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TO	Chief, WF	
FROM	Chief, SP	
FROM	Chief of Station, [redacted] 14-1	3 October 1958
OPERATIONS	01 [VACC INF] Operations 01 [VACC INF] Meeting with Gregory G. COLUB, Counselor Chief, Soviet Embassy, Helsinki.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY.
REMARKS	None, for information only.	

1. On the 30th of September Brawley again had lunch with [VACC INF/1] to take up routine matters of business which included primarily visa and security checks. When the undersigned first walked into the Kabinetti (small private dining room) at the Officers' Club in Katajanokka, he commented on the unusually pleasant fall day. [VACC INF/1] laughingly replied, "Well, at least you agree with COLUB on one thing." He then remarked that he had seen COLUB just the other day and COLUB had commented about the beautiful fall weather. Naturally, we were curious about COLUB's business and just asked [VACC INF/1] what COLUB had to say for himself. [VACC INF/1] replied that some weeks ago COLUB had come to him with some NTC letters which had been mailed to Soviet personnel in Helsinki and had asked for [VACC INF/1]'s assistance in investigating this matter. [VACC INF/1] said that he is happy to be of innocuous help to COLUB on matters of this type as long as it is kept within harmless limits. COLUB also told [VACC INF/1] at this time that he would be glad to help with the investigation in any way he could. [VACC INF/1] had the NTC letters investigated with the result that they found out that the envelopes had been typed on a Swedish Halde machine, and the envelopes which had been used ran out of stock in Helsinki stores about a year ago. The investigation pointed to Sweden as the place where these letters must have been typed, and [VACC INF/1] told COLUB this. COLUB then asked him if he could intercede with the Swedish authorities, and [VACC INF/1] has promised to write about it. [VACC INF/1] went on to explain that his relations with COLUB are far more important to him (V/1) as the chief of the [VACC INF/3] than they can be to COLUB, because he (V/1) learns things from COLUB that he might not otherwise hear. At the last meeting the following items had come up:

- a. COLUB, in commenting upon Soviet Ambassador Viktor I. L'FEREDIV's departure, said that the latter has been seriously ill with diabetes for many years and has frequently requested to be relieved of his post, but has been turned down by Moscow because of the good work he has done in Finland. L'FEREDIV's wife has been unhappy with her stay in Helsinki and has also been anxious to return to the Soviet Union.
- b. COLUB brought up the Terreyson-VAPID case and said that VAPID had departed under a cloud, and whether he would return or not, COLUB did not know. [VACC INF/1] averred that he got the impression that VAPID must have undergone rigorous questioning before his departure.
- c. COLUB told [VACC INF/1] that he had warned "his people" to be very careful in Finland to do nothing stupid. That he meant by "his people" was not clear other than he obviously meant just embassy personnel. [VACC INF/1] had replied rather maliciously to this by saying, "You should not be too worried about their doing stupid things since we know how to get them out discreetly." COLUB rose to this by asking, "Has such an incident happened while I have been here?" [VACC INF/1] was, of course, thinking of E. S. KENILOV, but responded, "If you don't know, then I guess I shouldn't tell you. After all, I have to have some secrets myself." This ended that part of their conversation.

2. Going back to the VAPID-Terreyson case, [VACC INF/1] explained to Brawley that three other incidents had been presented as evidence by the Soviets of attempts to recruit Soviet personnel in Finland. (See the attachment to [CPMA] 3543, 19 September 1958.) These three cases have been fully investigated, and there is very little basis in fact to them. For example, the first incident was to the effect that (Sov) HELMUT INY had attempted to recruit a Soviet citizen as an informant. The truth of the matter was exactly the reverse, and this case had been reported to the Ministry of Interior some two months earlier by [VACC INF/1] himself. In other words, the Soviets had made the recruitment attempt and were trying to blame the Finns for it. The second case involved a Soviet engineer.

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H. K. VASILYEV. The Finnish citizen Serafin ~~RODOTINSKI~~ had entertained VASILYEV but on company orders, since VASILYEV was living alone in a foreign country. Apparently this friendliness was interpreted by the Russians as a recruitment attempt. The sad sequel to this is that the firm has been obliged to fire RODOTINSKI because it cannot afford to alienate the Soviets in view of the Soviet business. The third case is somewhat similar, free drinking and the nonsense that goes along with it interpreted as something sinister by the Soviets. Whether or not these are the facts we cannot say, but at least this is VACCINE/1's version for Branley consumption.

3. A final paragraph last Headquarters focal concerned about VACCINE/1's association with GOLUB, VACCINE/1 appears to know what he is doing and does not pass out information gratuitously. He has assured us that he has never mentioned our name to GOLUB or his relationships with even the Swedish security police. In the latter case GOLUB thinks that his contacts with the Swedes are with the police chief of Stockholm.

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