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Description of the Call Date: 12/10/96 Subject: Don Weltzenbach Returned Review Board's Call Summary of the
Call: I asked Mr. Weltzenbach whether he had received and had a chance to read ARRB's letter of October 29,
1996; he said yes. I asked him whether he had any knowledge of falsified U-2 manuals created by Lockheed at
CIA request, such as mentioned on page 153 of the book Skunk Works. He said he had no knowledge
whatsoever of such a thing, and had never heard the allegation until he read the book excerpt. He was willing,
however, to provide me with some leads which ARRB could pursue in its attempt to determine when such
manuals would have been created, and whether they had been delivered into the hands of the USSR:-In 1985,
while he was still with the CIA, Mr. Weltzenbach said he visited Ben Rich at Lockheed's "Skunk Works" when
Mr. Rich was Vice President in charge of the F-117 project. On this occasion, he said Ben Rich asked him to
review a large cache of old papers related to the U-2 to see whether the CIA wanted any of them. Welzenbach
said that one of his assistants gave the collection a cursory look, but decided on this basis that the CIA was not
interested in any of the papers. Subsequently, Mr. Weltzenbach said that the collection of U-2 papers, which
were located under a metal-and-concrete stairway, were literally "walled in" in place with bricks, behind a
locked door, underneath this stairway at the Skunk Works.-He said that two men had assisted Richard Bissell
with day-to-day U-2 affairs: the CIA person, a Mr. Cunningham, was now deceased, but he believes that a then-
Colonel Leo Geary, USAF, who later became a Brigadier General, was probably still alive, and that he probably
lives in the Denver, Colorado area. (When I told him that "Skunk Works" co-author Leo Janos told ARRB that
Richard Bissell said that the falsified manuals were his idea, Mr. Welzenbach expressed great skepticism, and
said that Mr. Bissell had spun a lot of tales over the years in which he took personal credit for the ideas of
others, which he may only have consented to, or approved, but not originated himself. He specifically
suggested that Cunningham, or Geary, or someone else may have suggested the idea of the falsified manuals
to Bissell, and that Bissell may only have approved the concept.)-He also suggested we contact John
Parangosky, whom he said was a co-project officer for the U-2, and later project officer for the SR-71 and
Glomar Challenger; he characterized Parangosky as a person who knew nothing about science, but loved the
violin and opera, and yet nevertheless who was an outstanding project officer and manager who was involved
in several really meaningful projects at CIA. He said that a Parangosky associate named Helen Kleyla had
written a history of the U-2, and that if John did not know about the falsified manuals, that she might. I told
him that John Parangosky had already contacted ARRB, and had volunteered her name himself, and had
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