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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Juri RAUS

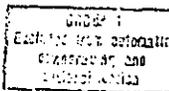
1. I met briefly with Juri RAUS today at the Kosslyn Hot Shoppe over coffee in order to query him on his recollection of what precisely had been told him by [] about HEINE. This was in connection with preparation of clarifying language for the Helms' affidavit to overcome the objection of the judge as to the wording in Paragraph 7. [] and I had agreed that I would query RAUS, being careful to avoid any coaching or rehearsing of the witness.

2. I asked RAUS to relate to me to the best of his present memory how the conversation or conversations had gone between [] and him on this matter. He told me that HEINE had been discussed in a number of meetings, along with other topics of mutual interest, over a period of some months. There had been general discussion of HEINE's background and story, and [] had continually pointed out the highly suspect elements and the reasons for concluding that he was a Soviet agent. RAUS recalled that he understood and agreed with [] analysis from his own knowledge of the situation in Estonia during the time period involved. He does remember very distinctly that at one time he wanted to be sure that what [] was telling him was not merely a personal opinion but an Agency opinion, and he asked [] point-blank to clarify this. He remembers [] saying something like "the official position (or opinion) of the Agency is that HEINE is a Soviet (or KGB) agent". He is not completely certain whether the word was "position" or "opinion". He is not completely certain whether Paul said "Soviet agent" or "KGB agent". This particular meeting does stand out in his mind because he had been satisfied at that time with the answer and felt he had a right to go ahead as suggested by [] and pass the word to interested leaders of the Estonian emigration.

3. RAUS further stated that the famous meeting in New York had in fact been provoked (as he put it) by the opposition. After he had passed word around to his friends and colleagues about HEINE he began to hear accusations against himself (RAUS) to the effect that he was mounting a personal attack or vendetta against HEINE. He felt therefore that the matter should be clarified once and for all and he himself called the meeting in New York of leaders of the national organization of the Legion and leaders of the New York Chapter. He emphasized to the meeting that he had no personal feud with HEINE and that information which he had passed had been

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given to him by an official agency of the government.

4. We discussed the newspaper articles in the Evening Star of 20 April and the New York Times of 21 April. RAUS was not particularly upset, since his role as a CIA agent had been sufficiently exposed at least among his Estonian colleagues so that the story would come as no surprise. He has had to endure a little good-natured banter in his own office, where he is now known as "X-9". He told me that his own immediate supervisor had not been particularly upset and had referred to the articles in joking vein. General Saal is not at work for the moment since his wife died about a week ago, therefore RAUS does not know what his reaction may be, but he is not very concerned.

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