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7 July 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : WERBELL, Mitchell Livingston
#27686

1. On 12 June 1969 Colonel Daniel MCGUIRE, liaison representative of OSI/Air Force, inquired whether Subject was or has now an employee of CIA. Colonel MCGUIRE advised that Subject was under investigation by the OSI Internal Security Division and by the Contract Fraud Unit of OSI/Air Force.

2. Colonel MCGUIRE was informed that as a result of recent dispatches from [redacted] Saigon, we are aware that Subject had been active again in passing himself off as a respresentative of CIA, particularly in Thailand. And further, Subject was alleged to have impressed ~~him~~ ABRAMS in Saigon with a demonstration of a variety of exotic weapons.

3. Colonel MCGUIRE was informed that WERBELL is not now and never has been employed by CIA but he had served in OSS from June through December 1945. Information was also passed to Colonel MCGUIRE that our files are replete with information in which WERBELL is described as a counterinsurgency expert and has appeared in South America and other locations where he feels he can make a "fast buck" by advising local governments and selling arms that will support a coup.

Cecil C. Tighe
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