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19 September 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SB
FROM: [] []
SUBJECT: Interview of Ilmar VESKIMETS

1. Our plan to interview Ilmar VESKIMETS has been completely changed as of this afternoon. [] of the Canadian desk informed us that the RCMP will not give their approval to our having VESKIMETS invited to the US for interviews. The RCMP feel that, should VESKIMETS be invited to the US and they were questioned by their superiors about the matter, they would have to say that they were aware that RAUS had been in contact with VESKIMETS, an admission which would lead to further embarrassing questions. [] received this information from [] who talked with []

[] the RCMP. [] asked [] if the RCMP would interview VESKIMETS on our behalf. [] said that he would need a couple of days to consider that request. We should know his decision by Wednesday 21 September. In the event the RCMP declines to interview VESKIMETS, our next step would be, pending the concurrence of [] to have RAUS, as an American citizen defending his own interests, invite VESKIMETS to the United States for interviews. In this way the RCMP could truthfully say to their superiors that they had not agreed to our request and had nothing to do with any trip made by VESKIMETS to the United States. [] concurs in this course of action.

2. In addition to the RCMP decision not to approve our inviting VESKIMETS to the United States, it appears that we will not receive answers to the questions we have posed to them about HEINE which would have included information about his finances.

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