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FROM Chief of Station [redacted]

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01 [VACCINE/1] Operations Meeting with Gregory Te GOLUB, Consular Chief, Soviet Embassy, Helsinki.
None, for information only.

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1. On the 30th of September Bremley again had lunch with [VACCINE/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. [VACCINE/1] laughingly replied, "Well, at least you agree with GOLUB on one thing." He then remarked that he had seen GOLUB just the other day and GOLUB had commented about the beautiful fall weather. Naturally, we were curious about GOLUB's business and just asked [VACCINE/1] what GOLUB had to say for himself. [VACCINE/1] replied that some weeks ago GOLUB had come to him with some H.T.S. letters which had been mailed to Soviet personnel in Helsinki and had asked for [VACCINE/1]'s assistance in investigating this matter. [VACCINE/1] said that he is happy to be of innocuous help to GOLUB on matters of this type as long as it is kept within harmless limits. GOLUB also told [VACCINE/1] at this time that he would be glad to help with the investigation in any way he could. [VACCINE/1] had the H.T.S. letters investigated with the result that they found out that the envelopes had been typed on a Swedish Balde 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 [VACCINE/1] told GOLUB this. GOLUB then asked him if he could intercede with the Swedish authorities, and [VACCINE/1] has promised to write about it. [VACCINE/1] went on to explain that his relations with GOLUB are far more important to him (V/1) than they can be to GOLUB, because he (V/1) learns things from GOLUB that he might not otherwise hear. At the last meeting the following items had come up:

- a. GOLUB, 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. GOLUB brought up the Torreyson-VAPID case and said that VAPID had departed under a cloud, and whether he would return or not, GOLUB did not know. [VACCINE/1] averred that he got the impression that VAPID must have undergone rigorous questioning before his departure.
- c. GOLUB told [VACCINE/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. [VACCINE/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." GOLUB rose to this by asking, "Has such an incident happened while I have been here?" [VACCINE/1] was, of course, thinking of N. 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-Torreyson case, [VACCINE/1] explained to Bremley that three other incidents had been presented as evidence by the Soviets of attempts to recruit Soviet personnel in Finland. (See the attachment to [CFWA]-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) [redacted] 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 [VACCINE/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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K. P. VASILYEV. The Finnish citizen Serafin BOBOTINIKI 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 real sequel to this is that the firm has been obliged to fire BOBOTINIKI 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 foal 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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