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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Juri RAUS on 26 May 1966

1. At RAUS' request I met him on 26 May 1966 at 1700 hours at the Cafe Capri to go over a couple of minor items which were on his mind. He told me that he had talked to () and () about certain "counter-attack" steps which could be taken legally in order to embarrass HEINE. He has in mind taking depositions from a couple of HEINE's closest supporters, ALLIKAS and KEERD. Both of these individuals have been active in defending HEINE and have hinted that RAUS might himself be Soviet inspired in his attacks on their friend. RAUS points out that both of these gentlemen have backgrounds which are not particularly attractive. ALLIKAS is a rabid rightist and has come out frequently with remarks of an anti-Semitic nature. KEERD worked in Soviet Estonia as a judge and therefore could be accused of having meted out Soviet justice to patriotic Estonian anti-Communists. RAUS said that () had not been very enthusiastic about taking these depositions on the ground that they would have very little to do with the case as it presently stands, that is, while the motion is still before the judge for summary judgment. () was somewhat less negative but apparently nothing will be done along these lines for the time being.

2. I asked him if he knew anything about the background of the letter to the Editor of the Washington Star which had appeared in the 25 May issue by Mr. LEESMENT, president of the Estonian National Committee in the United States. This letter had come to the support of the Agency, making the point that Americans of Eastern and Central European background are frequently targets for infiltration by Communist agents and that CIA is acting correctly in its efforts to prevent infiltration of these ethnic groups. This letter had been one of the few pro-CIA pieces to appear in newspapers recently on the HEINE-RAUS case. RAUS said that he was not behind this letter in any way. He knows the writer and he has the feeling that it may have been inspired by LEESMENT's close acquaintances with people in Radio Free Europe.

3. RAUS had earlier asked me whether he could submit to me a list of some expenses incurred in the course of getting information which I had requested about HEINE's visits to the U.S., etc. In addition, he is having one of his friends collect the Estonian Emigre Press so that he can scan

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it for material which may be useful to us in the trial. He presented me with an itemized bill for \$43.50 which I told him I would reimburse.

4. RAUS stated that he had recently talked to Alex KURGVEL and had found that KURGVEL has the names of a number of Estonian emigros in Sweden who may possibly be in the position to shed some light on HEINE's bona fides. RAUS stated that there had been a certain amount of immigration in recent years from Soviet Estonia to Sweden both legally and black, and he felt that we might be able to find names of people who had lived in HEINE's partisan area during the period 1946 to 1950 and who might be able to shed light on HEINE's participation in the partisan movement. I told him I would check into this.

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