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20 September 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview of VESKIMETS

1.   On 19 September ⌐   ⌐   Canadian desk, called
⌐   ⌐ to tell her that the RCMP would not agree to
our inviting VESKIMETS (through RAUS) to the US for inter-
views. This news had been communicated to ⌐   ⌐ by
phone by ⌐   ⌐ who had talked to ⌐
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the RCMP. Mr. Higgett said that the RCMP could not agree
to our request for permission because they feel that, should
VESKIMETS be invited to the US and they were questioned by
their superiors about the matter they would have to admit
they knew RAUS had been in contact with VESKIMETS, an
admission which could lead to further embarassing questions.
⌐   ⌐ said that ⌐   ⌐ had asked ⌐   ⌐ if the
RCMP would interview VESKIMETS on our behalf and was told
that he ⌐   ⌐ would receive an answer to that question
by 21 September.

2.   RAUS was informed of the general course of these
developments by phone on the morning of 20 September by the
undersigned whom he knows as ⌐   ⌐ RAUS had talked with
VESKIMETS senior on the night of 19 September by phone and
told him that because of the many activities related to the
hearing on 28 September he (RAUS) could do nothing about
talking to him until after the hearing and would call
VESKIMETS again on 3 October. RAUS was told to sit tight
and that something would be worked out.

3.   C/SB was informed of the developments related in
Paragraph 1 by memo on the afternoon of 19 September. On
the morning of 20 September he told the undersigned that he
and ADDP thought the best course to follow now would be to
"clear the decks" of the Canadian involvement in this matter,
inform them that we are washing our hands of it, and let
RAUS as a private citizen and/or his lawyers invite VESKIMETS
to the US sometime in the future. (RAUS was not told any-
thing of this decision which really does not change our plans).

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SB/CI/I

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