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FROM

Chief, WE and Chief, SR

SUBJECT REDWOOD

Current Status of HEINE-RAUS Case

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Reference: OCON 5080, dated 22 January 1965

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1. [] may recall the status of the HEINE-RAUS case as of the time he left SR Division. To summarize briefly, HEINE had provided his version of his background in the long deposition taken in Washington in February 1965; RAUS' attorneys had put their private investigators onto the case in order to provide material for the defense, and they were expecting HEINE's attorney (Ernest C. RASKAUSKAS) to serve written interrogatories on RAUS.

2. In November 1965 the case became active when RASKAUSKAS served a 71-page list of questions on RAUS, delving into every facet of his life and dwelling particularly on his contacts with intelligence agencies in general and this one in particular. He was asked to name his contacts and reveal the full content of any and all discussions held with them. It was immediately obvious that RAUS could not answer these questions, but the legal basis for resisting created serious problems. Finally, after consultation between Chief, LCDATA and RAUS' attorneys and with the approval of Chief, KUDOVE, it was decided that the most expedient course would be for KUBARK to admit that RAUS had been provided with certain information by us, and more importantly had been acting as KUBARK's agent (legal, not intelligence sense) in passing it on. The attorneys have assured us that this will make it possible to get a summary judgment in RAUS's favor without the case ever going before a jury. [] may recall that we had earlier examined this solution but had rejected it because of the possibilities for unfavorable publicity. Upon reappraisal of the situation it was decided that anything short of this could very well result in RAUS losing the case, and that the publicity aspects would then be considerably more damaging, with HEINE certain to spread his story as widely as possible. This present step will have the advantage of closing the case down once and for all, and we hope that any publicity which might conceivably result will be short-lived.

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3. Accordingly, an affidavit signed by Deputy Chief, KUBARK has been filed with the court by the defense attorneys together with a motion for summary judgment, and a hearing will be held on this motion on 25 February. We will advise you of the results. The above is for your information only, and we believe that there is no necessity for briefing liaison at least for the present.

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