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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Department of Commerce Officials re Heine v Raus Case

1. On 3 May 1966 Messrs. [redacted], of Cover Staff, [redacted] and I met with chief security officers of the Department of Commerce, Messrs. John Phillips and Joseph Kelly, to discuss the subject law suit. We began by going through the background paper on Raus, prepared for the Office of the President, and reviewed a number of memoranda which indicated that [redacted], then of Cover Staff, had laid on the requirements with the Bureau of Public Roads for utilizing Raus, particularly in training assignments.
2. We explained that during these periods of time Mr. Raus was given administrative leave from BPR and thus, in effect, was detailed to the Agency. The specific assignments which are the subject matter of the suit against Raus were discussed as being part of this general permission for detail of Raus to the Agency by BPR. Although the particular meetings at which Raus made the statements in question were during what would normally be off-hours, they were made, nevertheless, as an employee of BPR detailed to the Agency and under Agency instruction. We reviewed the significance of this approach to Raus's assignment to the Agency as it bore upon the statement that he was directly or indirectly compensated by the Agency for his efforts.
3. Mr. Phillips suggested that he contact BPR for a review of Raus's personnel records in regard to authorizing administrative leave for these Agency assignments. It was clear that due to the security

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Involved in these assignments, the record would probably not contain any documents of value; nevertheless, he thought that a check should be made in view of the fact that Redburn could subpoena RFE records. He said he would get in touch with [ ] when he had the necessary information.

(Signed) [ ]

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Assistant General Counsel

cc: Cover Staff, Att: [ ]  
SR Division, Att: [ ]

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