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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Juri RAUS

1. On 21 July 1966 at 2000 hours I met RAUS at the Fox's Den on Wisconsin Avenue for drinks and discussion of several matters of current interest.

2. I went over with him the list of names of individuals in Canada who may have information on HEINE, which list we are sending to SMABOVE for their possible action. I had earlier asked him for any biographic information available on these six or seven people, and he had prepared reports on two of them, R. TRALLA and H. KIRIK.

3. I showed RAUS copies of the HEINE birth certificate in Estonian (presented by RASKAUSKAS to [] in response to the latter's request) and in German (received by us from the BND). RAUS stated that the German was an exact translation of the Estonian. He was unable to shed any light on whether it would have been normal practice in 1927 to issue a birth certificate in both languages. Also unclear is the reason behind the issuance of the certificate in 1927 for a birth which took place in 1919, but it might be speculated that the certificate was issued after the fact, perhaps in connection with school entry or church ceremony or something of the sort. I warned RAUS that he should not discuss this matter with anyone in an effort to seek for clarification, since it could be an important bit of evidence both for CI purposes and for [] to use in the trial. (I believe we could nevertheless safely go to KURGVEL on this matter if I warned him appropriately. For the time being we will not even do that.)

4. We discussed briefly the curious matter of HEINE applying for two free world passports in 1956 after his "repatriation" from the USSR. He apparently obtained a Republic of Estonia passport from the Estonian Republic authorities in London while simultaneously applying for and receiving a Federal Republic of Germany Reisepass from German authorities. While there may be perfectly innocent

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reasons behind this action it is nevertheless interesting and should be analysed. In addition,) may be able to make use of it before a jury, since the mere fact of asserting two citizenships would probably sound suspicious in itself to an innocent jurymen.

5. RAUS passed to me a considerable package of material, as follows:

(a) The special supplement to the Soviet Estonian newspaper "Homeland" devoted entirely to the HEINE-RAUS case and the CIA role in it. This issue has pictures of HEINE, RAUS, Admiral Raborn, Helms, and features a photo of CIA headquarters on the front page. I am attaching to it his summary of the articles which he had passed to me last week.

(b) A copy of a letter from the Baltimore Estonian Society to Senator Eugene J. McCarthy requesting clarification of his remarks about Communist infiltration into Estonian groups, and a copy of the Senator's reply.

(c) Report on R. TRALLA

(d) Report on H. KIRIK

(e) A three-page memorandum containing miscellaneous information on individuals who may have some relationship to the HEINE case. I have not yet read these carefully but the most interesting bit seems to come from Uno TEEMANT who is a former member of the Estonian political police and who provides the names of several other former political police functionaries who may be useful in a way similar to VESKIMETS.

6. RAUS read to me the contents of a letter in Estonian which he had just received from MAGI in Connecticut. MAGI and his family have just returned from a vacation sojourn at a Canadian lakeside resort. Present also were the VESKIMETS' family, father and son. MAGI learned that VESKIMETS, Senior, was desirous of talking directly to RAUS, since he stated that he had not revealed everything he knew to the two investigators who had spoken to him last year, primarily because he wasn't completely sure of just what side they represented. He allegedly will tell RAUS himself the whole story. VESKIMETS, Senior, has

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no telephone and can be reached only through his son who will shortly be leaving for Europe on a vacation, so it might be necessary to take action rapidly if we want to get to him soon. I asked RAUS to translate the letter for me and give me a copy today, 22 July, so that we can determine where we go from here. I emphasized that RAUS himself could certainly not go to Canada to talk to VESKIMETS but it might be possible for us to invite VESKIMETS down here.

7. RAUS asked me whether I had any comments on the previous package of material which he had turned over to me last week. I told him there were several interesting points which I had wanted to discuss with him but that I had not brought the report along with me, so we would have to wait until the next meeting. (Comment: It is completely logical that RAUS should pick up bits of information on this case and we want to encourage him to write it up and pass it over, so I will have to attempt in the future to evidence more interest in the material and be ready to talk to him about it at the following meeting. I have already emphasized and re-emphasized to him that he must be extremely careful in anything which he says about this case and particularly in his letter-writing, even to his good and close friends. I have told him that anything which he writes may come back to haunt him in the future. He appears to understand the importance of this point.)

8. Attached is a translation of the MAGI letter.

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Attachment: As stated

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