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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

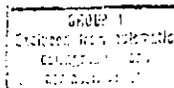
SUBJECT : Erik Heine - Financial Resources

1. You have asked what our present information shows regarding Heine's financial capability to underwrite the cost of his law suit. Our information is extremely limited, but based on his pleadings, his deposition taken in February 1965, and the investigator's report of 19 March 1965, it would appear that Heine is an individual of somewhat limited financial means.

2. In his Motion In Opposition To Oral Deposition, it was maintained that the inquiry be made by written interrogatories, because the plaintiff, "a workman receiving a subsistence income" could not afford the expenses of appearing in D. C. (Served January 15, 1965).

3. Heine is presently employed as a foreman of a Toronto plant specializing in making picture frames. He has four men under his supervision (Deposition, pages 3 and 4). During the period December 1957 until May of 1963, he was employed as a laborer by a manufacturing company (Deposition, pages 5 and 6). He contributed the \$10,000 cost of producing the film, with which he toured the United States and Canada in 1963. His sources were his savings of \$7,000, a bank loan of \$2,000, and a \$1,000 loan from his mother (Deposition, page 57). At the time he emigrated to Canada in 1957 he had \$1,500 in "damage money," paid to him by the German Government (Deposition, page 57). There is still \$1,200 outstanding on the bank loan and \$700 due his mother (Deposition, pages 70 and 71). Of his \$7,000 in personal funds, \$6,000 has been returned from tour proceeds (Deposition, page 71).

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4. The Investigator's report includes a Toronto credit report as of March 1965. Heine's salary is estimated to be \$5,500 a year, that of his wife \$3,500. It estimates his net worth to be between \$9,000 and \$10,000. As a matter of possible incidental interest, the report also shows that the three ranking officers in Heine's corporate employer are of Estonian origin, with net worths estimated at \$100,000, \$35,000 and \$25,000.

5. [] has no information on the type of financial arrangement Heine may have made with his counsel. He doubts, however, it is a straight contingency. It is his guess that their agreement required part cash.

6. In a message to [] on 12 May 1966 (DIR 04011), [] was requested to discuss with the RCMP the advisability of checking into Heine's finances. To date, there has been no reply.

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