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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings with Yuri Raus

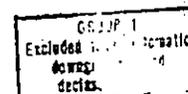
1. I met with Yuri Raus on 26 January at 1900 hours at the Capri Bar and again on 28 January at 2100 hours in the Zebra Bar on Wisconsin Avenue. The meetings with Raus have been fairly frequent in order to assure that we keep pretty much on top of the case in progress and to assure further that Raus takes no irresponsible action which might further complicate the case.

2. In the second meeting I told him that the interest of the Agency was to prosecute the case as vigorously as possible, to damage Heine if indeed he is an RIS agent and at the same time to attempt to avoid any serious damage to either the Agency or to Raus himself. He understands his position thoroughly and is appreciative of our desires.

3. On the subject of the tapes which Raus procured from Parming, Raus gave the following background: at some time after Heine arrived in Canada Parming heard about Heine's alleged activities in the field of guerrilla warfare, and since Parming himself is interested in the same field (I believe Raus stated that Parming was a U.S. Army Reservist and active in Special Forces business) Parming wrote to Heine and sent him a long list of questions relating to guerrilla warfare in Soviet Estonia. Heine recorded his replies on tape and sent this material (four tapes in all) to Parming. This amounted to several hours of conversation. Parming later gave the tapes to Raus and the latter copied them with his own home made equipment, the copies being understandable though not of high quality. He returned all except the last reel to Parming. Recently Parming wrote Raus requesting that he return this last reel. Raus called him on the telephone to find out what had been responsible for the renewed interest in this subject and Parming gave him to understand that some government agency had expressed an interest in the tapes. Raus was uncertain of the details since it was more or less double talk on the telephone. Raus will see Parming this weekend in New York and return the last reel to him. He will ask for further clarification of the telephone message.

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4. Raus feels that these tapes have enough material on Heine's background to be of some interest to the lawyers and he has so advised them. As the lawyers may need an individual to serve as a translator, he suggested the name of a USIA employee, Mr. Vello Edema, 1230 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. apartment 209.

5. Raus showed me a copy of the Estonian emigre newspaper put out by "the Opposition", on the first page at the bottom they had a very brief notice concerning the fact that Heine has sued Raus for slander. Raus has passed this information to the lawyers and intends to write the newspaper forwarding a copy of Raus's defense motion and asking them to print it. [] seemed to feel that this was a good idea.

6. Raus thinks it would be useful if one of the anti-Heine publications were to print some phrases from the highly patriotic and anti-communist speeches made by Arthur Haman in Sweden in 1960. When Haman returned to the Soviet Union and was surfaced by the Soviets, it became crystal clear to the emigration that he had been a Soviet agent. Thus, this would have the effect of showing that a Soviet agent is fully capable of making anti-Soviet speeches in the West. He proposed to discuss this with Vallaste in New York with the idea that the latter would put it into his newspaper. My advice to him was as follows: It sounds like an excellent idea, however, he should certainly check it out with the lawyers prior to taking the action, and in general he should make no moves of any kind in this case without first discussing them fully with his lawyers. Second, he should be careful in doing anything which would cause him embarrassment if he is forced to repeat it under oath on the witness stand. Third, he should not persuade Vallaste to print anything and should make it clear to the latter that he is not to point any fingers at Heine in any way which would subject him to libel or slander action. In short, one case of this kind is enough, and anything that Vallaste does he obviously does at his own risk and discretion.

7. Raus would like to get hold of copies of the Estonian "Return to Homeland" Newspaper which is entitled "Kodusaa" (Homeland). I told him I would check this out but I doubted whether it could be located anywhere in my organization. He believes that the newspaper prints material concerning the emigration which will give him some clues as to RIS methods of subversion and disruption. He would also like if possible to see the Soviet Estonian Press Summaries put out in Estonian by the VOA (Estonian

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Desk). This is an unclassified daily digest for VOA writers. I told him I would try to obtain some copies of these for him but could make no guarantees.

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