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Dear []

Re: Heine v. Raus

Thank you very much for your letter of December 15th. I have read Judge Thompsen's opinion with great interest, and if I may say so, with great respect, I think it will be very difficult to upset his conclusions.

I regret to have to report that we had absolutely no success in interviewing Mr. Uduste in Montreal. Mr. C. A. Keith went to Montreal on Monday morning, the 19th December, in accordance with arrangements made through Mr. Parkma in Toronto. A Mr. Hagel in Montreal, a mutual friend of Uduste and Parkma, was responsible for setting up the appointment, but apparently over the week-end Uduste changed his mind and refused to talk.

No message cancelling the appointment was received, otherwise the trip would not have been made.

When my son arrived in Montreal he telephoned Mr. Hagel, who informed him that Uduste's objection to being interviewed was based primarily on his refusal to dredge up and discuss a very unhappy part of his life, and to involve himself in the present situation with its international complications and possible danger to relatives of his still in Estonia. Hagel reported that while Uduste could not recall ever knowing Heine in Estonia, he admitted that it was possible that Heine was working for the political police in 1942 as Heine claims.

I regret that this assignment proved so abortive insofar as results are concerned.

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I enclose herewith a memorandum of our account, which I trust will be found in order.

Yours faithfully,



Donald A. Keith

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