EQUIVALENT, IN (2) COPIES ATTACHED	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRQ II WILL BE FORWARDED			
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<input type="checkbox"/>	LIST SOURCES CHECKED					
<input type="checkbox"/>	NOT INITIATED (<i>Explanation</i>) not known where Subj. resided abroad					
SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER C		EXTENSION 6453	SIGNATURE OF BRANCH CHIEF C			

BIOGRAPHIC DATA IN LIEU OF PRQ PART I

Subject was born on 10 November 1903 in Plyniu near Marijampole in Lithuania. He attended the seminary from 1921 to 1927 and became a priest in the summer of 1927. From 1927 to 1930 he was a priest in Lithuania and in 1930 he attended a five year course of study in Rome at the Gregorium. He was consecrated as a bishop in Kaunas on 19 May 1940. Subject has lived in Germany, Canada, Spain and Portugal and for many years has resided in Chicago, Illinois at 6752 South Rockwell Street, Chicago 29, Illinois. He has most recently visited Rome in the Fall of 1962 to attend the Ecumenical Congress being held there. During this period he met and became reacquainted with a number of Soviet-Lithuanians including a number of Soviet-Lithuanian priests.

PERSONALITY FILE ACTION REQUEST

NOTE: Consult the 201 Control System Reference Manual before completing this form. Form must be typed or printed in block letters.

TO: RID/201 Section

DATE: 8 Jan 63

1. ACTION: OPEN AMEND CLOSE

FROM: [Redacted]

SR/10

ROOM NO: 5889

PHONE: 6412

CHECK 2-4 FOR 201 REQUEST. DO NOT CHECK FOR IDN.

2. EXCLUDE TRUE NAME FROM MACHINE LIST

3. RESTRICTED: YES NO

4. PERMANENT CHANGE: YES NO

[Redacted]

IDN NO

8. SOURCE DOCUMENT: [Redacted]

1. NAME (LAST): BEIGYS, Vincentas

NAME VARIANT

VARIATIONS IN BIRTH DATA

10. TYPE NAME (LAST)

(FIRST)

(MIDDLE)

11. U.S.R.

12. DATE OF BIRTH: 10/1/1903

13. COUNTRY OF BIRTH: Lithuania

14. TOWN OF BIRTH: Dignaj, Lithuania

15. COUNTRY OF LOCATION: U.S.A.

16. CODE: 100

17. U.S. STATE: U.S.A.

18. IDENTIFICATION CODE: [Redacted]

19. ADDITIONAL CODES

20. PATTERN ONLY

21. [Redacted]

22. [Redacted]

23. [Redacted]

24. [Redacted]

25. [Redacted]

26. ORGANIZATION (INDICATE ORGANIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT)

27. ORGANIZATION

28. OCCUPATION (FILL IN): Roman Catholic Bishop

29. OCCUPATION

30. POSITION DESK: SR/10

31. POSITION

32. SECONDARY DESK: 110

33. EMPLOYER

34. EMPLOYER

35. COMMENTS:

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[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted]

Report of Contact with Bishop BRIZGYS

1. In discussions with OO [] it was decided that the writer and [] would attempt to meet with BRIZGYS on 11 March 1963 at 1030 hours in his office. In order to arrange this meeting, the writer visited the address which is listed for the Bishop, 6752 South Rockwell. This address is on the corner of Rockwell and 68th Street and looked like a priests' house. It was, and a priest with his mouth full of food answered the door at 1715 hours on 8 March to inform the C.O. that Bishop Brizgys now lived at the Holy Cross Hospital on 68th Street.
2. The undersigned visited the main reception desk at the hospital and the nun on duty seemed a little reluctant to talk at first but when the word Washington was mentioned she mellowed somewhat and indicated that Bishop Brizgys had been ill with the flu for several weeks, had just recovered and had left that very morning for Detroit to give a lecture and would not be returning from his trip through the East until Holy Saturday. The little nun telephoned the Bishops quarters in the hospital and learned that he would not be in Cleveland, New York or Boston within the next week. The nun also indicated that only Lithuanians referred to Brizgys as Bishop and that non-Lithuanians called him "Reverand".
3. His mail address is

Rev. Vincentas Brizgys
Holy Cross Hospital
West 68th Street and California
Chicago 29, Illinois

4. On 9 March 1963 at 0900 hours the undersigned informed McCarthy of the change in plans.

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Bishop Vincentas BRIZGYS
6752 South Rockwell, Chicago 29

See Trakis debriefing guide

meetings with STANKEVICIUS
IMPRESSIONS MAZEIKA
KRIVAITIS
BAKSIS
MAZELIS
CORRESPONDENT
KRIKCHUNAS

REV DR. V. KAZIUNAS

MSGR K RAZMUNAS

REV VYTAUTAS KAZLAUSKAS

MON TILABE

ROME LITH COMMUNITY

MRS. TYSLIAVA COMMENTS

RETURN TO LITH

VISIT OF CHURCHMENT TO USE CATHOLIC AND WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES...

TALK TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE....

WHAT CAN US GOVT DO...WHAT SHOULD CHURCH DO....POLITICAL GROUPS...PRIVATE CITIZENS

USE OF CHURCH BY SOVIETS IN FURTHERING POLITICAL ATMS

Briggs

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Ann: [1]
4405 S. Maplewood
Chicago, Ill
Jan 12, 1963

Dear []:

Thank you for your two notes. I regret the delay in answering them. I am trying to get my doctorate this February and am pressed for time. I am delinquent in my correspondence to everybody. Nevertheless, here are a few notes concerning your last request - information on the religious life in contemporary Lithuania. As I have told you earlier several Lithuanian priests, including Bishop Vincentas Brizgys met Lithuanian prelates that were participating in the Ecumenical Council in Vatican. Unexpectedly, I recently met Bishop Brizgys at a christening reception, where he provided several interesting observations from his conversations with the prelates of Lithuania. The prelates were in daily contact with the Catholic clergy from the West, especially with the Lithuanian since their removal in

The Lithuanian Spiritual Academy
in Rome Bishop Buzys suggests
that the information he conveys
is not printable. However,
I leave it up to your judgment.
Here is a paraphrase of the
Bishop's comments.

1) The Catholic Church is isolated
in various ways from youth, who
according to the prelates, are
extremely morally decadent. The
formal teaching of Catholicism is
almost impossible. The Church is
adjusting to this in various ways.
First of all, apparently there are
secret circles of young people
who are dedicated to the teaching
of religious truths to their peers.
There are strict entrance requirements
and a religious initiation into the
circles. There is no indication how
widespread such religious teaching
is. No doubt, the Lithuanian
prelates have a good idea about
it, but are unwilling to reveal
the details of this operation for
obvious reasons. There is no public

indication that the regime is
aware of this. No doubt, the
security organs must have some
idea.

2) The religious youth has pooled
their religious literature resources. They
have not checked print literature
was collected from various sources.
Bishop Briggs reported of a
case where the regime publicly
tried and convicted one "director
of a book library. No announcement
if the trial appeared in the
press. The woman that was
convicted reportedly had said
publicly at the end of the
trial: "I have done my part
now you do yours." This report
appears to be authentic because
the Bishop cited the name of
the woman whose sister lives
in Chicago.

3) How do the prelates pro-
Lithuanian view the future? Right
now they are more optimistic
because they believe that the

regime inevitably has to evolve slowly toward a more human system; that despite all Soviet pressure on religion, they have survived and, in fact, show signs of a mild revival; that the Communist system itself is showing signs of disintegration. The moral disintegration - and they believe that this will someday spell the doom to the Soviet system; that the Soviet experiment of developing Communist morality has failed.

4) The prelates from Lithuania were attended by a "journalist" who, according to the Bishop, was the political commissary of the delegate. In fact, I recall one of his dispatches appeared recently in Tierr (in December). His interview with the prelates in Rome suggests the reasons for permission to the prelates to attend the Council. It is an interesting document on the regime and the Church for propaganda

purposes. An important point of the interview was that the Roman Church, especially Pope John, has made for him more of a spiritual and moral program, and evades the political crusades that Pope Pius XII carried on. The obvious one to which the Lithuanian Catholic Church is put, and the Church is willing to accept this for the few privileges that it has, is the peace campaign support support for the peaceful-coexistence line throughout the world. Also, in the recent attempts to discredit the "bourgeois nationalists", in the trials of the Nazi collaborators in the extermination of Jews and Russian POW's, the clergy also played a notable role in the public condemnation of atrocities.

So much for the information on the religious life in Lithuania I expect to have a talk on

of these days with one of the
priests who was recently in Rome.
At the moment, however, I
am extremely occupied. I might
suggest that perhaps you could
make some arrangements to
have a more systematic report
on the meetings - ideas of the
prelates from Lithuania, when
they return for the next
session of the Ecumenical
Council. Please use your judgment
what can be used publicly,
if you find anything valuable
in the notes.
I will give you an opinion
on the ELTA - B edition as soon
as I can catch a breath from
my work. Also I will make it
a point to see Leviskas at
the beginning of February. By
now he should be somewhat
more affected by the freedom
of this country and should,
I would call, be more willing to
discuss things. []
I'll next letter certainly you []

in 1950
L.S.D.

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14 JAN 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division
ATTENTION : (SR/10/Baltic
FROM : Deputy Director of Security (Investi-
gations and Operational Support)
SUBJECT : BRIZGYS, Vincentas
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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 17 December 1962 wherein a Provisional Covert Security Approval was requested to permit contact with Subject in the U.S. for debriefing on his contacts with Soviet Lithuanians and on several American Lithuanians whom he has known or had met in Rome while attending the Ecumenical Congress.

2. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Clandestine Services Instruction No. 10-5 and Clandestine Services Instruction - Field No. 10-5, a Provisional Covert Security Approval is granted for the use of the Subject as described in your request as set forth in paragraph 1, above.

3. Subjects of Provisional Covert Security Approvals are not to represent themselves as, nor are they to be represented as, employees of CIA.

4. Your attention is called to the fact that a Provisional Covert Security Approval does not constitute complete compliance with the provisions of CIA Regulation 10-210. Therefore, if you should desire at a later date to change the status or use of this individual, a request for approval to cover any proposed change should be submitted to this office.

5. This approval becomes invalid in the event action is not taken within 90 days of the date of this memorandum.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

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Bishop Brizgys About the Situation in Lithuania

At the monthly meeting of the members of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce on February 13 in the Darius-Girenas room in Chicago, Bishop Brizgys spoke on the present situation in Lithuania. Bishop Brizgys who spent about two months at the Ecumentical Council in Rome spoke of the talks he had with other delegates from Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia and other countries.

The general impression made by the speech was that there still exists in Lithuania a national spirit and that Lithuanians try by all means to remain Lithuanian. Lithuanians actively oppose (are strictly against) the bringing in of Russian people to colonize Lithuania, they take care of their own national and historical monuments. In most of Lithuania the Russians are considered the enslavers and receive no respect from the people for this. Even the former Lithuanian ideological Communists have now discovered that the Russians worry not about Communism but Pan-Slavism. There is a wide gap as far as confidence is concerned between the lower Lithuanian officials and the higher Russian authorities. The speaker stated that many of his readers would be astounded to hear that not a few Lithuanian Communists are sincerely working for the good of the country. (ensembles)
Many Lithuanian groups/are strictly of a Lithuanian character.

Lithuanian girls avoid marriage with Russians. Immediately after the war when much of the Lithuanian youth had joined the partisans or had perished in the war and there were more women than men, marriages with Russians took place. However, from most of these marriages no good resulted since the Russians proved themselves unreliable (disloyal). The Lithuanian girls don't marry Russians also for patriotic reasons.

The Lithuanians hold American and Great Britian politics to be two-faced and unreliable and they expect nothing good from these countries. They expect much however from a free European Federation.

The Bishop talked considerably about the past partizan activities in Lithuania where many lives were sacrificed/ He stressed that even today the Russians don't trust the Lithuanians. (as well as the Latvians and Estonians) are not accepted in military institutes and soldiers who are required to serve in the Red Army are not allowed to serve in Lithuania but are sent to Russia.

The speaker, contrary to many "know-it-all" who speak on present Lithuania,

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refrained from leaning too much to one side or the other. Although he had asked his audience to stamp with their feet if they should tire of his speech and then spoke for about 50 minutes, no one took advantage of this request.

At the beginning of his talk, Bishop Brizgys expressed his opinion about ~~the~~ Lithuanians in America. "I do not see any reason to be greatly pessimistic. In America there are many more good Lithuanians than one sees at various meetings. The Lithuanian spirit in America is not in such a bad situation as some say..... Perhaps I am wrong on this."

Vienybe, 22 Feb 63

(Remainder of article deals with speeches by other guests.)

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F/BRIZGYS, VICENTAS
Bishop

2 December 1965

ATTN : C []

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

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REF : CHI-1049-65
CHI-1054-65
OOR-324/21138-65

CASE

1. Thank you for references which answered the requirement very thoroughly. Regarding the book "Heusinger of the Fourth Reich", CI Staff requests that you forward a copy to headquarters. If you have any additional information in your files on Charles Allen, CI would be interested in seeing it. Do not make any effort to collect data on him, however.

2. In paragraph 17 of CHI-1049-65, you indicate that you plan to contact subject after obtaining a clearance on him. The CI officer who requested this material advises that subject is obviously a Soviet target. In view of this and the fact that the intelligence community has little interest in Lithuania at this time, we feel you would be wasting your time in contacting him.

AC []/dm

cc: Services Div. (Control)

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BRIZGYS, Vicentas
#E 286 240

11 February 1966

On 7 February 1966, the current passport file of Vicentas BRIZGYS was reviewed at the Passport Office, Department of State. The following is a summary of the information contained therein:

Birth: On 10 November 1903 at Plyniai, Lithuania.

PASSPORT ISSUED: At Washington, D. C., on 8 August 1962, passport #C570443, for a period of eight months to visit Italy and Germany, for the purpose of taking part in the Catholic Churches Ecumenical Council.

Passport Renewal: At Chicago, Illinois, on 17 August 1965, passport #C570443, for a period of three months to visit Great Britain, West Germany and Italy, for the purpose of participating in the 11th Session of Ecumenical Council.

Naturalization: In April 1957, at Chicago, Illinois, SUBJECT immigrated to the United States on 22 December 1952, while a national of Lithuania and resided in Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Naturalization is not available.

The SUBJECT'S current file contains no information of a derogatory nature.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE : 1 April 1966
TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service
SUBJECT: BRIZGYS, Vicentas AKA: BRIZGYS, Bishop
FILE NO: 286240

1. Reference is made to your request for security checks on the subject person as a source of intelligence information.
2. This is to inform you that the necessary checks have been completed with the following results:

- a. No additional information has been obtained, except for such biographic information as indicated below or in the attachment.
- b. Information has been received that Subject was investigated with favorable results in
- c. Certain information has been received and appears in the attachment which your Division will wish to consider in determining the extent and level of your use of Subject.

3. It is to be noted that our checks were made on the basis of the identifying information you furnished or in an attachment to this memorandum. Should it be disclosed that this information is erroneous or that Subject is known by a different name, this Division should be notified immediately.

E *J. J. [unclear]*
Chief, Personnel Security Division

X NOTE: For your information, coordination has been effected in this case.
Attachment:
State Passport Report

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C. 20537

Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Office	NYC
File No.	A8 420 233 S/J. Weiss
Date	5/19/75mc

Please furnish a copy of any criminal record shown in the fingerprint records of your Bureau concerning the following person. Fingerprints Attached Unavailable FBI Ident. Number _____

(LAST NAME) BRIZGYS, Vincentas	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE NAME)	DATE OF BIRTH Nov. 10, 1903	PRESENT NATIONALITY Liithuanian	
OTHER NAMES USED (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)			PLACE OF BIRTH Plyniail, Lithuania	MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	IDENTIFYING MARKS	
HEIGHT 68"	WEIGHT 170	COLOR EYES blue	COLOR HAIR brn		
IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATES AND PLACES OF ALL MARRIAGES OR DIVORCES.					
PARENTS' NAMES (Last name)		(First name)	DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (If known)		ADDRESS
Father BRIZGYS, Maticjus					
Mother VILKELIS, Marya					
ORGANIZATIONS (Include any societies, clubs, etc., with which now or previously affiliated) knights of Columbus; American Association for Advancement of Science					
RESIDENCE LAST (5) (7) YEARS (Street & No., RFD, etc.) (City, state and country)			FROM	TO	
Holy Cross Hospital 2701 W. 68th St. Chicago Ill 6727 South California, Chicago, Ill/			1952		
EMPLOYMENT LAST (5) (7) YEARS (Employer's name) (Number, street, city, state)			FROM	TO	
Roman Catholic Church Bishop at Holy Cross Hospital 2701 W. 68th St. Chicago, Ill			1952		
LAST ADMISSION TO U.S. (Date, port and status) Detroit, Mich. 12/11/52			PRIOR ENTRIES AND DEPARTURES (Dates and ports or if numerous, list years when previously in U.S.) 8/13/55 Mia, LPR		
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30 November 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDO/ISS/IP/EIS

FROM :

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DCD/FIO/PAO

SUBJECT : Nazi War Criminal Investigation (OGC 77-4817)

1. This memorandum summarizes the results of our search of the names included in subject request. Much of this material has been provided previously through several telephone conversations.

2. Material on the following individuals (who may be identical with the individuals listed in your request) was destroyed on 10 February 1969 in accordance with approved records destruction schedules:

- a. Agh, Lazlo Imre
- b. Artukovic, A.
- c. Birziska, Mykolas
- d. Bobelis, Jurgis
- e. Futala, Lew
- f. Hilger, Gustav
- g. Jankus, Longinos
- h. Kushel, Francisek
- i. Malaxa, Nicolae
- j. Mueller, Hans
- k. Pavelic, Radovan
- l. Popov, Ivan V.
- m. Stanko, Kyrylo
- n. Strughold, Huber
- o. Wallace, Frank
- p. Zander, W.

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3. DCD has files on the following individuals who may be identical with those listed in subject request:

a. Brizgys, Vicentas (Bishop): born 10 November 1903 in Plynisi, Lithuania; no record of DCD contact.

b. Lang, Kornel (aka Tokaji, Janos; Tokay, John): born 11 December 1919 in Debrecin, Hungary. In 1965,

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he contacted the DCD [] to provide information on a visiting Soviet scientist. One intelligence report resulted from this contact. He claimed at that time to have had contact with the DCD [] during the Hungarian uprising. DCD records do not reflect any such contact. On the basis of information furnished by the Office of Security, DCD placed Lang in a "restricted" contact category. There is no evidence that he has been contacted since 1965.

c. Trifa, Valerian D. (Bishop): In response to a 1976 request under the Privacy Act (P 76-126), DCD furnished copies of four memoranda in which Bishop Trifa's name appears. As part of his request, Bishop Trifa stated that he was born 28 June 1914 in Turda, Romania. There is no indication that he was ever contacted by DCD.

4. Traces on the other individuals listed in your request are negative.

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SUBJECT: Case 46739 - Vicentas Brizgys, Former Bishop of Kaunas,
Lithuania

1. The following information concerning Bishop Vicentas Brizgys was secured through personal interviews of usually reliable contacts of the E DCS, and through a review of files available to the Chicago Office, US Immigration and Naturalization Service.

2. Vicentas Brizgys was born 10 November 1903 at Plyniai, Lithuania, which he listed as his official residence until July, 1927. His father, now deceased, was Marijus Brizgys, who was also born in Plyniai. His mother, also deceased, was Marya Vilkelis Brizgys. She was born at Mokenonys, Lithuania. There is no record of any sisters. As of 11 December 1952, Bishop Brizgys listed the following addresses for his brothers:

Simon Brizgys. 5423 South Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Joseph Brizgys. 2545 West Marquette Road, Chicago, Illinois

Peter Brizgys. 6840 South Campbell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

3. The 1964-65 Chicago Telephone Directory has no listing under either Joseph or Peter Brizgys, but there is a listing under the name of Simon Brizgys at 6920 South Rockwell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Phone number, 776-6062.

4. Bishop Brizgys was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest on 22 July 1927, and assigned as an Assistant Pastor in the Kalvarija, Lithuanian parish from 1927 until 1930. From 1939 to 1935, he was a student in Rome, Italy and Paris, France, receiving his Doctorate in Philosophy and Canon Law. From 1936 to 1940, he was a Professor in a Catholic seminary in Lithuania. He was appointed to the Titular See of Bosana on 2 April 1940 and, on 19 May 1940, consecrated Bishop and assigned as Auxiliary to Archbishop Metropolitan of Kaunas. In 1944, Bishop Brizgys was sent to Germany by the Gestapo. Since the end of WW II, Bishop Brizgys has been Bishop of Lithuanian Refugees in Exile in Europe, USA and other countries. In 1952, he was accepted for Ecclesiastical Service in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Illinois.

5. The above information concerning the affiliation of Bishop Brizgys with the Roman Catholic Church was contained in a statement signed by Joseph J. Skvircekef, Archbishop of Kaunas, under date of 16 June 1952, and in

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another statement by Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, under date of 9 May 1952. Because of the writing, the last four letters in the name Skvircekef may not be accurate.

6. Bishop Brizgys listed his address from July 1944 until August 1951 as 7 Alter Kornmarkt, Regensburg, Germany. In another document, he showed his address during the period of October 1948 to January 1949 as c/o Sisters of the Precious Blood, Yonkers, New York. From August, 1951 to October, 1951 he was in Venezuela. He arrived in the US on 3 October 1951, and maintained a residence with Reverend Stanley Valuckis, Chaplain of St. Casimir's Academy, 6702 South Rockwell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This is either a part of, or affiliated with, Maria High School, 6727 S. California Avenue, Chicago.

7. Records indicate that Bishop Brizgys first entered the US at La Guardia Airport, New York on 29 October 1948 as a non-immigrant visitor. He departed New York on 24 July 1949. He stated that, during this period, at the invitation of Bishops, he visited Lithuanian parishes in the USA and Canada, speaking about Communism in Europe. He reentered the US at New York on 3 October 1951 and departed 3 January 1952 at New Orleans. He entered again at Miami on 6 February 1952 as a non-immigrant visitor and departed at New York on 17 May 1952. On 4 July 1952, he entered the US at La Guardia as a non-immigrant visitor and a guest of Cardinal Stritch of Chicago. He was granted the privilege of preexamination and issued a non-quota immigration visa at the US Consulate in Windsor, Ontario on 11 December 1952, and reentered the US at Detroit, Michigan on the same day.

8. An I & NS Reentry Permit granting Bishop Brizgys permission to visit Colombia and Venezuela indicates that the Bishop returned to the US at Miami, Florida on 9 December 1954 and 13 August 1955. There is no record of departure dates, or the actual country, or countries visited.

9. When Bishop Brizgys first entered the US, he was carrying Passport No. 243 issued to Bishop Vincenzo Brizgys by the Vatican, Rome, Italy under date of 16 April 1947, and valid until 30 June 1953.

10. Bishop Brizgys was naturalized as a US citizen at Chicago, Illinois on 1 April 1958, Certificate number 7884358, Petition number 380884. As of 17 November 1965, his residence is in the Holy Cross Hospital, 2701 West 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60629. This hospital is owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Casimir, the same Roman Catholic Religious Order which operates Maria High School.

11. Informants stated that Bishop Brizgys is well regarded in the Chicago area. It is believed that he was designated by the Pope to maintain contact with Lithuanian refugees in Europe and North and South America but, in 1964, responsibility for Lithuanian refugees in Europe was given to another Bishop. Bishop Brizgys may have contacts with Lithuanians in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela, as well as with those in the US and Canada. He is now in attendance at the Ecumenical Council in Rome. Whether or not he will return to Chicago immediately after the Council is adjourned on 8 December 1965, is unknown.

12. Three priests and two reporters from Lithuania are now in Rome, and it is believed that Bishop Brizgys has been unsuccessful in his efforts to secure information from them. One of the priests is believed to be a Communist sympathizer, and the other two priests are afraid to discuss the Lithuanian situation when anyone else is present. An unidentified Roman Catholic priest now in Gary, Indiana, who was a classmate of one of the priests from Lithuania attending the Ecumenical Council, was also unsuccessful in his efforts to get information from his classmate.

13. The following excerpts are from letters, dated 27 December 1962 and 1 February 1963, to the Honorable Robert Kennedy, US Attorney General, by Charles R. Allen, Jr., 120 Grant Avenue, East Rockaway, New York:

"Prelate Vincent Brizgys, now Bishop Brizgys of Chicago, Illinois

"It has been charged that he is guilty of having collaborated with the Nazis during the period when by deliberate design the Germans imposed the notorious Ost Land 'formula' on the Baltic Countries of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia which openly aimed at exterminating all Jews, Gypsies and Slavs in that area."

"On page 4 of my Dec 27, 1963 letter to you, I noted the case of Prelate Vincent Brizgys, now Bishop Brizgys of Chicago, Illinois, and charged with having committed war crimes in his native Lithuania. I am enclosing a photostatic copy of a top secret SS Operation Report issued on August 16, 1941 by the Chief of SIPO (Security Police) and the SD (Security Service) of the SS. This SS report is based in turn from other operational reports of the Nazi Einsatzgruppen in Lithuania, and, in the description of the SS report by the United States Army's Office of Chief of Counsel for War Crimes on March 27, 1947, dealt with persecution of Jews, atrocities against civilians, annexation of conquered territory and anti-Partisan activity.

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"In summarizing the contents of this top secret SS report, the American prosecution at Nuremberg commented as follows: Page 16: Concluding a report on religious affairs, it is stated that Bishop Brizgys has forbidden all clergy to aid Jews in any way. Then follows under the head of executive activity, a detailed list of persons liquidated during the 22 July to 2 August - - -

"I should like to note that upon the completion of this current series of articles of mine, they shall be reprinted in the form of a pamphlet. Then, an extended, book-length treatment will be published both here in this country and abroad. I do hope that I shall be able to secure the official position of your Department in these matters."

14. The series of articles mentioned by Mr. Allen were issued by the Committee Against Nazism and Anti-Semitism, room 732, 1133 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

15. Mr. Allen was advised by the Office of the US Attorney General that Bishop Brizgys had acquired US citizenship and there is no evidence upon which this citizenship may be revoked. Chicago area informants scoffed at the allegation by Allen.

16. Efforts to secure a copy of the Allen pamphlet titled, "Nazi War Criminals in Our Midst", will be continued.

17. [] J, DCS, has had no contact with Bishop Vicentas Brizgys. Request for security clearance will be submitted and, if cleared, Bishop Brizgys will be contacted upon his return to Chicago from Rome, for whatever reportable information he may have. An effort will also be made to identify and interview the priest in Gary, Indiana mentioned in paragraph 12.

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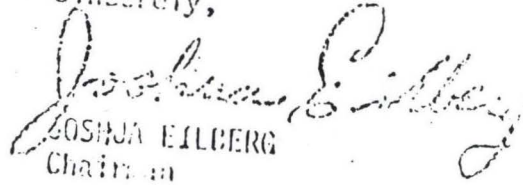
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I am hopeful that your schedule will permit such a briefing sometime next week.

I wish to advise you of my deep interest in this subject matter, and I would appreciate your prompt cooperation in complying with my requests.

Sincerely,


JOSHUA EILBERG
Chairman

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DCD-495/79
7 May 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: DO/IMS/OG/EIR
FROM : [redacted]
DCD/FIO/PAO
SUBJECT : Nazi War Criminal Investigation
(OGC 79-03562)

1. As we previously reported (in response to OGC 77-4817), DCD has a file on Vicentas Brizgys. A further search surfaced the attached Chicago memorandum ([redacted]-1049-65), which contains considerable background information about this individual.

2. Traces on the two other individuals listed in subject request are negative.

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