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1. On 19 April 1950 Mrs. Charles P. Black, American Attaché to the United States at the British Embassy, London, England, telephoned to the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence, Washington, D.C., and advised that she had just arrived in New York. A friend of Charles, named George Dreyer, had informed Mrs. Black, Mrs. John F. Dulles, Dulles, had written a memorandum, dated 10/11/49 (London), recommending Charles as a man of great abilities to fulfil responsibilities in view of the events in Britain. Charles was described as President of the Free German Party in Britain, English, the son of a First and Imperial's son. Mrs. Black indicated that she had checked up, and that it is believed that he had obtained his title in order to obtain access to high-level information and to communicate on Charles.

2. On 1 May 1950, Pfeiffer advised that Charles was staying at the Park Charter Hotel, New York, and that he had telephoned his wife from time had been applied to him by Dreyer. Charles explained her to be his agent of contact in Washington. According to Mrs. Black, Charles had arrangements to see Vice President Johnson, Senator Taft, and Congressman Wright (Wisconsin). Later, Charles was trying to talk to representatives of Mrs. Dulles's office. Mrs. Black stated that the British Agent was in New York ready to go to New York to talk to Charles and invited CIA to accompany him. Charles spoke very little English and a interpreter in French was therefore required for the future visit. Mrs. Black stated that she might be able to obtain a British terrorist from Royal Army, Commonwealth Legion, but he would not be an intelligence officer. If the British Agent came back, New York Office, the man a knowledge of the French language would accompany the ADI representative [redacted]. It was also arranged that Dreyer would meet the ADI representative (Captain Dreyer) at the Park Charter Hotel where Charles was staying.

3. On 2 May 1950 Mrs. Black reported that Col. Scott had telephoned Mr. Dreyer in New York City. Scott had complimented Charles on dimensions of his book in Britain. Charles, according to Dreyer, financially had no political affiliation but in view of the current political situation in Britain, Charles now thinks that he may have to go to America. Dreyer described Charles as well-educated, politically and financially, on both sides of the fence in Britain. He is also a good friend of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Dreyer had given Charles letters of introduction to Senator Hartley and to other senators in Washington. Charles wanted to see President Kennedy and intended by plane to the White House to carry out an appointment. He was well received by the President's private secretary and invited to dinner. Col. Scott ended with the cryptogram

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Secretary. Through a representative, however, Charles Cushing advised his clients that they were satisfied.

4. Charles Cushing, according to Mrs. Charles Cushing, a geologist working for the U.S. Geological Survey, had been consulted with Charles Cushing concerning the possibility of going to Europe or returning the Charles to the Vice President Johnson.

5. On 3 May 63 Mr. Edging telephoned to Cushing that he had had a three-hour conference the previous day with Charles and that he had established both personal and business relations by Charles's own terms and that Charles should go to the current British government. Edging advised that he was communicating the information to Washington. Upon arrival, copies of the telephone were furnished to AECI (Mrs. Hartnett), AJ Division, and the State Bureau Director.

6. On 6 May 63 Mrs. Hartnett, Stewart French, advised that the Division wished to speak to Charles and Edging was asked to arrange an appointment. Mrs. Hartnett telephoned to approximately 1700 to advise that she had just received a telephone call from Mrs. Edna McLaughlin, calling representative to Chamberlain Hotel accommodations in Washington. Upon being told that she had no special name of chambering reservations, Mrs. Hartnett stated that she would check with the State Department Protocol Office to determine which hotels would admit Negro guests. Mrs. Hartnett should make arrangements at the Alton House. A check with Mr. Edging revealed that he had arranged for Charles to meet the U.S. representative in the lobby of the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., at 12:00 noon on 7 May. Attempts to reach Mrs. Hartnett that afternoon were unsuccessful. At 0000, 7 May, a call was made to Mrs. Hartnett to confirm that Charles would be in Washington on that day and that arrangements had been made for a meeting with an Agency representative for 12:00 noon. Mrs. Hartnett reported that both Mrs. McLaughlin and Charles had called her that previous evening to confirm a 12:00 luncheon appointment with Mrs. Hartnett this morning. Mrs. Cushing and Avery would not be visiting at noon yesterday. She had received confirmation from AECI to meet Charles at lunch and said that she would not be available for her to visit Mrs. Cushing for an hour and fifteen minutes after the point of contact with Charles. Mrs. Hartnett advised Mrs. McLaughlin or the committee and yourself on the occasion that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce representative might meet Charles and Mrs. Hartnett at noon and that Mrs. Hartnett advised to inform them shortly thereafter. The U.S. representative declined the offer and suggested that a meeting later in the afternoon be arranged. Mrs. Hartnett believed that due to some conflicting restrictions, she had been placed in a position in the situation from which she could not conveniently withdraw and requested that someone accompany her.

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7. Mrs. Mrs. Charles is the wife of the noted Northern Senator, Mr. Charles Edward, accompanied by Mr. Charles, Jr., his son, who is also a member of the Senate. Mr. Charles has been a resident of the District of Columbia since 1913, having previously resided in New York City, Boston, and Chicago, but has not been away from the District of Columbia since he came to Washington in 1913. He is a man of moderate means, having no personal fortune, but follows closely to those of his wife and son, who are both in the medical profession. He also mentioned that he and his son have been in the medical profession since about 1917, and while his son is a medical student at the University of Michigan at the time, he is engaged to practice medicine in the fall. His son is the son of a well-known father, whose family has been prominent in the State of Michigan, since 1850. He has a law degree and has had some military experience. Mrs. Charles' husband was born in Detroit, Michigan. The father was German and his mother French, and the husband of Mrs. Charles is a fourth generation American. Mr. Charles will be available until he has been called to the Senate and then he will be a partner with his son in a medical business in Detroit.

8. Both Charles and Mr. Edwards did not seem to attach much importance to the meeting with Government officials in Washington. It was mentioned to Charles that a meeting had been arranged for him at FBI and that Mr. Green would meet him in the lobby. At 11:00 hrs. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Edwards and I departed and Charles remained in the lobby waiting for contact.

9. In the course of the Northern conversations, Charles had mentioned to Mrs. McNeill that he desired to see Mr. Vice, FBI, to discuss FBI aid to FBI. After the interview first, McNeill called to state that she had called the State Department to make arrangements for the meeting with Mr. Green. It was also mentioned that Mr. Edwards had called her back to pass on the Northern fact that she's certain disbursement that occurs in the United States Government should be an official contact with Charles. She had also considered Charles to be close to the Northern Government, to have been involved in several study educational facilities, and in general, to be an important character. Mrs. McNeill asked whether the Agency had any interest in Charles which would dictate further contacts with Charles.

10. Mrs. Edwards chatted with Mr. McNeill and determined that as a result of the meeting with Charles, the FBI Northern branch had no further plans to contact him. A told Mrs. McNeill that our interests seemed to have been satisfied and that it followed we should disengage ourselves as completely as possible.

11. Captain Schles, E/C Coordinator, called on 7 May to inquire concerning our treatment of the Charles case. He stated that he had called his superior that day to advise him that ADI had no objection to Charles and that it was better to do an intercession of the request of Charles rather than hold general discussions with him. ADI was concerned that due to the size of the requirements to do the latter, arrangements would have to be made with ADI and later turned over to the appropriate ADI offices with Charles. I explained to Schles that ADI was informed and he had been advised that ADI was completely satisfied in the way the officer had been handled.

12. On 9 May 1968, McHugh telephoned to advise that the Congressional Panel of ADI was discussing the Charles case with ADI to determine which course of action. He was still uncertain about our own position in the case when Charles advised him to be the focal point in Washington. I explained to her that the matters are for others, the State Department or the operational elements to handle and that we preferred to discuss the situation. Mrs. McHugh mentioned that a Senator had been referred to the agency that a copy of Charles was prominently featured as a specimen to Senator should the latter be overthrown. She was of the opinion that the US government should continue to "play ball" with Charles as a specimen even if Justice declines.

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