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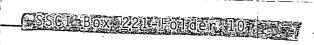
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Mr. William Bader
Select Committee To Study Governmental
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Activities

Washington, D.C.

Attn: Mr. B. Wides

Dear Mr. Bader:

Reference is made to Mr. Jeffrey Kayden's recent review of the Office of Security file on Charles W. Wiley and to Mr. Kayden's request for Wiley documents which were forwarded to the SSC via Review Staff letter dated 2 October 1975.

Prior to Mr. Kayden's review of the Miles file, the Office of Security sent a memorandum to the DCI highlighting several contraversial items in that file. This memo was reviewed by the DCI and he requested that the attached Wiles reports plus the Office of Security's assessment and processing there of be forwarded to the Senate Select Committee.

Sincerely,

Walter Elder Review Staff

Attachments:
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- 1. Reference is made to a memorandum, captioned as above, dated 30 September 1975 forwarding copies of certain documents from the Office of Security files concerning Charles Wiley. These documents were requested by Mr. Jeffrey Kayden, Senate Select Committee Staff, who commenced a review of the Wiley files on 29 September 1975.
- 2. The Office of Security has concluded a separate review of the Wiley files and has highlighted certain contents thereof to the DCI. The DCI has requested that materials concerning the following items be provided to the Senate Select Committee independent of any Senate Select Committee Staff requests, to wit:

Lee Harvey Oswald

The files contain a raw, unevaluated report from will containing his reporting of an allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald was in New York City in the Winter of 1962, having contact with a Cuban.

(Attached to instant memorandum, Tab A, is a copy of Willey's) original report, and attendant comments, suggesting receipt of the report circa 20 December 1963.)

Readily available public and Office of Security information concerning Oswald makes no reference to the possibility of his being in New York City in the Winter of 1962. The Warren Commission did not pursue such a line of inquiry.

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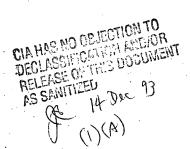
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There is no evidence in the Wiley files or the file of the source, Emergue Eugenio Abascal Weberenguer), #730643, that this information was processed out of the Office of Security/ Security Research Staff, to which Wiley reported the information. However, as Wiley states in the report: "I urged Abascal to go to the FBI with the information, and offered to arrange a meeting. He promised to tell them the story, and made contact through an agent (O'Brien) whom he knew because of past activities."

Regarding Abascal, his Office of Security file contains the following concerning his veracity:

Office of Security/Security Research Staff memorandum dated 15 August 1966: "Abascal has for several years furnished information to SRS source which has been proven to be utterly worthless and usually fictitious."

Office of Security/Security Research Staff memorandum dated 19 May 1965: "(Abascal) has furnished source with intelligence information which appears to be complete fabrication."

FBI letterhead memorandum dated 30 September 1963 captioned "Movimiento Democrata Cristiano (MDC)" contains the following statements about Abascal by FBI sources: "One would only have to know Entalque Abascal to know that this (a Life magazine article) was nothing but a publicity stunt on his part and that he has no importance whatsoever in the anti-Castro Movement." "Sometimes in dealing with Abascal, one does not know whether or not he should pity him or try to afford him some kind of medical assistance." "Abascal is merely a publicity seeker."

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It is apparent the Office of Security/ Security Research Staff had reason to question the veracity of Abascal precluding further dissemination of the information; and that there was a reason to believe that Abascal would report the information to the FBI for their action.

Arlington House, Publishers

The files contain a raw, unevaluated report from willey containing his reporting of an allegation that CIA had partial control of, and once attempted full control of, Arlington House, Publishers.

(Attached to instant memorandum, Tab B, is a copy of Whitey's original report as well as copies of attendant documents. The files contain no further clarification of the information.)

There is no Office of Security subject file in the name of Arlington House or Arlington House, Publishers.

From other sources, it would appear that Arlington House, Publishers is connected with the conservative causes of William F. Buckley and the National Review. Buckley is a former Agency employee and his close connections with former Agency employee E. Howard Hunt have recently received extensive publicity. It is believed that numerous former Agency employees are linked with Buckley's causes, and this could be the foundation for the rumored Agency involvement in Arlington House.

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3. Your attention is again directed to the concerns of the Office of Security, as expressed in the referenced memorandum, that the wiley file documents and all statements contained therein, even though not classified as such, be carefully and prudently handled to protect the individuals identified therein.

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Information from Darigue Abascal (II).

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Meascal met Oswald last winter in Greenwich Village, New York City at the "Fat Black Pussy Cat" (which was much less expensive than it is now, with fewer tourists). Meascall saw him there several times with extreme leftist, peacenik types. He seemed to be a "loner", but did associate with a couple in their early thirties. (See below.)

The last time that Acascal saw Oswald he got into a conversation with him, and it almost ended in a fight. Acascal lost his temper and wanted to hit Oswald because of his strong communist position. He was very anti-U.S.A., pro-Castro and pro-Chinese Reds (but not pro-Soviet Union).

what interested Abascal most was that Oswald had no job but still had sufficient money.

The couple Oswald associated with were quiet, but during political discussions the man would feed Oswald key words or bits of information when he was backed into a corner.

(Note. I urged Abascal to go to the FBI with the information, and offered to arrange a meeting. He promised to tell them the story, and made contact through an agent (O'Brien) whom he knew because of past activities.)

Sources from inside Cuba have reported that HERBERT MATTHEWS and two Russians met with Fidel Castro several months ago and tried to convince him to step down in favor of a coalition gov't. that Khrushchev and Kennedy had agreed on. Castro refused to consider it. (Some Cubans think that Castro is behind the Kennedy assassination - that he was acting to block this deal which was to take effect before the 1964 election.)

In early Dec. (see memo on my telephoned report for exact date) [ADESCAL] reported that CARLOS FRANKE of the Castro publication "Revolution" was at Idlewild Airport. He had arrived on flight 509 of BOAC from Paris & London. Franke had just finished a trip behind the Iron Curtain.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT : WILEY, Charles W:-#343 589

A memorandum dated 12 March 1970 seems to pinpoint
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office a copy of Howard HUNT's manuscript, "Give Us This Day,"
as being early March 1970. The memorandum from
to C/SRS advised that WILLY had telephoned from
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referred to it as the "Hunt Ms." in his memorandum, it would
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In Jan 1967, WHEEY prepared a memorandum concerning Arlington House Publishers which, based on hearsay, indicated that a fight was going on for control of the company. One rumor was that CIA wanted to take over control. Apparently this memo. was again brought to the attention of C/SRS in April 1970 with the comment by —"In going through some of William old reports, I found this. Possibly of interest in view of HUNT's manuscript." The buck slip was parently marked "Noted Property of Interest in view of HUNT's manuscript." The buck slip was parently marked "Noted Property of Interest in view of HUNT's manuscript."

In June 1970 when I was assigned to the EEOB/SRS, therewas a copy of HUNT's manuscript on the Bay of Pigs being retained in a safe in the C/1508 s office. Some time later I learned that were had apparently obtained it through a contact and had forwarded/to thes office...as an item of probable interest. The Agency was able to ascertain the identity of the author, who turned out to be Howard HUNT. was, I believe, at that time employed by the Agency with DOD. In any case, he was approached under some guise and was convinced that it would be inappropriate for him to have the book published at that time. HUNT's file probably contains details which do not appear in old SRS records re WHEEY. I believe some time later, C/SRS 10022??7坪/邓/////// took the copy from 图题. I do not know what disposition he made of it. It is my impression that this was an extra copy and that the copy that had been loaned to week and through to SPS had been returned much earlier as it was an accountable item for will state. The publisher may have been Arlington Publishers although this is only a vague recollection that C may have indicated that at some time.

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Ameno. dated 2 Sept. 1970 ##### for Dhief, Exec. and Planning Toff from C/dhs-Subject: Significent Accomplishments-FY 1970 states under Section (B) Agency Integrity-Sub para. (3)-"During the reporting period, an asset of this staff alerted the Agency to a manuscript written by an Agency employee which was circulation; among worse U.Y. Publishers. As a result of this alert, Agency officials were able to

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caution the author to retrieve all copies of the Manuscript and withdraw it from the publishers' market". T. supporting memo. identifies the manuscript as Howard NUWI's "Give Us This Day".

Howard MUMI's manuscript "Give Us This Day". I advised THEX that he had probably forgotten but that we had had access to it several years ago when HUMI submitted it to a different publisher. (THEEY reportedly had made it available at that time).

WILDER said that he believed that this publisher was going to take advantage of the recent publicity (meaning WATEMGATE apparently) and, of course, bring it out under HUMI's true name. I tole him I was sure that we had no interest in his copy and that he could return it to the contact who made it available to him. There was no further discussion on the matter and the memo. recording the conversation was routed, as was the custom, to the C/ShS, who merely initialed it and sent it back to me. I do not know if he took and other action or reported it elsewhere.

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Re: Arlington House Publishers.

Jan. 1967.

For many months there has been a fight going on for control of Arlington House. Forces led by Randy Richardson are involved in trying to take over from Neil McGaffrey.

According to Mrs. Herbert (Pat) Romerstein, one of the factors in the fight is that CIA wants to take over full control = and that it is necessary for CIA to such McCaffrey out of the picture. Randy Richardson, because of his association with the Richardson Foundation and Frank Barnett, is considered by some to be involved with CIA activity.

Frank Meyer has attempted to rally the Arlington House authors - those who have received contracts to write books - behind McCaffrey. He sent out a latter to all of the authors suggesting that they take the stand that their contracts are with McCaffrey personally, not with Arlington House as a company. This has Intermed with much opposition, primarily because the authors feel that they would become liable to return any money advanced to them by Arlington House. James Burnham's name was listed in Mayer's letter as supporting his position. However, later Burnham sent out his own letter stating that he considered his contract to be with Arlington House, not McCaffrey.

(Note: I have many contacts who are involved in this situation in one way or another. It would not be difficult to get additional information if necessary.)

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