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TO: SACS, WASHINGTON FIELD - ENG. (4) (BSM)  
ALEXANDRIA

FROM: FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
W. MARK FELT  
ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

RICHARD MC GARP. HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 1-2-73,  
WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF  
HELMS, WHO IS PRESENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT STATED.

PRESS HAS INDICATED POSITION POSSIBLY AMBASSADOR TO  
IRAN. BUREAU PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED APPLICANT TYPE INVESTIGATION  
OF HELMS IN MARCH, 1953. SEE WHO'S WHO FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND  
DATA.

ALEXANDRIA IMMEDIATELY ADVISE HELMS OF THIS INVESTIGATION  
AND OBTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND DATA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH, 1953,  
INCLUDING IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS OF ALL CLOSE RELATIVES AND  
SET OUT LEADS AT ONCE. NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED  
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Request received today from White House.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable  
L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Gray:

Mr. Richard Helms, born March 30, 1913, at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, is under consideration for a Presidential appointment which requires a current investigation. It is requested, therefore, that appropriate investigation be conducted and the results forwarded to the Office of Security.

It is understood that, in accordance with the agreement between the White House and the FBI, this investigation will be completed within two weeks of this request.

Sincerely yours,

*G. Marvin Gentile*

G. Marvin Gentile  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Security

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MEMORANDUM

PLEASE EXPEDITE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1972

TO: Robert H. Haynes, FBI  
FROM: Alexander P. Butterfield  
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name HELMS, Richard *McLanahan*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: Presently Director of CIA

We Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Previous Report

X Name Check & IRS

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

\_\_\_\_\_ White House Staff Position

X Presidential Appointment

\_\_\_\_\_ Position with another Agency

Attachments:

\_\_\_\_\_ SF 86 (in duplicate)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Biography

REMARKS: Sorry we do not have any additional information.

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: JANE DANNENHAUER

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1245PM URGENT 1-2-73 NJA

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FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-1836) (P) 2P

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWO, INSTANT,  
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, DECEMBER TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN SEVENTY-TWO.

HELMS BORN MARCH THIRTY, NINETEEN THIRTEEN, SAINT DAVID'S, PA.,  
RESIDES IRENE APARTMENTS, FOUR SEVEN ZERO ONE WILLARD AVENUE, CHEVY  
CHASE, MARYLAND, PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT WASHINGTON CLUB, FIFTEEN  
DUPONT CIRCLE, WASHINGTON, D.C. HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY CENTRAL  
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) SINCE NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN, WAS DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR FROM NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX TO NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX, AND  
DIRECTOR FROM NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX TO PRESENT. HELMS PRESENT  
WIFE IS [REDACTED] WHO HE MARRIED IN NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE.  
HIS EX-WIFE IS JULIA BRETZMAN SHIELDS WHO HE DIVORCED IN NINETEEN  
SIXTY-EIGHT.

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HELMS KNOWN TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

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~~Don't refer to Mrs. Helms~~  
~~At adv. to [illegible]~~  
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~~Hot 3448~~  
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12/27/72

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: For the Acting Director, FBI  
W. Mark Felt  
Acting Associate Director

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS  
Special Inquiry  
Ruded: 1/2/73

Re Butel, 12/26/72. Bureau files contain information recorded 10/69 indicating Ray S. Cline, Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State and CIA Director Helms reportedly have been rivals throughout the years. Cline was born on 6/14/18 in Illinois and has had various foreign assignments with CIA.

Locate and obtain Cline's comments concerning Helms.

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Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

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FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P) 1P

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS. SPI. BUDED: 1/2/73 WOF.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 12/26/72.

(S) [ ] ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL  
SECURITY, CIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HELMS ON LEAVE, OUT OF TOWN,  
AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL 1/8/73.

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(S) [ ] DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, CIA, ALSO  
ADVISED THIS DATE ONLY INDIVIDUALS, OTHER THAN HELMS AND  
HIMSELF, HAVING ACCESS TO BACKGROUND DATA REQUESTED IN  
REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE WOULD BE HOWARD OSBORN, DIRECTOR,

(S) OFFICE OF SECURITY, CIA, AND [ ] HELMS'

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(S) PERSONAL SECRETARY [ ] STATED OSBORN PRESENTLY ON LEAVE

(S) UNTIL 1/2/73, OUT OF AREA, AND [ ] ON SICK LEAVE BUT  
HAS INDICATED SHE WILL RETURN TO WORK 1/2/73.

**NOT RECORDED**

(S) ALEXANDRIA WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT OSBORN AND/OR MRS. [ ] 12 FEB 6 1973

[ ] UPON THEIR RETURN, OBTAIN NECESSARY INFORMATION,  
ADVISE BUREAU, AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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Mr. Armstrong	_____
Ms. Herwig	_____
Mr. Neenan	_____

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS. SPI BUDED: 1/2/73 WOF

MR. MARTIN  
ROOM 1246

MR. HOWARD J. OSBORN, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SECURITY,  
CIA, ADVISED THIS DATE OF THE FOLLOWING:

HELMS, BORN MARCH THIRTY NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN, ST. DAVIDS,  
PA., HAS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER THREE ONE SEVEN DASH ZERO ONE DASH  
SIX TWO NINE TWO. HE MARRIED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON DECEMBER FIFTEENTH NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT IN  
SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. HE DIVORCED JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS ON SEPTEMBER  
EIGHT NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. APPOINTEE'S

[REDACTED] WAS BORN [REDACTED]

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HELMS' FORMER RESIDENCE WERE FURNISHED AS FOLLOWS: FEB 6 1973

FROM MARCH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY SIX THROUGH JANUARY,  
NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AS FOUR ONE ZERO FIVE BRADLEY LANE, CHEVY CHASE,  
MARYLAND. FROM JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT  
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(MONTH NOT KNOWN) AS THREE NINE ZERO ONE FESSENDEN ST., N  
W. WASHINGTON, D.C. NOTE DURING SEPARATION FROM FIRST WIFE JULIA  
BRETZMAN HELMS IN JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN UNTIL SECOND MARRIAGE  
IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, APPOINTEE LIVED AT CHEVY CHASE  
COUNTRY CLUB, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND. HELMS ALSO HAS SUMMER HOME IN  
LEWIS, DELAWARE.

HELMS WAS APPOINTED IN NINETEEN SIXTY TWO AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
OF PLANS, CIA; IN APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR,

CIA AND NOMINATED ON JUNE EIGHTEENTH, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX AS DIRECTOR  
OF CIA AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY CONGRESS.

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HE RESIDES IN NEW YORK CITY. NEW YORK ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE, VERIFY  
AND CONDUCT POLICE DEPARTMENT CHECK.

FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF APPOINTEE'S KNOWN CLOSE ASSOCIATES, ALL IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JOHN GARDNER, EDITOR OF COMMON CAUSE; ELLIOTT RICHARDSON, SECRETARY  
OF HEW; WILLIAM ROGERS, SECRETARY OF STATE; SENATORS JOHN C. STENNIS  
AND STUART SYMINGTON.

ALL OFFICES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR  
BOSTON

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FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P) 2 PAGES  
RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWO, INSTANT.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED 12-26-72.

WHITE HOUSE REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF HELMS WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR TO IRAN. HELMS BORN MARCH 30, 1913, ST. DAVID'S, PA., HAS BEEN WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SINCE 1947 AND HAS BEEN DIRECTOR SINCE 1966. THE FOLLOWING ARE ASSOCIATES OF HELMS: POTTER STEWART, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, U.S. SUPREME COURT, WASHINGTON, D.C.; U. ALEXIS JOHNSON, UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, 1201 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.;

SENATOR MILTON R. YOUNG (NORTH DAKOTA), THREE ZERO ZERO ONE VEAZEY TERRACE, WASHINGTON, D.D.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Tele. Room  
Mr. Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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MARGARET CHASE SMITH (FORMER REPUBLICAN SENATOR FOR MAINE), SKOWHEGAN, MAINE; WILLIAM ROYALL TYLER, DIRECTOR, DUMBARTON OAKS, RESEARCH LIBRARY, 1703 THIRTY-SECOND STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.;

CONGRESSMAN JAMES ROBERT MANN OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C., HOME 118 WEST MOUNTAIN VIEW AVENUE, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.; WILLIAM STEEN GAUD, FORMER ADMINISTRATOR, AID, 4926 ROCKWOOD PARKWAY, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C.

ALL OFFICES CONDUCT INDICATED INVESTIGATION AND SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU. NO LEAD BEING SENT TO COLUMBIA TO INTERVIEW CONGRESSMAN MANN AND WFO DIRECTED TO DO SO IF HE IS NOT IN THE AREA AT THIS TIME.

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MR F FBI HDQS

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI 161-967 2P

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO MIAMI DATED 1/2/73.

NAPLES, FLA.,

ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE

IN MARCH, 1946, WHEN [ ] BECAME AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP, PREDECESSOR TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

AGENCY, CIA. MR. [ ] SAID THAT HE WORKED AS AS ASSOCIATE

AND SUBORDINATE TO MR. HELMS FROM THAT TIME UNTIL [ ]

RETIRED FROM CIA IN FEBRUARY, 1971.

[ ] SAID THAT HE HAD NOTHING BUT THE HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION FOR MR. HELMS, CONSIDERING HIM TO BE ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM HE HAS HAD CONTACT. HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY HIGH U.S. GOVERNMENT

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POSITION WITHOUT RESERVATIONS.

(S) MR. [ ] STATED THAT HE KNOWS OF NUMEROUS ASSOCIATES  
OF MR. HELMS, ALL OF WHOM WORKED WITH HIM IN CIA, BUT  
THAT OFFHAND HE COULD NOT SUGGEST ANYONE WHO WOULD BE  
PARTICULARLY FAMILIAR WITH HELMS.

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Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Galtland	_____
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Mr. Davis	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
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Mr. Herwig	_____
Miss Neenan	_____

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7:33 PM NITEL 1/2/73 DKL

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P) 1P

MR. MARTIN  
ROOM 1246

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWO,  
INSTANT.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALEXANDRIA, DECEMBER TWENTY-NINE, NINETEEN  
SEVENTY-TWO.

GENERAL ROBERT E. CUSHMAN, U.S. MARINE CORPS, WAS INTERVIEWED  
AT U. S. MARINE CORPS HEADQUARTERS ON JANUARY TWO, INSTANT, AND  
ADVISED THAT HE HAD SERVED UNDER RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS UNTIL  
DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS  
SEEN HELMS ON APPROXIMATELY SIX OCCASIONS, ALL SOCIAL, AND HE  
HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HELMS FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR. HE FELT  
HELMS WAS AN IDEAL CHOICE.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

ALEXANDRIA (161-1886)

FROM LOS ANGELES (161-2281) (RUC) 2P

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPI. BUDED 1/2/73.

*business executive,*  
JOHN A. MC CONE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF CIA, RESIDENCE

1100 OAK GROVE, SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED AT PLACE OF  
EMPLOYMENT, JOSHUA HANDY CORP., 612 S. FLOWER ST., LOS ANGELES.  
HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FIFTEEN YEARS, RECALLING APPOINTEE WAS  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIA AND FORMER DEPARTMENT HEAD. APPOINTEE  
HAS BEEN EXCELLENT SENIOR MEMBER OF CIA FOR GREAT NUMBER OF  
YEARS. HE COMMANDS THE RESPECT OF DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS  
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF CURRENT ADMINISTRATION AND PRIOR  
ADMINISTRATIONS. APPOINTEE IS VERY TEMPERATE IN HABITS AND  
VERY PARTICULAR CONCERNING HIS PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS  
ASSOCIATIONS. IN MC CONE'S OPINION APPOINTEE IS TOTALLY  
RESPONSIBLE CONCERNING SECURITY MATTERS. HIGHEST RESPECT FOR  
THE APPOINTEE'S INTELLIGENCE AND INTEGRITY. APPOINTEE OF  
EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. MC CONE  
MAINTAINS CURRENT CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE.

MC CONE RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

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IN HIGH POSITION OF TRUST IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

MC CONE SUGGESTED OTHER CURRENT MEMBERS OF CIA AS CLOSE  
ASSOCIATES OF APPOINTEE.

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Mr. Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Marshall \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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9:33 PM NITEL 1/3/73 JWH

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM BALTIMORE (161-3448) RUC

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES, 1/2/73 AND  
ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU 1/2/73.

(S) ON 1/3/73 [REDACTED] REHOBATH

BEACH, DELAWARE, RETIRED CIA EMPLOYEE, ADVISED HE HAS  
BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS SINCE  
APPROXIMATELY 1944. DURING 1951 AND 52 HE WORKED UNDER  
APPOINTEE'S SUPERVISION AT CIA HEADQUARTERS, WDC. FROM  
1952 TO AUGUST 1969 WHEN HE RETIRED, HE HAD LITTLE OR NO  
PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE APPOINTEE DUE TO THE APPOINTEE'S  
ADVANCEMENT IN THE ORGANIZATION.

(S) [REDACTED] COMMENTED MOST FAVORABLY REGARDING APPOINTEE'S  
PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND REPUTATION.

HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST  
AND CONFIDENCE.

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ON 1/3/73, RONALD DONOVAN, CITY MANAGER, LEWES, DELAWARE, ADVISED RECORDS OF THAT OFFICE REFLECTED THAT RICHARD AND [REDACTED] HELMS, 4701 WILLARD AVENUE, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND ARE THE OWNERS OF LOT THREE AND ONE HALF OF LOT TWO, BLOCK 13 (1303 WEST CEDAR STREET) LEWES, DELAWARE. THIS PROPERTY WITH IMPROVEMENTS, A HOUSE, IS ACCESSED AT \$6,675.

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DONOVAN COMMENTED THAT THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN AN AREA OF SUMMER HOMES, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY UNOCCUPIED.

DONOVAN AND CHIEF OF POLICE, LOUIS FISHER, LEWES, DELAWARE BOTH STATED THAT THEY WERE ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE AS A PROPERTY OWNER AND FREQUENT SUMMER VISITOR TO LEWES AND CONSIDERED HIM AN EXCELLENT SUBSTANTIAL MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.

FISHER ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE HAD NO ARREST RECORD WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

ON 1/3/73, [REDACTED] DEL-MAR-MA CREDIT BUREAU, SALISBURY, MARYLAND, WHOSE OFFICE COVERS LEWES, DELAWARE, ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY CREDIT RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE IN THE FILES OF THAT BUREAU.

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BALTIMORE INDICES CONTAIN NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
OTHER THAN THAT SET OUT IN BALTIMORE REPORT OF SA FRANCIS  
J. WALSH DATED 3/2/53.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 161-4292 1P RUC

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPI, BUDED 1/2/73

REFERENCE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE, 1/2/73, AND NEW YORK  
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/3/73.

[REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION,  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW  
YORK (SDNY), FOLEY SQUARE, NY, NY, ADVISED 1/3/73 [REDACTED]

NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED, UACB.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (161-1910) 1P

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TELETYPE

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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RE ALEXANDRIA TELEPHONE CALL TO NEWARK, 1/4/73.

LOCAL CITY DIRECTORY SHOWS HERMAN H. HELMS, WIFE MARION,  
RESIDED 295 TILLOU ROAD, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ FROM EARLY  
1930'S TO UNTIL 1957. 1959 DIRECTORY LISTS MARION HELMS, WIDOW  
OF HERMAN HELMS, AS A RESIDENT AT 75 PROSPECT STREET, EAST  
ORANGE, NJ.

[REDACTED], 75 PROSPECT STREET, ADVISED  
MARION HELMS, WHO IS THE WIDOW HERMAN HELMS, HAS RESIDED AT  
THAT ADDRESS SINCE 1958 OR 1959. SHE HAS A GOOD REPUTATION.

DATE OF DEATH FOR HERMAN H. HELMS NOT LOCATED IN NEW YORK  
TIMES INDEX. NO RECORD OF MARION HELMS, EAST ORANGE, NJ, POLICE  
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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (161-1910) (RUC)

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TELETYPE

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS SPI.

MR. MARTIN  
ROOM 12 6

RE NEWARK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/4/73.

[REDACTED] SOUTH ORANGE, NJPD, ADVISED  
TODAY APPOINTEE'S BROTHER, GATES MC GARRAH HELMS, WHOM SHE  
KNOWS PERSONALLY, RESIDES AT 38 GLENSIDE RD., SOUTH ORANGE, NJ.  
SHE SAID HE IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. SHE STATED HE HAS NO  
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-8661) (P)

RICHARD MC GARRAM HELMS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED PAST

Re Bureau teletype to WFO and Alexandria dated 12/26/72;  
Bureau airtel to WFO dated 12/27/72; Alexandria nitel to Bureau  
and WFO dated 12/29/72; Alexandria teletype to Los Angeles,  
Baltimore, Miami and WFO dated 1/2/73; Alexandria teletype to  
Bureau, Baltimore, New York and WFO dated 1/2/73; and Alexandria  
teletype to Bureau, Boston and WFO dated 1/2/73.

LEADSWASHINGTON FIELDAT WASHINGTON, D.C. (1) INS re appointee's  outstanding.b6  
b7C(2) WFO will contact appointee's ex-wife, JULIA  
BRETZMAN, 3901 Fessenden Street, N.W.(3) WFO will contact the following associates: ELLIOT  
RICHARDSON, HEW; WALTER PFORZHEIMER, Watergate Apartments;  
SHERMAN KENT, 2824 Chain Bridge Road, N.W.; WILLIAM GAUD, 4926  
Rockwood Parkway, N.W.; JOHN GARDNER, Common Cause, 2100 M  
Street, N.W.;  N.W.b1 per CIA  
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White House Office (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS on January 2, 1973.

The files of the Personnel Office, WHO, contain no record for the appointee, RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS.

The files of the Records Office, WHO, contain the following information concerning the appointee:

4/14/65	Nominated
4/22/65	Confirmed
6/28/65	Commission dated Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency
6/20/66	Nominated
6/28/66	Confirmed
6/29/66	Commission dated Director, Central Intelligence Agency

[redacted] President's Foreign Intelligence Advisor Board (PFIAB), advised he has known the appointee approximately six years on a professional level in connection with HELMS position at Central Intelligence Agency, and his, [redacted] former position with [redacted]. For the past three years their professional contact has been exceptionally close due to [redacted] position with PFIAB. His social contact with HELMS has been very limited.

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[redacted] described the appointee as a highly intelligent, capable, competent and industrious person. HELMS enjoys an excellent professional reputation. [redacted] further described the appointee as a completely honest, reliable, and responsible individual. HELMS is a stable, level-headed, moral person, whose personal habits are above reproach. There is no question of HELMS loyalty to the United States, and [redacted] favorably recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On 1/3/73 [redacted] Presidential  
Appointment Staff, Office of the Deputy of Personnel for  
Career Counseling and Assignments, Department of State advised  
SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that RICHARD M. HELMS is presently  
under consideration for a diplomatic assignment requiring  
Senate confirmation but he has not yet entered on duty in  
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Virginia Senators

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on 1/3/73:

Senator HARRY F. BYRD, JR., advised he has known the appointee, RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, since the late 1940's as a personal friend. He describes his career within the Central Intelligence Agency to be distinguished and marked by the highest level of public service. He has been in his company on numerous occasions at various social functions in Washington, D.C. and abroad. He also, as a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, observed the appointee furnish testimony before the Committee concerning international political affairs. He considers him a forthright, intelligent, and thoughtful man. He has no question concerning his sense of patriotism and duty to his country. His personal and professional integrity are above reproach. He recommends him to any post to which President NIXON may care to appoint him.

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On 1/4/73, WILLIAM TYLER, Director Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, 1703 32nd Street, N.W., advised as follows:

TYLER said he had known the appointee since 1950. At that time he, TYLER, was a Foreign Service Officer at the United States Embassy in Paris. He was Counselor of the Embassy for Cultural Affairs. He met the appointee in 1950 professionally by way of an intelligence gathering operation he was involved in. This acquaintance lasted about three years. TYLER then met HELMS again in the early 60's when he, TYLER, was Assistant Secretary of State. TYLER advised he still sees HELMS and his wife occasionally socially. TYLER described the appointee as being one of a small handful of the most outstanding public servants. He said the appointee has no political ambitions and maintains the highest of professional and personal standards. He said the appointee is completely clean living. He is dedicated, never drinks to excess, and in fact he has never heard of any character weakness on the part of the appointee at all. TYLER advised he has never heard of anything that the appointee had ever done to be ashamed of. TYLER said the appointee is eminently fitted to hold office in any capacity and requires the utmost in ability and trust. TYLER said he has held the appointee in the highest regard for the last twenty years and repeated that he was one of a handful. He said the appointee was free of character defect as humanly possible. TYLER said the appointee would make a good Ambassador and added that the appointee's present wife would be a valuable asset in this regard.

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[redacted] said he had been with CIA since 1947 and was a senior intelligence officer. He said he had never known HELMS socially and only knew him by way of HELMS being his boss. [redacted] advised that the appointee was unquestionable professionally as an intelligence officer and a very superior individual in this regard. [redacted] advised he respected the appointee's professional ability, his integrity, and his fairness towards people. [redacted] added that the appointee, in spite of being fair, was a tough guy with little sentiment and all business. [redacted] said no one in CIA could or did criticize the appointee's professional qualifications as an intelligence man. He said everyone in the office was happy when HELMS was appointed Director of CIA. [redacted] reiterated that he did not know anything of the appointee's personal life.

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On 1/3/73, Mr. RAY S. CLINE, Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that he had first known RICHARD M. HELMS casually as a co-worker in the Office of Strategic Services during 1943 and 1944. From 1950 to 1969 they worked together at the Central Intelligence Agency and from 1962 to 1965 they were the two senior operating officers of CIA. HELMS supervised CLINE directly for a period of about one year from 1965-66. CLINE has continued to see the appointee frequently on a professional basis since 1969 when CLINE left CIA and they have occasional social contacts.

CLINE stated that he has no question concerning the appointee's loyalty to the United States, commenting that "If there is any question here, we all have a problem in the United States." He indicated that appointee's character, habits, morals and integrity are of the highest type, to the best of his knowledge, and he has never known HELMS to drink to excess nor to conduct himself in an improper or immoral manner. CLINE mentioned that the appointee is quiet, reserved and keeps his opinions to himself. He remarked that appointee's personal and professional reputation is very good and his associations are above reproach.

CLINE reported that HELMS was divorced from his first wife several years ago and married a woman who had four children by a previous marriage. He emphasized that he has no personal knowledge of the details of appointee's divorce and remarriage. CLINE commented that both appointee's first wife and his present wife are very charming ladies.

CLINE recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government, adding that he is a very intelligent, security-conscious, discreet and reliable individual and "one of the most competent men in the intelligence community". He mentioned that he and HELMS have had occasional disagreements regarding official matters over the years, but they were concerning matters over which reasonable men could differ and CLINE added that "I'm not at all sure that I was always right".

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On January 4, 1973 Mr. WILLIAM P. ROGERS, Secretary of State advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that he has known RICHARD M. HELMS well in a professional capacity for the past four years, and casually for some years before that. He has also seen him occasionally on a social basis. Secretary ROGERS stated that he considers the appointee to be a loyal and dedicated U.S. citizen, commenting that "If there is any question regarding HELMS' loyalty we're all in a lot of trouble." He added that appointee's character, reputation and associations are very good, to the best of his knowledge, and he recommended HELMS for a position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government. Secretary ROGERS added that the appointee is a capable, hard working, discreet and dependable individual.

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SA CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on 12/29/72, that the files contained no credit rating for the appointee.

On 12/29/72, SC ALFRED MILLER determined that the following record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee:

RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS  
3901 Fessenden Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

2220220 W M 170 3/30/13  
2/28/64 BRN 6-1 BRN

Also Maryland A123139

<u>Date</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Violation or Other Action</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Points This Violation</u>
11/3/56	54568-T	Speed 38/25	EF1507	3
4/5/57	574-8	Pass stop sign	EF5	2
4/6/57		105 H. Bradley Lane, S.C., Maryland		
5/25/57	876-8	Change lanes without caution	EF\$25	3
8/15/57		Snsp 15 days		8
8/19/57		Served & appealed		
12/2/57		Hearing warning		
12/10/68		Renewed permit		
11/19/71		Renewed permit		

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The files contained no record for [redacted]  
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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On 12/29/72, SC [redacted] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee or the close relatives mentioned above.

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On 1/3/73, SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department and was advised that no identifiable record could be located regarding appointee or the close relatives mentioned above.

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On 1/2/73, SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the House Committee on Internal Security and was advised that the following record was found concerning the appointee:

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HELMS, RICHARD MC GARRAH

Director of Central Intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency. Life story told in article. PHOTO.

New York Times 6/29/66 c-33  
(Filed: Govt./ C.I.A.)

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HELMS, RICHARD

Witness, June 2, 1961, in public hearings before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, pp. 1-115.

Hearings entitled "Communist Forgeries" held June 2, 1961, pp. 1-115.  
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Assistant Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency

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On 1/2/73, SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised that no derogatory information was found concerning the appointee.

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On 1/2/73, SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee:

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Committee on Grievances, U.S. District Court  
for the District of Columbia (USDCDC)

Lawyers Register, USDCDC

Supreme Court of the United States

District of Columbia Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

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The following investigation concerning the appointee's divorce from JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS was done on 1/3/72, by SC

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The Superior Court for the District of Columbia  
Family Division number D 2062-68

JULIA B. HELMS                      Plaintiff  
3901 Fessenden Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

vs

RICHARD M. HELMS                      Defendant  
6100 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

On 7/10/68, plaintiff filed a complaint for an Absolute Divorce (one year voluntary separation).

The parties were married on 9/8/39, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and have one adult child of this relationship, age 26, (in 1968).

On 7/12/68, case entitled was uncontested as to all issues.

On 8/29/68, it was adjudged that the plaintiff be granted an absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation for more than one year.

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TO;

ACTING DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM:

BOSTON (161-32 1)

RICHARD MC CARRAH HELMS, SPI. BUDED JANUARY TWO PAST.

REFERENCE ALEXANDRIA TEL TO BOSTON JANUARY  
TWO LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT SKOWHEGAN, MAINE REVEALS  
THAT FORMER U.S. SENATOR MARGARET CHASE SMITH HAS NOT  
YET RETURNED TO SKOWHEGAN, MAINE, AND HER WHEREABOUTS  
ARE UNKNOWN.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT WFO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW HER THROUGH HER RESIDENCE OR OFFICE  
AT WDC.

A STOP HAS BEEN PLACED AT SKOWHEGAN, MAINE,  
IN THE EVENT SHE DOES RETURN THERE.  
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P)

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re Bureau teletype, 12/26/72.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER:

A review of the CIA Security File of the appointee  
was conducted by Mr. HOWARD J. OSBORN, Director, Office of  
Security, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, on 1/2/73. in the presence  
of SA RUDIGER and Mr. OSBORN advised that [REDACTED]

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Lieutenant General VERNON WALTERS, USA, Deputy  
Director, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that he  
first met RICHARD HELMS approximately three years ago when the  
appointee was visiting Paris during the time he, General  
WALTERS, was on military assignment there. According to  
General WALTERS he has gotten to know Mr. HELMS well only  
during the past year or since his own appointment as the  
Deputy Director of CIA. General WALTERS said that during this

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comparatively short period of time he has developed a genuine respect and admiration of Mr. HELMS as a scrupulous, conscientious and devoted Government official whose honesty in dealing with Government funds has proven him to be a man of the highest integrity. General WALTERS stated that there can be no doubt that the appointee is one of the country's loyalest Americans and a person whose associates reflect the high stature of the man himself. General WALTERS added that he is not well acquainted with [redacted] having met her only on several occasions, and is not aware of any adverse information concerning her. He concluded by stating that he would readily recommend RICHARD HELMS without qualification for the highest position with the Government regardless of what that position may be.

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Mr. HOWARD J. OSBORN, Director, Office of Security, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that he has been acquainted with the appointee since 1950. Mr. OSBORN said his acquaintance, for the most part, has been on a professional level, however, on several occasions during large social gatherings he did meet Mr. HELMS' first wife, JULIA, from whom he is divorced, and [redacted] who is presently an attorney practicing in the New York City area. Mr. OSBORN indicated that he knew of none of the personal details surrounding the appointee's divorce from his first wife, however, he did state that to his knowledge there has never been any question regarding the character, loyalty or associates of Mr. HELMS' family. Mr. OSBORN advised that he has also met the appointee's [redacted] whom he considers to be a fine person and of whom he has nothing but the highest regard. According to Mr. OSBORN, RICHARD HELMS is one of the outstanding public servants in American Government today. He stated that in all of the years he has known the appointee there has never been even one occasion where he would have any doubt as to Mr. HELMS' devotion and loyalty to the United States Government, his integrity and unblemished reputation among his fellow Americans and his contacts with only the highest type of associates.

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Mr. OSBORN added that he would proudly recommend RICHARD HELMS for any position of trust with the Government.

Mr. CORD MEYER, Assistant Deputy Director of Plans, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that he has known RICHARD HELMS since 1951 mainly on a professional level but also has had a social relationship over the years. Mr. MEYER advised that he knew the appointee's former wife, JULIA, from whom Mr. HELMS is divorced, and the appointee's

[redacted] who Mr. MEYER believes is a practicing attorney in New York City. Mr. MEYER was unable to comment on the reasons for or furnish any details regarding the events leading up to the HELMS' divorce. According to MEYER, he is also acquainted with [redacted]

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[redacted] whom he described as a fine person and noted that he knew of nothing that would reflect adversely on the character, loyalty or associates of any member of the appointee's family.

Mr. MEYER knew the appointee as a temperate, highly professional and able Government official who is extremely aware of his responsibilities as a loyal American. Mr. MEYER stated that he had the highest respect for the appointee's intelligence and integrity and noted that Mr. HELMS was well known for his excellent reputation and choice of associates. Mr. CORD MEYER recommended the appointee for continued employment in a position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted]  
CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that he has known the appointee professionally for about six years. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was not personally acquainted with the appointee's family, however, he had met Mr. HELMS' [redacted]

[redacted] and he was aware that the appointee had [redacted] [redacted] who was an attorney. According to [redacted] there

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was no doubt in his mind that the appointee was a trusted, respected Government official whose character, loyalty and associates were of the highest order. He stated he would readily recommend the appointee without qualification for continued employment in a position of trust with the Government.

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(S) Mrs. [ ] Chief, Reports and Requirements Staff, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that she has known and worked closely with the appointee since 1957 or 1958. [ ] stated that she has met [ ] however, she is not acquainted with the appointee's family and never knew Mr. HELMS' first wife. [ ] advised that she considered the appointee to be one of the most dedicated public servants in the Government today. She praised Mr. HELMS' dedication and integrity and said he is a man of honor whose loyalty and associates are above reproach. [ ] stated that she would unequivocally consider the appointee well suited to handle any position of trust and confidence with the Government and would readily recommend as such.

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(S) Mr. [ ] Assistant Chief, Reports and Requirements Staff, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, stated that he has known RICHARD HELMS and dealt with him on a professional basis since 1960. Mr. [ ] said he did not know the former Mrs. HELMS, however, he did meet the appointee's present wife on at least one occasion during a social function.

(S) Mr. [ ] advised that there is no more dedicated Government official than Mr. HELMS. He stated that he has personally dealt with the appointee over the years on some very delicate and sensitive problems and on each and every occasion he feels the appointee made difficult decisions which were always in the best interests of the United States Government.

(S) According to Mr. [ ] the appointee is one of only a very few individuals he has come into contact with in over 20 years of Government service who has gained his complete respect. Mr. [ ] related that there is no question in his mind that the appointee is an outstanding American whose character, loyalty and associates are above suspicion.

(S) Mr. [ ] highly recommended the appointee for any position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department

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and was advised on 1/3/73, that no record was located concerning the appointee.

Investigation continuing.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

NR 004 AL PLAIN

2:15PM 1-5-73 URGENT MRG

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM ALBANY (161-NEW) 2P RUC

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED  
1/2/73.

Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Baker	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Cleveland	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Gebhardt	_____
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Ms. Herwig	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

MR. MARTIN  
ROOM 1248

RE ALBANY TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, 1/5/73.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TODAY AT  
COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK.

[REDACTED] BASSETT HOSPITAL,  
STATED DR. CLINTON V. Z. HAWN IS A PATHOLOGIST AT THAT  
HOSPITAL. HAWN'S WIFE WAS FORMERLY ELIZABETH HELMS, DATE  
OF BIRTH 12/27/21, AT SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY. THE HAWN  
FAMILY HAS FOUR CHILDREN AND HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS AT 96  
LAKE STREET, COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK, FOR 20 YEARS OR  
LONGER. HE SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF THE FAMILY. [REDACTED]

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KNOWN THE HAWN FAMILY AND CHILDREN FOR MANY YEARS AND  
CONSIDERS FAMILY WITH HIGHEST DEGREE OF REPUTATION IN  
THE COMMUNITY. ARREST CHECKS NEGATIVE ON ALL FAMILY  
MEMBERS.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM BALTIMORE 161-3448 RUC

Mr. Felt	_____
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Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Cleveland	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Gebhardt	_____
Mr. Jenkins	_____
Mr. Marshall	_____
Mr. Miller, E.S.	_____
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Mr. Armstrong	_____
Ms. Herwig	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED PAST.

RE AX TELCALL TO BA, JANUARY FIVE INSTANT.

DOCTOR LOUIS TORDELLA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, FORT MEAD, MARYLAND, CONTACTED JANUARY FIVE INSTANT. DOCTOR TORDELLA ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HELMS PROFESSIONALLY THROUGH U.S. GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS AND HAS HAD FREQUENT CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACT, PAST FIFTEEN YEARS. DOCTOR TORDELLA ADVISED HELMS DISPLAYES EXTREMELY GOOD JUDGEMENT, COMMON SENSE, IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES. DOCTOR TORDELLA ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE HELMS AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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Date: 1/5/73

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) -P-

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re WFO airtel, 1/4/73.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
EDWARD C. RUDIGER:The files of CIA were caused to be reviewed on  
1/4/73, relative to the appointee's [REDACTED]

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On 1/4/73, Mr. JOHN M. MAURY, Legislative Counsel, CIA, McLean, Va., advised that he has known RICHARD HELMS both professionally and socially since 1947. Mr. MAURY stated that between [REDACTED] he was under the appointee's direct supervision and he also socialized with Mr. HELMS and his former wife, JULIA, during this period.

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Mr. MAURY stated that between [REDACTED] he was personally stationed in [REDACTED] and once during this period the appointee, his former wife, JULIA, and [REDACTED] visited them at this duty station on a vacation trip. Mr. MAURY related that he has seen the appointee and [REDACTED] a good deal since 1968 and that he actually has known [REDACTED]

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since 1955 but he could give no details regarding the appointee's divorce. According to Mr. MAURY, the appointee's father has been deceased for six or seven years and his mother presently lives in East Orange, New Jersey. He has two brothers and one sister; the one brother, GATES HELMS, lives in South Orange, New Jersey, and the other brother, PEARSALL HELMS, lives in Geneva, Switzerland, where he is employed by the Tradex Corporation. Mr. MAURY said the appointee's sister, ELIZABETH HAHN, nee HELMS, is married to a doctor, and currently resides in Cooperstown, New York. Although he is not personally acquainted with these members of the appointee's family, Mr. MAURY said he knows of no unfavorable information concerning them.

Mr. MAURY said he would give the highest recommendation possible to Mr. HELMS, his former wife, JULIA, [redacted] as to character, loyalty, and associates. Mr. MAURY advised that the appointee is a truly dedicated and devoted official of the U. S. Government and he feels he would be well suited for any high position in the Government.

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On 1/4/73, Mr. LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON, General Counsel, CIA, McLean, Va., advised that he has been acquainted with RICHARD HELMS since approximately 1947. Mr. HOUSTON said he also was acquainted with the former Mrs. HELMS, the divorced wife of the appointee, and knew Mr. HELMS' [redacted] whom he last saw about a year ago at which time [redacted]

Mr. HOUSTON related that he has also socialized with the appointee and [redacted] and has found her to be a fine individual who, along with [redacted] and former wife, JULIA, has never exhibited any tendencies which would cause him to doubt their character, loyalty, or associates. Mr. HOUSTON stated that he could furnish no details of Mr. HELMS' divorce from his first wife. Mr. HOUSTON further stated that during his long association with the

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appointee, he has found him to be one of the outstanding public servants in the Government today whose loyalty, integrity and choice of associates are above reproach. He added that he would be proud to recommend Mr. HELMS for any high Government post.

Mr. WILLIAM COLBY, Executive Director, CIA, McLean, Va., advised on 1/4/73, that he has been associated with RICHARD HELMS since 1962 on a professional basis almost entirely. Mr. COLBY stated that he knows that the appointee's first wife, JULIA, whom he said still resides in the family home at 3901 Fessenden St., N.W., Washington, D. C.; however, he is not actually acquainted with her nor does he know the appointee's son. He said that he has met [redacted]

[redacted]; however, he is not really acquainted with her. According to Mr. COLBY, there is no doubt that the appointee will serve his Government as loyally in any future position of trust as he has during his tenure with CIA. He stated that he is a man of unquestioned honesty, integrity, and good judgment in selection of his friends and associates. He recommended him highly for any position to which he may be appointed in the United States Government.

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Mr. THOMAS KARAMESSINES, Deputy Director of Plans, CIA, McLean, Va., advised on 1/4/73, that he has known the appointee since 1948, almost entirely on a professional level. Mr. KARAMESSINES stated that he had met and knew the appointee's divorced wife, JULIA, and also met his [redacted] on several occasions; however, he did not feel that he actually knew the appointee's family well. Mr. KARAMESSINES said he would place the appointee among the most outstanding men he has ever had the pleasure to work with and would go on record as saying there could be no doubt as to his character, loyalty, or associates. Mr. KARAMESSINES gave Mr. HELMS his unqualified recommendation for any position of trust and confidence for which he may be chosen.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia:

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On 1/4/73, [redacted] advised he first met the appointee in mid fifties. [redacted] was [redacted] and in addition he

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served on [REDACTED]

Thus, [REDACTED] maintained contact with the appointee all through the appointee's rise within CIA; namely, from an employee to Deputy Director and finally the Director of CIA. In 1/69, [REDACTED] assumed his current duties and thereafter had more regular contact with the appointee. He is an outstanding American and nothing derogatory is known as his character, reputation, morals, and integrity are excellent. The appointee is recommended for any position of trust and confidence in the U. S. Government including that of an Ambassador, and he will also put the country's interests first.

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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
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Mr. Miller, E.S.	_____
Mr. Purvis	_____
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Mr. Walters	_____
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Mr. Kinley	_____
Mr. Armstrong	_____
Ms. Haring	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

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9:35 PM NITEL 1-4-73 SH

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM LAS VEGAS (161-264) 1P

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS; SPI(00: BUREAU).

ON 1-4-73, [REDACTED], WASHOE

MR. MARTIN  
ROOM 1246

DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE, RENO, NEVADA, ADVISED THAT IN CASE  
NUMBER [REDACTED] IN DEPARTMENT 3, DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN E.  
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[REDACTED] - PLAINTIFF FROM [REDACTED] -  
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8310:40 AM URGENT 1-8-73 DAB

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR

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FROM: BOSTON (161-3251) RUC

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Mr. Armstrong	_____
Ms. Harvey	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS; SPIN; BUDED 1-2-73

REBTEL TO BUREAU AND WFO, 1-4-73.

MR. MARTIN  
ROOM 1046

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RECONTACTED THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT HER FRIEND AND  
FORMER U.S. SENATOR, MARGARET CHASE SMITH, HAS NOT  
RETURNED TO HER HOME IN SKOWHEGAN AND IS PRESUMED TO  
BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

BOSTON CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION, UACB.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-8661)(P)  
RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS  
SPIN  
BUDED PAST

Re WFO airtel to Bureau dated 1/9/72

LEADWASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: Will contact further associates.  
CSC, INS re spouse, AEC-SY outstanding.

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Special Agent in Charge

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United States Senate

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on January 5, 1973.

United States Senator JOHN C. STENNIS, Mississippi and Chairman, Armed Services Committee, advised he has known the appointee for the past twenty years and considers him to be a person of very high integrity who is capable, intelligent, possesses great administrative ability, gets along very well with others and is highly regarded by his associates. He commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates and reputation recommending him for a position of trust and confidence.

United States Senator JOHN SPARKMAN, Alabama and ranking majority member, Foreign Relations Committee, advised he has known the appointee for the past fifteen years. The appointee has frequently appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee and he believes the appointee to be a very capable, sincere, intelligent and trustworthy person. He makes a very good appearance, gets along well with others and he commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates and reputation. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] to  
United States Senator CLIFFORD P. CASE, New Jersey, advised the Senator is unavailable and she is authorized to speak for him regarding the appointee. The Senator is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee. He has known the appointee for several years professionally. He thinks highly of the appointee and he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR. on January 4, 1973:

Senator STROM THURMOND (South Carolina) advised he has known the appointee, RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, since the mid 1960s when he was appointed Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He has had close professional contact with him since that time, particularly on those occasions when the appointee appeared before the Senate Committee on Armed Services of which Senator THURMOND is a ranking member. He considers the appointee's recent service as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency to have been a credit to the appointee's professional integrity and to his government. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

Senator MIKE MANSFIELD (Montana), Majority Leader of the Senate, advised he has known the appointee since approximately 1965 as a competent and able administrator. He considers him forthright and practical in his approach to foreign policy. He is aware he is presently under consideration for nomination to an ambassadorial post. He recommends him to any position to which President NIXON may care to appoint him. He has no question concerning his patriotism, morals, reputation or choice of associates.

Senator WILLIAM L. SCOTT (Virginia) advised he has had no close personal contact with the appointee and does not choose to comment concerning him in view of the fact that the appointee is not a constituent of the Senator. He concluded by saying he knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee.



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Senator J. GLENN BEALL, JR. (Maryland) advised his knowledge of the appointee is limited to his awareness of appointee's good public reputation as an Administrator and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He interposes no objection to his selection for a high Federal post.

Senator CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, JR. (Maryland) advised he has no personal knowledge of the appointee. He said he knows of no information which would cause him to question his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He will interpose no objection to his selection for a high Federal post.

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REPRESENTATIVE

On 1/4/73, United States Representative JAMES ROBERT MANN, South Carolina, advised SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN he has only known the appointee casually for the past three years, having only had occasional official contact with him when the appointee officially appeared before Congress. He stated he considers the appointee to be a very competent, honest, straightforward, and sincere person. Based on his knowledge of the appointee he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence and he did not know of anything of a derogatory nature regarding his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

On January 5, 1973 Mr. U. ALEXIS JOHNSON, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that he had known RICHARD M. HELMS casually during the 1950's in a professional capacity when they had some contacts regarding matters of mutual professional interest. Since 1961, when JOHNSON became Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs at the Department of State, he has had close and continuing professional contacts with HELMS. They have also had occasional social contacts over the years. JOHNSON mentioned that he has worked very closely with the appointee on matters of the highest sensitivity and security. He reported that he has no question whatever concerning appointee's loyalty to the U.S., adding that he is a dedicated and discreet professional in the intelligence field. JOHNSON indicated that the appointee's character, integrity, reputation and associations are of the highest type, to the best of his knowledge and he recommended HELMS "very highly" for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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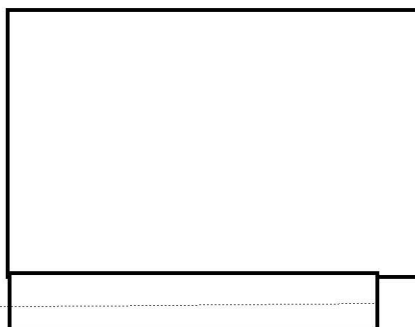
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-8661)(P)  
RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS  
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The following have been mentioned as close  
personal associates of the appointee during interviews of  
personal associates:



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All at CIA, Langley, Virginia.

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ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

AT LANGLEY, VIRGINIA; Interview for comments  
concerning appointee.

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- 2 - Alexandria (161-1886)
- 1 - WFO
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Date: 1/9/73

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (RUC)

RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS  
SPI  
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re Alexandria airtel 1/5/73.

ASSOCIATES

On 1/9/73, Mr. GEORGE G. KISEVALTER, 1415 Julia Avenue, McLean, Virginia, advised SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER that he is a retired CIA Intelligence Officer who was acquainted with RICHARD HELMS for a period of some twenty years. Mr. KISEVALTER stated he first met the appointee in 1952 and had a close professional relationship with him over the years. He related that he did not know the appointee's family and had no knowledge concerning them. According to Mr. KISEVALTER, Mr. HELMS was in his mind an outstanding American whose intelligence and devotion to duty was unequalled among public servants. He stated there could be no question in his mind relative to the character, loyalty, or associates of RICHARD HELMS, and he would unhesitatingly recommend him for any high Government post to which he may be appointed. (2)

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[redacted] at Arlington, Virginia:

On 1/8/73, [redacted]

[redacted] advised he used to be employed at the

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Livermore Laboratory and as such in 1963, came to know the appointee, who was employed by the CIA. In 1965, [ ] assumed his current position and still maintained contact with the appointee. Nothing derogatory is known as his character, reputation, morals, and integrity are "first class". He is an extremely dedicated, loyal, great American who is recommended highly for a position of trust and confidence in the U.S. Government.

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AGENCY CHECK

SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Naval Investigative Service (NIS) Headquarters and was advised on 1/9/73 that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P)  
RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS  
SPI  
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re Alexandria telcalls to Philadelphia and WFO,  
1/9/73.

For information of Philadelphia, Bureau has been requested to conduct investigation of HELMS, born 3/30/13, St. Davids, Pa., who is presently Director of the CIA, for Presidential Appointment, position not stated.

Appointee presently married [redacted]  
[redacted] and has the following [redacted]

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WFO and Philadelphia conduct appropriate investigation.

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Mr. Neenan	_____

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

ALEXANDRIA

FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-2000) (RUC) 1P

MR. MARTIN  
ROOM 1546

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELM; SPIN; BUDED JANUARY 2, 1973.

RE ALEXANDRIA TELEPHONE CALL TO PHILADELPHIA,

1-9-73.

ON 1-9-73, SEARCH OF FILES OF PHILADELPHIA POLICE

DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL RECORDS SECTION, FAILED TO DISCLOSE

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Date: 1/10/73

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (RUC)  
RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS  
SPI  
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re WFO airtel to the Bureau, 1/9/73.

Alexandria not contemplating interview of individuals set forth in re airtel as investigation at CIA has been completed. Due to the urgent nature of the investigation stressed at CIA, UACB, it is not felt that further contact would facilitate future inquiries.

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January 9, 1973

RICHARD MC GARRAH ~~HELM~~S

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. HELMS COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

This summary memorandum covers the period since March, 1953. Mr. Helms was born on March 30, 1913, in Saint Davids, Pennsylvania.

Employment

Since March of 1953, Mr. Helms has continued to be employed by the Central Intelligence Agency in various capacities including Administrative Officer and Department Head. On April 22, 1965, Mr. Helms was confirmed by the United States Senate as Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency. The United States Senate, on June 28, 1966, confirmed Mr. Helms as Director, Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Helms continues to serve in the position of Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

Marital Status and Residence

Mr. Helms and [redacted], reside at 4701 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and maintain a summer residence at 1303 West Cedar Street, Lewes, Delaware. Mr. Helms was married to Julia Bretzman Helms on September 8, 1939, in Indianapolis, Indiana. One child, [redacted] was born of this marriage. The records, Superior Court for the District of Columbia, Family Division, Washington, D. C., indicate Julia B. Helms, plaintiff, filed for divorce on July 10, 1968, charging voluntary separation on the part of the defendant. The defendant was listed as Richard M. Helms, Chevy Chase, Maryland. On August 29, 1968, judgment was found for Julia B. Helms for absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation for more than one year.

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Mrs. Julia Bretzman Helms, 3901 Fessenden Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised that she was formerly married to Mr. Helms and one child, [REDACTED] was born of this marriage. She met Mr. Helms in Indianapolis, Indiana, in about 1937, where he was employed by a local newspaper. She indicated that they were divorced in 1968, based on the grounds of voluntary separation for more than one year. She said that she and Mr. Helms have numerous friends in Iran, where she has been told Mr. Helms is to assume a position as a representative of this Government. She was of the opinion Mr. Helms might find the transition from Director of the Central Intelligence Agency to that of an ambassador to be a difficult one. She explained that Mr. Helms, at the Central Intelligence Agency, wields a lot of power over thousands of people, and as an ambassador would only be acting in a representative-type capacity and supervising a comparatively small number of employees.

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Mrs. Helms stated that Mr. Helms will perform well as an ambassador. She described Mr. Helms as a complete patriot and as one who is extremely capable and very highly qualified in dealing with people. She described him as being a very strong person and one who is extremely intelligent. She knows him to be a convincing and persuasive person and would recommend him for appointment to a position of trust with the Federal Government.

#### Interviews

Howard J. Osborn, Director, Office of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, McLean, Virginia, advised that he has been acquainted with Mr. Helms since 1950. He said his acquaintance has been on a professional level. However, on several occasions he has attended social gatherings with Mr. Helms and his first wife, Julia. He indicated that he knew none of the personal details surrounding Mr. Helms's divorce from his first wife. However, to his knowledge, there has never been any question regarding the character, loyalty, or associates of Mr. Helms's family. He indicated that he has

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met Mr. Helms's [ ] whom he considers to be a fine person and for whom he has the highest regard. According to Mr. Osborn, Richard Helms is one of the most outstanding public servants in the American Government today.

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Mr. Osborn stated that in all of the years he has known Mr. Helms he has always been impressed with Mr. Helms's devotion and loyalty to the United States Government, his integrity and unblemished reputation, and his contacts with the highest type of associates. He stated that he would strongly recommend Mr. Helms for any position of trust with the Government.

John A. McCone, Business Executive, Joshua Handy Corporation, Los Angeles, California, advised he has known Mr. Helms for the past fifteen years. He indicated that he was a former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Mr. Helms served under his supervision in numerous capacities including that of Deputy Director. He described him as an excellent senior member of the agency for a great number of years, and as one who commands the respect of the agency, members of Congress, and the current and prior administrations.

Mr. McCone described Mr. Helms as being very temperate in his habits and very particular concerning his professional and business associations, and totally responsible concerning security matters. He has the highest respect for his intelligence and integrity and considers Mr. Helms to be an individual of unquestioned reputation and loyalty. He recommended Mr. Helms for continued employment in a position of trust in the Federal Government service.

Harry F. Byrd, Jr., United States Senator from the State of Virginia, interviewed in Washington, D. C., stated he has known Mr. Helms since the late 1940's as a personal friend. He described Mr. Helms's career with the Central Intelligence Agency as distinguished and marked by the highest level of public service. He has been in his company on numerous occasions at various social functions in Washington, D. C., and abroad. He also, as a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, observed Mr. Helms furnish

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testimony before the committee concerning international political affairs. He considers Mr. Helms to be a forthright, intelligent, and thoughtful man. He has no question concerning his sense of patriotism and duty to his country. He stated that Mr. Helms's personal and professional integrity is above reproach and recommended him for any post to which President Richard M. Nixon would care to appoint him.

William Tyler, Director, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Helms since 1950, when he, Mr. Tyler, was a foreign service officer at the United States Embassy in Paris. Mr. Tyler said that he has continued since that time a professional and social association with Mr. Helms. He described Mr. Helms as being one of a small handful of the most outstanding public servants in this country, and added that Mr. Helms has no political ambitions and maintains the highest of professional and personal standards. He described Mr. Helms as a dedicated person of strong character, and considers him to be eminently qualified for any office in any capacity that requires the utmost in ability and trust.

Mr. Tyler described Mr. Helms as being free of any character defect and as a person who never indulges to excess in any activity in which he participates. He recommended Mr. Helms for an appointment to any position of trust with the Federal Government.

Ray S. Cline, Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, advised that he has known Mr. Helms since 1943, when they were both assigned to the Office of Strategic Services, and that they worked closely at the Central Intelligence Agency from 1950 until 1969. He indicated that he has no question concerning Mr. Helms's loyalty to the United States, commenting that "If there is any question here, we all have a problem in the United States." He indicated that his character, habits, morals, and integrity are beyond question, and he has never known Mr. Helms to conduct himself in an improper or immoral manner. He mentioned that Mr. Helms is quiet and reserved and keeps his opinions to himself. He indicated that his personal and professional reputation is very good and his associations are above reproach.

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Mr. Cline reported that Mr. Helms was divorced from his first wife several years ago and married [redacted], about four years ago. He indicated that he has no personal knowledge of the details concerning Mr. Helms's divorce and remarriage, but indicated that both Julia Helms and [redacted] are very charming ladies of unquestioned character. He recommended Mr. Helms for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government, adding that he is a very intelligent, security conscious, discreet, and reliable individual, and one of the most competent men in the intelligence community.

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J. Glenn Beall, Jr., United States Senator from the State of Maryland, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised his knowledge of Mr. Helms is limited to his awareness of his good public reputation as an administrator and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He said he knows of no unfavorable information concerning Mr. Helms's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. He stated that he would interpose no objection to Mr. Helms's selection for a high Federal post.

Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., United States Senator from the State of Maryland, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he has no personal knowledge of Mr. Helms and knows of no unfavorable information concerning his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. Senator Mathias advised he interposes no objection to Mr. Helms's selection for a high Federal post.

Twenty-one additional persons, including social and professional associates and former Central Intelligence Agency employees, were interviewed. They furnished favorable comments concerning Mr. Helms's character, reputation, loyalty, morals, habits, ability, and associates. Persons well acquainted with Mr. Helms stated that he is a dependable, trustworthy, dedicated, and conscientious person. Those familiar with his work in the intelligence field stated he is very capable, has an extremely keen mind, and is doing an excellent job as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Helms was recommended for a position of trust and confidence. Persons acquainted with his close relatives stated to their knowledge they are reputable individuals whose loyalty to the United States is above question.



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Close Relatives

Mr. Helms's father, Herman Henry Adolf Helms, is deceased. In addition to his wife, previously mentioned, Mr. Helms has the following living close relatives:

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Mother

Marion McGarrah Helms  
East Orange, New Jersey

Brother

Rowland Pearsall Helms  
Geneva, Switzerland

Brother

Gates McGarrah Helms  
South Orange, New Jersey

Sister

Elizabeth Helms Hawn  
Cooperstown, New York

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Helms.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no information concerning Mr. Helms or his close relatives with the exception of the following:

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., indicate that Mr. Helms had been cited on three occasions for traffic violations between November 3, 1956, and May 25, 1957, for which he forfeited from \$5 to \$25. Mr. Helms's driving permit was suspended for fifteen days on August 15, 1957, for

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accumulating eight points based upon the aforementioned traffic violations. The suspension was served on Mr. Helms and appealed on August 19, 1957. On December 2, 1957, the suspension was dismissed and Mr. Helms was given a warning. These records contain no additional information.

**Agency Checks**

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either (S) [redacted] concerning b1 per CIA b3

**Mr. Helms:**

House Committee on Internal Security;  
Central Intelligence Agency; Defense  
Central Index of Investigations,  
Fort Holabird, Maryland; United States  
Army Investigative Records Repository,  
Fort Holabird, Maryland; United States  
Secret Service; and The White House  
Office.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Helms.



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Via AIRTEL

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-8661)(P)  
RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS  
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Re WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 1/8/73.

Several attempts to contact the following listed associates of the appointee met with negative results:

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WALTER PFORZHEIMER,  
MARGARET CHASE SMITH,  
POTTER STEWART,  
STUART SYMINGTON.

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No further attempts will be made UACB.

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Ex-Wife

On January 5, 1973, JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS was contacted at her home, 3901 Fessenden Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., by SA [redacted] Mrs. HELMS advised that, as far as she knew, her ex-husband presently resided at 4701 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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Mrs. HELMS said that she did not see or talk to RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS any more. She felt that the new appointment would be a difficult reassignment in view of the appointee's life at CIA. She felt <sup>however</sup> that he would fit in well in Iran due to the close friends <sup>he has</sup> in high places. She advised that he knows the Shah personally along with other people in high places. She added <sup>further</sup> that she felt he would be qualified as far as knowing the people of Iran goes, <sup>for he had made a</sup> study of Iran <sup>as</sup> ~~between~~ a personal hobby. ~~in addition~~ She stated that the <sup>Iranian</sup> Government might wonder why the United States was sending a CIA man as Ambassador.

Mrs. HELMS advised that many of the friends her ex-husband had in Iran were also personal friends of hers. She said all of these people were aware of the situation between her and Mr. HELMS, and they would not admire him for it. Among her close friends is the mother of the [redacted]

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In connection with the divorce, Mrs. HELMS preferred not to go into any details but advised that her ex-husband has had several girl friends. She felt that, since he was approaching 60, he would be <sup>cooling</sup> ~~slowing~~ off, and, in any case, he would be extremely careful in his behavior as Ambassador. *She further advised there was no publicity in the separation and divorce proceedings on prior to the divorce*

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She advised the appointee was a complete patriot.

She advised that the appointee is close to KIM ROOSEVELT, who is ex CIA, and who is close to the Shah of Iran.

Mrs. HELMS advised the appointee loves power and must have it and she was not sure where he would turn for it now that he has lost his post at CIA.

Mrs. HELMS could see no reasons why the appointee would not work out as Ambassador to Iran apart from those given above.

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ASSOCIATES

On January 5, 1973, JAMES HUNT, 3200 S Street, N.W., was contacted at his home. HUNT advised that he had previously worked for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and had known the appointee since about 1946. HUNT said the appointee was a man of the highest integrity who handles himself well. HUNT advised the appointee would be ideal for the position of Ambassador to Iran and would make a good ambassador. He said the appointee knows both how to give and take orders. He said the appointee was a good team man, was good with people, and had marvelous relations with Congress. He advised he felt Congress had more trust in HELMS than in, perhaps, many others. HUNT advised that the appointee was outstanding and that he had no question in his mind about the appointee in any way. HUNT said that the appointee's present wife would make a good ambassadors wife. HUNT said the appointee never over does it with alcohol and believed his social life never interfered with work. He said the appointee likes people, gets along well, and enjoys good company. HUNT reiterated that the appointee is a man of the highest caliber in every respect. HUNT advised he had never seen the slightest evidence that the appointee was a ladies man in any way, and said all his friends were completely surprised when he was divorced from his first wife in 1968. HUNT concluded that he knew of no reason why an ambassadorship would not work out for the appointee. He said the appointee was a delightful man, and he had no reservations about recommending him for any high position of trust and confidence.

On January 5, 1973, GORDON STEWART, 3111 Rolling Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland, was contacted at his home. STEWART advised that he was a retired ~~inspector~~ General of the CIA. STEWART advised he first knew the appointee in OSS and that the appointee was his direct supervisor for eight years while he was in Germany after the war. He described the applicant as being very honest and a very capable man. He said the appointee works ~~efficiently~~ and gets a great deal done ~~without wasting himself~~. He said the appointee has a keen understanding of people, but said that he was sometimes slow to arrive at decisions concerning people. He said the appointee was a good judge of information, understands "sourcing", and has a good understanding of the process of analysis of information. STEWART further described the appointee as being relatively sedate and one you would think of as self-controlled, solid, and level headed socially. STEWART advised he did not know the appointee

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socially outside of the CIA crowd, but knew that he was not running around with other women in the CIA crowd. STEWART advised the appointee was not the kind of man who went overseas and partied. He said he believed the appointee was the type who would fall in love with only one woman at a time. STEWART advised that the appointee knew people in Iran and felt he would do well as Ambassador to Iran. He said the appointee was a "heads up" type person who would run a good show. He said the appointee would stand for no monkey business and he believed would make a "hell of a good ambassador." He said the appointee "was smart as hell", a very solid character, who writes well and thinks clearly. He said the appointee was fair in his dealings with people and admired by all in the CIA.

On January 5, 1973, JOHN GARDNER, Director of Common Cause, 2100 M Street, N.W., was contacted at his office. GARDNER advised that he had known the appointee 29 years and said they were office mates at OSS. He said they are still friends and still see each other occasionally ~~both professionally and socially~~ socially. GARDNER advised he has the highest respect for the appointee. He said the appointee is ~~not~~ absolutely top caliber ~~name~~ public servant, and added that the appointee does his job the best way he knows how, through the ups and downs of politics. He said the appointee is a great credit to public service, a very honest man, and believed congressmen also found him to be so. He believed one would find a lot of respect for appointee on Capitol Hill. GARDNER said he had absolute confidence in the appointee's loyalty and advised that he knew of no habits or attributes that weaken the appointee as a person. He felt that appointee was quite a guy, not a woman chaser, and had extraordinary judgment and stability. He believed the appointee would do well as Ambassador to Iran and said he felt the appointee had the <sup>instinctive</sup> judgment necessary to do the job well.

On January 8, 1973, DAVID BRUCE, 1405, 35th Street, N.W., was contacted at his home. BRUCE advised he has known the appointee for thirty years, since they were together at OSS, and advised that he has seen the appointee frequently from time to time since. BRUCE advised he considers the appointee's professional ability very highly and said he was extremely competent, had impeccable character, was loyal, conscientious, intelligent, industrious, and honest. He said he believed the appointee to be admirably equipped to work loyally and efficiently in any position. He felt the appointee would make an ideal Ambassador to Iran. BRUCE advised he did not know the appointee's social habits, but said he had never heard of him drinking too much. BRUCE advised he felt the

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appointee was an excellent husband. He concluded by saying the  
appointee was one of the few who were under constant ~~public~~ scrutiny  
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On 1/12/73, SHERMAN KENT, 2824 Chain Bridge Road, N.W., advised he has known the appointee very well since 1943 when they were in OSS together. He said he has seen the appointee socially fairly regularly through the years since that time and considers him an old personal friend. KENT is also retired from the CIA. KENT advised that he has the highest respect for the appointee's judgment, good sense and skill as an administrator. KENT advised he has never had the slightest reason to question the appointee's loyalty or devotion to duty and country. KENT concluded by saying the appointee is at the top of the list for ability, trustworthiness, and honesty and said he had no adverse information concerning the appointee at all.

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On January 8, 1973, the following individuals were contacted by SA [ ] at Washington, D. C.

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[ ] Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U. S. Department of State, advised as follows:

He has known the appointee for approximately ten years during which the appointee held the position as head of the CIA. His association was both personal and professional and did not include social contact. He knew of nothing adverse in regard to the appointees character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. [ ] stated that he holds the appointee in high esteem and that he is well aware of the high quality of his work and of the amount of responsibility that he has held in the past.

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Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, JOSEPH J. SISCO, U. S. Department of State, advised as Follows:

Mr. SISCO has known the appointee for more than twenty years professionally, socially, and personally. Appointee is of great integrity and professional competence. His character, loyalty, reputation and associates are above reproach. Mr. SISCO is aware of no bad habits of the appointee and has heard nothing derogatory concerning his social or professional life. Mr. SISCO advised he has the highest regard for RICHARD HELMS and that he would have no reservation whatsoever in recommending him for the position of Ambassador to Iran.

MARSHALL GREEN, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U. S. Department of State advised he has known the appointee for approximately ten years professionally and socially and has been closely associated with him for the past four years under the Nixon administration. He knows appointees [ ] well and described her as a charming and very intelligent lady.

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He described the appointee as being of good character, completely trustworthy, confident, poised, of even temperament and of moderate habits.

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Mr. GREEN stated the employees character, loyalty, reputation and associates were above question and that he would certainly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U. S. Department of State, advised he has known the appointee for approximately twenty years and has been associated with him professionally since 1960, in connection with liaison with the Central Intelligence Agency. [ ] advised the appointee has always been on a slightly higher social level than himself and he therefore has not had the occasion to know him well socially. He described the appointee as being very capable, forthright and direct, of good character, and high moral standards. According to [ ] appointees reputation, loyalty, and associates are above reproach and he would highly recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

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Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U. S. Department of State, advised he has known the appointee fairly well professionally, and socially for several years. He has been present at a number of U. S. Intelligence Boards over which the appointee has presided. He is described as being one of the top people in government and one of the most able.

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[ ] has had no occasion to meet the appointees family. [ ] stated the appointees character, loyalty, reputation and associates are unquestionable, and he would recommend him highly for a position of trust with the government.

A. SIDNEY BUFORD, Director, Office of Intelligence Liaison, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U. S. Department of State advised he knew the appointee when the appointee was serving in the U. S. Navy as an Ensign during World War II in the early 1940's. He has followed the appointees progress in the government service during the years and still on occasion meets and talks with him. He commented that "there is no question as to his loyalty since for a number of years he has held down a vastly important job involving national security", Mr. BUFORD advised he also knows some of the appointees subordinates and peers and that the appointee is held in high esteem by them. Mr. BUFORD commented favorably concerning the appointees character, reputation, and associates. He stated he would recommend him without reservation for a position of great trust with the government.

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[redacted] to Mr. ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS on January 9, 1973, that Secretary RICHARDSON had been unavailable for interview but had authorized her to make the following statements for him:

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He first met Mr. RICHARD M. HELMS, when he, Mr. RICHARDSON, became Under Secretary of the Department of State around 1969. Mr. HELMS and Mr. RICHARDSON attended many National Security Council meetings while Mr. RICHARDSON was serving at the Department of State. Mr. RICHARDSON has had occasional professional contact with him since then. Meanwhile, Mr. RICHARDSON and his wife have seen Mr. HELMS and his wife on many social occasions in WDC.

Mr. HELMS is a man of high intelligence, "cool judgment and firmness of character." He is cooperative without being "flabby" and enlists great loyalty among his subordinates. He is a skillful administrator.

His character and reputation are excellent. He is not only "unimpeachably loyal" to his country but he has served his country with great skill and dedication. There have been no indications to Mr. RICHARDSON that Mr. HELMS has any objectionable habits.

Mr. RICHARDSON indicated he would give Mr. HELMS his highest recommendation for a position of responsibility and trust with the United States Government.

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VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE

On January 10, 1973, [redacted]  
Irene Apartments, 4701 Willard Avenue, N.W., Chevy Chase,  
Maryland, advised that the appointee has resided at Irene  
Apartments from March 1, 1969 until present, together with  
his wife.

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On January 10, 1973, [redacted] of  
1315 30th Street, N.W., advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] resided in Apartment [redacted] of this address.

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On January 10, 1973, [redacted]  
[redacted], advised that [redacted] lived next  
to it at [redacted] together with his new wife and son.

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On January 11, 1973, [redacted]  
[redacted], advised that she roomed with [redacted]  
and several other girls at this address. She advised that  
she and [redacted] worked together at [redacted].

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POLICE AGENCIES

On January 11, 1973, ALFRED MILLER determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning [REDACTED]  
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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentifiable records are out of file and not available for review.

On January 11, 1973 SC [REDACTED] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the persons mentioned above.

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On January 8, 1973, SA [ ] determined that the following record concerning the appointee was contained in the Personnel Section Files, Division of Security, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Germantown, Maryland.

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Security file WA-67749 disclosed that:

April 10, 1953

U.S. Atomic Energy Commission,  
Washington, granted a "Q"  
clearance to RICHARD MC GARRAH  
HELMS for CIA.

The "Q" clearance is still  
active.

The file contained no additional pertinent  
information.

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On January 10, 1973, SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on January 10, 1973, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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1 - Mrs. Mutter  
1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Martin  
1 - Mr. Auger

January 19, 1973

BY LIAISON

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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 10, 1973, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation concerning Mr. Richard McGarran Helms. Transmitted herewith is a memorandum which supplements the information previously furnished you, a copy of which is also being furnished to the Department of State.

Information has been received indicating a check of the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has not been completed. When this check has been completed, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

*L. Patrick Gray III*

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

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ON 1/22/73  
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Enclosure

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Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
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RETURN TO MR. AUGER, ROOM 7636.



January 19, 1973

**RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS**

The information contained in this memorandum supplements the information contained in the summary memorandum dated January 9, 1973. Mr. Helms was born on March 30, 1913, in Saint Davids, Pennsylvania.

Interviews

John C. Stennis, United States Senator from Mississippi and Chairman, Armed Services Committee, advised in Washington, D. C., he has been acquainted with Mr. Helms for the past twenty years. He commented favorably regarding Mr. Helms's character, reputation, and loyalty. He said Mr. Helms is a very sincere person and there is no question concerning his ability or his integrity. He recommended Mr. Helms for a responsible Federal position.

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John J. Sparkman, United States Senator from Alabama and Ranking Majority Member, Foreign Relations Committee, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Helms for over fifteen years. He said he considers Mr. Helms a conscientious, able, and loyal person whose integrity is above question. He furnished favorable comments regarding Mr. Helms's character, reputation, and associates, and he recommended Mr. Helms for a responsible Government position.

Twenty-two additional professional associates of Mr. Helms's were interviewed and they commented favorably regarding his character, reputation, loyalty, and associates. They stated they consider him a very able person and feel there is no question regarding his integrity. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Richard McGarran Helms

Close Relatives

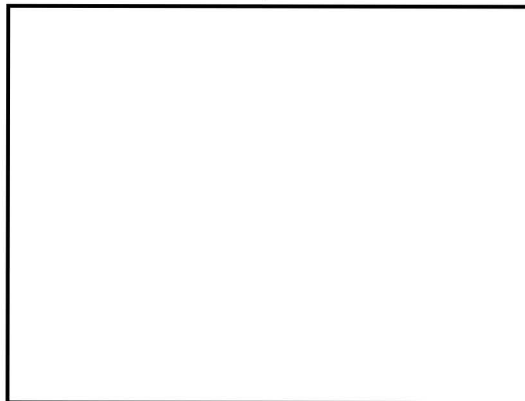
In addition to those previously mentioned in the memorandum dated January 9, 1973, Mr. Helms has the following close relatives:

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Security Clearance

Mr. Helms was granted a "Q" clearance in April, 1953, by the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. This clearance is currently active.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, indicating its files contain no record concerning Mr. Helms.

The Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command, has advised its files contain no pertinent identifiable information concerning Mr. Helms.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no information concerning the additional relatives mentioned previously.

1 - Mrs. Mutter  
1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Martin  
1 - Mr. Auger

January 19, 1973

BY COURIER SERVICE

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

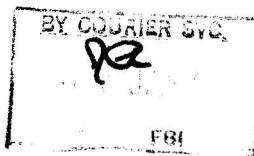
My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 10, 1973, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation concerning Mr. Richard McGarrah Helms. Transmitted herewith is a memorandum which supplements the information previously furnished you, a copy of which is also being furnished to The White House.

Information has been received indicating a check of the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has not been completed. When this check has been completed, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

*L. Patrick Gray, III*  
L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director



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On January 26, 1973, at the District Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D.C. SC [ ] reviewed the naturalization record pertaining to [ ] which revealed she was born [ ].

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No other pertinent information appeared in instant record.

1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Martin  
1 - Mr. Auger

February 1, 1973

BY COURIER SERVICE

*MS*  
The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to my letters dated January 10, 1973, and January 19, 1973, which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Mr. Richard McGarrah Helms.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has advised that

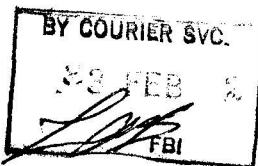
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The foregoing information is also being furnished to The White House. This concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

*L. Patrick Gray III*  
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February 1, 1973

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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

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Sincerely yours,

*L. Patrick Gray, III*  
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TO: Acting Director, FBI

ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON UNIT

FROM: *W* Legat, Tel Aviv (66-73)SUBJECT: ~~ADVERSE~~ ARTICLE APPEARING IN  
AN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER REGARDING  
AN FBI INVESTIGATION IN THE U.S.

*Richard H...*

The January 22, 1973, edition of "Yediot Ahranot," a daily Hebrew-language newspaper published in Israel, contained an article which is translated into English, a copy of which is enclosed.

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YEDIOT JAN 22, 1973

FEDERAL AGENTS INVESTIGATED INTELLIGENCE CHIEF

by YEDIOT New York corr.

THESE LAST FEW WEEKS, FBI AGENTS HAVE KEPT UP A CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF A MAN WHO HAS JUST BEEN GIVEN A Foreign Service appointment. When it was learned, end last week, who the man whom the FBI had been investigating was, the Americans did not know whether to laugh or to cry; for the man in the case was Richard Helms, who has just been appointed Ambassador to Iran but is better known from his former job: Head of the CIA -- a job in which, no need to say, he had to be completely 'clean' securitywise and in fact above suspicion. But for the FBI that does not seem to count, and they decided to investigate Helms like any junior official who joins the American Foreign Service.

Of course, the Helms investigation had Washington in an uproar. When FBI agents contacted Helms friends and started asking questions about his character and personality, they thought it was a poor joke. Some of his friends threw the ball back by telling the investigators that he was a security risk. Every word they said was written down, as seriously as could be, in the appropriate forms.

Said Helms' wife Cynthia to the press: "I can imagine what my husband's file looks like.. he wouldn't be made dig-catcher in Alaska on it."

Meanwhile, the security check on the former CIA Chief has become something of a scandal in Washington. Many claim that it is one more proof that the FBI "goes into every field of the citizen's private life." If the subject of the investigation is the former CIA chief, the whole affair blows up in the investigators' face; but

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-- people say -- how about less important or less famous people when anything anybody says against them goes down in black and white in the FIB file and may be held against them until judgment day?

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February 16, 1973

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Honorable Richard Helms  
4701 Willard Avenue  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

Dear Dick: HELMs

I appreciate deeply your very warm note of February 12th, and I just want you to know how much each of us in the FBI enjoyed the luncheon and the opportunity to express to you our heartfelt thanks for your confidence and friendship over the years.

I thought you might like to have the enclosed autographed photo taken at the luncheon, as a remembrance of a fine occasion.

My associates join me in sending to you our warmest good wishes for continued success in the future.

With my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Enclosure -- Photo taken in AGs Conf. Room,  
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RICHARD HELMS

12 February 1973

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Miss [unclear]	_____

The Honorable L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Pat:

As I indicated in my remarks, I was deeply touched by your luncheon and by the recognition you so graciously accorded me. It was considerate and thoughtful beyond the call of duty, and, as a long-time worker in this vale, I recognize the significance of the gesture and the quality of thought which went into it. Many, many thanks to you and your associates. May the Bureau prosper always!

Cordially,

*Rich*

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## Bad Week

For Barbar Howar it's been a tough week.

All the publicity over her "garage sale" and her troubles with the Washingtonian magazine over her memoirs apparently attracted the attention of a housebreaker.

She was awakened at 7 a.m. on Tuesday by a loud noise. A burglar who had forced a side window made off with her wallet, containing \$56 and a check for \$6,000.

## Strong Serve

Playing tennis in Los Angeles over the Super Bowl weekend, CBS commentator Walter Cronkite waited confidently for his opponent's first serve.

The ball shot across the net and thudded into Cronkite's clavicle. No bones were broken, but Cronkite has new respect for Ethel Kennedy's game.

"I don't know why I was so surprised at how strong she is," he said afterwards. "I just forgot she plays like a Kennedy."

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## Tehran a Logical Post for Helms

It was probably not a merry Christmas for the Americanologists in the Kremlin who were kept at their desks by their masters' demand to know why President Nixon was sending his intelligence chief, Richard Helms, to be ambassador to Iran.

Intelligence is the nerve center of the Soviet system and the White House move will inevitably put the comrades into a spin. Their conjectures on Helms' reassignment are certain to be laced with conspiratorial intrigues and suspicions that Nixon has dark plans for deeper meddling near the under-belly of the Soviet Union.

The Muscovites would intelligently brush aside most of White House press secretary Ron Ziegler's explanation that Helms had asked to retire as CIA director because he was near his agency's retirement age of 60. Helms is a man who keeps fit with daily stints on an indoor track at the CIA and he is lean, healthy and young - minded enough to qualify easily for an exemption to stay at his job.

The Soviet experts also would be correct in brushing aside published speculation that Helms fell out of favor or disappointed the President with the quality of his performance as the government's chief intelligence officer. He has not always told the administration what it wanted to hear but his record of discretion—in the men he sent abroad, in his intelligence assessments and in his

with Congress — is widely judged to have been remarkably solid.

Possibly his greatest feat has been to hold the confidence and credibility of Congress through a period in which the executive branch was faced with deep mistrust on foreign policy. It also was a time when the CIA's chief defenders on the Hill, domineering men like Sen. Richard Russell, D-Ga., and Rep. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., were passing from the scene.

Actually the agency gained respect in a period when it easily might have fallen victim to the popular mood because Helms held tautly to his professional role. Once he persuaded skeptics that he was not a man who would play partisan games, he was able to head off those senators who were bent on shrinking the CIA's cloak so they could have a better look at what was going on.

Ironically, the events which led to Helms' replacement were launched many months ago by James Schlesinger, the Rand analyst who has agreed, reportedly with great reluctance, to take Helms' job. As the Budget Bureau specialist on defense, Schlesinger was asked to study how the government's intelligence needs could be accomplished more economically.

This is not a small problem for a pinched government. Intelligence costs run about \$3.5 billion a year and the upward pressures on that spending level grow more intense as inflation bites into

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the dollar. Schlesinger's study ~~concluded~~ that the director of central intelligence would have to reach out beyond his agency to perform budget surgery in the overlapping areas of Pentagon intelligence.

Helms was handed this task with an unreassuring fanfare at the White House. He declined to move his office into the Budget Bureau and held as closely as he could to his old activities as an intelligence officer. This was rational prudence because an abrupt move to chop the Pentagon's intelligence budget would stir many enemies and perhaps shatter the working alliance he had forged on the Hill. Some believe he decided to postpone any strong moves until the elections were over.

But the President, pinched by fiscal pressures, came to an impatient conclusion that the job will have to be done by a non-career man who will play the bull in the china shop more cheerfully. He turned to Schlesinger who is tough, savvy and disposed to seek his future outside of government, perhaps as a university head. He is taking a role that promises to be as bruising as any in government.

Very well, the Russians will say, but why Iran? The fact is there are few significant nations to which an ex-CIA director, even with Helms' charm, could go as ambassador without stirring mass protests. Iran is one and the Shah, reportedly delighted to draw an envoy who is close to the President, will be certain to insure that Helms is well received.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

RICHARD HELMS

Captioned individual, also known as Richard Mc Garrah Helms, who you advised was born March 30, 1913, in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, was the subject of applicant-type investigations by the FBI in 1947-1948, 1953 and 1973. There is attached one copy each of 23 reports, two summary memoranda and one FBI letter, which contain the results of these investigations.

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Helms was one of the subjects in a limited civil rights investigation by the FBI in 1975, at the request of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division. This investigation involved the surreptitious entry of the Roland Studios in Fairfax, Virginia on February 20, 1971, reportedly by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). At this time, Helms was the Director of the CIA. The results were furnished to the DOJ, who subsequently declined prosecution of all the individuals involved.

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The central files of the FBI, and the records of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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NOTE: Per request from Mr. Fred F. Fielding, Counsel to the President, at the White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONED 2/26/82

February 26, 1982

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

*Summary*  
Subject's Name

*Richard McGowan Helms*  
HELMS, RICHARD (SS# 317-01-6292)

Date of Birth March 30, 1913 Place of Birth St. Davids, Penna.

Present Address 4649 Garfield Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20007

We request:                                  Copy of Previous Report

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                                 Full Field Investigation NO IRS TO FBI

The person named above is being considered for:

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Subject RICHARD HELMSBirthdate & Place 3-30-13 ST. DAVIDS, PA.Address Cherry Chase, Md.SS# 317-01-6292

Localities \_\_\_\_\_

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## NUMEROUS REFERENCE

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Captioned individual, who you advised was born March 30, 1913, in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, and holds Social Security Number 317-01-6292, was the subject of applicant-type investigations by the FBI in 1947-1948, 1953 and 1973, copies of which were furnished to your Security Office on a White House name check request in March, 1982.

(161-9233)

In addition, one other reference was identified to Helms which is extremely sensitive in nature. This information will be submitted to Mr. Fred F. Fielding, via separate channels.

(58-11102-X)

The central files at FBI Headquarters, the records of the Identification Division and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with the captioned individual based upon the background information furnished in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request from Mr. Fred F. Fielding, Counsel to the President, at the White House. This answer was coordinated with SA [redacted] Criminal Investigative Division. Reference to Helms is 58-11102X, which is a sensitive bribery case being conducted by the FBI. SA [redacted] advised he discussed the above matter with Assistant Director Revell, who stated this is an extremely sensitive matter and that notification would be made to Fielding, by a representative from the Criminal Investigative Division.

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Subject Helen Ruth McQuarrie  
 Birthdate & Place 1  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1983

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TO: FBI, LIAISON  
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

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Subject's Name HELMS, RICHARD McGARRAH (SS# 317-01-6292)

Date of Birth March 30, 1913 Place of Birth St. Davids, PA

Present Address 4649 Garfield Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007

We request: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Previous Report *MD*  
                  X \_\_\_\_\_ Name Check *VI*  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Full Field Investigation NO IRS TO FBI  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Limited Update

The person named above is being considered for:

\_\_\_\_\_ White House Staff Position  
\_\_\_\_\_ Presidential Appointment  
          X \_\_\_\_\_ ACCESS

Attachments:

\_\_\_\_\_ SF 86 1    2  
\_\_\_\_\_ SF 87, Fingerprint Card

Remarks/Special Instructions:

PLEASE EXPEDITE

NOTE: We do have copies of the reports of  
1947-48; 1953 and 1973.

In response to your request  
there ~~is~~ attached memorandum  
~~facts~~ which may relate  
to the subject of your inquiry.

FILES OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND  
APPROPRIATE COMPUTER DATA BASES CONTAIN  
NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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Form AEC-1  
(11-51)

UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Form approved.  
Budget Bureau No. 38-R001.3.

# PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS.—All sections must be completed. Write "None" when applicable. Type or print all answers. If space not adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form. All addresses must show street number, street, city, and State.

## 1. NAME (Last, first, middle)

HEIMS, Richard McGarran WA 67749

## 2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)

Nicknames: "Dick", "Rich"

## 3. PRESENT ADDRESS

105 West Bradley Lane  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 12 Jan. 1953

## 4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS

4014 Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis Fall of '37  
Indiana to Sept. 1939  
4030 N. Pennsylvania St., Sept. 1939 to  
Indianapolis, Indiana Aug. 1940  
321 E. 59th St., Indianapolis Aug. 40-Feb. 42  
562 Irving Terrace, S. Orange, Feb. 42 to  
New Jersey April 1943  
364 Fairview Ave., Orange, NJ Apr. 43-Mar. 46  
(I boarded part-time at 2620 Foxhall Road,  
Washington, D. C. Aug. 1943 - Jan. 45)  
N 105 West Bradley Lane,  
Chevy Chase, Maryland Mar. 46-present

Closing letter to  
Atomic Energy Commission  
MAR 20 1953

## 5. DESCRIPTION: (Check which) ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE

RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
White	6'1"	165	Brown	Brown

## 6. (Check which)

☐ SINGLE ☐ DIVORCED  
☒ MARRIED ☐ WIDOW(ER)

## 7. BIRTH DATE

DAY 30 MONTH March YEAR 1913

## 8. BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country)

St. Davids, Delaware County  
Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

## 9. CITIZENSHIP: U. S. ☒ ALIEN ☐

IF U. S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:

(A) BY BIRTH ☒

(C) BY NATURALIZATION ☐

(B) DERIVATIVE ☐

PETITION NO.

DATE

DATE

CERTIFICATE NO.

CERTIFICATE NO.

PLACE

PLACE

IF ALIEN, INDICATE

ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.

DATE

PORT OF ENTRY

## 10. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED

U. S. Naval Reserve

## 11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

## 12. PERMANENT STATION AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE

Not Applicable

## 12A. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)

SERIAL NO.

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FROM (Yr.)

TO (Yr.)

## 13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)	DEGREES
Carteret Academy	Carteret Place, Orange, N. J., U.S.A.	1920	1929	N.A.
Le Rosey	Rolle, Vaud, Switzerland	1929	1930	N.A.
Realgymnasium	Freiburg i/Breisgau, Germany	1930	1931	N.A.
Williams College	Williamstown, Massachusetts	1931	1935	B.A.

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14. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates including present employment and ALL dates and addresses when unemployed.) Give name under which employed if different from name now used.

DATE FROM-TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	TYPE OF WORK	ADDRESS (Where employed)	REASON FOR LEAVING
Aug. 43 to date	OSS, SSU, CIG, CIA	Intelligence	Washington, D.C.	Presently employed
Sept. 42 to Aug 43	U. S. Navy (Hq. Eastern Sea Frontier)	Naval Officer	New York, N. Y.	Transferred by order to OSS.
July - Sept. 42	U. S. Naval Training School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.			
May-June 1942	Preparing to go on activity duty in Navy.			
Feb-May 1942	Navy Relief Society (Fund raising drive)	Public Relations & Publicity	5th Ave. at 57th New York, N. Y.	Drive completed. (Casual employment awaiting naval commission.)
Apr. 37-Feb. 42	Indianapolis Times Publishing Co.	Newspaper - advertising	234 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis, Ind.	To enter U. S. Navy.
Sept. 35-Mar. 37	United Press Associations	Reporting (Foreign)	Daily News Bldg., N.Y., N.Y.	Resigned to return to US from Europe for Personal Reasons.

15. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U. S. A.	DATE RETURNED U. S. A.	PURPOSE
Switzerland, Germany	May 1929	June 1931	School
Paris, France & Surrey, England	July 1934	Sept. 1934	Vacation
Scandinavian Countries	June 1935	Aug. 1935	Vacation
London, England	Sept. 1935	Nov. 1935	Press Correspondent
Berlin, Germany	Nov. 1935	March 1937	Press Correspondent

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**16. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP** (Include all organizations not a membership and all past membership during the last 15 years in organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations)

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM—	TO—	OFFICE HELD
Phi Psi	Williamstown, Mass.	Fraternity	1931	1935	Member
Phi Beta Kappa	"	Scholastic Society	1934	Present	Member
Gargoyle Soc.	"	Honorary Society	1935	1935	President
Woodstock Club	Indianapolis, Ind.	Country Club	1940	1942	Member
Literary Club	"	Literary	1938	1942	Member
Traders Point Hunt Club	"	Hunting	1940	1942	Member
Indianapolis Athletic Club	"	Businessman's Club	1937	1942	Member

**17. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835? (For your convenience, there is attached to this questionnaire as Appendix A, the current list of such organizations. Appendix A is hereby made an integral part of this Personnel Security Questionnaire.)**

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

**18. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?**

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

**19. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION**

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

**20. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OR OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF SEEKING TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?**

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

**21. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 17, 18, 19, OR 20 IS "YES," STATE THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION, DATES OF MEMBERSHIP, AND EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION. AN EXPLANATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ATTACHED HERETO ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, IF YOU DESIRE TO EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

NAME	ADDRESS	FROM—	TO—	OFFICE HELD
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**22. RELATIVES** (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Herman Henry Adolf Helms	69	295 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey	U. S. A.	American
Mother	Marion McGarrah Helms	63	295 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey	U. S. A.	American
Wife *	Julia B. Helms	45	105 W. Bradley Lane Chevy Chase, Maryland	U. S. A.	American
				U. S. A.	American
				U. S. A.	American
				U. S. A.	American
Brother	Rowland Pearshall Helms	35	113 Roundtree Street Wilson, North Carolina	U. S. A.	American
Brother	Gates McGarrah Helms	27	17 West 9th Street New York 11, New York	U. S. A.	American

(SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

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## 23. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Frank G. Wigner	3327 P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.	7
(S) [Redacted]	(S) [Redacted]	17
Eric W. Tamm	4177 Vacation Lane, Arlington, Virginia	7

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24. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED, OR SUMMONED INTO COURT AS A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, OR CONVICTED, FINED OR IMPRISONED OR PLACED ON PROBATION IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A PROCEEDING, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED OR REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT BAIL OR COLLATERAL FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY LAW, POLICE REGULATION OR ORDINANCE (EXCLUDING MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)?

NO

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," LIST ALL SUCH CASES IN ITEM 25. IN EACH CASE GIVE: (1) THE CHARGE OR NATURE OF THE OFFENSE; (2) THE DATE; (3) THE PLACE WHERE ARRESTED; (4) DISPOSITION OR THE PENALTY IMPOSED, IF ANY.

## 25. ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)

CHARGE	DATE	PLACE WHERE ARRESTED	DISPOSITION

## CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT, AND WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT MAY BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF MY APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER EMPLOYMENT; FURTHER, THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

12 January 1953

(DATE)

(USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE)  
(Sign original only)

## TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

NAME OF AGENCY OR FIRM

Central Intell. Agency

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES (Description should not reveal classified information)

For access to info relative to  
Project "Green" Device - 80.

ADDRESS

Wash, D. C.

WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA?

☒ YES☐ NO

WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXCLUSION AREA?

☒ YES☐ NO

(Check the one block applicable)

☐ FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED☐ T-1 ATTACHED (RESULTS OF F. B. I. FINGER-PRINT FILE CHECK)☐ T-2 ATTACHED

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REFERRED TO F. B. I.

RECEIVED FROM F. B. I.

(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL REQUESTING CLEARANCE)

(SIGNATURE OF AEC LIAISON C R) (When appropriate)

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Richard McGarrah Helms

22. RELATIVES.

<u>Relation</u>	<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Country of Birth</u>	<u>Present Citizenship</u>
Sister	Elizabeth Helms Hawn	37	P. O. Box 108 Cooperstown New York	U. S. A.	American
Wife	Julia Bretzman (Maiden) Shields (1st Marriage) Helms (present) DOB-8 April 1907 Indianapolis, Ind.	45	(Frank Shields) (divorced 25 Jul 48)	Martinsville, Ind.	

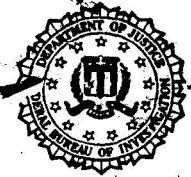
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

2-10-53

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SAC,

AIR MAIL

WASHINGTON FIELD

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RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS - WA 67749  
AKA: "Dick", "Rich"  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy. The deadline in this case is

3-3-53.

Present address:

Birthdate and birthplace: 3/30/1913 - St. David's, Delaware County Pa.

Social Security Number:

3/30/1913 - St. David's, Delaware County Pa.

(S) Firm to employ and position involved:

Intelligence, Central Intell.  
Agency, Washington, D. C.

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- cc: 1 - INDIANAPOLIS  
1 - NEWARK  
1 - NEW YORK CITY  
1 - BOSTON  
1 - BALTIMORE  
1 - CHARLOTTE  
1 - ALBANY  
1 - RICHMOND  
1 - PHILADELPHIA  
1 - NEW HAVEN  
1 - HOUSTON  
1 - MINNEAPOLIS

DVE:mmh

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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RE: RICHARD MCCLARRAN HELMS - NA 67749  
AKA: "Dick", "Rich"  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

WASHINGTON FIELD: See urfile 118-1108.

INDIANAPOLIS: See urfiles 118-234 and 118-221.

NEWARK: See urfile 118-526.

NEW YORK CITY: See urfiles 118-1394 and 118-1435.

BOSTON: See urfile 118-831.

BALTIMORE: Relatives: Wife, Julia B. Helms (45) 105 W. Bradley Lane Chevy Chase, Maryland. - [redacted]

- See urfile 118-982.

CHARLOTTE: Relatives: Brother, Rowland Fearsall Helms (35) 113 Roundtree Street Wilson, North Carolina.

ALBANY: Relatives: Sister, Elisabeth Helms Hume (37) P.O. Box 100 Cooperstown, New York. - See urfile 118-362.

RICHMOND: References: Eric W. Tinn, 4177 Vacation Lane, Arlington, Virginia, 7 years.

PHILADELPHIA: See urfile 118-720.

NEW HAVEN: See urfile 118-394.

HOUSTON: See urfile 118-102.

MINNEAPOLIS: See St. Paul Office file 118-297 and rep. SA Robert E. Wick dated 12-15-47.

ATTENTION ALL OFFICES: An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning HELMS in 1947. The Washington Field Office will bring this investigation up-to-date and include information from their previous investigation in the report to be submitted. All other offices wherein investigation was previously conducted concerning HELMS will submit reports reflecting the results of their previous investigation under the title of instant communication.

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# ROUTING SLIP

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(2-17-47)

Date 3/9 1953

Memo To: **BUREAU**

\_\_\_\_ SAC  
\_\_\_\_ ASAC  
\_\_\_\_ Supervisor  
\_\_\_\_ Agent  
\_\_\_\_ Steno  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk

Title: RICHARD MC. GARRAN HELMS  
\_\_\_\_ WA  
\_\_\_\_ AEA-A

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTION DESIRED

____ Assign to _____	____ Open Case
____ Acknowledge	____ Prepare assignment cards
____ Bring File	____ Prepare Tickler
____ Call Me	____ Reassign to _____
____ See Me	____ Recharge serials
____ Correct	____ Search and Return
____ Delinquent	____ Send serials _____
____ Expedite	____ to _____
____ File	____ Submit new charge-out
____ Leads need attention	____ Submit report by _____
	____ Type
	____ Return Serials

\_\_\_\_ Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

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S.A.C. JOHN  
Office CHM

(In intra office use return this with notation as to action taken or explanation.)

## ROUTING SLIP

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(2-17-47)

**BUREAU**Date 2/11/53 19   

Memo To:

☐ SAC  
☐ ASAC  
☐ Supervisor  
☐ Agent  
☐ Steno  
☐ Clerk  
☐ Chief Clerk

Title: RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS  
WA-67749, Aka  
AEA-A

File No.                     ACTION DESIRED

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ROUTING SLIP

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(5-12-52)

Date

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Memo To:

Bureau -

SAC

Title:

RICHARD MCGARRA  
HELMS

ASAC

Supervisor

Agent

WA 67749

Steno

Clerk

Chief Clerk

AEAA

Special Employee

File No.

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Read, Initial and

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Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

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Dated

7/10/53.

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(2-17-47)

Date February 13, 19 53.

Memo To:

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\_\_\_\_ ASAC  
\_\_\_\_ Supervisor  
\_\_\_\_ Agent  
\_\_\_\_ Steno  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk  
Director, FBI

Title: RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS-  
WA 67749, aka "Dick", "Rich"  
\_\_\_\_ AEA-A

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

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____ Call Me	____ Reassign to _____
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W. A. MURPHY  
CHARLOTTE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/2/53

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: Richard McGarrah Helms - WA-67749

Bureau File #

Deadline Date: 3/3/53

This case will be delinquent because *confidential informants*  
*presently unavailable, and lead outstanding*  
*ONI.*

Report will reach the Bureau by the following date: 3/12/53.

WFO File # 118-3108  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC,  
W.F.O.

(Your file

) DATE MAR 9 1953

FROM : Director, FBI 116-371389

HANDLE AS AIR TEL

SUBJECT: RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS + WA - 67749  
AEAA

- ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Report will be submitted 3/13/53.

Reason for delay confidential informants  
temporarily unavailable.

- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- ( ) Surep immediately.

(X) SUREP TO REACH BUREAU BY 3/15 OR AN EXPLANATION WILL BE REQUESTED.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC,  
SAN FRANCISCO

(Your file

) DATE MAR 11 1953

FROM : Director, FBI

116-371389

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## SUBJECT:

RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749  
AFAA

- ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

*No* Report submitted - *see SF letter 3-6-53. (Ruc)*

Report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for delay \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- ( ) Surep immediately.

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## Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 18, 1953

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (116-17967)

SUBJECT: RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749  
aka., "Dick", "Rich"  
AEAA

Reference is made to Baltimore airtel dated March 2, 1953.

The files of the Minneapolis Office contain no information concerning the applicant under any variations of his name as furnished by referenced airtel.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/16/53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/13/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. ROBERT PEARCE (HKF)</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS - WA-67749, aka "Dick," "Rich"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AEAA</b>

**EXPOSITION OF FACTS**

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 10, 1953.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA WAYNE G. HUNT.

At Harrisburg, Pa.

Birth

Records of the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Vital Statistics reflect that RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS was born March 30, 1913, in Radnor Township, Delaware County, Pa., the son of HERMAN HENRY ADOLF HELMS and MARION MCGARRAH. Both parents were born in New York.

AGENCY *Atomic Energy Commission*

REQ. REC'D *12/26/52*

REP'T FORW. *12/27/52*

BY *[Signature]*

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Atomic Energy Commission  
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REQ. REC'D *12/26/52*  
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SAC, San Francisco

SAC, New York (116-98702)

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749  
aka, "Dick", "Rich"  
AEAA

Buded: 3/3/53

Rebulet to Washington Field dated 2/10/53.

A review of information in possession of this office reflects that by letter dated May 22, 1947, the Bureau forwarded to New York a copy of a letter from one [redacted]

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[redacted] letter, dated April 8, 1947, was directed to the Honorable THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., who was then a former member of Congress from the Third Congressional District of Maryland, and who is presently the Mayor of the City of Baltimore.

In the first two paragraphs of his letter [redacted] advised that he had some confidential information to give regarding a matter which had caused him trouble in the past. He indicated his reluctance to give the information, but stated that he felt it was his duty to his country to do so.

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[redacted] then stated that the story began when he served with [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that he thought his work was progressing well, but that after exerting a lot of energy and risking the lives of many good people, he found that the results of his work were being marked "Biased and unreliable source" and were consequently being placed in the "Not used File". He stated that he received no criticism for his work, so he "chased" the reports from Berlin HQ to Heidelberg, from Heidelberg to Washington, and in each case found all reports were landing in the "Not used File". He stated he began to see a definite pattern, an organized effort to sidetrack factual, unfavorable information about the Soviet Union. He stated that he had established in his own conscience that the men who were responsible for the sidetracking of the information were "fellow-travelers to say the least". [redacted] then listed the following names:

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Letter to Director  
NY 116-99702



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RICHARD HELMS, "right hand man and  
advisor" (Believed to be applicant)

After returning from overseas [ ] stated that he intended to speak to Mr. HELMS (believed to be applicant) about his ideas. He wrote to HELMS stating that he wanted to give him a "complete report", and he requested to be assured that the organization was not being infiltrated by Communists. [ ] claimed that he asked HELMS to reserve sometime so that [ ] could speak to him. However, when [ ] arrived in Washington, he was transferred the same day to [ ]. He stated that HELMS gave a bad show of being surprised at this turn of events. [ ] inferred that this transfer was not a coincidence.

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[ ] then concluded his letter with an appeal to have some investigation conducted so that our government would not suffer "a great deal of harm"

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It is requested that San Francisco interview [ ] at his residence, [ ] or at [ ] where, in 1947, he stated he was employed. It should be definitely established whether one HELMS referred to in [ ] letter is identical with the applicant. In the event [ ] is no longer located in the San Francisco area, it is requested that appropriate leads be set out to locate him. In addition, it is suggested that the source of the information set forth above not be disclosed to [ ]. He should be interviewed as a former associate of HELMS in OSS and SSU and his comments regarding character, loyalty, and associates set forth.

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Letter to Director  
NY 116-98702

The applicant is described as follows:

Born	March 30, 1913
Address	St. Davids, Pennsylvania 105 West Bradley Lane Chevy Chase, Md.
Graduated	Williams College, Massachusetts 1935
Wife	JULIA R. HELMS, aka Julia Shields
Agency Involved	Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

UACB, New York will not report the contents of [ ] letter, but San Francisco will report [ ] first-hand comments. b7D

It should be noted also that in 1947 the Bureau advised by letter to Washington Field dated December 7, 1947, that the applicant was identical with the Baltimore Office's file #100-12391. The Bureau advised at that time that particular care should be exercised to insure that it does not become apparent that the applicant was a subject of a pending security matter investigation.

Copies of this letter are being furnished for informational purposes to the Baltimore and Washington Field Offices.

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/26/53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/16,17/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT F. SAUNDERS</b> pmm
TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS-WA-67749. aka. "Dick", "Rich"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ATA A</b>

*Synopsis of facts:*

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 10, 1953.

DETAILS:

## EDUCATION

Mr. RAYMOND R. R. BROOKS, Dean, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, advised that the applicant was a student at this institution from September 28, 1931 to June 17, 1935, at which time he graduated and received an A. B. Degree, Magna Cum Laude. His major subject was English. The applicant's scholastic record indicated that he received several honors and awards for his outstanding character, services to the school, community spirit, etc. The applicant was a member of the college Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary fraternity; President of the Gargoyle Club, an Honor Society and was his Class President. He also served as Editor-in-Chief of both the college yearbook and the undergraduate organ. He was recorded as having been born at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, on March 30, 1913. His prior educational background was given as the Institution Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, from 1929 to 1930, and under the tutelage of a private tutor from 1930 to 1931.

A certificate from the Institution Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, indicated the applicant had attended

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that school from September, 1929 to July, 1930. He pursued a course of studies of academic subjects and was highly recommended by the principal of the Institute, Mr. H. CARNAL. The college files contained no verification of the applicant's attendance at the Realgymnasium, Freiburg, Germany.

The 1935 issue of the "Gulielmensiam", Williams College yearbook, set forth that in the class election the applicant was the choice of his classmates in the following designations:

1. The class member who had done the most for Williams
2. The most respected class member
3. Most brilliant class member (3rd choice)
4. Most versatile (2nd choice)
5. Most likely to succeed
6. Class politician
7. Had biggest drag with the faculty (2nd choice)

Mr. FREDERICK C. COPELAND, Director of Admissions, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, and a classmate of the applicant, recalled the applicant as an outstanding member of the class of 1935. He described the applicant as a very popular student of excellent character and associates and one whose conduct and expressions never gave rise to any question about his loyalty to the United States.

Mr. WHITNEY S. STODDARD, Art Instructor and member of the class of 1935, Williams College, described the applicant as a high-ranking member of his class, a man of excellent associations, and one whose character, integrity and loyalty were on a high plane. He stated that the applicant was a man who had traveled widely and recalled that after his graduation he served as a correspondent for the United Press in Germany in 1936. Mr. STODDARD also advised that to his knowledge, the applicant's foreign travel had not induced him toward sympathy for any foreign system of Government.

Mr. NELSON S. BUSHNELL, Professor, Williams College, recalled the applicant as an outstanding student of excellent character. Mr. BUSHNELL had no reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty to the United States.



REFERENCE

Mr. JOHN C. GEILFUSS, an attorney in the firm of Herrick, Smith, Donald, Farley, and Letchum, 1 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised he has been well acquainted with the applicant since they entered Williams College together as classmates and graduated in 1935. Mr. GEILFUSS was in close association with the applicant during their college years being in the same class, fraternities, honor societies, and extra-curricular activities. Mr. GEILFUSS stated that he had been in constant correspondence with the applicant and during World War II lived with the applicant in Washington, D. C. for a period of time when both were members of the armed forces. During their college years, the applicant was recognized as being the outstanding man in the class and in his senior year was President of his class, President of Gargoyle, an honor society, and recognized as a good scholar. Upon graduation, the applicant entered the employment of the United Press as a staff correspondent in Europe, serving primarily in Berlin, Germany. Mr. GEILFUSS further stated that after about two years of this type of work, the applicant decided the future for foreign correspondents was decidedly limited and thereupon returned to the United States and took employment with the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, specifically as the Advertising Manager of the paper in Indianapolis, Indiana. The applicant remained in this employment until 1942 when he entered the U. S. Navy as a Lieutenant (JG) and assigned to the Office of Naval Intelligence, New York City. Since his separation from the service the applicant has been employed by the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D. C.

According to Mr. GEILFUSS, the applicant is the highest caliber gentleman of his acquaintance. He is thoroughly honest, reliable, trustworthy, sincere and conscientious. His loyalty to the United States is above reproach. Mr. GEILFUSS stated on numerous occasions he discussed domestic and international politics and ideologies with the applicant and at no time during these discussions did the applicant voice any opinion contrary to the recognized policy of the United States Government. He is in full sympathy with the ideologies of the United States and Mr. GEILFUSS is firm in his statement that there was no trace of any other political ideals in the applicant's mind as expressed by this conversational thoughts.

Both Mr. GEILFUSS and the applicant were classmates of one CARL MARZANI who was convicted in 1947 while an employee of the United States State Department on the charge of withholding his affiliation with the Communist Party. According to Mr. GEILFUSS, the applicant never associated particularly with MARZANI and never voiced acquiescence to MARZANI's ideas which, during the latter's college years were radical. The applicant was not at all sympathetic to MARZANI at the time of his conviction. A letter was circularized to all graduates of Williams College in the Class of 1935 by one SWEETZ, a lecturer at Harvard, petitioning clemency for MARZANI, and it is known to Mr. GEILFUSS that the applicant was not in accord with these views as expressed in this letter.

Mr. GEILFUSS continued by stating that the applicant is a man who could be trusted with any type of confidential mission or information. The financial background of the applicant's family is such that the applicant does not work for the Government out of necessity, but rather he likes public service and the type of work in which he is currently engaged and has decided to make it his career. Mr. GEILFUSS desires to give the applicant the highest type of recommendation possible.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. JOHN F. DINGWALL, former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 161 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts, stated that he graduated from Williams College with the class of 1937 and that he was acquainted with the applicant in college and recalls him to be very well thought of at the time and to be exceptionally active in college affairs and functions. Mr. DINGWALL stated the applicant's sister is married to a very close friend of his, one Dr. HAWN, who is known to Mr. DINGWALL as a high type gentleman. The applicant was two years ahead of DINGWALL in college and at the time DINGWALL was acquainted with him and advised that the applicant was of the highest type in every respect. Mr. DINGWALL further stated that he has not had any close association with the applicant since graduation from college and recalls that while at college the applicant was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Gargoyle, an honor society, and active in several other campus activities.

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Mr. DINGWALL recalls that the applicant was a classmate of CARL A. MARZANI, who on May 15, 1947 was convicted as a State Department official on eleven counts of failing to disclose his Communist Party affiliation in the Federal Loyalty Test. Mr. DINGWALL recalls that MARZANI was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Gargoyle, which latter society in 1935 had 22 members which met weekly. MARZANI was an agitator type in college and active in many extra-curricular activities. However, Mr. DINGWALL recalls that the applicant was not especially friendly with MARZANI, but of necessity was associated with him to some degree due to the smallness of Williams College and the club-like atmosphere of its various groups and functions.

#### CREDIT

Mr. D. E. WOODARD, Manager, Certified Credit Service, North Adams, Massachusetts, advised the files of that agency contained no record for the applicant.

Personnel of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the files of that agency contained no record for the applicant.

#### CRIMINAL

Mrs. HELEN FERGUSON, Probation Officer, Williamstown, Massachusetts, checked the arrest files of her office with negative results.

Personnel of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Boston, a central repository for all criminal arrest records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised the files of that agency reflect that one RICHARD HELMS, who was born March 30, 1913, at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, 57 295 Tillow Street, South Orange, New Jersey, was fined on June 5, 1935, in the amount of \$10, which he paid for violation of Section 116-A. It should be noted that this is a violation of the motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SAC SAN FRANCISCO (AIRMAIL)

CC: BUREAU (REGULAR MAIL)  
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RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS, WA - Aka, AFAA. REBULET TO WFO 2/10/53 AND  
UNDATED NY LETTER TO SF RECEIVED BY BA 2/26/53. FOR INFO OF SF, BA  
OPENED A SM-C INVESTIGATION ON RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS IN MAY, 1947  
ON BASIS OF BULET TO BA 5/22/47, WHICH TRANSMITTED A COPY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE D'ALESSANDRO AND A BUREAU MEMO  
REFLECTING INFO IN WAR DEPARTMENT RECORDS. INVESTIGATION THAT CASE  
REFLECTS RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS' IDENTICAL WITH APPLICANT. IN  
OCT. 1947 [REDACTED] b7D  
WAS INTERVIEWED AT [REDACTED] AT WHICH TIME HE  
FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFO AS IS SET OUT IN REFERENCED  
NY LETTER. BA WILL REPORT THE INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] CONDUCTED IN  
OCT. 1947. THE SM-C INVESTIGATION OF HELMS BY THE BA OFFICE DID NOT  
DISCLOSE THAT HELMS WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP OR THAT HE HAD ANY COMMUNIST  
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TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS WA 67749 aka "Dick," "Rich"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AEA-A</b>

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated February 10, 1953

DETAILS:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EBER PATTERSON in December 1947:

## EMPLOYMENT

Mr. WILLIAM B. ENGLER, General Advertising Manager, "Indianapolis Times," advised that RICHARD HELMS was employed with that company April 20, 1937 to February 14, 1947, when he left to enter the military service. Mr. ENGLER stated that he considers HELMS honest, loyal, and trustworthy. His associates are very good and ENGLER knows of no organizations to which HELMS belonged. He stated that HELMS was offered the same job upon his release from the Navy but HELMS refused. He described HELMS as being very intelligent with an excellent background. ENGLER stated that he would not hesitate to recommend HELMS considering his record with that company.

Mr. LOUIS D. YOUNG, Advertising Director, advised that HELMS began working for that company as a messenger and worked his way up to

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National Advertising Director. He considers HELMS as trustworthy, reliable and stated that he has a good family background. Mr. YOUNG stated that he does not believe HELMS would ever be disloyal to this country in any way and he would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD

Mrs. C. E. MC CUE, Executive Secretary, Indianapolis Athletic Club, stated that they have no records of guests dating back to 1937. However, she remembers HELMS very well as she was acquainted with his wife before their marriage. She described HELMS as very quiet and well liked. She stated that he seems honest, reliable, and of good character. Mrs. MC CUE does not believe HELMS would ever be disloyal to this country. She stated she knows of no organizations to which he belongs.

Mrs. CATHERINE B. GRIFFITH, 4014 Winthrop, stated that HELMS rented a room from her approximately one year and that he seems of excellent character, is honest, and sincere and made an ideal roomer. Mrs. GRIFFITH never heard anything or saw HELMS with any papers or literature that would cause her to doubt his loyalty as an American. She stated that she knows nothing of his associations or organizations to which he belongs. HELMS married a very nice woman, comes from a family with an outstanding reputation. She stated that she knows nothing of his qualifications or abilities but he seems very intelligent and aggressive.

Mrs. CHARLES MORELAND, 402 East 59th Street, stated that HELMS did not associate with anyone when they lived in that neighborhood but that he seemed to be of good character and she had no reason to doubt his loyalty.

Mrs. FREDERICK B. CLINE, 5890 North New Jersey, stated that HELMS seemed honest and sincere and that she believed his associates were only the best. She stated that she never had any reason to doubt his loyalty and he seems to be of good character.

Mrs. C. HARVEY BRADIEY, 4044 North Pennsylvania, stated that JULIA BRETZMAN was living at 4030 Pennsylvania at the time of her marriage to HELMS and they lived there only a short time after the marriage. She stated that Mrs. HELMS was very interested in international politics. HELMS' character and reputation in the neighborhood is very good and she never heard either of them say anything or heard anything about them that would cause her to doubt their loyalty in any way. She stated that she knows of no organizations or clubs to which he belongs and knows nothing of his associates.

The following were contacted but were unable to supply any information concerning HELMS:

Mr. JACK SMITH, 4024 Winthrop  
Mrs. W. T. MARTINDALE, 4022 Winthrop  
Mrs. MAURICE PERK, 321 East 59th  
Mrs. ADAH E. CRAWFORD, 320 East 59th  
Mrs. JOSEPH FOX, 4020 Pennsylvania  
Mrs. S. D. MURPHY, 4030 Pennsylvania

#### CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The following investigation was conducted by SE S. THOMAS ROEDEL in December 1947:

The records of the Indianapolis Police Department were checked with negative results.

The files of the Merchants Credit Association failed to reflect anything unfavorable concerning HELMS.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation was conducted by SA EBER PATTERSON in December 1947:

The Indianapolis Police Department advised on February 18, 1942, that NOBLE BRETZMAN who is a brother of JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS was a radical sympathizer of

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Germany and HITLER. At the start of the war, he made the statement that he hoped the Germans would blow England off the map and was in favor of HITLER taking over all of Europe, throwing England clear out of the water, and letting HITLER run Europe the way it should be run. BRETZMAN had a copy of "Mein Kampf" which he kept on the coffee table at his apartment and used this about the same as anyone else would use a Bible. He always referred to this book for proof of anything he was talking about.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES C. SPANN on December 17, 1942:

Mr. ANDREW HEPBURN, El Paso, Texas, a friend of BRETZMAN's advised on December 17, 1942, that NOBLE BRETZMAN was definitely anti-British but was not pro-German and is a loyal American. On February 4, 1943, BRETZMAN voluntarily appeared at the Indianapolis office and was interviewed by Special Agent JOSEPH W. RICHMOND. BRETZMAN stated that he was not a lover of England and probably never would be. However, he stated that neither was he a German sympathizer. When HITLER came to power, he first thought HITLER was doing a good job and prior to Pearl Harbor wanted to see Germany victorious over England. His belief was that the British Empire would fall regardless of the outcome of war. However, as the war continued, his opinion with regard to HITLER and the Nazis changed. HEPBURN stated that at the time of Pearl Harbor, BRETZMAN was completely disillusioned in regard to HITLER and became strongly opposed to both HITLER and the Nazi Government and was very anxious for a victory for the United States. He pointed out that in January 1942 immediately after Pearl Harbor he volunteered for any emergency duty. He was called in July 1942 and became an air raid warden. He held this position two or three weeks prior to the interview when he was compelled to resign due to his position in the Indiana State Guard, which he joined in August 1942.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT B. HAGG in December 1947.  
AT BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA:

Records of Bloomington Police Department  
reflect no information concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] of applicant.

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Records of Retail Merchants Credit Association reflect no information concerning [REDACTED]

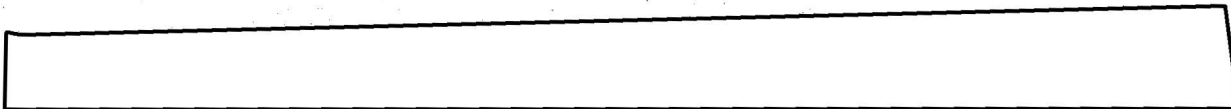
Records of the Registrar, Indiana University, reflect that [REDACTED]  
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Records of Mr. LEO DOWLING, Assistant Dean of Students at Indiana University, reflect no disciplinary or derogatory information concerning [REDACTED].

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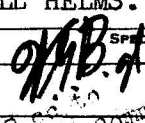

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<b>TITLE</b> <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749</b> <b>aka., "Dick", "Rich"</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>AEAA</b>
<b>AGENCY</b> <i>Wayzata</i> <b>REQ. REC'D</b> <i>12/26/72</i> <b>REP'T FORW.</b> <i>12/27/72</i> <b>BY</b> <i>Ruger</i>			<b>AGENCY</b> <i>Wayzata</i> <b>REQ. REC'D</b> <i>12/26/72</i> <b>REP'T FORW.</b> <i>12/27/72</i> <b>BY</b> <i>Ruger</i>
<b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter to Washington Field, dated 2/10/53.			
<b>DETAILS:</b> The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT E. WICK, in December, 1947, in connection with another applicant type investigation of the applicant:			
<p>FRED H. LINS COG, clerk in the Wayzata, Minnesota Post Office since 1932, advised that he has known ROWLAND PEARSALL HELMS for several years (at least since 1934) and regards him as a loyal citizen of this country. He stated that HELMS resides in his own home at 19 Fox Street, Wayzata, on Route 4, and is employed by Cargill, Inc., an elevator firm. So far as is known, said Mr. LINS COG, his credit rating is good in Wayzata.</p> <p>ARNOLD Z. BODEGEL, grocer at Wayzata, Minnesota, advised that ROWLAND HELMS trades occasionally at his store but that he did not know too much of his personal life. He stated, however, that he knew of no information of a derogatory nature concerning him and believed him to enjoy a good reputation in the community.</p> <p>Chief of Police W. A. HOLMBERG, Wayzata, Minnesota, advised that his records contain no mention of ROWLAND HELMS and that he knows him to be an up-right member of the community.</p> <p>Mr. KIRBY NORRBOHM of the Minneapolis Credit Bureau, Palace Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised ROWLAND HELMS enjoys a good credit rating.</p> <p>The Minneapolis Police Department records contain no mention of ROWLAND PEARSALL HELMS. RUC</p>			
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TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA 67749 Aka: "Dick" "Rich"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AEA A</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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 BY *Augie m...*

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field Office, 2/10/53.

**DETAILS:**

At Wethersfield, Connecticut

AGENCY *ICC - CIA*  
 REQ. REC'D *10-30-53*  
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 BY *Jaw - C...*

ASSOCIATES

Captain LOUIS CALOTT FARLEY, USNR, (retired), 152 Broad Street, advised that he had known the applicant since he was a child. He indicated that the applicant and his (FARLEY's) son were practically brought up together and were close friends. He said the applicant's grandfather MC GARRAH was formerly head of the International Bank. He also stated that the applicant was supposed to have traveled extensively, particularly in France and Germany, and according to FARLEY, speaks German and French as well as English.

FARLEY described the applicant as possessing excellent habits, character and morals and that he was a brilliant man. He stated he would trust the applicant with confidential matters of any kind and so far as he knew the applicant did not possess any disloyal tendencies of any type.

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He also advised that the applicant's family background was not the type that would be conducive to any disloyalty. FARLEY added, however, that his last contact with the applicant was when the applicant worked under him doing naval routing work in New York City in 1942 and 1943.

With reference to the applicant's wife, FARLEY advised that his acquaintance with her was purely social and stated that she was divorced, her first marriage being to a man from the Middle West. He described her as a brilliant person about whom he could furnish no specific details except his general opinion that she was a loyal American citizen.

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Investigation set forth in the report of SA GORDON M. SIM dated 3/2/53 entitled, "RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA 67749, Aka: "Dick", "Rich" - AEA A" was taken from the report of SA WILLIAM D. CHAFFERS, entitled, "RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, Applicant, CIA Group, dated 1/5/48 at New Haven.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749 aka "Dick", "Rich"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AEAA</b>

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REFERENCE:           Bureau letter to Washington Field, 2/10/53

DETAILS:           During a previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation during 1947, the following information was obtained concerning HELMS and his family:

Education

Mr. ROY S. CLAGCOMB, Headmaster, Carteret School, West Orange, New Jersey, formerly Carteret Academy, West Orange, N.J., advised that the school records are somewhat mixed up as a result of the school changing hands recently and stated that at the present time he could give nothing official as far back as 1929. Mr. CLAGCOMB, however, together with Mr. HAROLD LAITY, head of the psychology department in the school, stated they both remembered HELMS attending the school between approximately 1920 - 1929 as they were members of the faculty at that time and taught HELMS in class.

Mr. CLAGCOMB and Mr. LAITY asserted that they considered HELMS a person of superior intelligence and mental integrity who they felt

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would turn out to be a person of splendid character, habits and true Americanism. Both stated they knew nothing of HELMS since he left the school, but considered the reputation of him and his family to be excellent at that time in all respects. They knew of nothing unfavorable concerning HELMS or any member of his family.

#### Neighborhood

All neighbors were specifically questioned regarding HELMS and his parents' foreign sympathies, and all stated that they felt HELMS and his family had no foreign sympathies.

Mr. and Mrs. LARS HEADSTROM, 378 Fairview Ave., Orange, N.J., advised that the HELMS were fine neighbors and well thought of in the neighborhood. Mrs. HEADSTROM stated that she has known HELMS and his parents for about twenty years. Mr. HEADSTROM advised that he has been acquainted with HELMS for about eight years. Both advised that at that time they considered HELMS and his parents to be loyal Americans of excellent character, habits and association and asserted that they knew nothing unfavorable about them.

Mrs. D. C. FEISNER, 370 Fairview Ave., Orange, N.J., was interviewed at the above address and Mr. D. C. FEISNER was interviewed at his place of business, 41 Lincoln Ave., Orange, N.J. Both stated that they held HELMS and his parents in as high regard as the HEADSTROMS on all points mentioned above. Mr. FEISNER stated she has been following HELMS' career since he was a young boy. Mr. FEISNER asserted that he was a teacher at the old Carteret Academy and taught HELMS while he was there. Both stated that the only thing foreign about HELMS is that he speaks German fluently and was partially educated in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. FEISNER felt that there was no question of HELMS' loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. FREDERICK A. SAMUELS, 315 Tillou Road, South Orange, N.J., advised that she has been a neighbor of the HELMS family for about four years and that she does not particularly like the family because of their aloofness. Mrs. SAMUELS said she does not know RICHARD HELMS but asserted that the other members of the family appear to be persons of good character and habits and that she has no reason to question their loyalty to the U. S. She knew of nothing unfavorable concerning them.

Mrs. WILLIAM BARLOW, 305 Tillou Road, South Orange, N.J.



advised that she has been in the neighborhood about two years and that she does not know RICHARD HELMS. She stated, however, that the HELMS family are respected neighbors and as far as she can determine are persons of good character, habits and loyal Americans. Mrs. BARLOW stated that she knew of nothing unfavorable about the HELMS family.

Mrs. THOMAS E. WARD, 284 Tillou Road, South Orange, N.J., stated she has known the HELMS family from five to seven years, but that she does not know RICHARD HELMS. She stated that she has heard of RICHARD HELMS and his reputation is good as far as she can determine. Mrs. WARD stated that HELMS' father is odd and that she does not particularly get along with him, but that HELMS' mother and the rest of the family appear to be fine people. Mrs. WARD asserted that she actually does not know but feels that the family are loyal to the United States. Mrs. WARD did not feel in a position to comment on any foreign sympathies HELMS or his family might have, but stated that she was not aware of any.

Mr. PAUL J. CUPP, 556 Irving Terrace, South Orange, N.J., advised that he remembers HELMS living at 562 Irving Terrace for a short period but stated that he never did get a chance to meet him as HELMS was away most of the time. HELMS' parents attended the same church as CUPP in South Orange and they are very well thought of in that community. Mr. CUPP stated that he has known HELMS' parents for several years and feels that they are loyal Americans. Mr. CUPP further stated that HELMS and his wife were considered good neighbors and knew nothing derogatory of them. Mr. CUPP asserted that he could think of nothing that would lead him to believe that the HELMS family had any foreign sentiments.

Mrs. H. P. GREEN, 722 Berkley Ave., South Orange, N.J., advised that she met HELMS on only one occasion, but that she knew of nothing unfavorable concerning his character, habits, associates and loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. ANNA H. BALDWIN, 332 Lawnridge Road, South Orange, N.J., advised that she has known HELMS since he was a small boy and at one time gave him piano lessons. Mrs. BALDWIN stated that she thinks very highly of HELMS and his family, but that she is not familiar with his activities in recent years as he has been away most of the time. Mrs. BALDWIN asserted that HELMS was a fine boy of upstanding principles and always eager to do the right thing and that she did not think he could go wrong. Mrs. BALDWIN advised that in her mind HELMS

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and his family are loyal Americans and persons of good character and habits of whom she knows of nothing unfavorable.

The two last mentioned addresses are in the neighborhood of Irving Terrace.

Credit

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, Inc., Newark, N.J., disclosed that the credit of HELMS as of 6/21/46 and that of his father as of 10/10/40 were satisfactory. A recheck of these records reflect no further information concerning HELMS or his family.

Police

The records of the Orange and South Orange Police Departments were checked against the name of HELMS and his family, and no record was located concerning them. A recheck of these records was made and no record concerning HELMS or his family was located.

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TITLE <b>"CHANGED"</b> <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS-WA-67749</b> <b>Aka. "Dick", "Rich", Richard Mc Garragh</b> <b>Helms, Richard Mc Garragh Helms</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ALAA</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</b></p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, 2/10/53. Undated New York letter to San Francisco. Baltimore Airtel to San Francisco, 2/27/53. Baltimore Airtel to WFO, 3/2/53.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The title of this case has been changed to reflect the additional names <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS</b> and <b>RICHARD MC GARRAGH HELMS</b>, inasmuch as these spellings of the applicant's name were reflected in the War and Navy Department files.</p> <p>In the previous investigation in 1947, Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, [redacted] advised an Agent of the Miami Office that [redacted] and while on assignment from that office he had received some information concerning what are known as "Stalin Institutes." He made a report concerning this matter and sent it on to the OSS Headquarters, Berlin, with a request that it be immediately sent to Washington, D.C. This was about January, 1946.</p> <p>A short time thereafter, he again received information and made a report concerning a Russian concentra-</p>			
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tion of planes, men and tanks along the Polish Frontier. This report he also sent to Berlin. T-1 advised that the next time he was in the Headquarters in Berlin, he discovered both of his above mentioned reports filed in the "Not Used" files and they also bore the classification "Biased and Unreliable." After finding these reports in the files in Berlin, he had occasion to visit the Office in Heidelberg where the reports were sent after being processed in Berlin. He again found his two reports filed in the "Not Used" files.

T-1 named five individuals who were charged with reading and classifying these reports, one of whom was the applicant. T-1 is of the opinion that these individuals were pro-Communists because of the way his reports had been handled. He alleged that the applicant, although pro-Communist, never has been as dangerous as the other four officials that he mentioned.

He said he was certain that none of the men he named were Communist Party members as they were too intelligent.

T-1 furnished no other information indicating any Communist sympathy or tendencies on the part of the subject.

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INFORMATION:

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He furnished information  
10/3/47 to SA J. RICHARD BUTTS.  
Miami Office, at [REDACTED]

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The foregoing information is reported in the report of SA J. RICHARD BUTTS, 10/3/47, at Miami, in the case entitled RICHARD GARAPHELMS, SM-C, Baltimore File 100-10596. This SM-C investigation disclosed no additional information to indicate that the applicant had any Communistic tendencies. A previous applicant investigation entitled RICHARD MC GARAPHELMS, Applicant, Central Intelligence Group, Baltimore File 118-982, was conducted 12/47.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749, aka, "Dick", "Rich"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AEAA</b>

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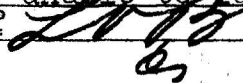
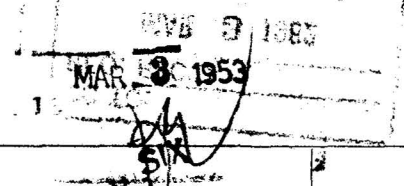
At New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted in December, 1947.

Employment

Investigation to locate the offices of the Navy Relief Society, Fifth Avenue and 57 Street, disclosed that the only office of this organization in New York, was located at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York. Miss KAYE of that office advised that there was no record of Navy Relief ever having maintained an office at Fifth Avenue and 57 Street and, further, that the organization had no paid employees in the period from February, 1942 to May, 1943, when the applicant stated he was employed by the group. Miss KAYE made inquiry of individuals who were associated with Navy Relief in 1942 but none of these persons recalled the applicant as a volunteer worker.

Mr. HARRY FLORY, Foreign News Manager, United Press Association, 220 East 42 Street, stated that he was European manager of United Press during the period, 1935 to 1937, when the applicant was a staff correspondent in Germany. Mr. FLORY was unable to locate a record showing the exact dates of the

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tions throughout the country due chiefly to his family background. He further informed that applicant had served in the U. S. Navy under Commander FARLEY who was in charge of Operations, Convoy and Routing on the Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942.

Mr. JOHN SCOTT HARRISON, III, salesman with the American Indemnity Company, 536 Bankers Mortgage Building, advised he had known applicant very intimately two years during college terms of 1931, 1932, 1933, while they were attending Williams College and while both were members of the fraternity Chi Psi. He advised applicant was president of this fraternity and was probably one of the most outstanding students ever graduated from this college. He stated he has corresponded intermittently with applicant since 1933, and he could think of no person whom he could recommend more highly. He stated that in his opinion applicant was thoroughly trustworthy, loyal and patriotic to the U. S. Government, and could be trusted with any top secret information concerning the United States.

Mr. HARRISON also mentioned that applicant has strong political backing because of his family background. Mr. HARRISON predicted that applicant would one day be the Secretary of State of the United States.

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Mr. GARDNER stated that he had only a casual acquaintance with the applicant's wife and had been unable to form any opinions concerning her.

Mr. MARK FERREE, Assistant General Business Manager, Scripps Howard Newspapers, 230 Park Avenue, advised that he had formerly been Business Manager of the Indianapolis Times and was closely associated with the applicant from 1937 to 1942 when the applicant was advertising manager of the paper. Mr. FERREE described the applicant as a hard-working, ambitious and conscientious individual who takes great pride in his work and strives to do a good job in all his undertakings. He stated that the applicant's character and reputation are excellent and his patriotism and loyalty above reproach.

Mr. FERREE stated that the applicant's wife, whose maiden name was JULIA BRETZMANN, had been formerly married and divorced from FRANK SHIELDS, president of the Barbasol Company of Indianapolis. Mr. FERREE stated that although he did not know the details or reason for divorce, it was a well-known fact that Mr. SHIELDS, deceased, drank heavily. According to Mr. FERREE, the BRETZMANN family were socially prominent in Indianapolis.

#### Associate

Mr. GARDNER STOUT of the Dominick and Dominick Brokerage Company, 14 Wall Street, stated that the applicant had been assistant operations officer under his command at the United States Naval Headquarters of the Eastern Sea Frontier during 1942 and 1943. STOUT advised that the applicant was a man who was completely trustworthy, and loyal. He added that the applicant's duties involved very confidential information and there had never been any question as to his having been trusted with same. STOUT stated that he would recommend the applicant without reservation as a man of fine character and a completely loyal and patriotic American.

#### Credit and Criminal

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the New York City Police Department contained no information relative to the applicant in December, 1947.

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Information in this report which is reflected as having been obtained through an investigation conducted by the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in December, 1947 is actually contained in the report of SA WALTER A. WANGENHEIM, 12/30/47, New York (NY 118-1435) and the report of SA JAMES J. SWIFT, 12/18/47, New York, (NY 118-1394), both reports being entitled RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS.

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<b>TITLE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS    WA 67749          AKA: "DICK" "RICH"</p>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">AEAA</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>   <p><b>REFERENCE:</b>      Bulet W. F. dated 2/10/53</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b>        The following investigation was conducted by                                 SA, VERNON C. PAMPELL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT HOUSTON, TEXAS</u></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); font-size: small;">             AGENCY <u>100-111</u>              REQ. REC'D <u>1030-53</u>              REP'T FORW. <u>117-53</u>              BY <u>[Signature]</u> </div> </div> <p>Mr. GEORGE HAWKINS, member of the editorial staff of the Houston Press, a Houston newspaper, advised he has known applicant since about 1930 when they were fraternity brother in Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. He advised that since 1930 he had kept in touch with applicant through occasional visits and correspondence. Mr. HAWKINS stated he and his father were responsible for applicant's previous employment with the United Press news agency and the newspaper "Indianapolis Times". He stated he would recommend applicant without reservation from the standpoint of loyalty, patriotism, honesty, and integrity. He stated he would recommend applicant more highly and without any reservations above any friends or acquaintances that he had known.</p> <p>Mr. KAWKINS stated he last visted with applicant in February 1947 in New York City, at which time applicant very carefully avoided any discussion of intelligence matters on which applicant was engaged during World War II while with the U. S. Navy and O. S. S.</p> <p>Mr. HAWKINS stated that applicant has strong political affilia-</p>			
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tions throughout the country due chiefly to his family background. He further informed that applicant had served in the U. S. Navy under Commander FARLEY who was in charge of Operations, Convoy and Rounting on the Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942.

Mr. JOHN SCOTT HARRISON, III, salesman with the American Indemnity Company, 536 Bankers Mortgage Building, advised he had known applicant very intimately two years during college terms of 1931, 1932, 1933, while they were attending Williams College and while both were members of the fraternity Chi Psi. He advised applicant was president of this fraternity and was probably one of the most outstanding students ever graduated from this college. He stated he has corresponded intermittently with applicant since 1933, and he could think of no person whom he could recommend more highly. He stated that in his opinion applicant was thoroughly trustworthy, loyal and patriotic to the U. S. Government, and could be trusted with any top secret information concerning the United States.

Mr. HARRISON also mentioned that applicant has strong political backing because of his family background. Mr. HARRISON predicted that applicant would one day be the Secretary of State of the United States.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/6/53

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (116-40458)

SUBJECT: RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749, aka  
AEAA

BUDED 3/3/53.

Re New York letter to San Francisco received 2/27/53; Baltimore air-tel to San Francisco 2/27/53; and Baltimore air-tel to Washington Field 3/2/53.

In referenced New York letter San Francisco was requested to interview [redacted]

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Baltimore air-tel 2/27/53 reflects [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] in October, 1947, regarding applicant and, inasmuch as San Francisco has no information indicating that [redacted] would have subsequent information regarding the applicant, no lead is being set out to have him reinterviewed.

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Investigation at Fairfax, California, reflects [redacted] left a forwarding address with the Fairfax Post Office in March, 1950, as [redacted].

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Mr. V. A. BAROSI, Manager, Bank of America, Fairfax, California, advised [redacted] believed to have [redacted] and present whereabouts unknown to him.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <b>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated February 10, 1953 Baltimore Air-Tel dated March 2, 1953.</b>			<b>AGENCY</b> <i>1 X prof cy State Dept</i> <b>REQ. REC'D</b> <i>12/26/72</i> <b>REP'T FORM.</b> <i>12/27/72</i> <b>BY</b> <i>Angie mms</i>	
<b>DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>			<b>AGENCY</b> <i>ICC-CIA</i> <b>REQ. REC'D</b> <i>10-30-73</i> <b>REP'T FORM.</b> <i>4-8-73</i> <b>BY</b> <i>John C. mms</i>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>				
The following investigation was conducted by <b>SA ROBERT J. MCKENNAN.</b>				
(S) Mr. [redacted] <del>Contact Officer, Central Intelligence Agency</del> , advised that their files reflect that the applicant reported for duty with the Office of Strategic Services on August 16, 1943 and that he resigned January 1, 1946 from this job and entered on duty in March 1946 with the Strategic Services Unit. He received an excepted appointment with the Central Intelligence Group as an administrative officer. The applicant has received efficiency ratings of excellent during his period of employment with the U. S. Government. No information [redacted] concerning the applicant was contained in his personnel file.				
(S) Mr. [redacted] further advised that while the applicant's record showed a break in employment between [redacted]				
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January 1946 and March 1946, it is possible that the applicant was continuously employed from 1943 to the present time, inasmuch as some of their old employment records are sometimes incomplete.

Mr. FRANK G. WISNER, Deputy Director for Plans, CIA, and a reference of the applicant, advised that he first became acquainted with the applicant in 1944 or 1945 and that the applicant worked under him in France and Germany and was a senior staff officer during most of the year 1945. He stated he again became closely associated with the applicant in 1948 and this relationship has continued up to the present time. Mr. WISNER stated that during the above period he has also had fairly close social relationship with the applicant. He advised he has the highest regard for the applicant's loyalty, integrity and discretion and that there is "no one whom I have more complete confidence in on the basis of selectivity" as far as security matters are concerned. He stated that the applicant has "a completely clear record as to security, holds an important position and in my judgment has a genuine and completely justifiable need to know, as far as handling, the certain classified material for which he is being investigated."

Mr. WISNER stated the applicant's family life is exceptional and he has never heard the slightest scandal or suspicion concerning the loyalty of the applicant or his family and that the same applies to the applicant's friends and associates. Mr. WISNER stated in conclusion that he would recommend the applicant for a position of trust.

(S) Mr. [REDACTED] Street, Northwest, a reference of the applicant, supplied substantially the same information concerning the applicant as that supplied by Mr. WISNER.

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The following investigation was conducted in 1947:

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March 30, 1913 at St. Davids, Pennsylvania. The file contained a memorandum from the Assistant Public Relations Officer which requested that the applicant be commissioned in the U. S. Naval Reserve and assigned to the Director of Public Relations. The applicant's medical examination, dated March 13, 1942, reflected temporary tachycardia, temporary hypertension and thirty-four pounds underweight. The applicant was not qualified for appointment to the U. S. Naval Reserve unless defects were waived. The file reflects the applicant was rejected by the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. The file contains a letter dated April 17, 1942 endorsed by the Director at the Office of Public Relations, Secretary of the Navy, stating that the applicant's services were not required in the Office of Public Relations.

On May 27, 1942 the Office of Public Relations requested the Bureau of Naval Personnel to return the applicant's application for re-consideration. The Board of Medical Examiners, USN, rejected the applicant's application by letter dated April 9, 1942 and a survey was requested April 24, 1942. The file reflected the applicant was commissioned a Lieutenant (j.g.) June 26, 1942 to rank from April 1, 1942 and was promoted to Lieutenant on May 1, 1943. He was transferred to the Director of Strategic Services, Psychological Warfare on June 9, 1943. The file reflects that the applicant served in the Headquarters, Eastern Sea Frontier from August 29, 1942 to August 11, 1943 and a fitness report covering this period reflected the applicant to be outstanding. The applicant was transferred to OSS, Washington, D. C. under Captain WARD P. DAVIS, USN, August 16, 1943 to March 31, 1944. His efficiency rating for this period was outstanding.

From April 1, 1944 to January 8, 1945 the applicant served in OSS and his efficiency rating was excellent. The file reflected that the applicant also served in OSS in London, England. The applicant was promoted to Lieutenant Commander June 14, 1945 and transferred by Executive Order October 11, 1945 from OSS to the State and War Departments and was released from active duty March 19, 1946.

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Captain PAUL CASSARD, USN, President, Board of Review, EXOS, USN, Washington, D. C., advised he did not recall the applicant and certainly did not know him socially. Captain CASSARD believes that whatever efficiency ratings he signed for the applicant were correct at the time. He suggested that Lieutenant Commander GORDON STOUT, USN, be contacted in regard to the applicant.

Captain WARD P. DAVIS, USN, 3321 Wisconsin Avenue, Northwest, advised he was unable to recall the applicant but stated that he felt the applicant's fitness report properly reflected his ability at the time Captain DAVIS signed it.

Mr. WALLACE CARROLL of the New World Weekly, Incorporated, 1712 8th Street, Northwest, advised he first met the applicant in 1935 in Geneva, Switzerland when the applicant was overseas with his mother and father and at which time Mr. CARROLL stated he was head of the United Press in Berlin. Mr. CARROLL stated he requested the UP to assign the applicant to his staff while the applicant was overseas. Mr. CARROLL stated he met the applicant from time to time since then and has always regarded him as a man of highest character and reputation and has never known anything about him which was not good. He stated he always found the applicant to be a hard worker, intelligent, very sober and responsible and has no reason whatsoever to question his loyalty and patriotism. He said the applicant spoke German fluently and was a great service to the UP because of this fact. Mr. CARROLL stated he would not hesitate to recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence as he is highly interested in this type of work and enjoys it from the standpoint of true principles. He stated in conclusion that he has attempted to interest the applicant in the new publishing venture of New World Weekly, Inc.

Mr. FREDERICK OECHSNER, 3812 Fulton Street, Northwest, stated he was formerly with United Press Association in Germany and first met the applicant in

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about 1934 in Berlin, Germany, at which time the applicant was on a trip with his parents following his graduation from college. Mr. OECHSNER said that he felt that the applicant would make a good man for UP and contacted the London Office and suggested employment of the applicant, following which the applicant was sent over to the staff in Germany. He said that the applicant's father was a banker and he believed he was born in Germany, but was not certain of this fact. Mr. OECHSNER remarked the applicant's grandfather GATES McGARRAH was a member of the Bank of International Settlements and that the applicant's mother is American born. He remarked that he considered the applicant to be a man of the very highest character who is clear headed and has good reasons for decisions that he has to make. He stated the applicant is a clean living man of a high type who has a keen mind and strong ethical feelings. He said the applicant has an excellent reputation among news men with whom he is associated and there has never been any reason whatsoever to question his loyalty or patriotism, as he is too high minded to violate any trust or confidence. The applicant is interested in the activities of Williams College and beyond that Mr. OECHSNER said that he feels that the applicant is not a member of any social or fraternal group.

Mr. WALLACE R. DUELL, 3026 Cambridge, Northwest, advised he was the Washington correspondent for the Chicago Daily News and was formerly in the Berlin Bureau of the United Press where he met the applicant about ten years ago. He said that the applicant served in OSS during the war and that he has tried to get him on the staff when they were located in Germany.

Mr. DUELL stated he had no information concerning the applicant's family background, except that one grandfather was President of the Bank of International Settlement and the applicant's wife is a divorcee. He stated that the applicant is a man of the most un-impeachable and impeccable character and is known to others as an intelligent and hard working man who is regarded as almost perfect. Mr. DUELL states that the applicant has an excellent reputation and extraordinary integrity. He stated he regards the

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loyalty and patriotism of the applicant as above reproach. He further stated that he considered the applicant to be no hazard to the national security as he has an outstanding personality and character. In conclusion he stated he believes the applicant's work and family consume most of his time and he does not believe the applicant is the joining type, other than perhaps the fraternities at Williams College.

(S) Mr. [redacted] Street, N. W., a co-worker of the applicant at CIA, advised he has known the applicant for about one and one-half years, both in OSS and CIA, but almost entirely on a professional basis. He stated the applicant came from field work in Berlin to be Branch Chief at CIA in Washington, D. C. He stated that he has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but that he recalls the applicant to be a man of highest character, definitely under control, but an extremely nervous type of individual although he seldom shows this outwardly. He said the applicant is stable and hard working, but that, he believes due to his nervous tension, he prefers to do his work entirely alone.

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(S) Mr. [redacted] said that the applicant has always been very fair to all of his employees with whom he is associated and that he has an excellent reputation among the people who are acquainted with him. He said that the applicant is definitely loyal, patriotic and entirely trustworthy from a security standpoint.

(S) Mr. [redacted] stated he believes the applicant presently gets about double the pay that he could normally make in the newspaper field and has mentioned how hectic news work was and felt that due to changes in his makeup during the war years he could not undertake this hectic life again. In conclusion, Mr. [redacted] stated that he would definitely recommend the applicant for any position in the Government, as he has great intellectual capacity.

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REFERENCES AND ASSOCIATES

SA ROBERT J. McKENNAN ascertained that ERIC W. TIMM, 4177 Vacation Lane, Arlington, Virginia, is presently out of the city and his whereabouts are unknown.

(S) It is to be noted that the comments of FRANK G. WISNER and [redacted] were set forth under the heading of employment.

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The following investigation was conducted in 1947.

Mr. CARL McGOWAN, 3425 O Street, Northwest, who formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, advised he first met the applicant in the U. S. Navy about 1942 and they have been very friendly ever since. He said the applicant's grandfather, Mr. McGARRAH, was a banker in New York and was also the head of the Bank of International Settlements. The applicant's wife is a divorcee whom the applicant met at Indianapolis, Indiana during the time he was employed there by a newspaper. Mr. McGOWAN said he regards the applicant as a man of the highest character without any reservation and states that he is able and intelligent. He said he has an excellent reputation and is very popular and at the time they resided at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, he was very popular with the other bachelor residents at that address. Mr. McGOWAN stated that he had no reason to question the loyalty, patriotism, trust or confidence of the applicant. In conclusion he said he would recommend the applicant without hesitation, for a position in the government.

Mr. ADRIAN S. FISHER, Solicitor, Department of Commerce, who formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road at a bachelor hall called "Hockley", advised he met the applicant there about November of 1943 when the applicant was serving in the U. S. Navy. FISHER believes the applicant has a German background, at least

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he is of German extraction and may have German relatives, although he is not certain of this. He said the applicant served with the United Press Association in Germany and lived there for some time and acquired excellent control of the German tongue. Mr. FISHER remarked the applicant is a man of the highest character, extremely intelligent and perceptive and enjoys an excellent reputation, particularly with the group of friends who resided at 2620 Foxhall Road. He stated there is no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant and said that he has discussed the German situation with him on several occasions and believes that the applicant has a good knowledge of what is going on. From these discussions Mr. FISHER feels that the applicant is anti-Nazi. He said he would recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence as he believes the applicant is a man of the utmost discretion and had never disclosed any information to the group with whom he resided. He said in conclusion that he had no information concerning any social, fraternal associations of the applicant nor of friends or associates outside the group that resided at 2620 Foxhall Road.

Mr. COBURN KIDD, Central European Division, Department of State, advised he has known the applicant since June of 1945 and served with him in OSS and has been acquainted with the applicant since that time both professionally and socially. He stated that the applicant is a man of excellent character who appears to be a man of some standing and is perfectly genuine, honest, stable and a moderate drinker. Mr. KIDD stated that to the best of his knowledge there is no hint or suspicion of any weakness of character and that the applicant is given wholeheartedly to business and has kept himself cheerful in spite of hard work and has always been self-controlled under conditions in OSS that were very trying.

KIDD said the applicant enjoys an excellent reputation, and amongst his friends is MR. STUART HUGHES, grandson of Chief Justice HUGHES. He remarked that he has no information concerning the family background of the applicant but stated the applicant has many friends

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both in his present group and in different places that he has been and has always carried himself as a gentleman of intellectual capabilities. In conclusion Mr. KIDD stated he would recommend the applicant wholeheartedly, perhaps more than anyone else he had known for any position of trust and confidence because of his character, cheerfulness and calmness of thought.

Mr. C. H. POPE, President of the Munsey Trust Company, Washington, D. C., knew the applicant's father, who was a banker, much better than he knew the applicant, he advised. He said that the applicant's father was connected with the Aluminum Corporation of America and that the applicant's grandfather GATES McGARRAH, was formerly head of the Bank of International Settlements. He said he recommends the applicant and his family as persons of excellent character and while he does not know him very well, has never known the applicant to be in any trouble of any kind. He remarked that the applicant and his family enjoy a good reputation and there has never been any reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of any of them.

Mr. POPE stated that he is unable to furnish any information concerning social or fraternal memberships of the applicant, nor his close personal associates. He stated in conclusion that he would recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence in the government as he feels the applicant's home life would bear out this trust.

Mr. WILSON T. H. BEALE, Chief of Division of Research for Europe, Department of State, advised he has known the applicant since about 1943 and was formerly Executive Officer in OSS and worked closely with the

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applicant overseas and in Washington, D. C. He stated he has known the applicant both socially and professionally and has had occasion to visit the applicant's home frequently. He said he has a high regard for the applicant's character, reputation and personal intellectual accomplishments and states that he has no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant. He said he has no information concerning the applicant's family background and stated he was acquainted with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, which was a large hall used as bachelor quarters by a number of persons in the armed forces and where an average of about ten stayed at this address at any one time. He stated that due to the character of their work there were many changes and new faces appeared at that address from time to time. Mr. BEALE states that the group residing at 2620 Foxhall Road, N. W., were a group of intellectual extroverts and that all were hard workers, all were high type, and he feels that perhaps the harmony that existed in that house was because so many of the residents were of the same type. He said the applicant apparently lived a very quiet life, was well liked and friendly with the group and has been friendly with the group with whom he is employed. Mr. BEALE said that the applicant is a very serious minded person, but with this has a good sense of humor. He said he believed the applicant would do well in a position outside of the government but imagines that the applicant has devoted himself to principles which the applicant believes are necessary for the work he is doing.

Mr. DAGGETT H. HOWARD, International Attorney for the Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington, D. C. advised he had known the applicant since early 1944, at which time they both resided at 2620 Foxhall Road, N. W. At this time Mr. HOWARD stated he was employed at the White House. He stated that he has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but that he regards the applicant as a man of the highest character, reputation, a man who is serious, stable, very intelligent and somewhat idealistic. Mr. HOWARD stated that there is no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, as from the standpoint of trust and national security, he

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would give him top rating. He said the applicant has a reputation of having done a "cracker-jack" job during the war. He said the applicant is the type of person who was self-contained and that the only memberships the applicant would have would be in connection with collegiate groups at Williams College. In conclusion, Mr. HOWARD stated that he believes that the applicant's ideal in Government Service is in doing the important type of work that he is doing.

Mr. STUART HUGHES, Chief, Division of Research for Europe, Department of State, advised he has known the applicant since July 1945, having served with him in OSS in Germany and having seen him frequently since that time. He said he has no information concerning the applicant's background, but regards the applicant as a man of very high character, of pleasant and intellectual disposition, who is regarded very highly and has an important position for a young man and is well adapted to this position. He stated that the applicant has an excellent reputation and has many friends, some of whom have achieved importance. Mr. HUGHES stated the applicant is loyal, patriotic and solid, and there is no question of trust from the standpoint of national security as he has had important jobs and has always done them without any question of his trust. He said he believes that the applicant is interested in his work, likes it immensely and is interested in the techniques and methods of intelligence work and has created for himself a professional attitude in this field. Mr. HUGHES stated in conclusion that he would recommend the applicant without reservation and recommend him as one of the best men in secret intelligence work, as he has great ambition as well as common sense.

Mr. W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, Jr., 3018 N Street, Northwest, Attorney, advised he has known the applicant since 1942 and has had occasion to frequently exchange visits with the applicant. He stated he formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road, N. W. He said he has no information concerning the applicant's

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family background, but regards the applicant as a man of the highest character who has exhibited no weaknesses of character of any kind and has always demonstrated himself to be emotionally stable. Mr. CLAYTOR states that there is no reason to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, and from the standpoint of trust he is a good security risk.

NEIGHBORHOODS

105 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT M. BASS, JR.

Mrs. ELIZABETH L. LYONS, 109 W. Bradley Lane, advised she has known the applicant and his family as neighbors since 1946 and has no reason to question the patriotism of any member of the family. Mrs. LYONS added she believes the applicant and his family are people of excellent character, reputation, loyalty and associates; that she has never heard any unfavorable information concerning any of them and would unhesitatingly recommend the applicant for a position of trust and confidence.

Mrs. MARY ANSELL, 107 Bradley Lane, who has known the applicant and his family as neighbors since 1946, supplied substantially the same information concerning the applicant as that supplied by Mrs. LYONS.

Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND, 200 Rosemary Street, whose residence is directly behind the applicant's residence and who has known the applicant and family as neighbors over eight years, advised that she had never heard any information of an unfavorable nature concerning the applicant or any member of his family, but stated that she was not well enough acquainted with the HELMS family to make any comment concerning their character or loyalty.

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Confidential Informant T-K, of known reliability, advised in 1941 that Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND, 6314 33rd Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. was on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action

The Washington Committee for Democratic Action is cited as "Communist" by the attorney general as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

A search of the City Directory for Washington, D. C. was made in 1947 and the following information obtained:

1941- THOMAS W. HOLLAND (MIRIAM), Section Chief, Labor Department, resides 6314, 33rd St., N. W.

1942- THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Res. Director, Department of Labor, resides 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The following investigation was conducted in 1947:

Mr. STEPHEN B. L. PENROSE, 7100 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised that he has known the applicant since 1945 when they both served in OSS. He said that the applicant's mother's family are well known bankers and that the applicant's wife, JULIA, from Indianapolis, Indiana, was previously married to Mr. SHIELDS, the inventor of Barbasol, who was much older than the applicant's wife. They had two children before the divorce. He stated that the applicant's wife is a homemaker and does sculpture as a hobby. Mr. PENROSE remarked the applicant is a man of outstanding character with no weaknesses of any kind ever observed. He is stable and well orientated. He is calm and dispassionate. He said that the applicant also enjoys an excellent reputation among friends with whom he is employed at CIA and a few with whom he was formerly associated at OSS. Mr. PENROSE remarked he had no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, and he would

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give him the highest rating from the standpoint of trust and national security. He said he did not believe the applicant is a member of any organizations, outside of the fraternities at Williams College and in conclusion, he said that he regards the applicant as not being the student type but does not hesitate to recommend him, as he considers him as one of our most solid citizens.

Mr. BURR TRACY ANSELL, 108 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, attorney, Washington, D.C., advised he has known the applicant since about March, 1946 but that he has no information concerning the applicant's family background. He said the applicant is a man of the highest character, very moderate drinker, well orientated who keeps a very nice and neat home, in which he is quite interested, and has an excellent reputation, and therefore, is a very desirable neighbor. He said that the applicant is a linguist and excels in the German tongue due to his German background and education in Germany. Mr. ANSELL stated that there is absolutely no question as to his loyalty and patriotism, and from the standpoint of trust and confidence, he is very close-mouthed and an extremely high-grade citizen. In conclusion, he stated that the applicant is interested in and active in Williams College Alumni Association and believes that beyond that he is not a member of any fraternal organization.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES H. McGLOTHIN, 33 East Bradley Lane, and Mrs. FLORENCE M. HOAR, 103 W. Bradley Lane, supplied substantially the same information concerning the applicant and his family as that supplied by Mr. PENROSE.

2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest

It is to be noted that the applicant's residence at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, was verified by W. GRAHAM CLAYTON, JR., DAGGETT H. HOWARD, WILSON T. H. BEALE, ADRIAN S. FISHER and CARL McGOWAN, whose comments were set forth under the heading of references and associates.

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Special Employee DANIEL M. SAUNDERS ascertained that the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., reflected that the applicant had four minor traffic violations from October 22, 1943, to June 23, 1951, and paid fines ranging from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

No criminal record for the applicant or any member of his family was contained in the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.

Special Employee WALTER JAMES TOLSON determined that no record of the applicant or any member of his family was contained in the files of the United States Park Police.

Special Employee JOHN J. LANDERS ascertained that the files of the Washington, D.C. Credit Bureau, Inc. in report dated September 13, 1951, reflected that the applicant had three accounts which were rated as satisfactory.

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SE XAVIER F. CLARK determined that there was no record of the applicant or any member of his family in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

SE ROY F. RODMAN ascertained that the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence reflected an arrest for speeding at Lee, Massachusetts on June 5, 1935, at which time the applicant was fined \$10.

No further information of a derogatory nature concerning the applicant was noted in the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

SE WAYNE S. CURTIS determined that the files of the Department of Navy reflected that the applicant was transferred to inactive status effective July 1, 1950 as Lieutenant Commander, USNR. No additional information concerning the applicant was contained in the files of the Department of Navy.

SE JOHN J. LANDERS ascertained that the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, contained no record under the name of the applicant.

(S) SA ROBERT J. McKENNAN was advised that the security files of the Central Intelligence Agency contained [redacted] security information.

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Confidential informants of known reliability of the Washington, D. C. area, each of whom is familiar with a particular phase of Communist Party activity in the Washington, D. C. area advised that neither the applicant nor any member of his family was known to them.

The following investigation was conducted in 1947:

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflected that passport number 31815 was issued May 2, 1929 to the applicant for travel to the British Isles,

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France, Germany, Belgium and Holland for one year. On April 29, 1931 this passport was extended for two years by the American Consulate at Basel, Switzerland. On the application for this passport the applicant stated he was born in St. Davids, Pennsylvania on March 30, 1913 and his permanent residence was listed as 407 Tillow Road, South Orange, New Jersey.

Passport number 100453 was issued to the applicant May 14, 1934 for travel to England and France for three months on pleasure. On May 7, 1936 the American Vice Consul in Berlin, Germany renewed this passport for two years and at this time the applicant advised he represented the United Press of America, Daily News Building, New York, New York.

Special passport number 9746 was issued to the applicant June 28, 1946. At this time the applicant stated his permanent residence as 105 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

On June 26, 1946 the Strategic Services Unit of the War Department advised the State Department that the applicant had been ordered to Switzerland, Austria and Germany and that he would report to the Strategic Services Officer at Frankfurt, Germany.

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The information concerning the investigation of the applicant in 1947 was contained in the report of SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., dated January 5, 1948 at Washington, D. C. entitled "RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, Applicant, CIA."

Informants

T-1            Anonymous  
~~T-2~~            ~~Anonymous~~ (*Deleted*)

The following confidential informants were contacted in instant investigation concerning the applicant and his family:

	whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA JOHN M. deBETTENCOURT 3/6/53.
	whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA SEYMOR FRED PHILLIPS, 2/25/53.
	whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA THOMAS C. RIES, 2/19/53.
	whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA ROBERT H. PAUL, JR., 2/20/53.
	whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA JOSEPH E. KELLER, 3/9/53.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 17, 1953

FROM

SAC, WFO (118-3108)

SUBJECT:

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS-WA-67749  
 aka Richard McGaragh Helms,  
 Richard McGarragh Helms,  
 Dick, Rich  
 AEA-A

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA WALLACE A. HAWKINS dated March 16, 1953 at Washington, D. C., captioned as above.

It is to be noted that the former address of the applicant in instant investigation at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. was included in a project requested by President Harry S. Truman in connection with a security check of State Department leaks.

On April 24, 1945 Inspector M. E. GURNEA requested a technical surveillance at that address, which was listed in the names of JOHN C. GEILFUSS and DAGGETT H. HOWARD. Other persons residing at that address included Lt. BERNARD T. BRENNAN, Captain JAMES R. BURGESS, Lt. Col. HARRY C. GREEN, Lt. EDWARD A. McELWAIN, Major JOHN F. RUNNALLS, Lt. A. E. TATHAM, Lt. JOHN M. WOOLSEY and JULES HANAFORD.

This surveillance was predicated on information that EDWARD F. PRITCHARD who resided there had been named in summary memorandum covering previous security leaks in the State Department. It is noted that these and other friends of the applicant resided at that address. It was impossible to successfully complete this technical surveillance and this part of the project was discontinued April 27, 1945.

This information is being set out here rather than in the details of the report, inasmuch as there is no indication that the applicant was in any way involved in this surveillance or that he was residing at this address during the alleged security leaks in the State Department.

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It is to be noted that the report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., dated January 5, 1948, at Washington, D.C., entitled "RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS, Applicant - CIA", contained information that one BURR TRACY ANSELL was a board member and attended meetings at the National Executive Committee of the National Lawyers Guild, Washington, D.C., April 2, 1937, and that he is on the membership list and last paid dues August 19, 1939. Further, that at two Executive Board meetings in Washington, D.C., dated May 19, 1938, and February 20, 1938, a Mr. ANSELL was absent. A review of the Washington Field Office files reveals that this information is not supported by any documentary evidence. Therefore, it is not being set forth in the details of the enclosed report.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 11, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR'S AUTOGRAPH  
ON "THE FBI STORY"

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Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
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①  son of  
Richard Helms, Chief of Operations (Foreign Intelligence),  
Central Intelligence Agency.

On December 10, 1956, Mr. Helms asked the Liaison Agent if the Director would be kind enough to autograph the enclosed copy of "The FBI Story" for his son. Mr. Helms pointed out that the youngster was a great admirer of the Director and he, Mr. Helms, plans to give the book to his son for a Christmas present.

Helms has been friendly and cooperative with the Bureau. The Director may recall that Helms discussed the book with him on the night of the Liaison Party, December 4, 1956.

RECOMMENDATION:

If the Director approves, it is recommended that the enclosed copy of "The FBI Story" be autographed for . The book should be returned to Mr. Helms through the Liaison Agent.

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Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: October 3, 1955

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel Sheffield Edwards  
Director of Security

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

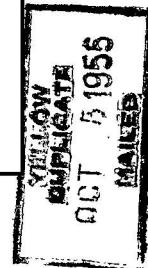
Subject:   
RICHARD MC GARRAN HELMS  
Central Intelligence Agency  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Pursuant to your request, Lee Davis Lauren has been interviewed by a representative of the Washington Field Office of this Bureau. Mr. Lauren advised that the only information he possessed concerning  was hearsay and the source of his information was a member of the staff of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Lauren said he had heard that

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Lauren advised that the only other person at Central Intelligence Agency concerning whom he had heard anything was Richard Helms. His source is the same as his source of the information concerning . Lauren said he had heard it was Helms who was



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responsible more than anyone else within the Central Intelligence Agency for rehiring so many former Office of Strategic Services personnel whom General Donovan had eliminated for security reasons.

Lauren stated he had never met  or Richard Helms.

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During the interview, Lauren advised that in 1952 he was the Subversive Intelligence Analyst at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters and he came to Washington to do research. In his research he had deduced that Jay Lovestone is still very communistic "and the apparatus of which Lovestone is a part is more dangerous to the United States than Communism as personified by the Russians" in that while we are so concerned in every way with the Soviets and the practices which they personify, "the Soviets are actually being implemented within all of our institutions from within." Lauren stated Lovestone and several labor attaches are part of the "apparatus which is inducing the United States into an international socialistic organization, diffusing our international definitions in economics, politics and culture."

During the interview, Lauren advised he is a captain in the United States Air Force Reserves and had been employed to assist the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He stated that about a year ago he was in line for a high position in the State Department but did not obtain the position and he believes there is a flag in the State Department files against his name. He said his reason for so thinking is that apparently the word had gone around, down through the Republican National Committee to the State Department that he is anti-Semitic and has a file relating to this. He stated this is untrue but the word has apparently gone around, although, no one apparently wants to put it on the record.

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Letter to Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

Pursuant to your request, investigation is currently being conducted regarding [redacted] under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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This Bureau's files reflect that applicant-type investigations were conducted regarding Richard McGarrah Helms, who may be identical with the Richard Helms referred to by Lauren. These investigations were conducted in late 1947 and early 1948 and in 1953. The reports of the earlier investigation were furnished to your Agency on February 19, 1948, your file 7190. The reports of the later investigation were furnished to your Agency on November 9, 1953.

(S) This Bureau's files further reflect that Richard Helms of your Agency was interviewed in 1951 in connection with an investigation of [redacted] your file [redacted].  
(S) The remarks furnished by Mr. Helms at that time are set forth in the report of Special Agent Carl A. Harria, dated March 23, 1951, at Washington, D. C., entitled [redacted].  
(S) [redacted] Applicant - CIA. A copy of this report was furnished your Agency by memorandum dated March 27, 1951.

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(S) A Personal History Statement dated January 10, 1947, for [redacted] submitted to this Bureau with your letter dated January 21, 1953, regarding [redacted] lists a character reference of [redacted] as Richard Helms. Your letter of January 21, 1953, indicated your Agency contemplated an interview with [redacted] regarding [redacted].

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This Bureau contemplates no further investigation regarding Richard McGarrah Helms in the absence of a request from your Agency. The results of the current investigation being conducted regarding [redacted] will be furnished to your Agency immediately upon the completion of the investigation.

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(NOTE: This letter is classified "~~SECRET~~" as CIA's request that Lauren be interviewed was so classified.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: June 5, 1961

FROM : Mr. C. D. DeLoach *D/er*SUBJECT: TESTIMONY - SENATE INTERNAL  
SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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The following volume of testimony has been received from the Committee and sent to Mr. Sizoo of the Domestic Intelligence Division for appropriate review and return to my office to be returned to the Committee:

Volume 1, June 2, 1961 - Executive Session - ~~Confidential~~

Testimony of  
Richard Helms, Assistant Director, Central Intelligence Agency

- 1 - Mr. Sizoo  
 1 - Mr. H. M. Anderson, Room 7635 (with testimony)

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

March 8, 1957

W. C. Sullivan

ALLEGATIONS OF GENERAL ARTHUR S. TRUDEAU  
RE INFILTRATION OF FABIAN SOCIALISTS INTO HIGH  
POLICY-MAKING AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS:

Reference is made to allegations of General Arthur S. Trudeau, former Assistant Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and former G-2 (Army Intelligence) chief, concerning possible infiltration of Fabian socialists and communists into high policy-making areas of Government service. This matter has required very detailed and extensive file review on names submitted by General Trudeau. As there was no urgency, this has been done from time to time by the Central Research Section, other work permitting. Background on Fabian socialism and General Trudeau's feud with Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) set forth.

The Results

1. Over 5,500 references were reviewed in Bureau files on 122 names listed on charts and memoranda left with the Bureau by General Trudeau.
2. Three names were not identified in Bureau files, making a total of 119 names which were identified.
3. Identifiable derogatory information was found on 105 of the 119 individuals identified and is set forth in enclosure under separate captions.
4. Of the 105 individuals on whom identifiable derogatory information was found, 94 have been investigated by the Bureau under classifications of Atomic Energy Act, Voice of America, Loyalty of Government Employees, Security of Government Employees, CIA-Applicant, Special Inquiry-White House, Security Matter-C, Internal Security-R and others. Results of investigations have been disseminated.

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5. Proper dissemination has been made of identifiable derogatory information on the remaining individuals not investigated.
6. Cases are pending on three subjects not now in Government employment. Cases on other individuals have been closed.
7. No attempt was made to verify present number of individuals still in Government because of the Director's instructions to remain out of G-2 and CIA feud. It was correctly assumed that inquiry would have aroused curiosity and questions in high policy-making Government circles.

**Conclusions**

1. FBI files do not contain any specific, concrete, and conclusive proof that the subjects are Fabian socialists as charged by General Trudeau.
2. FBI files do not contain any similar conclusive proof that these subjects have been and, in some instances, are influencing Government policy along Fabian socialist lines as charged by General Trudeau.
3. FBI files do show, however, that a considerable amount of "smoke" surrounds these subjects in that many have been charged by associates and acquaintances with the following:
  - a. Describing Chinese communists as being harmless "agrarian reformers" when they should have known that they were actually communists
  - b. Suppressing information unfavorable to communists and communism
  - c. Issuing slanted reports favoring communism
  - d. Minimizing the threat of Soviet Russia to peace and democracy
  - e. Manifesting thinking which coincides with socialist thinking in different instances



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f. Lacking, from a loyalty standpoint, in qualifications desired in strategic or sensitive Government positions

4. Others have been named by Louis Budenz, former official of the Communist Party, USA, as being communist or under communist discipline.

To sum up: While the evidence is not present to prove the validity of General Trudeau's charges, it must be admitted that the persons singled out by General Trudeau do not, in the main, have altogether clean, sound, and unquestionable security backgrounds. However, the FBI has investigated 94 of the 105 subjects on whom there is derogatory information. Proper dissemination of available derogatory information has also been made on those persons not investigated. Therefore, there appears to be no more to do at this time.

It is interesting to note that this study does show the FBI was already aware of these subjects and had information on them long before General Trudeau submitted their names.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That no dissemination be made of allegations by General Trudeau in accordance with Director's indication that Bureau should not in any way become involved in the dispute between G-2 and CIA.

(2) That no dissemination be made of information set forth in enclosure under individual captions inasmuch as information of a derogatory nature in Bureau files has received proper dissemination.

(3) That no new cases be opened on individuals named by General Trudeau since charges do not constitute sufficient basis for opening new investigations.

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(4) That this cover memorandum and enclosure containing information be filed in 100-420468, the file for material furnished by General Trudeau.

(5) That a copy of this cover memorandum be placed in case file of subjects, along with a copy of the summary of information on each particular individual.

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DETAILS:

General Trudeau Material

General Trudeau furnished the Director with charts and memoranda purporting to substantiate charges that certain individuals in and out of Government were influencing the United States to take a soft policy against Soviet Russia and world communism. General Trudeau furnished the names of individuals, some allegedly with Fabian socialist leanings and possibly some with communist leanings, who, he stated, had penetrated certain policy-forming organs of our Government, including State Department, CIA, Operations Coordinating Board, Planning Control Group, and Planning Board, as well as academic research units at Harvard, Princeton, and Johns Hopkins Universities, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations which do research work for the Government.

Trudeau material furnished last names only on majority of individuals. Later, Colonel Earle L. Lerette, G-2, furnished limited additional identifying data.

Bureau files reflect that Colonel Lerette and a Lieutenant Colonel Phillip J. Corso, Operations Coordinating Board, associates of General Trudeau, disseminated information regarding Fabian socialist charges outside the Executive Branch and that G-2 did not handle the matter of Fabian socialists in a secure and prudent manner. (62-9798; 100-420468-5, 10, 11) As a result, Colonel Lerette was accused by CIA of releasing false and derogatory information about that agency.

Fabian Socialism

Fabian socialism had its origin with the Fabian Society in England in 1884, largely as the result of influence and teaching of an American, Professor Thomas Davidson. The end of Fabian socialism is the elimination of private ownership as an exclusive means of production and the substitution of state or social ownership of the means of production; hence, socialism. The name Fabian was derived from a Roman general, Quintus Fabius Maximus Verrucosus, who became famous by his military tactics of avoiding direct battles, resorting to deliberate procrastination, and using delaying procedures

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during his defense of Rome against the attacks of Hannibal. The aim of Fabian socialism is to permeate every segment of society with socialistic ideas, words, attitudes, tendencies, and modes of thinking in order to gradually lay the foundation of a slow, steady, peaceful transformation of the social order from capitalism to socialism. The tactics of Fabian socialism include concessions, compromises, advances, avoidance of conflict, all of which are to be made with great patience.

#### CIA - G-2 Feud

General Trudeau was relieved in August, 1955, of his duties as Assistant Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and as head of Army G-2, and was transferred to the Far East Command. General Trudeau's removal stemmed from charges by Allen Dulles, Director of CIA, who claimed that General Trudeau's dealings with top West German officials, including Dr. Heinz L. Krekler, West German Ambassador to the United States, and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, during the latter's visit to the United States in 1955, were prejudicial to United States intelligence efforts. General Trudeau was reportedly critical to Ambassador Krekler and Chancellor Adenauer regarding the West German intelligence organization headed by General Reinhard von Gehlen which had been subsidized by CIA.

James Angleton, CIA, confidentially advised the Bureau on August 1, 1955, that CIA had evidence that General Trudeau, in his visits with Ambassador Krekler and Chancellor Adenauer, had violated the CIA and G-2 agreement on foreign espionage and counterespionage activities, and that CIA had protested to the White House.

General Trudeau advised the Bureau on August 8, 1955, that in his visits with Ambassador Krekler and Chancellor Adenauer he had discussed nothing of an intelligence nature not already known. He admitted being at odds with CIA and stated that he believed CIA was attempting to gain complete control of the foreign intelligence field. He stated that if CIA accomplished its purpose, the military intelligence services might as well go out of business. (62-9798-2653, 2657, 2661, 2674, 2680)

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According to an article by John O'Donnell, newspaper columnist, in the New York Daily News, September 2, 1955, page 2, General Trudeau was "fired" by President Eisenhower at the personal request of Allen Dulles, Director of CIA. According to O'Donnell, Dulles complained that Trudeau had talked with Chancellor Adenauer, without notifying CIA, in order to lessen Adenauer's confidence in the "CIA-bankrolled setup" in Germany operated by Reinhard Gehlen.

#### File Reviews

An analysis of the allegations of General Trudeau required very detailed and extensive file reviews on names submitted by General Trudeau. As there was no urgency, this has been done from time to time by the Central Research Section, other work permitting.

#### Results

1. Over 5,500 references were reviewed in Bureau files on 122 names in charts and memoranda left with the Bureau by General Trudeau.
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5. Proper dissemination has been made of identifiable derogatory information on the remaining individuals not investigated.

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6. Cases are pending on three subjects not now in Government employment. Cases on other individuals have been closed.

7. No attempt was made to verify present number of individuals still in Government because of the Director's instructions to remain out of G-2 and CIA feud. It was correctly assumed that inquiry would have aroused curiosity and questions in high policy-making Government circles.

Conclusions

1. FBI files do not contain any specific, concrete, and conclusive proof that the subjects are Fabian socialists as charged by General Trudeau.

2. FBI files do not contain any similar conclusive proof that the individuals named by General Trudeau have been and, in some instances, are influencing Government policy along Fabian socialist lines as charged by General Trudeau.

It is to be noted that Bureau files do not contain a record of day-to-day decisions of these individuals and do not set forth the part which they have played in policies formulated. There is no information in individual files regarding the decisions which General Trudeau has stated were influenced by individuals named.

3. Derogatory information is set forth in enclosure regarding individuals who appear to be identical with names on General Trudeau's list. Some reportedly regarded the Chinese communists as "agrarian reformers." Several reportedly suppressed information unfavorable to communist activities in Europe during and after World War II while serving in Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and G-2. Others reportedly minimized the Soviet threat or slanted reports in State Department. Several identified by Whittaker Chambers

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and Elizabeth T. Bentley, former self-admitted Soviet espionage agents, as participants in espionage activities in Washington, D. C., and New York, New York, in the mid 1930's and early 1940's. Several have been critical of the Bureau. Several alleged to be socialists; others "leftist" and "procommunist." Several reported as members, in the past, of organizations cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. Allegations generally name many individuals as questionable for strategic or sensitive Government employment.

4. Several were named by Louis Budenz, former Communist Party, USA, official, as being communists or under communist discipline.

Some of the sources of information used in the enclosure were closely associated with the individuals named and requested that their identities be concealed. Others expressed a willingness or unwillingness to testify in loyalty or court proceedings against individuals named. In order to indicate the desires of the source an (a) was placed after the names of sources who requested that their identities be concealed. A (b) was placed after the sources' name when he was willing to testify. A (c) was used to indicate source not willing to testify.

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Information set forth in the enclosure from [ ] should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

The following eight individuals, who appear to be identical with names furnished by General Trudeau, have been investigated by the Bureau with no identifiable derogatory information developed. Results of investigations have been disseminated.

1. [ ]  
Central Intelligence Group-Applicant, 1947
2. [ ]  
Central Intelligence Agency-Applicant, 1951  
Atomic Energy Act-Applicant, 1952
3. [ ]  
Central Intelligence Agency-Applicant, 1949

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4. William Roscoe Kintner  
Atomic Energy Act-Applicant, 1954
5.   
European Recovery Program, 1947  
Special Inquiry, 1955
6. Ludwell Lee Montague  
Atomic Energy Act-Applicant, 1951
7.   
Central Intelligence Agency-Applicant, 1949
8. William Clyde Trueheart  
Atomic Energy Act-Applicant, 1947

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The following six individuals, who appear to be identical with names furnished by General Trudeau have not been investigated by the Bureau. No identifiable derogatory information was found in Bureau files on these individuals.

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It was not possible to identify the following three names furnished by General Trudeau. No first names were given.

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The enclosure contains an Appendix setting forth the organizations and publications which have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 or cited by congressional or state committees. The names of pertinent organizations and publications in the summaries have been marked by asterisks for citation in the Appendix.

It is interesting to note that this study does show the FBI was already aware of these subjects and had information on them long before General Trudeau submitted their names in connection with his charges of Fabian socialist infiltration into high policy-making areas of the Government.

SUMMARIES OF PERTINENT INFORMATION  
ON INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN GENERAL  
TRUDEAU'S ALLEGATIONS RE FABIAN  
SOCIALIST INFILTRATION OF HIGH  
POLICY-MAKING AREAS OF UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT

March 8, 1957

**RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS**

Richard McGarrah Helms appears to be identical with the Helm indicated in material furnished by General Trudeau.

**Background**

Helms was born March 30, 1913, at St. Davids, Pennsylvania. He was graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, with an A. B. degree in 1935. He was employed by the United Press from 1935 to 1937 in London, England and Berlin, Germany. From 1937 to 1942, he was with the Indianapolis, Indiana, Times. He served with the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946, transferring to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in 1943. From 1946 to 1947, he was with the Central Intelligence Group (CIG) and since that time has been with CIA. (116-371389-1)

**Unfavorable Information**

[redacted] has stated that some of his [redacted] reports were filed in the "not used files" and classified "biased and unreliable." [redacted] said that several individuals, one of whom was named Helms, were responsible for classifying these reports and he considered these individuals procommunist, because of the way his reports had been handled. He added that he was certain none of the individuals were members of the Communist Party\* since they were too intelligent. (100-350685)

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Don Surine of the staff of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy advised in 1954 that the Jenner Committee of the U. S. Senate had developed information regarding individuals on CIA's payroll. Surine stated that an informant advised that Richard Helms of CIA was in a unique position and could become a key witness if it became apparent to Helms that he should protect himself. Surine stated that Helms had advised a potential witness on the CIA that he (Helms) might become involved in matters investigated by the Jenner Committee, but that there were others in CIA far more deeply involved than himself. (62-80750-2289)

\*See Appendix for citation.

In 1955, Mr. Nichols received information regarding several individuals from a source which he designated as [redacted]. According to the source, Richard Helms of the CIA and others connected with the WIN project had misled CIA officials and pictured the CIA controlled Polish underground as so good that it could overthrow Poland whenever it was desired. It is to be noted that the WIN project of CIA concerned the reactivation of a Polish Resistance Movement into which CIA reportedly spent some \$6,000,000. The source also reported that this WIN organization had been infiltrated by Polish Security Police as early as 1947. (62-80750-2614X)

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(S) According to the source, there was a homosexual clique in the Records Department of CIA [redacted] in 1949 and this situation was the direct responsibility of Richard Helms who had charge of all hiring of personnel. (62-80750-2614X)

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#### Favorable Information

Professional associates, social acquaintances, college classmates, neighbors, and references have stated that Helms is a loyal American citizen.

(116-371389; 118-2978)

#### Other Information

Helms investigated by Bureau under Internal Security-R, 1947; Central Intelligence Group-ApPLICANT, 1947; Atomic Energy Act-ApPLICANT, 1953. Results disseminated.

## APPENDIX

### ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS MENTIONED IN TEXT WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450 OR CITED BY CONGRESSIONAL OR STATE COMMITTEES

The names of organizations and publications in the summaries which were marked by asterisk for citation in the Appendix are listed below.

Those organizations or publications cited by congressional or state committees are listed in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., January 2, 1957. Those cited only by the committees have been identified in the following list by the page number on which the citations appear in the Guide.

Those designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 have been identified with the notation (Executive Order 10450).

Abraham Lincoln Brigade (Executive Order 10450)

Amerasia (Guide, p. 99)

American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom (Guide, p. 7)

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (Executive Order 10450)

American Friends of Spanish Democracy (Guide, p. 10)

American Friends of the Chinese People (Guide, p. 10)

American League Against War and Fascism (Executive Order 10450)

American League for Peace and Democracy (Executive Order 10450)

American Labor Party (Guide, p. 11)

American Peace Mobilization (Executive Order 10450)

American Russian Institute (Executive Order 10450)

American Slav Congress (Executive Order 10450)

American Student Union (Guide, p. 18)

American Youth for a Free World (Guide, p. 19)

American Youth for Democracy (Executive Order 10450)

China Aid Council (Guide, p. 24)

China Today (Guide, p. 99)

Civil Rights Congress (Executive Order 10450)

Civil Rights Federation (Guide, pp. 26, 56)

Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy (Executive Order 10450)

Committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime (Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Communist Front Organizations, Report of Joint Fact-Finding Committee to the 1948 Regular California Legislature, Sacramento, 1948, p. 168)

Committee of One Thousand (Guide, p. 118)

Committee to Defend America by Keeping out of War (Guide, p. 29)

Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas (Executive Order 10450)

Communist Party, USA (Executive Order 10450)

Communist Political Association (Executive Order 10450)

Congress of American Women (Executive Order 10450)

Consumers Union (Guide, p. 141)

Coordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo (Guide, p. 35)

Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (Guide, p. 44)

Industrial Workers of the World (Executive Order 10450)

Institute of Pacific Relations (Guide, p. 45)

International Juridical Association (Guide, p. 46)

International Labor Defense (Executive Order 10450)

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (Executive Order 10450)

League of American Writers (Executive Order 10450)

League of Women Shoppers (Guide, p. 53)

Morning Freiheit (Guide, p. 104)

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (Executive Order 10450)

National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (Guide, p. 61)

National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights (Guide, p. 62)

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties (Executive Order 10450)

National Free Browder Congress (Guide, p. 63)

National Lawyers' Guild (Guide, p. 64)

North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy (Executive Order 10450)

Open Road (Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Communist Front Organizations, Report of Joint Fact-Finding Committee to the 1948 Regular California Legislature, Sacramento, 1948, pp. 336, 341)

Science and Society (Guide, p. 108)

Socialist Workers Party (Executive Order 10450)

Southern Conference for Human Welfare (Guide, p. 81)

Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign (Guide, p. 81)

United American Spanish Aid Committee (Executive Order 10450)

Washington Bookshop Association (Executive Order 10450)

Washington Committee for Democratic Action (Executive Order 10450)

Washington Friends of Spanish Democracy (Guide, p. 90)

Women's International Democratic Federation (Guide, p. 91)

Young Communist League (Executive Order 10450)



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: 6-17-61

FROM : MR. W. A. BRANIGAN

~~1 - Mr. Belmont~~  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY - SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY  
SUBCOMMITTEE (RICHARD HELMS, ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,  
JUNE 2, 1961, RE "COMMUNIST FORGERIES")

1 - Mr. Mooney  
1 - Mr. Whitson

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On 6-2-61 Richard Helms, Assistant Director, CIA, testified in Executive Session before the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. His testimony will be released to the public 6-18-61.

Helms discussed the use by the Soviet bloc of false news articles, fabricated intelligence reports, distortions of genuine documents and accounts attributed to a nonexistent organization. Most of the material has been in the world's press during the past four years and has been denied or refuted as the case may be by the State Department where it applied directly to U.S. policy or personalities in Government.

An example of recent propaganda was the story that CIA had backed the revolt of the Algerian generals against de Gaulle. The story was first planted presumably by the Russians in "Il Paese," an Italian newspaper not recognized as communist, but used in the past for printing anti-U.S. propaganda. The story was picked up the next day by "Pravda," Tass and Moscow Radio which gave it widest dissemination. The following day the story, with some embellishments, was printed in CP papers in London and Paris. At the same time, Genevieve Tabouis, an anti-American pro-Soviet French journalist, printed a variation on the story in a noncommunist Paris newspaper quoting a nonexistent letter from British Prime Minister Macmillan to President Kennedy warning the latter against the generals. This variation was then picked up by Tass and Moscow Radio and given further dissemination. Thereafter, Moscow Radio telephoned the Washington "Post" and asked about a reference to the CIA Algerian allegations in the "Post's" "Letters to the Editor." The Russian read the letter back to the employee at the "Post" who merely verified that such a letter had been received and printed. On 5-5-61 the telephone conversation which had been recorded was broadcast by Moscow Radio to Soviet listeners. Obviously, the tape recording the call had been doctored to include long propaganda statements by the Soviet inquirer.

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Memo for Mr. Sullivan

RE: TESTIMONY - SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

During the past four years 32 phony documents purporting to be written to or by U.S. Government officials have been printed by Soviet, East German and other bloc agencies in various newspapers. The most frequently used is "Neues Deutschland" in East Berlin, which is suspected as a propaganda organ because it is the official paper of the East German Socialist Unity Party (SED). Another favorite for planted documents and propaganda stories is the newspaper "Blitz" in Bombay, India. The Soviet Committee of State Security (KGB) has an outlet in the newspaper "Mirror" in Burma. This paper was used during a period of negotiation between the U.S. and Indonesia for the publication of a false intelligence report "proving" U.S. support of Indonesian rebels against the Indonesian Government.

During 1960 and 1961 the bloc has distributed a pamphlet purporting to come from "African Friends Association," a nonexistent organization. This pamphlet has been widely distributed in Africa and purports to set forth in text and pictures atrocities currently perpetrated against Negroes in the U.S.

ACTION:

For your information. Two Photostats of testimony are attached.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: June 15, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

TESTIMONY OF RICHARD HELMS,  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

My memorandum dated June 5, 1961, to Mr. W. C. Sullivan attached the Executive Session testimony of Richard Helms, Assistant Director, Central Intelligence Agency, before a Senate Internal Security Subcommittee meeting on June 2, 1961.

This information has now been printed in booklet form entitled "Communist Forgeries," a copy of which is attached, and will be released to the press this coming Sunday, June 18, 1961. There is also attached a copy of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee press release concerning this hearing.

ACTION:

For referral to the Domestic Intelligence Division.

## Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (w/enclosures - 7)
- 1 - Mr. H. M. Anderson (w/enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Condon (w/enclosures - 7)
- 1 - Mr. Medler (w/enclosures - 3)
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FOR RELEASE IN NEWSPAPERS OF SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1961  
FROM THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D. C.--The Soviet Union is engaged in an ambitious propaganda campaign utilizing forged documents designed to look as though they had been written by or to officials of the American government, according to testimony of a Central Intelligence Agency official released today by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Richard Helms, assistant director of CIA, told the Subcommittee in closed-session testimony taken June 2 that the agency has "discovered no fewer than 32 forged documents" during the past four years. The published hearing is titled, "Communist Forgeries."

Latest example was the false rumor that the Algerian generals' revolt was supported by NATO, the Pentagon, and CIA.

All 32 of the forged documents are printed in the hearing transcript with Helms' testimony.

Helms said the Algerian revolt rumor was published first in a Rome daily called Il Paese, which purports to be an independent newspaper, but obviously serves Communist ends. From there it was picked up by Pravda and subsequently spread into France and other European countries -- and then over the world.

"We found," said Helms, "that each Soviet forgery is manufactured and spread according to a plan. Each is devised and timed to mesh with other techniques of psychological warfare in support of Soviet strategy."

He said the analysis showed three main purposes: First, to discredit the West generally, and the United States and its government specifically, in the eyes of the rest of the world. Second, to sow suspicion and discord among the Western allies, and especially between the United States and its friends. And third, to drive a wedge between the peoples of non-Communist countries and their governments by fostering the line that the governments do not represent their citizens because they are the puppets of the United States.

Of the 32 examples given by Helms, he noted that only 11 were openly launched by the Communist bloc. "The remaining 21, like cowbird's eggs slipped into other nests, were hatched in places that had no visible ties to the Communist world," Helms said.

An example of documentary deception surfaced by a known Communist organ, Helms said, is a forgery attributed by its authors to Nelson Rockefeller. In February 1957, an East German Communist newspaper published several pages of what purported to be a letter in the "original" English from Rockefeller to President Eisenhower.

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"The letter spelled out a cynical plan for American manipulation of military and economic aid in order to gain domination of the world," Helms said.

Of the 32 forged documents packaged to look like communications to or from American officials, 22 were meant to "demonstrate imperialist American plans and ambitions. Of these, 17 asserted U. S. interference in the affairs of the Communist-selected free world countries."

Some of the documents were never publicized, Helms said. An example was a letter in 1958 insulting the Shah of Iran supposedly written by the Secretary of State to Ambassador Chapin in Iran. It was channeled directly into the Iranian government.

Helms pointed out that not all Communist forgeries are attributed to the U. S. government. Several have been disguised as official documents of other pro-Western administrations.

Another technique is inventing of false intelligence reports designed to influence the policies of Free World governments.

The most recent technique, launched only last year, is warping a genuine American document to Communist purposes. The document used was a background study on U.S. foreign policy in Africa prepared at Northwestern University for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "They did not actually change some of the sentences in it. . .the body of the document was as originally printed, but they lifted certain key sentences and paragraphs out of context," Helms said.

Sometimes the forgeries are attributed to "phantom" organizations. Helms said a current "phantom" document is attributed to a group of American Negroes dubbed "African Friends Association."

"The pamphlet overflows with horror pictures and atrocity stories about the treatment of Negroes in America. . .The leaflet first appeared in Africa last November and it is still being circulated there. Thus far, it has turned up in 16 African countries. A French edition is making the rounds in the French-speaking areas...Technical analysis of the pamphlet has shown that it was printed in Eastern Europe, probably in East Germany," Helms said.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: February 20, 1962

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN

SUBJECT: RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS  
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PLANS  
 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

By memorandum dated February 15, 1962, I advised that Helms was to replace Richard Bissell as Deputy Director of Plans, CIA. This change was announced in the press on February 18, 1962. As previously pointed out, Helms will be in charge of all of the Agency's clandestine operations. He also will be a key figure in dealings between the Bureau and CIA.

Helms was born March 30, 1913, at St. Davids, Pennsylvania; He attended Carteret Academy, Orange, New Jersey, (a prep school), private schools in Germany and Switzerland and graduated from Williams College in 1935. He served as Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Navy from July 1, 1942, until March 19, 1946. During this particular period he was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). He has been employed with CIA and its predecessor organization, the Central Intelligence Group, from October 20, 1946, to the present date. Prior to World War II he was a newspaperman and was connected with the "Indianapolis Times" and United Press. He is married to Julia Helms who is the former wife of Frank Shields, President of the Barbasol Company.

In May, 1947, the Bureau initiated an investigation (Security Matter - C) of Helms on the basis of a letter sent to Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., former member of Congress, by [redacted] of Fairfax, California. In his letter [redacted] claimed that while connected with OSS Helms was responsible for sidetracking intelligence information which had been furnished by [redacted]. Helms was described by [redacted] as being communistically inclined. Bureau investigation did not develop any information indicating that Helms had been engaged in any communist activity. (100-350685) b7D

In 1947 he was investigated as an applicant for CIA by the Bureau. During the course of this investigation [redacted] who did not want his identity revealed in Bureau reports, reiterated the charges against Helms. Bureau investigation did not disclose any other derogatory information. Allen Dulles was listed as one of Helms' references at the time Bureau initiated the investigation. (118-2978) b7D

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. Sullivan  
 1 - Liaison  
 1 - Mr. Papich

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
RE: RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS

In 1955 Captain Lee Davis Lauren, a reserve officer, U. S. Air Force, advised the Bureau that Helms of CIA had been responsible more than any one else for hiring former OSS employees whom General William Donovan (former OSS Chief) had eliminated for security reasons. Upon being questioned, Lauren stated that the source of his information was Donald Surine who had served as assistant to Senator Joseph McCarthy. (118-2978).

In 1955 General Arthur S. Trudeau furnished the Bureau with a list of over 100 names of individuals in the U. S. Government whom he referred to as "Fabian Socialists." Included in this list was the name of Helms. (100-420468-14)

In December, 1956, Helms was described as friendly and cooperative with the Bureau. He had discussed "The FBI Story" by Don Whitehead with the Director at the Liaison Party on December 4, 1956, and the Director subsequently autographed a copy of "The FBI Story" for Helms' teenaged son who was described as a great admirer of the Director.

Helms made a speech on world communism at the conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Honolulu in September, 1957. The speech contained favorable reference to FBI cooperation with CIA. (62-35717-1633)

By memorandum dated November 29, 1961, a summary concerning CIA was prepared for the Director for his assistance in a meeting which was to be held with Mr. McCone. Helms was described as having been cooperative with the Bureau but we were not in a position to thoroughly evaluate his over-all capabilities. (62-80750-3882)

Over the years we have not had reason to maintain frequent contact with Helms. However, in all of our dealings with him he has been friendly and cooperative.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the enclosed letter from the Director be transmitted to Mr. Helms. congratulating him on his appointment.

A series of handwritten marks and signatures are present at the bottom of the page. From left to right, there is a stylized signature, the letters 'EJP', a checkmark, a signature that appears to be 'WJ', a large circular mark, and a signature that reads 'WCS' over 'JTB'.

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March 31, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. DE LOACH

*Richard Helms*  
President Lyndon B. Johnson called and asked what I knew of Mr. Helms, the head of the Planning Division of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). I stated I personally have only met him officially at various conferences, but I would check our files and check with our liaison man with CIA to find out what he thinks of him and let the President know. The President asked that it be on plain paper not showing it is connected with the FBI or the Department and be given to one of my men or Mr. DeLoach to give to him, the President, and nobody else unless it is Mildred Stegall or Marvin Watson. He stated he wanted my evaluation as to the man's weaknesses and strengths. The President stated that Clark Clifford thinks highly of J. Patrick Coyne and the people with whom he has to work and he, the President, wants to put them up as to ages, experience, training, et cetera.

Mr. Belmont's Office has been instructed to handle the above.

The President continued that there is another matter which is really not in my field but he guessed there was nothing with which I had not had some experience, but he had seven names for Ambassadors. One he did not think was the proper time to send up, but there were six others and he wanted me to look at these six again; that the Bureau still has investigations running on them. He stated an evaluation could be made and Mr. DeLoach could go over to the White House and give him, the President, my reactions. The President indicated he would have Marvin Watson call Mr. DeLoach and furnish him the names of the six individuals. The President stated we were bringing their investigations up to date now, but he wanted me to look these six over as they are the Nation's Ambassadors. I told the President I would take a look at them and let him know.

Mr. DeLoach has been advised regarding the above and instructed

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
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May 17, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

○ Mrs. Mildred Stegall has requested an FBI name check on Mr. Richard Helms, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1947 the FBI conducted an inquiry relative to Mr. Helms on the basis of an allegation made by [redacted] of Fairfax, California, to the effect that while connected with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in the early 1940's Helms was responsible for sidetracking intelligence information which had been furnished by [redacted]. Helms was described by [redacted] as being communistically inclined. The inquiry conducted by the FBI in 1947 did not develop any information indicating that Helms had been engaged in any communist activities. (100-350685) b7D

In 1957 Mr. Helms was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in connection with Mr. Helms' employment with the Central Intelligence Agency. During the course of this investigation [redacted] mentioned above, reiterated the charges against Helms; however, our inquiry did not disclose any other derogatory information relative to Helms. (118-2978) b7D

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1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Mohr 116-39738-1-111

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**Richard Helms**

In 1955 General Arthur S. Trudeau furnished the FBI with a list of over 100 names of individuals in the United States Government whom he referred to as "Fabian" Socialists. Included in this list was the name of Richard Helms.

Civil fingerprints were located in the files of the FBI Identification Division which may be identical with those of Mr. Richard Helms. These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the Identification Division and no arrest record was located.

Sincerely yours,

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

*Priority*  
MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI

DATE: May 13, 1965

FROM : Mildred Stegall

SUBJECT: FBI Investigation

Subject's Name RICHARD HELMS

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

MARVIN WATSON has requested:

- ☐ Copy of Previous Report
- ☒ Name Check
- ☐ Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

- ☐ White House staff position
- ☐ Presidential Appointment
- ☐ Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

- ☐ SF 86 (in duplicate)
- ☐ SF 87, Fingerprint Card
- ☐ Biography

REMARKS:

In connection with permanent White House Pass. Mr. Helms is the new Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency.

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REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: MILDRED STEGALL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM F. RABORN  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 6-18-66

1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Cregar

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News media have announced today that Admiral Raborn has resigned as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). On the afternoon of 6-18-66 Liaison learned the following from Howard Osborn, Director of Security, CIA:

The resignation of Admiral Raborn has come as quite a surprise to high officials within that Agency. As of 5:15 last evening, there was no indication at the Agency that Admiral Raborn had any intention of resigning. Osborn had a conversation with Mr. Richard Helms, Deputy Director, CIA, late afternoon of 6-17-66 at which time Helms gave no indication he was aware of Raborn's decision. Osborn is of the opinion that Helms did not know as of that time that Raborn planned to resign.

Although officials at CIA have no idea as to the reason for Raborn's decision, Osborn speculates that Raborn's decision results from a personal conflict between the President and Raborn. News media have indicated Raborn's decision to resign may have resulted from a conflict between Raborn and Senator Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Of the two possibilities, Liaison is of the belief Rayborn's resignation results from a personal conflict with the President rather than a conflict over members of Fulbright's committee having membership on the committee which oversees CIA operations.

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# Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: June 20, 1966

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN, JR.

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

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Helms will not officially become Director of CIA until he is confirmed by the Senate. There is set forth for the Director's use a summary of Helms' background:

Helms was born March 30, 1915, at Saint Davids, Pennsylvania. He attended Carteret Academy in New Jersey and private schools in Germany and Switzerland prior to attending Williams College, where he graduated in 1935. He served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy from July, 1942, until March, 1946, during which time he was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). He has been employed with CIA and its predecessor organization, the Central Intelligence Group, from October 20, 1946, to the present date. Prior to World War II, he was a newspaperman and was connected with the "Indianapolis Times" and with the United Press. He is married to Julia Helms, who is the former wife of Frank Shields, President of the Barbasol Company.

During the period 1946-1950, Helms handled various overseas intelligence assignments and was considered a specialist on Germany. He came to CIA Headquarters in 1950 and immediately became one of the key officials under the Deputy Director of Plans (responsible for CIA clandestine intelligence operations). He served as Chief of Operations under Frank Wisner and Richard Bissell during the period 1951-1962. In February, 1962, John McCone appointed Helms to succeed Bissell as Deputy Director of Plans. In April, 1965, Helms became Deputy Director of CIA at the same time that Raborn was appointed as Director.

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In 1955, Captain Lee Davis Lauren, a reserve officer, U.S. Air Force, advised the Bureau that Helms had been responsible more than anyone else for hiring former OSS employees whom General William Donovan (former OSS Chief) had eliminated

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RE: RICHARD HELMS  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

for security reasons. Upon being questioned, Lauren stated that the source of his information was Donald Surine, who had served as an Assistant to Senator Joseph McCarthy. (118-2978)

In 1947, the Bureau conducted an inquiry concerning Helms on the basis of an allegation made by [redacted] who charged Helms with being communistically inclined. The inquiry conducted by the Bureau in 1947 did not develop any information that Helms had been engaged in any communist activities. (100-350685)

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In 1955, General Arthur S. Trudeau furnished the Bureau with a list of over 100 names of individuals in the U. S. Government, whom he referred to as "Fabian Socialists." Included in this list was the name of Helms. (100-420468-14)

Over the years our dealings with Helms have been friendly and cooperative, and we believe we can get along with him satisfactorily at this time.

In 1965, the Director sent a letter to Helms congratulating him on his appointment as Deputy Director of the Agency. (62-80750-4306)

ACTION:

For information.

WCS  
H. [signature]

June 20, 1966

BY LIAISON  
PERSONAL

Honorable Richard Helms  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations on your promotion to the position as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I am sure the success which has characterized your career will continue with you in this assignment.

My associates and I are deeply grateful for the assistance and cooperation you have furnished us, and we look forward to a continuation of the relationship we have enjoyed with you. We want to express very best wishes for all possible success.

Sincerely yours,

1- Liaison Section

NOTE: Bureau relations with Helms have been friendly and cooperative and the Director wrote him in 1962 upon his appointment as Deputy Director of Plans and again in April, 1965, upon his appointment as Deputy Director. He met with the Director in April, 1965, after his appointment.

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WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID TODAY IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER A TAX INCREASE MIGHT BE NEEDED THIS YEAR. CABINET OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN SPECULATING ON THE MATTER ARE SPEAKING FOR THEMSELVES, HE SAID.

IN A WIDE-RANGING, 38-MINUTE NEWS CONFERENCE IN HIS OVAL OFFICE, JOHNSON ALSO:

--ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. RICHARD M. HELMS -- NOW DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA--WAS PICKED TO SUCCEED HIM.

--STRONGLY REAFFIRMED DETERMINATION TO PURSUE HIS PRESENT VIET NAM POLICY AND SAID HE BELIEVES THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SUPPORT IT.

--NAMED DR. SAMUEL M. NABRIT, PRESIDENT OF TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, AS A MEMBER OF THE AEC, THE FIRST NEGRO TO HOLD SUCH A POST.

--REAPPOINTED ROSEL H. HYDE, A REPUBLICAN, TO THE FCC AND DESIGNATED HIM TO SUCCEED E. WILLIAM HENRY AS FCC CHAIRMAN.

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June 20, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Richard Helms  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dick:

*HELMS*

I was certainly pleased to learn of your appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. This is indeed an expression of the respect and esteem you enjoy and a well-deserved recognition of your ability. You have my very best wishes for every possible success as you assume your new responsibilities.

Sincerely,

*Clyde*  
Clyde Tolson

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : The Director

DATE: *June 20 1966*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

**Page 12896. The Senate received the following Executive nomination: Richard Helms, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.**

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July 20, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. SULLIVAN

Yesterday evening, Mr. Bill Moyers, Press Secretary to the President, called me by phone and stated the President had asked him to get in touch with me relative to a situation concerning Director Richard Helms of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Mr. Moyers told me that Helms had written a letter to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat praising an editorial appearing in that paper entitled, "Brickbat for Fulbright."

Mr. Moyers stated that Helms had been lured into appearing before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, of which Senator Fulbright is Chairman, this morning and the President desired that I get in touch with Mr. Helms and give him some advice and counsel as to how to handle himself so as to avoid the greatest embarrassment.

I communicated with Mr. Helms by telephone last evening and advised him of the request of the President for me to talk to him about his appearance before the Fulbright Committee this morning. I stated that as he, Mr. Helms, well knew, Senator Fulbright controlled the Committee by a substantial majority and that my advice to him, Mr. Helms, would be to have someone in his organization who might know Senator Mundt and Senator Hickenlooper, contact these Senators to ask questions that would bring out the basic facts as both Senator Mundt and Senator Hickenlooper were considered favorable to CIA.

I also advised Mr. Helms that while I thought he should, of course, be courteous in his appearance before the Committee, he should not in any way cringe, as he would certainly then lose all face with the Committee which would in the future, no doubt, make it quite miserable for him.

Mr. Helms expressed his appreciation for the advice which I gave him and said he would certainly follow it.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Sullivan

July 29, 1966

Mr. Helms did not tell me at the time that he had already personally apologized to Senator Fulbright for having written a letter complimenting the St. Louis Globe-Democrat upon its editorial. I learned this this morning when I read the articles in the press.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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—UPI Photo  
**HELMS AT THE HELM** — President Johnson congratulated Richard M. Helms after the latter was sworn in as director of the CIA yesterday at a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. Mr. Helms, 53, a career man in national security intelligence, succeeds Admiral William F. Raborn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : The Director

DATE: 6-29-66

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 12871. The Senate confirmed the following Executive nomination: Richard Helms, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 28, 1966

FROM : J. H. Gale

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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT

(LETTER TO EDITOR  
FROM CIA DIRECTOR HELMS)

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At 8:00 p.m., July 28, 1966, SAC T. J. Gearty of the St. Louis Office telephonically contacted the Bureau in response to Mr. DeLoach's telephone call to him earlier in the evening and spoke to SA Orvis J. Auerswald on duty in the Special Investigative Division. SAC Gearty advised the following articles appeared in the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

July 18, 1966, edition:

## BRICKBAT FOR FULBRIGHT

Senator J. W. Fulbright has been given his come-uppance by the Senate. The Senate resoundingly defeated the Fulbright move to put the CIA properly under his Foreign Relations Committee. The crafty Arkansan had sought to take away some of the duties of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committee whose ranking members have exclusive supervision of CIA. After a heated debate in an extraordinary closed session the Senate voted 61 to 28 to send the Fulbright resolution to the Senate Armed Services Committee chaired by Senator Richard B. Russell who severely attacked Fulbright's attempt to "muscle into" responsibilities of the Armed Services Committee. This was tantamount to killing the resolution. Fulbright's proposal should have been doomed from the start. It could mean the end of the CIA if the agency were subjected to the claws of the militant doves of Fulbright's committee. The resolution should never have been offered. The CIA has long been one of our most valuable agencies in foreign affairs. Its accomplishments are legion. The Senate properly rebuked Senator Fulbright and gave the CIA a sound vote of confidence.

The following article appeared on the editorial page under "Machbag" of the July 27, 1966, edition of the St. Louis Globe Democrat:

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
Re: Newspaper Articles  
St. Louis Globe Democrat

CIA HEAD PLEASED

To the Editor: I want to let you know of my pleasure in reading the editorial "Brickbat for Fulbright" in the Globe Democrat of July 18.

It reflects so well your paper's policy of "printing the news impartially, supporting what it believes to be right and opposing what it believes to be wrong without regard to party politics."  
Richard Helms, Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C.

ACTION

For information.

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## Commended Paper's Anti-Fulbright Stand

# Senators Rebuke CIA

## Chief for Writing Letter

By George Lardner Jr.  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Central Intelligence Agency director Richard Helms was handed a spanking in the Senate yesterday for his letter-writing habits.

Even members of the Senate's exclusive CIA oversight committee said they were shocked.

Helms, Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.) told his colleagues, had written a Letter to the Editor.

Not just any letter, mind you, but a letter commending the St. Louis Globe-Democrat for an editorial entitled "Brickbats for Fulbright."

"It was entirely out of place for him to have done that," McCarthy said, sinking the dagger into the CIA chief's cloak. "We are told that the CIA does not participate in domestic politics. This is a new departure."

The July 18 editorial rapped Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) for his Foreign Relations



The Washington Post  
RICHARD HELMS

tions Committee's unsuccessful move to win three seats on the CIA oversight committee. It said the Senate had properly "rebuked" the "crafty Arkansan."

In a letter published by the

Globe Democrat on Wednesday, the CIA director said: "I want to let you know of my pleasure in reading the editorial, 'Brickbats for Fulbright' . . . It reflects so well your paper's policy of 'printing the news impartially, supporting what it believes to be right, and opposing what it believes to be wrong without regard to party politics.'"

McCarthy, who had offered the unsuccessful CIA resolution, said he supposed the editorial was "within the bounds of irresponsibility that should be allowed an editor."

But he envisioned future election campaigns with CIA letters commending criticisms of all sorts of Senators.

Helms, McCarthy said, "owes an apology not only to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and to every Senator who voted for the resolution, but to every member of the United States Senate."

Senate Majority Leader



From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) called Helms' letter "a most serious matter" and hoped "it will not become a habit with him."

(In recent weeks, Helms has also written letters partly supporting Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.), who is facing misconduct charges, and backing an undercover CIA agent facing a slander suit.)

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.), agreed the Globe-Democrat letter was "very, very questionable." Sen. Milton Young (R-N.D.) said it was "a

shock" to him. And Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.) called it "very unfortunate."

Fulbright said their words had the sound of music, coming as they did from three members of the oversight committee. He took the occasion to report rumors he'd heard of CIA dabbling in other "domestic affairs," such as various labor union elections.

"This is one of the problems you run into when you promote a career man," McCarthy said of Helms who took over as CIA director last month. "But he's a good fellow. I expect he'll adjust in time."

The spanking ended with a report from Saltonstall, who had stepped off the floor to call Helms.

"I asked Mr. Helms if he had written the letter and he said he had," the Senator announced. "He said it was a mistake and he was sorry."

Helms later said he also called Fulbright and said he was sorry again.

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# "Maybe I Should Have Used The Good Old Invisible Ink"



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : The Director

DATE:

*July 29, 1966*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

*Ref*

**Pages 16877-16881. Senator McCarthy, (D) Minnesota, spoke concerning a letter printed in the July 27, 1966, issue of the Globe-Democrat sent to the editor by Richard Helms, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The letter was commending the paper for an editorial entitled "Brickbats for Fairbrigt" which appeared in the Globe-Democrat on July 18th. Mr. McCarthy stated: "I suggest that such action by the head of this agency, which depends upon funds from some appropriation—how the money is appropriated is immaterial—is entirely out of order; and we ought to request assurance from the writer of this letter that this policy will be discontinued." Several other Senators joined Mr. McCarthy in his remarks.**

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*Memorandum*

TO : The Director

DATE: 8-1-66

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

**Pages 16334-16335. Senator Morse, (D) Oregon, requested to have printed in the Record a statement he issued expressing the view that Richard Helms should resign as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Morse stated "Mr. Helms could hardly wait for confirmation before he twice intruded himself and the CIA in domestic politics and the business of the United States Senate. Taken alone, his letter of public praise to a newspaper for its editorial abuse of the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concerning an issue that is the business of the Senate disqualifies him for further useful service in his present capacity."**

**Page A4015. Congressman Scheuer, (D) New York, commented on the letter to the editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat written by Richard Helms, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, praising that newspaper for its editorial attack against the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Scheuer stated "This country cannot tolerate our most secret and sensitive intelligence organization injecting itself into domestic politics. There is already deep concern among many thoughtful Members of both Houses of Congress as to the role of the CIA in our foreign policy. - - - I urge that the proper committees of Congress make a thorough scrutiny of Mr. Helms recent conduct and determine his fitness to continue in this highly sensitive and demanding post."**

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October 17, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Richard Helms  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

*To Richard Helms  
with photo  
10/19/66  
PDB*

Dear Mr. Helms:

It was certainly a pleasure to see you  
in my office last Friday. Enclosed is a copy of the  
photograph made at that time which I thought you  
might like to have as a memento of the occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick  
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/12/66

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS  
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)  
REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR

On 10/11/66, Richard Helms, Director, CIA, advised Agent Papich that he would like to pay a courtesy call to the Director. Helms explained that he had this in mind ever since he became Director of the Agency, but he has been holding his request in abeyance until he "had his feet on the ground." Helms stated that he had no plans to bring up any matters of official business. He did give some indication that he might express his concern to the Director on the subject of Soviet and communist propaganda attacks against the Bureau and CIA.

Helms stated that if convenient to the Director he would be free to call at the Bureau Friday afternoon, 10/14/66, or any afternoon during the week of 10/17 - 21/66.

ACTION:

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If approved, the Liaison Agent will transmit the Director's reply to Mr. Helms.

There is enclosed a brief for the Director's assistance in the event he meets with Helms.

Enclosure

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- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. Papich

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October 12, 1966

RICHARD HELMS  
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)  
BRIEF - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR

1-Miss Holmes  
1-Mr. DeLoach  
1-Mr. Sullivan  
1-Mr. Branigan  
1-Liaison  
1-Mr. Papich

PERSONAL HISTORY DATA:

Helms was born March 30, 1915, at Saint Davids, Pennsylvania, attended Carteret Academy, New Jersey, private schools in Europe and graduated from Williams College in 1935. He served in the U. S. Navy from July, 1942, until March, 1946, during which period he was also assigned to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). He has been employed with CIA and its predecessor organization, the Central Intelligence Group, since October, 1946. Prior to World War II he was a newspaperman and was connected with the Indianapolis Times and the United Press. He is married to Julia Helms, the former wife of Frank Shields, President of the Barbasol Company.

During the period 1946 - 1950 Helms handled various intelligence assignments in foreign countries and was considered a specialist on Germany. He came to CIA Headquarters in 1950 and immediately became one of the key officials in the organization. In February, 1962, John McCone appointed Helms to serve as Deputy Director of Plans. He became Deputy Director of the Agency in April, 1965, when Raborn succeeded McCone. He was sworn in as Director of CIA on June 30, 1966.

RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU:

We have had occasion to deal with Helms on numerous matters for a period of approximately 15 years. The relationship has been friendly and cordial. He has been cooperative and very definitely careful not to become involved in any conflicts with the Bureau. He has a very significant respect for the Director.

We do have one glaring example of an uncalled-for breach of security which has affected relations between the two Agencies. Early in September, 1966, we developed information indicating that Senator Robert C. Byrd (D - WV) was in possession of Bureau documents and that everything indicated that this material may have come from CIA. The facts were given to CIA and we made it emphatically clear to Helms that unless the Agency could prove to our satisfaction that it

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**RICHARD HELMS**  
**BRIEF - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR**

was not involved, we were lodging a strong protest. To Helms' credit we did not get mere lip service because he immediately initiated an investigation and the Agency has determined that two of its employees were involved in the submission of a name check request to the Bureau and the subsequent receipt of Bureau information which was passed on to "persons outside of CIA." CIA is continuing its interrogation of the employees and we are awaiting details concerning the identity of the person or persons involved outside of CIA.

Although the information involved in the foregoing instance was not of a sensitive nature, this does not minimize the gravity of the situation when one recognizes the potential for such gross mishandling of security.

**CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF BUREAU BUSINESS:**

The volume of communications (reports, memoranda, letters, teletypes) between the Bureau and CIA is approximately four times as large as it was in 1955. Both Agencies have become involved in numerous sensitive operations particularly in the Soviet field. The operations have been of such a nature to require efficient coordination. New approaches and techniques by the Soviets have hit both Agencies. We have been able to handle all business with CIA, some of which has been extremely delicate, with a minimum of conflicts.

**REPUTATION:**

The appointment of Helms as Director of CIA was generally well received within the Agency because he was the first Director who came to that position from the ranks. He has been referred to as a professional intelligence officer fully qualified for his job. He has his critics who sometimes have referred to him as a "smoothy" or an "Ivy League dandy." He can be easily underestimated because he does operate very quietly behind the scenes. He has numerous connections in Congress, in the journalistic world and in high levels of both political parties. From all indications officials in the "U. S. intelligence community" have accepted Helms with an outlook of "wait and see."

**STATUS AT WHITE HOUSE:**

He is completely subservient to the President and has been going to extremes to avoid irritating the President

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**RICHARD HELMS**  
**BRIEF - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR**

in any manner whatsoever. He has established what appears to be a good working relationship with Bill Moyers.

**HIS PROBLEMS:**

Helms got off to a bad start as Director of CIA as a result of some adverse publicity which has not ceased. Shortly after he became Director, a letter was sent from CIA over Helms' signature to the St. Louis Globe Democrat which was somewhat critical of Senator Fulbright. The newspaper published the letter and Helms immediately was the target of widespread criticism for becoming involved in political business. He ended up by apologizing to Fulbright.

Not long after, one of his employees, Hans Tofte, went to the press and the television media criticizing CIA for illegally searching his home, using Gestapo police tactics, etc. CIA had learned that Tofte had collected a large volume of classified material which he had been keeping in his home. Agency employees went into the house and confiscated the material which led to Tofte's complaint including the charge that \$20,000 of jewelry had disappeared. Tofte is now attacking the Agency as being badly disorganized and generally incompetent.

Helms, of course, has inherited problems which have been with CIA since its inception. This includes many deficiencies resulting from tremendous administrative superstructure, lack of sufficient discipline, and continued presence of misfits.

Every CIA Director has had to live with the headaches which go with U. S. involvement in political action activities in foreign countries. Helms is no exception. The classic goof by CIA in this area was the Bay of Pigs fiasco. Under Helms, CIA's political action activity has been considerably restricted pursuant to orders from the White House. Nevertheless, the Agency is still involved in various countries and is, therefore, always vulnerable to potential embarrassment and criticism on the charge of being part of the "invisible government."

CIA is a regular target of propaganda attacks by the Soviets and communists throughout the world. These attacks are taking place through the press, radio, books, etc.

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RICHARD HELMS  
BRIEF - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR

Much of the material is fabricated. All of this concerns Helms because he personally has become a key target. He possibly could make reference to this particular item when he meets with the Director.

CIA is continually under heavy pressure to produce high quality intelligence in areas such as Cuba and North Vietnam. It is our assessment that CIA has not been able to deliver with any outstanding effectiveness. The Agency has not been successful in infiltrating those areas with measurable success.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

It is possible that CIA has made some significant score in an intelligence operation which has not come to the attention of the Bureau. Based on information coming to our attention, there has been no unusual accomplishment by the Agency since Helms became Director in June, 1966. CIA does continue to collect highly valuable intelligence through sophisticated coverage such as high altitude photography. This goes on in collaboration with the Air Force.

CIA ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES:

In 1964 we initiated discussions with CIA concerning the establishment of ground rules relative to the Agency's activities in the United States. These rules were instituted and have been refined to some extent. We have had a minimum of differences or conflicts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/17/66

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS  
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)  
MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR, 10/14/66

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PAPICH

Richard Helms met with the Director on 10/14/66.  
Present was Liaison Agent Papich.

There was a general discussion concerning the President's trip to the Pacific and the Director expressed concern for the President's safety in view of the wide exposure to Asiatic types who would not hesitate to sacrifice their lives in order to carry out a mission. Helms was particularly concerned about security problems in Manila. The Director referred to the valuable cooperation the Bureau is receiving from countries in the travel area where we have National Academy graduates.

The Director briefly reviewed the problems faced by the Bureau in handling technical surveillances. He emphasized that the Bureau always has been very direct and specific when presenting its position on this particular subject. He commented regarding the need of technical coverage to "fight fire with fire," but he very clearly stressed that it was necessary to maintain a control whereby approval is granted in each case from an appropriate authority such as the Attorney General.

Helms referred to the case of the Bureau information which was leaked to Senator Byrd of West Virginia and which involved CIA employees. Helms apologized for the uncalled-for activity and stated that the "culprits" had been identified and that appropriate disciplinary action was to be initiated.

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1 - Miss Holmes  
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1 - Mr. Papich

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Memorandum Brennan to Sullivan

RE: RICHARD HELMS

DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR, 10/14/66

The CIA Director referred to CIA's problems emanating from the Hans Tofte case. Tofte is the former CIA employee who has been denouncing CIA and has been publicly commenting concerning the Agency's activities. The Director stated that unauthorized disclosure of classified information has always been a perplexing problem; that it was absolutely wrong; and that there was a need for appropriate legislation.

There was a general discussion concerning the threat of Soviet Intelligence; Soviet propaganda attacks against the Bureau and CIA, the value of double agents and the lack of honesty and objectivity by some newspapers and columnists.

Helms later informed Agent Papich that the meeting was a highlight in his career. He was most impressed with the Director's vigor, his articulate presentation on several difficult problems and his up-to-date knowledge on a variety of significant matters. Helms expressed the hope that he could see the Director from time to time because he felt that discussions coupled with the Director's vast experience and unusual insight into problems served as extremely valuable assistance to him. Helms was very grateful to have the opportunity to be photographed with the Director.

ACTION:

For information.

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January 3, 1967

BY LIAISON

Honorable Richard Helms  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

Enclosed is a copy of the January, 1967,  
issue of "The Investigator," the employee publication of  
the FBI, which has just been released. I thought you  
might like to have this copy as your photograph appears  
on page 22 in connection with your visit to FBI Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

1 - Liaison Unit

NOTE: Address and salutation per Director's letter dated 10-17-66.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS/p*

DATE: 1/5/67

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

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On 1/4/67, Richard Helms, Director, CIA, asked the Liaison Agent to convey his sincere appreciation for the Director's thoughtful transmittal of the January, 1967, issue of "The Investigator," which contained a photograph of the Director and Mr. Helms.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DM*

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS, DIRECTOR  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DATE: March 11, 1968

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Richard Helms furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on March 7, 1968:

On the evening of March 6, 1968, Helms attended a reception at the Iranian Embassy. While engaged in a conversation with Senator Symington, Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin came up and greeted the Senator. Symington introduced Helms, and a few moments later Helms quietly left the two.

On the afternoon of March 7, 1968, Maxine Cheshire, Society Editor for "The Washington Post," contacted Senator Symington and told him that she had seen the Senator, Helms, and the Soviet Ambassador together at the Iranian Embassy affair. Miss Cheshire inquired if this was the first meeting between Helms and Dobrynin. The Senator told her that as far as he knew Helms may have met Dobrynin at some other social gathering. The Senator wanted to call this to Helms's attention since he received the impression that Miss Cheshire may have had in mind to write some kind of article emphasizing the significance of Helms's meeting with Dobrynin.

Helms advised that he has seen Dobrynin at other affairs, but this was the first time that he was introduced to the Soviet Ambassador. He stated that he did not engage in any conversation with the Soviet.

## ACTION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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Honorable Richard Helms  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

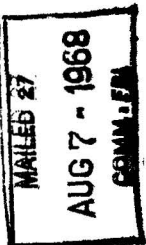
Dear Mr. Helms:

Thank you for your letter of August 2nd  
and I appreciate your kind comments concerning my  
message in the August issue of the FBI Law Enforce-  
ment Bulletin. It is certainly encouraging to receive  
your expression of support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Miss Gandy ✓

2 August 1968

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I had occasion to read your "Message from the Director" dated 1 August in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. I simply wanted to say how much I agree with it and, without being gratuitous, commend you for speaking out so forthrightly. We need more of this in the country these days.

Always cordially,

*Richard Helms*  
Richard Helms

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# Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 18, 1969

FROM: D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: NEW LEFT IN EUROPE

COMMENTS OF RICHARD HELMS

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

1 - C.D. DeLoach  
1 - W.C. Sullivan  
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1 - W.A. Branigan  
1 - G.C. Moore  
1 - R.D. Cotter  
1 - A.W. Gray  
1 - W.R. Wannall  
1 - Liaison  
1 - S.J. Papich

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## SYNOPSIS:

Richard Helms, Director, CIA, recently conferred with and received briefings from intelligence chiefs in Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, France, and Holland. Included in briefings was subject of the New Left. Helms advised Liaison Agent July 16, 1969, that briefings and discussions disclosed: (1) the similarities in the history and development of the New Left in the United States and in Europe, (2) the tremendous and often underestimated influence of mass communication media (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.), (3) no intelligence service produced evidence that New Left leaders or organizations were dominated or controlled by communist bloc intelligence services or by a communist party; Cuban intelligence service in France did have contact with students but not to the extent of being a dominating influence, (4) police in Europe have learned that most riots can be prevented or controlled by having adequate advance intelligence information and then moving in with massive manpower, (5) no evidence that New Left groups and leaders are being financed by communist bloc countries. Money coming from wealthy donors, affluent parents of leaders, and fund collection drives, (6) Soviets do not find it necessary to employ any extensive machinery to achieve results because social and political conditions in all countries offer the necessary ingredients for development of student agitation, (7) all intelligence services agree that employment of technical surveillances, mail coverage, etc. are necessary techniques.

## ACTION:

For information.

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Memorandum D.J. Brennan to W.C. Sullivan  
RE: NEW LEFT IN EUROPE  
COMMENTS OF RICHARD HELMS  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

DETAILS:

Richard Helms, Director, CIA, recently returned from a three-week trip to Europe, where he conferred with intelligence chiefs in Great Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Holland. He was afforded extensive briefings among which included the subject of the New Left. You may be interested in the following comments which were volunteered by Helms to the Liaison Agent on July 16, 1969.

The briefings brought out two very distinctive factors, namely, (1) the similarities in the history and the development of New Left activities in Europe and in the United States, (2) the tremendous and usually underestimated influence of mass communication media (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.). Helms explained that most of the universities in Europe are experiencing the same problems as our institutions in the United States and most of the student leaders come from affluent sectors of European society. A riot or demonstration taking place in one country is being viewed on TV by students in another country. It is not necessary for radical groups to set up elaborate means of communicating needed knowledge when practically all of the significant information is being visually transmitted to several countries. This even includes the revelation of techniques being employed on the streets to disrupt local law enforcement. In each country where Helms visited, the authorities emphasized the failure of the average citizen to fully appreciate the significance of mass media influence.

In the countries visited, Helms did not receive any evidence whatsoever indicating that New Left leaders or organizations were being dominated or controlled by communist bloc intelligence services or by any communist party. In Paris he was told that the Cuban intelligence service through its propaganda and contacts did get involved with French students but never to the point of affording any control or direction.

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RE: NEW LEFT IN EUROPE  
COMMENTS OF RICHARD HELMS  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

Police services in all of the countries were unanimous in concluding practically all riots can be prevented or rapidly placed under control if (1) adequate advance intelligence information is obtained regarding preparations for the meeting and (2) the police make certain that they appear in the area with "mass manpower."

None of the intelligence services have come up with any evidence to clearly show that New Left leaders or organizations are being financed by any communist bloc country. Experience so far shows that the funds are coming from donations from wealthy supporters, from affluent parents of some of the leaders, and from fund collection drives sponsored by various organizations.

With regard to the position of the Soviet Government, Helms was told that so far it has not been necessary for the Soviets to set up any elaborate, clandestine machinery for the promotion of the New Left disruption activity. The intelligence chiefs all agree that the social and political conditions in all of the countries provide all the necessary ingredients for fomenting unrest, and it is only necessary for the Soviets to follow and profit from the developments. The intelligence services agree that the Soviets undoubtedly are looking at radical students as potential recruits and indirectly they must be affording some guidance. It was stressed to Helms that conditions do not make it necessary for the Soviets to expend a lot of manpower or to show their hand; so much is taking place without the assistance or involvement of the Russians.

Helms learned that the foreign services have been slow in appreciating the significance of the threat of black nationalists such as the Black Panthers. Most of the foreigners look at the

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

Black Panthers as strictly a U.S. problem, and there has been a reluctance to become actively involved in coverage of these individuals when they travel to the various European countries. Helms is hoping that he can improve this situation through the various CIA offices.

Wherever Helms traveled, it was agreed that for any intelligence or internal security service to acquire the intelligence information needed, it was absolutely necessary to employ techniques such as technical surveillances, mail coverage, etc. This is no problem in Europe because most countries application of such techniques is considered an elementary tool for the internal security service involved.

*W.C.* *2/22/68*

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To: ☒ Director

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# THE MAN MOST LIKELY TO TAKE OVER THE F.B.I.



Next January, John Edgar Hoover — a legend in his own lifetime—retires as America's F.B.I. chief at the age of 74. Whoever succeeds him will not find the job easy for Hoover, in Lyndon Johnson's words, is "a hero to millions." But the man most likely to try is Richard McGarrah Helms, Director of Central Intelligence for America's C.I.A., and strongly tipped for Hoover's job.

Helms

From editorial page of Oct. 2, 1969 issue of "South China Morning Post" Hong Kong, B.C.C.

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ENCLOSURE



HE sits behind a massive, glass-topped desk in Room 75706 on the seventh floor of a skyscraper block at Langley, Virginia.

He is over six feet tall, thin, dark-haired and good looking. And on his broad shoulders rests the huge responsibility of controlling a multi-million dollar espionage organisation with branches throughout the world.

### Likely successor

His name is Richard McGarrath Helms, Director of Central Intelligence for America's CIA — the man who, according to influential circles in Washington, is the most likely successor to John Edgar Hoover when the FBI boss retires in January.

The transition from being his country's top spy to becoming the world's most powerful police chief will not be easy. As for former American President, Lyndon Johnson has said: "Hoover is a hero to millions of people, and an anathema to evil men."

But if any man can do it, it is Helms.

As personalities, Helms and Hoover have much in common. Both are profes-

sionals in the true meaning of the word, and both are softly-spoken men of great intelligence, renowned for their utter honesty and complete lack of political ties. They are also sticklers for hard work.

Although 74 years of age, Hoover is in his office by 8.30 every morning and rarely leaves before 6.30 p.m. And when a big case breaks, he works round the clock, personally directing his men and taking all the major decisions.

Bureau of Investigation, the job he has held ever since and through which he has become a legend in his own lifetime.

Indeed, President Johnson actually passed a special law to allow Hoover to remain in office after his seventieth birthday.

Richard Helms, on the other hand, has followed a variety of careers. Born in March, 1913, in St. David's, Pennsylvania — the fashionable suburb of Philadelphia — he never knew the hardships

### By DAVID LEWIS

Helms, too, works long hours and is frequently in his office to well past midnight.

But there is one big difference; whereas Hoover is a violent anti-communist, Helms most certainly is not. He is by no means a liberal, but a close associate explained: "He doesn't follow the FBI-style hard-line anti-communist policy."

The careers of the two men have also followed very different patterns. Hoover started working for the government when he was eighteen, carrying messages in the Library of Congress by day, and studying law by night.

In 1917, he joined the U.S. Bureau of Justice and gained rapid promotion. By 1924, aged 29, he was head of the

His family were wealthy and, soon after his birth, moved to Europe. He was educated at schools in France and Germany and grew up fluent in both languages. Leaving school he joined United Press as a European reporter and scooped his colleagues by gaining exclusive interviews with Hitler. He left reporting and became an advertising executive.

During the Second World War, he joined the Navy, then volunteered for the Office of Strategic Service — the famous OSS which was later renamed the CIA.

After the war he stayed in Intelligence, rising slowly but with increasing certainty to the top. But internal and



external political pressures thwarted him of the big prize when former CIA chief John Alex McCone retired.

Instead, President Johnson brought in an outside man — Admiral "Red" Raborn. It was a disastrous move. After serving for only fourteen months — the shortest period of any CIA head — Raborn left for a job in industry. This time, Helms was not by-passed.

### Political intrigue

When Hoover joined the FBI, the organization was corrupt and riddled with political intrigue. He immediately cleaned it up and formed a powerful weapon to fight the increasing number of gangsters springing up in the wake of prohibition.

It is said that in his entire career Hoover has, personally, only arrested one man. It happened in 1936 when his no-arrest record was becoming the subject of sarcastic comment in the Senate.

Hoover decided to prove his skill and courage by arresting notorious gangster Alvin Karpis, who was then listed as America's Public Enemy Number One. Karpis was so confident of remaining free that he once boasted he would stroll into the FBI headquarters and gun Hoover down. This confidence proved to be his undoing. Hoover flew down to New Orleans with a team of hand-picked men. And when Karpis one day strolled to his car, surrounded by his bodyguards, Hoover pounced. He raced down the pavement with his men and, before the startled gangsters could reach for their guns, Hoover had grabbed Karpis.

"Put the handcuffs on him," he yelled. But to their embarrassment none of the agents had brought a pair...

So Karpis was bound with Hoover's tie!

That was Hoover's one and only arrest. But his force of 6,000 agents, in 55 field offices and 500 well-placed sub-offices throughout the country, have been welded into a powerful organization which, many experts believe, is the greatest crime fighting force in the world.

Certainly the man who heads it has incredible authority. The FBI boss virtually has a free hand to counter political and criminal subversion in whatever way he likes.

It was Hoover's violent hatred of communism which led to the break-up of the party's open organization in the States. At one time so many of his agents had been infiltrated that it was said, quite seriously, that only their subscriptions kept it going.

Because of this, the work of the FBI and CIA have frequently overlapped often with serious results. So perhaps Helms's expected transfer will not be such a great step after all.

### Scandal

Another reason why Helms is strongly fancied to take over at the FBI is the increasing criticism being directed against the CIA.

The scandal of the "Green Berets" in Vietnam, where eight men are held on a charge of conspiring to murder a double-agent, has dent-ed still further the Agency's unpopular image. Only a few days ago Helms was attacked by the U.S. Secretary of State for trying to stir up trouble between Russia and China over their border dispute.

All of which may suggest to President Nixon that a new broom in both departments wouldn't do any harm. And a less aggressive anti-communist line by the FBI, he could feel, might well encourage Moscow/Washington relations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: February 14, 1970

FROM : R. I. Shroder

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shroder  
1 - Mr. Schutz  
1 - [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS THREAT AGAINST  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
DIRECTOR HELMS AND PRESIDENT  
NIXON, POSTMARKED AT MORGANTOWN,  
WEST VIRGINIA, 2-11-70  
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

At 9:48 a. m., 2-14-70, Duty Officer [redacted] of the  
Central Intelligence Agency telephonically advised Extra-Duty Supervisor  
[redacted] that a letter had been received by Central Intelligence Agency  
addressed to Director Helms which contained a threat against both Helm  
and President Nixon. The envelope was postmarked 2-11-70, at Morgar  
town, West Virginia, and contained a scrap of paper with the message  
"I'm going to kill you after I kill the President." [redacted] stated he  
has advised Secret Service of receipt of the above and that Secret Service  
is handling the matter and is picking up the letter from Central Intelligence  
Agency.

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4649 Garfield Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

December 17, 1982

OUTSIDE SOURCE

*W*  
The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Bill:

I was saddened to note that four Bureau agents were killed in an airplane crash. I know what a blow it is to lose fine officers even in an accident of this kind. In addition, the tragedy for the families tends to cast a pall over the entire organization. Please accept on behalf of all concerned my heartfelt condolences.

Sadly,

*Rich*  
Richard Helms

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January 20, 1983

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. Richard Helms  
4649 Garfield Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Dick:

I just wanted to send this short note to thank you on behalf of the entire FBI family for your warm letter of understanding and condolence following the tragic airplane crash which took the lives of four of our Agents. We appreciate your thinking of us and sharing in our loss, and I know the family members are also deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness and concern.

Sincerely,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster  
Director

NOTE: Salutation per prior correspondence.

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WILLIAM WEBSTER

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VAGUE THREATS AGAINST PRESIDENT CARTER, RICHARD HELMS, AND  
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# Prosecution Of Helms Ruled Out

By Bob Woodward  
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Justice Department announced yesterday that former Central Intelligence Agency Director Richard M. Helms and others will not be prosecuted for their roles in a 1971 break-in at a Fairfax photo studio.

Helms' attorney, Edward Bennett Williams, said afterward that the Justice Department decision means the current CIA director, George Bush, has the right to approve break-ins if he deems them necessary to protect national security.

Williams applauded the move not to prosecute Helms as "an unusually smart decision" and noted that the 1947 National Security Act imposed an obligation on the CIA director to protect security.

"If the government has a right to conduct electronic surveillance," Williams said, "then it has a right to make surreptitious entry."

He said that Helms believes the law should be changed so that the CIA director does not have such power.

Informed sources in the Justice Department reported last month that they expected Helms to be prosecuted on a misdemeanor charge after he acknowledged that he personally approved the break-in to gather information about a former CIA employee suspected of a security violation.

The Justice Department investigation involved the Feb. 19, 1971, break-in at the now-defunct Roland Studio on the second floor of 10419 Main St. in Fairfax City. Three Fairfax City policemen apparently cooperated by ensuring that no one interrupted the CIA break-in team.

The Justice Department was prepared to take the matter to the grand jury for prosecution last month be-

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# U.S. Won't Prosecute Helms

## HELMS, From A1

fore department attorneys began a series of three meetings with Williams, according to government sources.

In an unusual press release—the Justice Department rarely announces a decision not to prosecute—Attorney General Edward H. Levi said the department concluded that the case did not meet a Supreme Court standard set in a 1945 decision.

The standard, according to the press release, would require the Justice Department to show that Helms “willfully” deprived an individual of a specific and well-defined constitutional right” by approving the break-in.

Justice Department sources said that Helms clearly thought he had the authority to approve a break-in and did so to complete a security investigation of Deborah Fitzgerald, who ran the photo studio.

“It was impossible to prove he (Helms) had intent to violate anyone's civil rights,” one Justice Department source said yesterday. “It is regrettable that this puts him out of reach of the law and many seem to be an endorsement of breaking and entering,” the source added.

The 1947 law setting up the CIA says, “The director of central intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.”

Under this law Justice Department attorneys said they felt Helms could rea-

sonably argue the protection required extraordinary means.

On the other hand, the attorneys said, there was evidence indicating the break-in was approved to close out the security violation investigation and the CIA had no evidence that the national security was in immediate danger.

The photo studio was run by Fitzgerald and Orlando Nunez, a former middle-level official in the Castro government in Cuban.

Sources said that both were under CIA surveillance after Fitzgerald, while working in the records division of the CIA, tried to

find out what CIA files existed on Nunez, Fitzgerald and Nunez have since married and separated.

Levi said that the decision not to prosecute Helms, now ambassador to Iran, was based on recommendations of Deputy Attorney General Harold R. Tyler Jr. and Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger, head of the Civil Rights Division and in charge of the investigation.

The break-in, but not Helms' role in it, was first publicly revealed last year by a presidential commission headed by Vice President Rockefeller in a report on CIA abuses.

The Justice Department did not specify others who would not be prosecuted in the Fairfax break-in, but reliable sources said that Richard Ober, a CIA official now assigned to the National Security Council, was one of those under investigation in the case.

A separate Justice Department investigation into possible perjury by Helms is continuing. This investigation focuses on Helms' sworn testimony denying a CIA role in domestic surveillance and in providing covert support to certain political factions in Cuba.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

1 - Mr. E. S. Miller  
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar

TO: Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 12/14/72

FROM: W. O. Cregar

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS  
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
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Miss Gandy

Following the regularly scheduled meeting of the United States Intelligence Board this morning, Mr. Helms called a short Executive Session. His purpose was to advise members regarding his future in view of the extensive speculation appearing in the newspapers regarding his leaving the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Helms stated that he plans to retire in the very near future although he gave no specific date. It is to be noted that Helms will be 60 years old in March of 1973. He has enforced a rule making it mandatory that employees retire from active service with CIA upon reaching the age of 60.

Helms noted that he has absolutely no idea who might succeed him as the Director of CIA other than that which he reads in the newspaper. He stated he has had no conversation with the President and has no idea when an announcement will be made. He did state that the issues discussed in the newspaper regarding his disagreements with Dr. Kissinger are completely false, and that minutes of the United States Intelligence Board meetings would clearly show he had no substantive disagreements with Dr. Kissinger.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

SAC, Washington

January 30, 1948

Director, FBI

RICHARD MC CAFFRAH HELMS  
APPLICANT  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William E. Trainor, Jr. dated at Washington, D. C., January 5, 1948.

On page four information is set forth to the effect that the name, William Cary, appears on the expired list of the Washington Bookshop Association. It cannot be determined from the report whether or not he is identical with William L. Cary, applicant's friend. It is noted that applicant's friend has a middle initial L. and is a professor of law at Northwestern University, whereas a review of the report of Special Agent John A. Swartz dated April 18, 1944 in the Washington Bookshop investigation reflects that the William Cary who is in the Washington Bookshop resides at 237 Park Street, Newton, Massachusetts.

On page five information is set out that Edward F. Pritchard was on the membership list of the American Peace Mobilization. Nothing is set out to identify this Pritchard as being the same Edward Pritchard mentioned as a friend of the applicant.

On page seven there is set out information that Mrs. Thomas W. Holland was on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. The implication is that Mrs. Thomas W. Holland is identical with Mrs. Marian W. Holland whose comments regarding her friendship with the applicant and his wife are set forth in the report. However, this identity is not definitely established.

Regarding the three above-mentioned situations, it is requested that you attempt to definitely establish the questioned identities by a thorough review of field office files, use of other sources readily available in the field office such as the City Directory, Telephone Directory, and any other means which do not entail an extensive investigation. In the case of Pritchard, it is felt that reference to the Martindale Hubbell may aid in establishing the identity.

On page six there is set out information regarding W. Graham Claytor to the effect that he was registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act of June 8, 1938 as amended. However, no statement is made regarding the principal for whom Claytor registered. This information should be obtained from the State Department.

The above investigation should be conducted and the necessary information submitted to the Bureau by letter as soon as possible for inclusion in Special Agent Trainor's report.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date:

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To: SAC,

Washington

From: Director, FBI

RE SPECIAL DELIVERY

Subject:

APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

RICHARD ARNOLD H. DAVIS

You are requested to conduct a thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, reputation, patriotism and loyalty of the above-named individual. Instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 49, dated September 27, 1946, must be observed in connection with this investigation. It will be necessary to furnish leads to auxiliary offices by teletype, but teletype summaries to the Bureau are not desired. The original and two copies of the reports are required. This case is to be assigned IMMEDIATELY and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY, where proper, by

December 22, 1947.

Address:

105 E. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, 15, Maryland

Birth date:

Birthplace: March 30, 1913

St. David, Pa.

It is desired that the records of FBI, RM, State Department, CSC and House Committee on Un-American Activities be reviewed for any information concerning the applicant.

Applicant states issued U.S. passport #9746 on June 28, 1946 at Washington, D. C.; passport #100453 on May 14, 1941, renewed May 6, 1946; and passport #3315 on May 2, 1929, renewed April 23, 1931. Verify.

Investigation to be completed by [redacted]

Ascertain reputation of wife in the community.

Military Service: Applicant served in U.S. Navy from July 1, 1942 to March 19, 1946. Serial number 170591.

Deployment: Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), 2430 Z St., N. W., Wash., D. C. as branch chief from Oct 10, 1946 to present.

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SAC, Washington

Reference: Frank G. Wisner, Dept. of State, Washington, D.C.

Social Acquaintances: Carl McGowan, Southern Bldg., Wash., D.C. Adrian S. Fisher, Dept. of Commerce, Wash., D.C. Coburn Kidd, Dept. of State, Wash., D.C. G. H. Pope, Munsey Bldg., Wash., D.C. W. T. M. Beale, Dept. of State, Wash., D.C.

Neighbors: Stephen B. L. Penrose, 7100 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Md. B. T. Ansell, 107 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Md. James H. McIlraith, 33 E. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Previous Residences: 105 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Md. from March, 1946 to present. 2620 Fordham Rd., Wash., D. C. from Aug. 1943 to Jan. 1945, part-time.

#### PHILADELPHIA

Verify date and place of birth given above.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

Relatives: [redacted]

[redacted] . Ascertain reputation in the community.

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Employment: Indianapolis Times Publishing Co., 214 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis, Ind. as national adv. manager from April, 1937 to Feb. 1942.

Previous Residences: 321 E. 59th St., Indianapolis, Ind. from Aug. 1940 to Feb. 1942. 4030 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. from Sept. 1939 to Aug. 1940. 4014 (7) Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. from fall, 1937 to Sept. 1939. Indianapolis Athletic Club, Indianapolis, Ind. from April, 1937 to fall, 1937.

#### NEWARK

Relatives: Herman Henry Adolf Helms, father; Marion McCarrah Helms, mother; Gates McCarrah Helms, brother, all 295 Tillou Rd., South Orange, N. J. Ascertain reputation in the community.

Education: Carteret Academy, Carteret N.J., Orange, N. J. from 1920 to 1929.

Previous Residences: 364 Fairview Ave., Orange, N. J. from April, 1943 to March, 1946. 562 Irving Terrace, South Orange, N. J. from Feb. 1942 to April, 1943. 295 Tillou Rd., South Orange, N. J. from 1920 to 1935.

#### ALBANY

Relatives: Elizabeth Helms Allen, sister, 54 Chestnut St., Cooperstown, N. Y. Ascertain reputation in the community.

#### BOSTON

Education: Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. from 1931 to 1935, received B. A. Degree. Applicant previously attended Le Rosey School, Rolle, Vaud, Switzerland from 1929 to 1930 and Realgymnasium, Freiburg, Germany from 1930 to 1931. Review transcripts if on file at Williams College.

Reference: John G. Oellfuss, 1 Federal St., Boston, Mass.

Applicant states is member of Phi Kappaappa, Williams Chapter, Williamstown, Mass.; and Gargyle Society, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

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NEW YORK

Employment: Navy Relief Society, Fifth Ave. at 57th St., New York, N. Y. from Feb. 1942 to May, 1942. United Press Associations, Daily News Bldg., New York, N. Y. as staff correspondent from Sept. 1935 to March, 1937.

References: Allen W. Dulles, 46 Wall St., New York, N. Y. John W. Gardner, Carnegie Corp., 522 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. Mark Ferrus, 230 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

ST. PAUL

Relative: Rowland Pearsall Helms, brother, Route 4, Wayzata, Minn. Ascertain reputation in the community.

BALTIMORE

This applicant is identical with the subject of your file 100-12391. It is desired that the entire file be reviewed and all pertinent information included in a current investigative report. Particular care should be exercised to insure that the identity of the informant is protected and to insure that it is not apparent that at the time the applicant investigation was initiated Helms was the subject of a pending security matter investigation.

ALL OFFICES

It has been alleged that as an official of OSS, Helms has withheld information of an anti-Communist nature and that he has pro-Communist leanings. Be particularly alert to determine if applicant has any foreign sympathies.

THIS CASE MUST BE ASSIGNED FOR IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION AND REPORTS SUBMITTED AS SOON AS THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED.

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Date: February 19, 1948

CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Director of Central Intelligence  
107 Central Building  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Investigations Branch

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RICHARD MCGATHAN ILLINOIS  
Your File 7190

There are transmitted herewith the following reports covering the investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-captioned individual:

Report of Special Agent William D. Trainor, dated January 5, 1948 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Eber Patterson, dated December 20, 1947 at Indianapolis.

Report of Special Agent Donald J. Steele, dated December 22, 1947 at Indianapolis.

Report of Special Agent James J. Farrell, dated December 17, 1947 at Newark.

Report of Special Agent Howard F. Cummings, dated December 20, 1947 at Albany.

Report of Special Agent George J. Fallon, dated December 20, 1947 at Boston.

Report of Special Agent James J. Smith, Jr., dated December 18, 1947 at New York.

Report of Special Agent Walter A. Langenheim, dated December 30, 1947 at New York.

Report of Special Agent Robert M. Wick, dated December 15, 1947 at St. Paul.

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Report of Special Agent Vernon C. Pampell, dated December 20, 1947 at Houston.

Report of Special Agent William D. Chappars, dated January 5, 1948 at New Haven.

Report of Special Agent Robert L. Van Agoner, dated December 11, 1947 at Baltimore.

Report of Special Agent Wayne G. Hunt, dated December 10, 1947 at Philadelphia.

Enclosure

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, APPLICANT CIG. SERVED AS LIEUTENANT J.G. IN  
NAVY CONVOY AND ROUTING, EASTERN SEA FRONTIER, NEW YORK, AUGUST  
FORTYTWO TO AUGUST FORTYTHREE UNDER CAPTAIN LOUIS CALOTT FARLEY,  
USNR, RETIRED, ONE FIVE TWO BROAD STREET, WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT.  
BUREAU ADVISES APPLICANT ALLEGED TO HAVE PROCOMMUNIST LEANINGS AND  
REQUESTS PARTICULAR ALERTNESS TO DETERMINE ANY FOREIGN SYMPATHIES.  
DEADLINE PAST.

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RICHARD MC GARRAH <sup>2</sup>HEING, APPLICANT CIG. REFUSED DECEMBER SIX LAST. APPLICANT STATIONED AT HEADQUARTERS OF EASTERN SEA FRONTIER AUGUST TWENTY-NINE FORTY-TWO TO AUGUST ELEVEN FORTY-THREE. SUGGEST GARDNER STOUT OF DOMINIC AND DOMINIC OF WALL STREET BE CONTACTED FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING APPLICANT. STOUT FORMERLY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER AT ESF.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS  
APPLICANT  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

DATE: February 6, 1948

Reference Bureau letter to SAC, Washington Field Office dated January 30, 1948, and report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., dated January 5, 1948 at Washington, D. C. The following supplementary information is submitted concerning referenced report:

WILLIAM L. CARY, page four: Report of Special Agent JOHN A. SWARTZ dated April 18, 1944, Washington, D. C. lists one WILLIAM CARY, 237 Park Street, Newton, Massachusetts, as a member of the Washington Bookshop Association with dues paid to May 28, 1942. [A search of directories for the District of Columbia for the years 1941 and 1942 disclosed WILLIAM L. CARY, Attorney, Department of Justice, residing at 2301 North Uhle Street, Arlington, Virginia. Inquiry through the personnel files of the Department of Justice reflected that Mr. WILLIAM L. CARY attended Harvard University, School of Business Administration from September, 1936 to July, 1938. There are no residences reflected for Mr. WILLIAM L. CARY during his attendance at Harvard University.]

EDWARD F. PRICHARD, page five: The report of Special Agent T. W. DANSEY dated January 21, 1941, Washington, D. C. lists one EDWARD F. PRICHARD, Lawyer, residing at 2301 North Uhle Street, Arlington, Virginia, on the active indices of the American Peace Mobilization. A search of directories for the District of Columbia reflects that in 1941 EDWARD F. PRICHARD, Special Attorney to the Attorney General resided at 2301 North Uhle Street, Arlington, Virginia.

On page two of referenced report in the interview with Mr ADRIAN S. FISHER, it is noted that the bachelor residence at 2620 Foxhall Road, N. W. was called "Hockley". Mr. FISHER had advised the writer that the same bachelor group had resided at "Hockley" in Virginia, but could not recall the address. This was of no significance in instant investigation as Mr. FISHER advised that the applicant had never resided with the group at "Hockley" in Virginia.

Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND, page nine: Mrs. MARION M. HOLLAND was interviewed at 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, which is situated directly to the rear of the applicant's home. The Washington Telephone Directory lists THOMAS W. HOLLAND at this address. A search of the city directories for the District reflected the following:

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February 6, 1948

- 1938 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, (MARION), Labor Department, resides at 1237 31st Street, N. W.
- 1939 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Labor Department, Resides at 1237 31st Street, N. W.
- 1940 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Labor Department, Resides at 1237 31st Street, N. W.
- 1941 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND (MIRIAM), Section Chief, Labor Department, Resides 6314 33rd Street, N. W.
- 1942 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Res. Director, Department of Labor, Resides at 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.
- 1943 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Division Chief, W.R.A., Resides at 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

✓ In view of the fact that no other THOMAS W. HOLLAND is listed there is a strong probability of identity. It is noted that there is a slight variance in spelling the given name of Mrs. HOLLAND

✓ The report of Special Agent T. W. DAWSEY dated January 21, 1941, Washington, D. C., lists Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND, 6314 33rd Street, N. W. on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and contains a photostatic copy of a membership index card.

*Sweden* - W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, page six: Mr. W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR is an associate of the law firm Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb, 701 Union Trust Building, 15th and H. Streets, N. W. In regard to Mr. CLAYTOR's registration as an agent of a foreign principal, reference is made to Washington Field letter to the Bureau dated February 7, 1941, regarding Agents of Foreign Principals, Registration Act, Internal Security, which reflects that photostatic copies of Registration Statement Abstracts were transmitted to the Bureau as enclosures to this letter. This information is not available in the Washington Field Office.

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RICHARD MCCARRAH HELMS

APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

✓ ReBulet 12/6/47 requesting this office to review the Security Matter - C file relative to applicant in a current investigative report in the above-captioned case.

✓ A review of this file reflects that the pertinent information contained therein is reflected in the report of SA J. RICHARD BUTTS, at Miami, dated 10/16/47. Accordingly, the report forwarded to the Bureau by this office is limited to the allegations of the informant relative to applicant's activities while serving with OSS in Berlin, Germany.

✓ The background information obtained by the Washington Office in the report of SA OLIVER B. JONES, dated 9/17/47 at Washington, and the results of investigation conducted by this office as reflected in the report of SA MAURICE H. POLLY, dated 8/6/47 at Baltimore, were not included in the Baltimore report since all of this information is set out as investigative leads for the Washington Division in reference Bureau letter and is available to the Washington Division, which has copies of these reports.

The only information not available to the Washington Division is that contained in the closing report of SA POLLY, dated 11/10/47 at Baltimore, reflecting the results of a 60-day mail cover placed on the home of the applicant. For the information of the Washington Division the names of persons obtained from the mail cover were checked through the Baltimore Office indices with negative results, with the exception of the name of DONALD D. BRANSTEN, who has corresponded with HELMS and resides at 3703 Morrison Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

✓ Confidential Informant #C-40, of the Baltimore Office, advised on October 26, 1946, that RUTH FOX and DOROTHY ROSS FLUMBERG, who were officers of the Communist Party of Maryland - D. C. at that time, indicated that SOL (phonetic) had called on RUTH FOX and had advised her he was unable to get hold of DON BRANSTEN. From information available from this informant it appeared that DON BRANSTEN might possibly be a veteran whom SOL had attempted to contact but could not reach, but the informant had no information which would assist in identifying BRANSTEN.

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It is being left to the discretion of the Washington Division in connection with the instant investigation as to whether or not efforts should be made to ascertain the activities of DONALD D. BREWSTER and the possibility that he may be identical with the subject of the conversation between RUTH FOX and DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG.

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, APPLICANT CIA. REGULET DECEMBER SIXTH LAST.

INTERVIEW FRED OCHSEMER FORMERLY CENTRAL EUROPEAN MANAGER UNITED PRESS,  
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WIFE, JULIA BRETZMAN, DIVORCED FROM FRANK SHIELDS, FORMERLY PRESIDENT BARBASOL  
COMPANY, INDIANAPOLIS. SHIELDS DECEASED. BRETZMAN FAMILY REPORTED AS  
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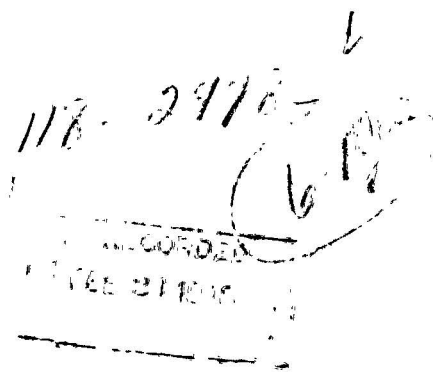
HOUSTON - URGENT

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, APPLICANT CIA. INTERVIEW GEORGE HAWKINS,  
EDITORIAL STAFF, HOUSTON PRESS WHO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS CLOSE FRIEND  
OF APPLICANT. HAWKINS' FATHER IS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD SCRIPPS HOWARD  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 118-720 AG

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-10-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-9-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WAYNE G. HUNT</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT-CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:     Applicant born 3-30-13 in Radnor Twp., Delaware Co., Pa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-MUG-</p> <p>REFERENCE:             Bureau File #118-2978 Bureau letter to Washington Field December 6, 1947.</p> <p>DETAILS:                <u>At Harrisburg, Pa.</u> Records of the Pennsylvania State bureau of Vital Statistics reflect that RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS was born on 3-30-13 in Radnor Township, Delaware Co., Pa., the son of HERMAN HENRY ADOLF HELMS and MERION McGARRAH. Both parents were born in New York.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN-</p>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> NO STATISTICS FEB 27 9 50 AM '48 FBI STAT. SECTION </div> <div> <p>AGENCY <i>14 copy</i> <i>White House &amp; State Dept</i></p> <p>REQ. REC'D <i>12/10/47</i></p> <p>REP'T FORW. <i>12/27/47</i></p> <p>BY <i>[Signature]</i></p> </div> </div>			
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COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3-BUREAU 2-PHILADELPHIA FEB 28 1948 2/28		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">118-2978-6</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">EX-46</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION</div>	

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **118-982**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/11/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/11/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT L. VAN WAGONER</b> <span style="float: right;">PIC</span>
TITLE <b>RICHARD MCGARRAH HILLIS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Confidential informant advised that applicant while serving as official of OSS withheld information of an anti-Russian and anti-Communist nature from effective channels and because of this is considered pro-Communist.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 118-2978.

Bureau letter to Washington Field, dated 12/6/47.

**DETAILS:**

The files of this office reflect that Confidential Informant T-1.

advised an agent of this Bureau that applicant while serving as an officer in the Office of Strategic Services at Berlin, Germany, along with other officials of OSS in Germany received reports which were in their contents derogatory to Russia and Russian satellite countries. Applicant and these other officials placed these reports in the "Not Used" files of OSS, thus eliminating them from effective use and depriving officials of OSS in Washington, D. C., of such intelligence. This informant alleged that the information was valuable and should have been forwarded promptly to Washington, D. C.

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Based upon this action the informant has alleged that the applicant and the other officials, although being too intelligent to associate themselves with the Communist Party, are actually pro-Russian and pro-Communist in their sympathies. He alleged that applicant, although pro-Communist, was however, never as dangerous as the other officials. He furnished no other information from which it could be concluded that applicant entertained sympathies for the Russian cause or Communist Party activities.

(The files of this office fail to reflect any other information indicating such sympathies or reflecting against the applicant's character, reputation, associates, or loyalty.)

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INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant #T-1



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

NH FILE NO. **118-394** *mm*

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW HAVEN, CONN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-5-48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/26; 1/2,5/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM D. CHAPPERS</b>
TITLE  <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Captain LOUIS CALOTT FARLEY, USNR, retired, states applicant of excellent character and morals. Absolutely trustworthy with no Communistic leanings of any kind.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Teletype from Washington Field dated December 23, 1947</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT</u></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> <p><b>NO STATISTICS</b></p> <p><b>FEB 27 2 30 AM '48</b></p> <p><b>FBI STAT SECT'N 83</b></p> </div> <div> <p>Captain LOUIS CALOTT FARLEY, USNR, retired, 152 Broad Street, was interviewed on January 5, 1948 at which time he stated he had known applicant since the latter was a child. He indicated that applicant and his (FARLEY) sons were practically brought up together and were close friends. Applicant's grandfather McGARRAH, was formerly head of the International Bank. Applicant is supposed to have traveled extensively, particularly in France and Germany and, according to FARLEY, speaks German and French as well as English.</p> <p>FARLEY described applicant as possessing excellent habits, character and morals and a brilliant man. He stated he would trust applicant with confidential matters of any kind and, so far as he knew, applicant did not possess any Communistic leanings of any type. He indicated that applicant's family background was not the type that would be conducive to fostering of Communistic sympathies. It should be noted,</p> </div> </div>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p><b>118-2948-8</b></p> <p><b>EX-100</b></p> <p><b>RECORDED</b></p> <p><b>CC 10:</b> <b>SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.</b></p>	
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however, that FARLEY's last contact with applicant was when the latter worked under FARLEY doing Naval routing work in New York City in 1942 and 1943.

With reference to applicant's wife, FARLEY advised that his acquaintance with her was purely social and indicated that she was a divorcee, her first marriage being to a man from the middle West. He described her as a brilliant person about whom he could furnish no specific details except his general opinion that she was a loyal American citizen with no Communist tendencies.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**BUREAU**

**H0** FILE NO. **118-102**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Houston, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-20-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-18,19-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>VERNON C. PAPELL</b> <span style="float: right;">fg</span>
TITLE  <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mr. GEORGE HAWKINS, member of the editorial staff of the "Houston Press", Houston newspaper, and Mr. JOHN SCOTT HARRISON, III, both former schoolmates of HELMS, recommend highly. Both state he is thoroughly loyal and patriotic to U.S. Government. No derogatory information.

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**REFERENCE:**

New York City teletype, 12-16-47.

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REQ. REC'D 12-20-47  
REP'T FORW. 12-20-47  
BY 12-20-47

**DETAILS:**

At Houston, Texas

Mr. GEORGE HAWKINS, member of the editorial staff of the "Houston Press", a Houston newspaper, advised he has known Applicant since about 1930 when they were fraternity brothers in Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. He advised that since 1930 he had kept in touch with Applicant through occasional visits and correspondence. Mr. HAWKINS stated he and his father were responsible for Applicant's previous employment with the United Press news agency and the newspaper "Indianapolis Times". He stated he would recommend Applicant without reservation from the standpoint of loyalty, patriotism, honesty, and integrity. He stated he would recommend Applicant more highly and without any reservations above any friends or acquaintances that he had known.

Mr. HAWKINS stated he last visited with Applicant in February, 1947 in New York City, at which time Applicant very carefully avoided any discussion of intelligence matters on which Applicant was engaged during World War II while with the U.S. Navy and O.S.S.

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Mr. HARKINS stated that Applicant has strong political affiliations throughout the country due chiefly to his family background. He further informed that Applicant had served in the U.S. Navy under Commander FARLEY who was in charge of Operations, Convoy and Routing on the Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942.

Mr. JOHN SCOTT HARRISON, III, salesman with the American Indemnity Company, 536 Bankers Mortgage Building, advised he had known Applicant very intimately two years during college terms of 1931, 1932, and 1933, while they were attending Williams College and while both were members of the fraternity Chi Psi. He advised Applicant was president of this fraternity and was probably one of the most outstanding students ever graduated from this college. He stated he has corresponded intermittently with Applicant since 1933, and he could think of no person whom he could recommend more highly. He stated that in his opinion Applicant was thoroughly trustworthy, loyal and patriotic to the U.S. Government, and could be trusted with any top secret information concerning the United States.

Mr. HARRISON also mentioned that Applicant has strong political backing because of his family background. Mr. HARRISON predicted that Applicant would one day be the Secretary of State of the United States.

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ADDENDUM

By teletype of December 20, 1947, the New York City Office was advised of the fact that Applicant had served in the U.S. Navy under Commander FARLEY, Operations, Convoy and Routing, Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942, and it was suggested that Commander FARLEY be interviewed regarding his knowledge of Applicant.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

**ST. PAUL** FILE NO. 118-297

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 13/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT E. WICK</b>	<b>LKO</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Postal officers, merchants, and police advise that RICHARD HELMS' brother is well regarded in the community, believed to be loyal to this country, and to enjoy an excellent character and reputation.

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 REQ. REC'D *12/17/47*  
 REP'T FORW. *12/17/47*  
 - RUC BY *W. J. ...*

**REFERENCE**

Bureau File #118-2978

Letter from the Bureau to the Washington Field Office dated December 6, 1947

**DETAILS**

FRED E. LINS COG, clerk in the Wayzata, Minnesota Post Office since 1932, advised that he has known ROWLAND PERSALL HELMS for several years (at least since 1934) and regards him as a loyal citizen of this country. He stated that HELMS resides in his own home at 19 Fox Street, Wayzata, on Route 4, and is employed by Cargill, Inc., an elevator firm. So far as is known, said F. E. LINS COG, his credit rating is good in Wayzata.

ARNOLD Z. BODEGEL, grocer at Wayzata, Minnesota, advised that ROWLAND HELMS trades occasionally at his store but that he did not know too much of his personal life. He stated, however, that he knew of no information of a derogatory nature concerning him and believed him to enjoy a good reputation in the community.

Chief of Police W. A. HOIMBERG, Wayzata, Minnesota, advised that his records contain no mention of ROWLAND HELMS and that he knows him to be an up-right member of the community.

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MR. KIRBY NORRBOM of the Minneapolis Credit Bureau, Palace Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised ROWLAND HELMS enjoys a good credit rating.

The Minneapolis Police Department records contain no mention of ROWLAND PEARSALL HELMS.

The indices of the St. Paul Office are negative on both RICHARD MCGARRAN HELMS and his brother, ROWLAND PEARSALL HELMS.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/20/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/26/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER A. WANGENHEIM</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mr. GARDNER STOUT, 14 Wall St., NYC, associated with applicant during 1942 and 1943 at Naval Headquarters of Eastern Sea Frontier. Recommends applicant as to character, reputation and patriotism.

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**REFERENCE:**

Washington Field teletype, 12/22/47.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. GARDNER STOUT of the Dominick and Dominick Brokerage Company, 14 Wall Street, New York, New York, stated that applicant was assistant operations officer under his command at the United States Naval Headquarters of the Eastern Sea Frontier during 1942 and 1943. STOUT advised applicant was a man who was completely trustworthy and loyal. He added that his duties involved very confidential information and never was there any question as to his being trusted with same. STOUT stated that he would recommend applicant without reservation as a man of fine character and a completely loyal and patriotic American.

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ADDENDUM

By teletype of December 20, 1947, the New York City Office was advised of the fact that Applicant had served in the U.S. Navy under Commander FARLEY, Operations, Convoy and Routing, Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942, and it was suggested that Commander FARLEY be interviewed regarding his knowledge of Applicant.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/18/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/14,16,17/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES J. SWIFT, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGAREAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT-CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

References, ALLEN W. DULLES, JOHN W. GARDNER and MARK FERREE, consider applicant to be of excellent character and know of no disloyal or un-American activities on his part. Applicant was employed by UNITED PRESS as staff correspondent in Germany from about 1935 to 1937. No record of applicant's employment with NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY. Records of Credit Bureau and Police Dept. contain no information regarding applicant.

AGENCY *White House Staff*  
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REP'T FORW. *12/22/47*  
BY *W. J. Swift*

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 118-2978  
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 12/6/47

DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

Investigation to locate the offices of the NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY, 5th Avenue and 57th Street, New York City, disclosed that at the present time the only office of this organization in New York is located at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York. Miss KAYE of this office advised that there was no record of Navy Relief ever having maintained an office at 5th Avenue and 57th Street and, further, that the organization had no paid employees in the period from February, 1942 to May, 1942 when the applicant stated he was employed by the group. Miss KAYE made inquiry of individuals who were associated with Navy Relief in 1942 but none of these persons recalled applicant as a volunteer worker.

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Mr. HARRY FLORY, Foreign News Manager, UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS, 220 East 42nd Street, New York City, stated that he was European manager of UNITED PRESS during the period, 1935 to 1937, when the applicant was a staff correspondent in Germany. Mr. FLORY was unable to locate a record showing exact dates of the applicant's employment but recalled that the applicant covered the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. Mr. FLORY stated that the applicant was taken on by UP through his friendship with GEORGE HAWKINS, son of the Chairman of the Board of SCRIPPS HOWARD newspapers. He also advised that the applicant's superior in Germany was FRED OECHSNER, Central European News Manager, who is now in Washington, D. C. Mr. FLORY stated that he personally, had a great liking for the applicant and considered him to be an average American college boy. He added that he knew nothing unfavorable concerning his loyalty or patriotism, although he emphasized that he has not seen the applicant since 1937.

REFERENCES:

Mr. ALLEN W. DULLES, attorney, 48 Wall Street, New York City, stated he has known the applicant for about three years and that the applicant served under him in the OSS during the war. Mr. DULLES stated that he was very closely associated with HELMS for a period of three months in Germany in 1945 and watched his work during the remainder of his service overseas. Mr. DULLES stated that he considered the applicant to be of excellent character and reputation and would trust him implicitly with any confidential position. He added that HELMS is definitely a loyal and patriotic citizen and as far as he knows has never been connected with any un-American groups or individuals.

Mr. JOHN W. GARDNER, Executive Associate, CARNEGIE CORPORATION, 522 5th Avenue, New York City, stated that he has known HELMS since 1943 when they were both with the OSS and shared office space in Washington, D.C. Mr. GARDNER stated that he went overseas in September, 1944 and did not see HELMS again until the end of the war. Since then, he advised, their friendship has continued and they have visited frequently both in Washington and New York.

Mr. GARDNER stated that he would recommend the applicant in the highest possible terms, that he has great respect for his ability, integrity, loyalty and patriotism and has never known him to have any foreign sympathies or to have been associated with anti-American groups or movements.

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Mr. GARDNER stated that he has only a casual acquaintance with the applicant's wife and has been unable to form any opinions concerning her.

Mr. MARK FERREE, Assistant General Business Manager, Scripps Howard Newspapers, 230 Park Avenue, New York City, advised that he was formerly Business Manager of the Indianapolis Times and was closely associated with HEIMS from 1937 to 1942 when the latter was advertising manager of the paper. Mr. FERREE described the applicant as a hard-working, ambitious and conscientious individual who takes great pride in his work and strives to do a good job in all his undertakings. He stated that HEIMS' character and reputation are excellent and his patriotism and loyalty above reproach.

Mr. FERREE stated that the applicant's wife, whose maiden name was JULIA BRETZMANN, was formerly married and divorced from FRANK SHIELDS, president of the BARBASOL COMPANY of Indianapolis. SHIELDS is now deceased. Mr. FERREE stated that although he did not know the details or reason for the divorce, it was a well known fact that SHIELDS drank heavily. According to Mr. FERREE, the BRETZMANN family are socially prominent in Indianapolis.

CREDIT & CRIMINAL

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the New York Police Department contain no information relative to the applicant.

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BS FILE NO. **118-831 CWM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/20/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/8,9,15/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>GEORGE W. FALLON</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

HELMS graduated from Williams College 1935, Magna Cum Laude. Scholarship and leadership and extra-curricular activities denote him as outstanding student. Attendance at Institute La Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, 1929-1930 verified. Reference and other contacts report HELMS as outstanding gentleman of highest calibre in every respect. Loyalty to U. S. above reproach.

Reference:

Bureau file 118-2978.

Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 12-6-47.

Details:

The investigation at Williamstown, Mass., was conducted by SA Charles F. Ahern. The check of the credit and criminal records at Boston, Mass., was made by SE Richard W. Kelly.

**EDUCATION**

Dean RAYMOND R. R. BROOKS, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., advised that the applicant was a student there from 9-28-31 to 6-17-35, at which time he was awarded a degree of A. B. Magna Cum Laude. His major subject was English. The applicant's scholastic record indicated that he received several honors and awards for his outstanding character, service to the school, community spirit, etc. He was a member of the college chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honorary

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fraternity, President of the Gargoyle Club, an honor society, and was his Class President. He also served as Editor-in-Chief of both the college year book and the undergraduate organ. He was recorded as having been born at St. David's, Pennsylvania, on March 30, 1913. His prior educational background was given as the Institute Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, from 1929 to 1930, and under a private tutor from 1930 to 1931.

A certification from the Institute La Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, reflected that the applicant had attended that school from September, 1929, to July, 1930. He studied academic subjects and was highly recommended by the principal of the Institute, Mr. H. CARNAL. The college files contained no verification of the applicant's alleged attendance at the Realgymnasium, Freiburg, Germany.

The 1935 issue of the "Gulielmsonian", Williams College year book, set forth that in the class election the applicant was the choice of his classmates for the following designations:

1. The class member who had done the most for Williams
2. The most respected class member
3. Most brilliant class member (3rd choice)
4. Most versatile (2nd choice)
5. Most likely to succeed
6. Class politician
7. Had biggest drag with the faculty (2nd choice)

#### REFERENCE

JOHN C. GEILFUSS, an attorney in the firm of Herrick, Smith, Donald, Farley and Ketchum, 1 Federal Street, Boston, Mass., has been well acquainted with the applicant since they entered Williams College together as classmates, graduating in 1935. He was in close association with HELMS during college years, being in the same class, fraternities, honor societies, and extra-curricular activities. He has been in constant correspondence with HELMS and during the war lived with HELMS in Washington, D. C. for a period of time when both were in the service. During the college years HELMS was recognized as being the outstanding man in the class and in his senior year was President of his class, President of Gargoyle, an honor society, and recognized as a good scholar. Upon graduation, HELMS entered employment with the United Press as a staff correspondent in Europe, serving primarily in Berlin. After about two years in this type of work HELMS decided that the future for foreign correspondents was decidedly limited and thereupon



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returned to the United States and took employment with the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, specifically as the Advertising Manager of the paper in Indianapolis. He remained in this employment until 1942, when he entered the United States Navy as a Lieutenant (jg), assigned to ONI, New York City. Since his separation from the service, HELMS has been employed by the Central Intelligence Group in Washington, D. C.

According to GEILFUSS, HELMS is the highest calibre gentleman of his acquaintance. He is thoroughly honest, reliable, trustworthy, sincere and conscientious. His loyalty to the United States is above reproach. GEILFUSS has on numerous occasions discussed domestic and international politics and ideologies with HELMS and at no time during these discussions has HELMS voiced any opinion contrary to the recognized policy of the United States Government. He is in full sympathy with the ideologies of the United States and GEILFUSS is firm in his statement that there was no trace of any other political ideals in HELMS' mind as expressed by his conversational thoughts.

Both GEILFUSS and HELMS were classmates of one CARL MARZANI, who was convicted in May 1947, while an employee of the United States State Department, on the charge of withholding his affiliation with the Communist Party. According to GEILFUSS, HELMS never associated particularly with MARZANI and never voiced acquiescence to MARZANI's ideas which, during the latter's college years, were radical. HELMS was not at all sympathetic to MARZANI at the time of his conviction. A letter was circularized to all graduates of Williams College in the Class of 1935 by one SWEEZY, a lecturer at Harvard, petitioning clemency for MARZANI, and it is known to GEILFUSS that HELMS was not in accord with these views as expressed in this letter.

HELMS is a man who could be trusted with any type of confidential mission or information. The financial background of HELMS' family is such that the applicant does not work for the Government out of necessity, rather he likes public service and the type of work in which he is currently engaged and has decided to make it his career. GEILFUSS desires to give HELMS the highest type of recommendation possible.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

JOHN F. DINGWALL, former-Special-Agent-of-the-Federal-Bureau-of-Investigation, 161 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass., was contacted. He stated that he graduated from Williams College in the Class of 1937 and has advised that he was acquainted with the applicant in college and recalls him to be very well thought of at the time and to be exceptionally active in college affairs



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and functions. HELMS' sister is married to a very close friend of DINGWALL's, one Dr. HAWN, who is known to DINGWALL as a high-type gentleman. HELMS was two years ahead of DINGWALL in college and at the time DINGWALL was well acquainted with him and advised that the applicant was of the highest type in every respect. DINGWALL has not had any close association with HELMS since graduation from college and recalls that while at college HELMS was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Gargoyle, an honor society, and active in several other campus activities.

DINGWALL is well acquainted with JOHN C. GEILFUSS, a Reference, and knows him to be a fine man and presently a practicing attorney in the City of Boston.

DINGWALL recalls that HELMS was a classmate of CARL A. MARZANI, who on May 15, 1947, was convicted as a State Department official on eleven counts of failing to disclose his Communist Party affiliation in the Federal loyalty test. DINGWALL recalled that MARZANI was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Gargoyle, which latter society in 1935 had 22 members which met weekly. MARZANI was an agitator type in college and active in many extra-curricular activities, however, DINGWALL recalls that HELMS was not especially friendly with MARZANI but of necessity was associated with him to some degree due to the smallness of Williams College and the club-like atmosphere of its various groups and functions.

Mr. FREDERICK C. COPELAND, Director of Admissions, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., and a classmate of the applicant, recalled the applicant as an outstanding member of the Class of 1935. He described HELMS as a very popular student, of excellent character and associates, and one whose conduct and expressions never gave rise to any question about his loyalty to the United States.

Mr. WHITNEY S. STODIARD, Art Instructor and member of the Class of 1935, Williams College, described the applicant as a high-ranking member of his class, a man of excellent associations, and one whose character, integrity, and loyalty were on a high plane. He stated that the applicant was a man who had traveled widely and recalled that after his graduation he served as a correspondent for the United Press in Germany in 1936. He advised that to his knowledge the applicant's foreign travel had not induced him toward sympathy for any foreign system of government.

Professor NELSON S. BUSHNELL, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., recalled the applicant as an outstanding student of excellent character. He had no reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty to the United States.

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D. E. WOODARD, Manager, Certified Credit Service, North Adams, Mass., advised that he had no references on the applicant.

Mrs. HELEN FERGUSON, Probation Officer, Williamstown, Mass., checked the arrest files of her office, with negative results.

The records of the Massachusetts Board of Probation, Boston, Mass., reflect that RICHARD HELMS, who was born March 30, 1913, St. David's, Pennsylvania, of 295 Tillow Street, South Orange, New Jersey, was fined, on June 5, 1935, in the amount of \$10, which he paid, for a violation of Section 116-A. It should be noted that this is a violation of the motor vehicle laws of the State of Massachusetts.

The Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 52 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass., had no record of the applicant.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Albany, New York</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-20-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-13-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HOWARD F. CULLINGS</b>
TITLE  <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>APPLICANT (Central Intelligence Group)</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sister of applicant investigated with favorable results. Credit satisfactory. Criminal negative -- at Cooperstown, New York.

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AGENCY *12/20/47*  
 REQ. REC'D *12/17/47*  
 REP'T FORW. *12/17/47*  
 BY *Dugan*

Reference:

Bureau File 118-2978.  
 Bureau letter to Washington, 12-6-47.

Details:

AT COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK

Mrs. EDWARD LINDSAY, 56 Chestnut Street, stated that she has known sister of applicant from July 1947 to the present time and has found her to be a good neighbor, with a fine reputation in town, of excellent character, and both applicant's sister and her husband are loyal to the United States and have given her no reason to believe to the contrary.

Mrs. A. SHEPARD, 58 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, stated that she has known Mrs. ELIZABETH HAWN from the time she moved here, which was about July 1, 1947, and found her to be well liked by both herself and all neighbors; that her husband is a prominent doctor at the hospital in Cooperstown; that they enjoy a good reputation and have given Mrs. SHEPARD no reason to believe that they were disloyal to the United States.

Mr. R. ELLSWORTH, 52 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, stated that Mrs. HELMS has been here for a short time but that both she and her husband appear to be good people, of good reputation and character; have not been in any trouble and from brief conversations do not appear to be disloyal to the United States.

None of the persons above listed were acquainted with applicant himself.

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The Oneonta Credit Bureau, at Oneonta, New York, which covers Cooperstown, New York, rated Mr. HAWN, husband of ELIZABETH HELMS HAWN, as having a good credit rating and was negative on ELIZABETH HAWN.

The Sheriff's Office at Cooperstown had no record on the above persons.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT-CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:      Neighborhoods favorable, nothing derogatory. No evidence of foreign sympathies of either HELMS or his family. Police negative, credit satisfactory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>REFERENCE:              Bureau File #118-2978. Bureau Letter to Washington Field 12/6/47.</p> <p>DETAILS:                <u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Mr. ROY S. CLAGCOMB, Headmaster, Carteret School, West Orange, New Jersey, formerly Carteret Academy, West Orange, advised that the school records are somewhat mixed up as a result of the school changing hands recently and stated that at the present time he could give nothing official as far back as 1929. Mr. CLAGCOMB, however, together with Mr. HAROLD LAITY, head of the psychology department in the school, stated they both remembered HELMS attending the school between approximately 1920-1929 as they were members of the faculty at that time and taught HELMS in class.</p> <p>Mr. CLAGCOMB and Mr. LAITY asserted that they considered HELMS a person of superior intelligence and mental integrity who they felt would turn out to be a person of splendid character, habits and true Americanism. Both stated they knew nothing of HELMS since he left the school but considered the reputation of him and his family to be excellent at that time in all respects.</p>			
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They knew of nothing derogatory concerning HELMS or any member of his family.

NEIGHBORHOOD

All neighbors were specifically questioned regarding HELMS and his parents' foreign sympathies, and all stated that they felt HELMS and his family had no foreign sympathies.

Mr. and Mrs. LARS HEADSTROM, 378 Fairview Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, advised that the HELMS were fine neighbors and well thought of in the neighborhood. Mrs. HEADSTROM stated that she has known HELMS and his parents for about twenty years. Mr. HEADSTROM advised that he has been acquainted with HELMS for about eight years. Both advised that at that time they considered HELMS and his parents to be loyal Americans of excellent character, habits and associations and asserted that they knew nothing derogatory about them.

Mrs. D. C. FEISNER, 370 Fairview Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, was interviewed at the above address and Mr. D. C. FEISNER was interviewed at his place of business, 41 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey. Both stated that they held HELMS and his parents in as high regard as the HEADSTROMs on all points mentioned above. Mrs. FEISNER stated she has been following HELMS' career since he was a young boy. Mr. FEISNER asserted that he was a teacher at the old Carteret Academy and taught HELMS while he was there. Both stated that the only thing foreign about HELMS is that he speaks German fluently and was partially educated in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. FEISNER felt that there was no question of HELMS loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. FREDERICK A. SAMUELS, 315 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that she has been a neighbor of the HELMS family for about four years and that she does not particularly like the family because of their aloofness. Mrs. SAMUELS said she does not know RICHARD HELMS but asserted that the other members of the family appear to be persons of good character and habits and that she has no reason to question their loyalty to the United States. She knew of nothing derogatory concerning them.

Mrs. WILLIAM BARLOW, 305 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that she has been in the neighborhood about two years and that she does not know RICHARD HELMS. She stated, however, that the HELMS family are respected neighbors and as far as she can determine are persons of good character, habits and loyal Americans. Mrs. BARLOW stated that she knew of nothing derogatory about the HELMS family.

Mrs. THOMAS E. WARD, 284 Tillou Road, South Orange, stated he has known the HELMS family from five to seven years, but that she does not know RICHARD HELMS. She stated that she has heard of RICHARD HELMS and his

reputation is good as far as she can determine. Mrs. WARD stated that HELMS' father is odd and that she does not particularly get along with him, but that HELMS' mother and the rest of the family appear to be fine people. Mrs. WARD asserted that she actually does not know but feels that the family are loyal to the United States. Mrs. WARD did not feel in a position to comment on any foreign sympathies HELMS or his family might have, but stated that she was not aware of any.

Mr. PAUL J. CUPP, 556 Irving Terrace, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that he remembers HELMS living at 562 Irving Terrace for a short period but stated that he never did get a chance to meet him as HELMS was away most of the time. HELMS' parents attended the same church as CUPP in South Orange and they are very well thought of in that community. Mr. CUPP stated that he has known HELMS' parents for several years and feels that they are loyal Americans. Mr. CUPP further stated that HELMS and his wife were considered good neighbors and knew nothing derogatory of them. Mr. CUPP asserted that he could think of nothing that would lead him to believe that the HELMS family had any foreign sentiments.

Mrs. H. P. GREEN, 722 Berkley Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that she met HELMS on only one occasion, but that she knew of nothing derogatory concerning his character, habits, associates and loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. ANNA H. BALDWIN, 332 Lawnridge Road, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that she has known HELMS since he was a small boy and at one time gave him piano lessons. Mrs. BALDWIN stated that she thinks very highly of HELMS and his family but that she is not familiar with his activities in recent years as he has been away most of the time. Mrs. BALDWIN asserted that HELMS was a fine boy of upstanding principles and always eager to do the right thing and that she did not think he could go wrong. Mrs. BALDWIN advised that in her mind HELMS and his family are loyal Americans and persons of good character and habits of whom she knows of nothing derogatory.

The two last mentioned addresses are in the neighborhood of Irving Terrace.

#### CREDIT

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark Incorporated, Newark, New Jersey, disclosed that the credit of HELMS as of June 21, 1946 and that of his father as of October 10, 1940 were satisfactory.

#### POLICE

The records of the Orange and South Orange Police Departments were checked against the name of HELMS and his family with negative results.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/29/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/26,29/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DONALD J. STEELE DJS:OT</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT -- CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant's wife divorced FRANK SHIELDS 9/30/38 on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Applicant and applicant's wife regarded as good character, reputation, loyal American citizens, and of good associates.

AGENCY

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### REFERENCE:

Teletype from New York dated December 16, 1947.

Report of SA EBER PATTERSON dated December 20, 1947 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

### DETAILS:

Referenced teletype set out applicant's wife divorced from FRANK SHIELDS, formerly President of Barbasol Co., Indianapolis. SHIELDS deceased.

JULIA HELMS, nee BRETZMAN, comes from socially prominent Indianapolis family.

HELEN MILLER, First Deputy Clerk, Morgan County, Martinsville, Indiana supplied records indicating JULIA B. SHIELDS filed a complaint for divorce July 25, 1938. Plaintiff charged cruel and inhuman treatment, stating that defendant would not converse, quarrelled, lacked interest in plaintiff's physical and spiritual well being and criticized plaintiff in front of others.

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Defendant filed the answer which denied every material allegation in plaintiff's complaint. A divorce decree was granted September 30, 1938 in favor of plaintiff, granting custody of children, [redacted] and [redacted]. \$75,000 alimony was granted with \$125 allowance per month for each child. \$30,000 in Barbasol stock was awarded plaintiff as agreed in pre-nuptial arrangements.

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HOMER ELLIOTT, Martinsville, Indiana stated that he was attorney for the plaintiff in the divorce and that he knew her by reputation but that his personal contacts with her had been very slight. He stated that her reputation in the community was good; that she was known to have come from a reputable Indianapolis family; and to the best of his knowledge, she was a loyal American citizen.

JAMES T. SARGENT, Secretary for the Barbasol Co., Indianapolis, a practicing attorney with offices at 307 Bankers' Trust Building, Indianapolis stated that he knew JULIA, the plaintiff in the divorce case, fairly well through his contacts with her husband, FRANK SHIELDS, President of the Barbasol Co. SARGENT stated that to the best of his knowledge, JULIA was a respected member of the community, was of good reputation and character, and he felt that she was innocent of any fault in her marriage. He stated that the divorce was the result of an argument between the couple.

FRED B. JOHNSON, 4115 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis stated that he knew applicant, RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, very well through his contacts with the newspaper business in Indianapolis. It was in the home of Mr. JOHNSON that HELMS and JULIA, his present wife, were introduced. He stated that he had known the present Mrs. HELMS for a period of many years; that he considered her to be of excellent reputation and character; to come from a fine family which was well thought of in Indianapolis; and to be of unquestioned loyalty to this country. He described her as a very intelligent, quick witted, and close observer of international affairs. JOHNSON stated that he considered applicant to be a cultivated gentleman who shows wisdom and good taste in all that he does, to be of impeccable morals, well born and bred, an individual with great foresight and judgment.

JOHNSON stated he has maintained close contact socially and in business affairs with applicant since they first met in 1937 and regards him as a very brilliant observer in the field of international politics. JOHNSON stated that there was no question in his mind of applicant's loyalty and stated that he was very well informed and very intelligent in his views regarding America's part in international affairs. JOHNSON stated that he believed applicant came from a very fine old American family and that there was nothing in his background, his past, or in any of his beliefs that could be

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considered as disloyal or un-American.

LOUIS D. YOUNG, Advertising Director, Indianapolis Times, home address, 5885 N. Delaware, Indianapolis stated that he knew applicant's present wife, JULIA, for many years before she married applicant, and he considered her to be of good reputation and of unquestioned loyalty to this country. He stated that Mrs. HELMS came from a prominent Indianapolis family and was very careful in the selection of her associates.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/20/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 13, 17, 18, 19/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER PATTERSON (A) TP:BMW</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** HELMS employment in Indianapolis verified. Nothing unfavorable. Neighbors recommend as honest, of good character and loyal American. Credit and criminal negative. [REDACTED] has a good reputation in Bloomington, Indiana. NOBLE BREITZMAN, brother-in-law, reported in 1942 as being a loyal American but desiring a German victory over Britain.

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AGENCY *Wichita Falls*  
REQ. REC'D *12/26/47*  
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BY *[Signature]*

**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 118-2978

**DETAILS:** AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. WILLIAM B. ENGLER, General Advertising Manager, Indianapolis Times, advised that RICHARD HELMS was employed with that company April 20, 1937 to February 14, 1947 when he left to enter the military service. Mr. ENGLER stated that he considers HELMS honest, loyal and trustworthy. His associates are very good and ENGLER knows of no organizations to which HELMS belonged. He stated that HELMS was offered the same job upon his release from the Navy but HELMS refused. He described HELMS as being very intelligent with an excellent background. ENGLER stated that he would not hesitate to recommend HELMS considering his record with that company.

Mr. LOUIS D. YOUNG, Advertising Director, advised that HELMS began working for that company as a messenger and worked his way up to National Advertising Director. He considers HELMS as trustworthy, reliable and states that he has a good family

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background. Mr. YOUNG stated that he does not believe HELMS would ever be disloyal to this country in any way and he would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust.

#### NEIGHBORHOODS

Mrs. C. E. MC CUE, Executive Secretary, Indianapolis Athletic Club, stated that they have no records of guests dating back to 1937. However, she remembers HELMS very well as she was acquainted with his wife before their marriage. She described HELMS as very quiet and well liked. She stated that he seems honest, reliable, and of good character. Mrs. MC CUE doesn't believe HELMS would ever be disloyal to this country. She stated she knows of no organizations to which he belongs.

Mrs. CATHERINE B. GRIFFITH, 4014 Winthrop, stated that HELMS rented a room from her approximately one year and that he seems of excellent character, is honest, and sincere and made an ideal roomer. Mrs. GRIFFITH never heard anything or saw HELMS with any papers or literature that would cause her to doubt his loyalty as an American. She stated that she knows nothing of his associations or organizations to which he belongs. HELMS married a very nice woman, comes from a family with an outstanding reputation. She stated that she knows nothing of his qualifications or abilities but he seems very intelligent and aggressive.

Mrs. CHARLES MORELAND, 402 East Fifty-ninth Street, stated that HELMS didn't associate with anyone when they lived in that neighborhood and she considered his wife to be a social snob. She stated that he married a woman who was very wealthy. She stated that HELMS seemed to be of good character and she had no reason to doubt his loyalty. She stated that the only thing unfavorable she knew about him was that his wife had a son by a former marriage; that he was very annoying in the neighborhood.

Mrs. FREDERICK B. CLINE, 5890 North New Jersey, stated that HELMS seemed honest and sincere and that she believed his associates were only the best. She stated that she never had any reason to doubt his loyalty and he seems to be of good character.

Mrs. C. HARVEY BRADLEY, 4044 North Pennsylvania, stated that JULIA BRUTZMAN was living at 4030 Pennsylvania at the time of her marriage to HELMS and they lived there only a short time after the marriage. She stated that Mrs. HELMS was very interested in international politics. HELMS' character and reputation in the neighborhood are very good and she never heard either of them say anything or heard anything about them that would cause her to doubt their loyalty in any way. She stated that she knows of no organizations or clubs to which he belongs and knows nothing of his associates.

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The following were contacted but were unable to supply any information concerning HELMS.

Mr. JACK SMITH, 4024 Winthrop  
Mrs. W. T. MARTINDALE, 4022 Winthrop  
Mrs. MAURICE PERK, 321 East Fifty-ninth  
Mrs. ADAH E. CRAWFORD, 320 East Fifty-ninth  
Mrs. JOSEPH FOX, 4020 Pennsylvania  
Mrs. S. D. MURPHY, 4030 Pennsylvania

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The Indianapolis Police Department advised on February 18, 1942 that NOBLE BRETZMAN who is a brother of JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS was a radical sympathizer of Germany and HITLER. At the start of the war, he made the statement that he hoped the Germans would blow England off the map and was in favor of HITLER taking over all of Europe, throwing England clear out of the water, and letting HITLER run Europe the way it should be run. BRETZMAN had a copy of Mein Kampf which he kept on the coffee table at his apartment and used this about the same as anyone else would use a Bible. He always referred to this book for proof of anything he was talking about.

Mr. ANDREW HEEBURN, El Paso, Texas, a friend of BRETZMAN's advised Special Agent CHARLES C. SPANN on December 17, 1942 that NOBLE BRETZMAN was definitely anti-British but was not pro-German and is a loyal American.

On February 4, 1943 BRETZMAN voluntarily appeared at the Indianapolis office and was interviewed by Special Agent JOSEPH W. RICHMOND. BRETZMAN stated that he was not a lover of England and probably never would be. However, he stated that neither was he a German sympathizer. When HITLER came to power, he first thought HITLER was doing a good job and prior to Pearl Harbor wanted to see Germany victorious over England. His belief was that the British Empire would fall regardless of the outcome of war. However, as the war continued, his opinion with regard to HITLER and the Nazis changed. HEEBURN stated that at the time of Pearl Harbor, BRETZMAN was completely disillusioned in regard to HITLER and became strongly opposed to both HITLER and the Nazi Government and was very anxious for a victory for the United States. He pointed out that in January 1942 immediately after Pearl Harbor he volunteered for any emergency duty. He was called in July 1942 and became an air raid warden. He held this position two or three weeks prior to the interview when he was compelled to resign due to his position in the Indiana State Guard, which he joined in August 1942.

The following investigation was conducted by SE S. THOMAS ROEDDLE.

The records of the Indianapolis Police Department were checked with negative results.

The files of the Merchants Credit Association failed to reflect anything unfavorable concerning HELMS.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT B. HAAG.

AT BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Records of Bloomington Police Department reflect no information concerning [REDACTED].

Records of Retail Merchants Credit Association reflect no information concerning [REDACTED].

Records of the Registrar, Indiana University, reflect that [REDACTED]. No derogatory information.

Records of Mr. LEO DOWLING, Assistant Dean of Students at Indiana University, reflect no disciplinary or derogatory information concerning [REDACTED].

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, APPLICANT ~~COMMUNIST~~ CIG.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant commissioned Lieutenant (j.g.) USNR NSN 170590 June 6, 1942 to rank from April 1, 1942, released from active duty March 19, 1946. Employment OSI and CIG not verified. Reference, acquaintances, and neighbors regard applicant favorably as to character, reputation, patriotism, and loyalty. Credit favorable. CNI, MID contained nothing derogatory. Criminal, Civil Service Commission, House Committee on Un-American Activities, State Department negative. Following passports have been issued to the applicant: No. 31815, May 2, 1929; No. 100453, May 14, 1934; No. 9746, June 28, 1946.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 118-2978.  
Bureau Letter dated December 6, 1947.  
New York teletype to Washington Field dated December 16, 1947.

**DETAILS:**

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AGENCY Training Division  
REQ. REC'D 12/16/47  
REP'T FORW. 12/29/47  
BY W. E. Trainor, Jr.

Mr. IRVING G. WISNER, Deputy to Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas, has known the applicant well since April 1945, when they met in Paris, at which time Mr. WISNER was on the staff of OSS and was the applicant's superior officer. Mr. WISNER has no information on the

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applicant's family background but regards him as a person of the highest character, and states there are few in the Government who can combine his qualities of intellectual ability, integrity, and loyalty. The applicant has excellent reputation, and formerly was employed as a newspaper man with United Press Association in Germany where he was friendly with WALLACE CARROLL who also was with the UP. Another close associate of the applicant is Mr. ALLAN DULLES, who was associated with the applicant in OSS. Mr. WISNER states that the applicant is entirely loyal and patriotic and he would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust and confidence. Mr. WISNER is unable to name any associates of the applicant outside of the circle of friends in OSS and CIC.

#### ACQUAINTANCES

Mr. CARL MCGOWAN, 3245 O Street Northwest, who formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest, met the applicant in the US Navy about 1942, and they have been very friendly ever since. The applicant's grandfather, Mr. MCGOWAN, was a banker in New York, and was head of the Bank of International Settlements. The applicant's wife is a divorcee, whom the applicant met in Indianapolis, Indiana during the time he was employed there by a newspaper. Mr. MCGOWAN regards the applicant as a man of the highest character without any reservation, and states that he is able and intelligent. He has excellent reputation, and is very popular, and at the time they resided at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest, was very popular with the several other bachelor residents at that address. Mr. MCGOWAN states there is no reason to question the loyalty, patriotism, trust, or confidence of the applicant. The applicant was formerly a career newspaper man, and served in Germany and is a notable linguist. Mr. MCGOWAN recommends the applicant without hesitation for any position in the Government.

Mr. CARL MCGOWAN was investigated for a position as Legal Counsel with the Atomic Energy Commission and nothing derogatory appears in his file.

Mr. ADRIAN S. FISHER, Solicitor, Department of Commerce, formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road at a bachelor hall called "Mockley," where he met the applicant about November 1943, when the applicant was serving in the U. S. Navy. Mr. FISHER believes the applicant has a German background, at least he is of German extraction and may have German relatives, although he is not certain of this. The applicant served with the United Press Association in Germany and lived there for sometime and acquired an excellent control of the German tongue. The applicant is a man of the highest character, extremely intelligent, and perceptive, and enjoys an excellent reputation, particularly with the group of friends who resided

at 2620 Foxhall Road. Mr. FISHER states there is no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant, and has discussed the German situation with him on several occasions, and believes he has a good knowledge of what was going on. From this discussion, Mr. FISHER feels that the applicant was anti-Nazi. Mr. FISHER recommends the applicant for any position of trust and confidence as he believes he is a man of the utmost discretion and never disclosed any information to the group with whom he resided. Mr. FISHER has no information concerning any social, fraternal associations of the applicant, nor of friends or associates outside of the group that resided at 2620 Foxhall Road.

Mr. CORBURN KIDD, Central European Division, Department of State, has known the applicant since June 1945, and served with him in OIS, so that he can state that he has seen the applicant daily both professionally and socially. The applicant is a man of excellent character, who appears to be a man of some standing, and is perfectly genuine, honest, stable, and a moderate drinker. To the best of Mr. KIDD'S knowledge, there is no hint or suspicion to any weakness of character. The applicant is given wholeheartedly to business and has kept himself cheerful in spite of hard work and has always been self-collected under conditions in OIS that were very trying. Mr. KIDD states that the applicant's professional discretion is profound. The applicant enjoys an excellent reputation, and amongst his friends are Professor STEPHEN KENT, Professor of History at Yale University; Mr. JAMES W. FIDELLINGER, presently stationed with the Diplomatic Staff of the State Department at Berlin; Mr. STUART HUGHES, grandson of Chief Justice HUGHES; and Mr. HARRY POSITZER and POPE KROCKLEY, both of OIS. Mr. KIDD has no information concerning the family background, but states that the applicant has many friends, both in his present group and in different places that he has been, and has always carried himself as a gentleman of intellectual capabilities. Mr. KIDD recommends the applicant wholeheartedly, perhaps more than anyone else he has known for any position of trust and confidence, because of his character, cheeriness and calmness of thought.

T-1, a highly confidential source, furnishes information that Mr. CORBURN KIDD is a social acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH LEO IRO, alleged to associate with Communists and sympathizers.

Mr. C. E. MOSE, President of the Pursey Trust Company, Washington, D. C., knew the applicant's father, who was a banker and called "Duke" by his friends, much better than the applicant. The applicant's father was connected with the Aluminum Corporation of America. The applicant's grandfather, Mr. GIBB McCAFFRY, was formerly head of the Bank of International Settlements. Mr. MOSE regards the applicant and his family as persons of excellent character, and while he does not know him very

well, he has never known him to be in trouble of any kind. The applicant and his family enjoy a good reputation, and there has never been any reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of any one of them. Mr. POPE is unable to furnish any information concerning social or fraternal memberships of the applicant, nor his close personal associates. Mr. POPE says he would recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence in the Government, as he feels the applicant's home life would bear out that trust.

Mr. WILSON T. H. BEALE, Chief of the Division of Research for Europe, Department of State, has known the applicant since about 1945, and was formerly Executive Officer in the OSS and worked closely with the applicant overseas, and in Washington, D. C. He has known the applicant both socially and personally, and has occasion to visit the applicant's home frequently. Mr. BEALE has a high regard for the applicant's character, reputation, and personal intellectual accomplishments, and states that he has no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty or patriotism, of the applicant. Mr. BEALE has no information concerning the applicant's family background, and states he was acquainted with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest, which was a large home used as bachelor quarters by a number of persons in the Armed Forces, and where an average of about ten persons stayed at this address at any one time. But, due to the character of their work, there were many changes, and new faces appeared at that address from time to time. Mr. BEALE includes in the applicant's circle of friends, Mr. PHILIP "PAT" of the Washington Post, Mr. WILLIAM L. CARY, Professor of Law, Northwestern University, and Mr. EDWARD PRITCHARD. Mr. BEALE states that the group residing at 2620 Foxhall Road were a group of intellectual extroverts, and that all were hard workers, all were high type, and he feels that perhaps the harmony that existed in that house was because so many of the inmates were of the same type. The applicant apparently lived a very quiet life, was well liked and friendly with the group, and has been friendly with the group with whom he is employed. The applicant is very serious minded, but with this, has a good sense of humor. Mr. BEALE believes that the applicant would do well in a position outside of the Government, but imagines that the applicant has devoted himself to principles which the applicant believes are necessary for the work he is doing.

T-2, a reliable source of information, reflects that the name of WILLIAM CARY appears on the expired list of the Washington Book Shop Association, and his dues were last paid May 28, 1942.

Mr. DAGBERT W. HOWARD, International Attorney for the Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington, D. C., has known the applicant since early 1944, at which time they both resided at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest.

At this time Mr. HOWARD FOWARD was employed at the White House. Mr. FOWARD has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but regards him as a man of the highest character and reputation, a man who is serious, reliable, very intelligent, and somewhat idealistic. Mr. FOWARD lists among the applicant's friends Mr. JOHN GILBERT; Mr. EDWARD PETERSON, who is now the Democratic National Committeeman at Paris, Kentucky, and at the time he resided at 2620 Foxhall Road, was a close associate of the Secretary of State BYRNE and Secretary of the Treasury WELLES; Mr. SAMUEL L. WIDE who is a free-lance writer in Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. DON O'BRIEN, who served with him in CIA. Mr. FOWARD states there is no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, or from the standpoint of trust and national security, he would give him top rating. The applicant has the reputation of having done a cracker-jack job during the war. The applicant is a type of person who is self-contained, and the only memberships Mr. FOWARD would suspect the applicant of having would be in connection with collegiate groups at Williams College. Mr. HOWARD believes that the applicant's ideal in Government service is in doing the important type of work that he is doing.

T-4, a confidential source of information, reflects that WILLIAM T. TRIMMARD, a lawyer, was on the membership list of the American Peace Mobilization.

Mr. LEONARD LUGER, Chief, Division of Research for Europe, Department of State, has known the applicant since July 1945. He served with him in OSS in Germany, and has seen him frequently since that time. Mr. LUGER has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but regards the applicant as a man of very high character, of pleasant and intellectual disposition, who is regarded very highly and has an important position for a young man, and is well adapted to this position. The applicant has an excellent reputation, and has many friends, some of whom have achieved importance. Among these friends is Mr. BEN K. WISNER, Deputy to Assistant Secretary WELLES, Department of State. The applicant has many friends in CIA, among whom his close associates are Mr. DONALD J. O'BRIEN, Mr. HARRY SCOTT, Mr. LEONARD STONE, Mr. WILLIAM J. WELLES, Mr. ALAN WELLES and his brother JOHN WELLES WELLES, and Mr. ANDREW WELLES, a journalist who at the present is assisting in the preparation of the memoirs of Mr. CORDELL HULL. Mr. LUGER states that the applicant is loyal and patriotic and solid, and there is no question of his trust from the standpoint of national security as he has had important jobs and has always done them without any question of his trust. Mr. LUGER believes that the applicant is interested in



his work and likes it immensely and is interested in the techniques and methods of intelligence work, and has created for himself a professional attitude in this field. Mr. FUCHES recommends the applicant without reservation as he regards him as one of the best men in secret intelligence work, as he has great ambition as well as common sense.

T-1, a highly confidential source of information, states that Mr. CHABOUVE GILPATRIC is a social acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. JUST LUNTFG, alleged associates of Communists and sympathizers.

T-2, a reliable source of information, reflects Mr. CHABOUVE GILPATRIC appears on the membership list of the Washington Book Shop Association.

Mr. W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, Jr., 3018 N Street Northwest, Attorney, has known the applicant since about 1942, and has occasion to frequently exchange visits with the applicant. Mr. CLAYTOR resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest. He has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but regards the applicant as a man of the highest character, who has exhibited no weaknesses of character of any kind, and has always demonstrated himself to be emotionally stable. The applicant is a man of the highest reputation, and amongst his friends who formerly resided at 2620 Foxhall Road are Mr. EDWARD McELWAIN, Mr. WILLIAM FLIN, both Washington Attorneys, Professor WILLIAM L. CARY, Jr., Northwestern University Law School, and Mr. ADRIAN S. FISHER, Solicitor, Department of Commerce. Mr. CLAYTOR states there is no reason to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, and from the standpoint of trust, he is a good security risk. Mr. CLAYTOR has no information concerning any social or fraternal memberships of the applicant, but regards him as the type of person who is not a joiner.

The name of W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, 701 Union Trust Building, appears on the list of persons and organizations registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act of June 8, 1938, as amended, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principles dated January 2, 1941.

Mr. DAVID F. STRONG, 4716 48th Street Northwest, is employed with the applicant in CIA. He has known the applicant for about one and a half years both in OSS and CIA, but almost entirely at the office. The applicant came from field work in Berlin to be Branch Chief at CIA in Washington, D. C. Mr. STRONG has no information concerning the applicant's family background, and believes the applicant was formerly with the United Press. He regards the applicant as a man of the highest



character above any reproach, definitely under control, but extremely nervous type of individual, although he seldom shows this outwardly. The applicant is stable and hard-working, but Mr. STONE believes that due to his nervous tension, he prefers to do his work entirely alone. He has always been very fair to all of the employees with whom he is associated. The applicant is a man of excellent reputation, and is friendly with many persons with whom he is presently associated in CIA, and with Mr. FRANCIS T. WILLIAMS and Mr. CONNOR KIDD of Central European Affairs, Department of State. The applicant is definitely loyal, patriotic, and entirely trustworthy from a security standpoint. Mr. STONE believes that the applicant presently gets about double the pay that he could normally make in the newspaper field, and has mentioned how hectic news work was and felt that due to changes in his makeup in the war years, he could not undertake this hectic life again. Mr. STONE has no information concerning social, fraternal or personal memberships of the applicant, but thinks he is not the joiner type. Mr. STONE states that he definitely recommends the applicant for any position in the Government, as he has a great intellectual capacity.

#### REFERENCE

Mr. STEVEN B. L. PEMROSE, 7100 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, employed Office Secretary of National Defense, met the applicant about January 1945, when they both served in OSI. The applicant's mother's family, the LEHMAN'S, are well-known bankers. The applicant attended Williams College and was a newspaper man. The applicant's wife, JULIA, from Indianapolis, Indiana, was previously married to Dr. SODER, the inventor of Parbasol, who was much older than the applicant's wife. They had two children before the divorce. The applicant's wife is a home-maker and has sculpture for a hobby. The applicant is a man of outstanding character, with no weaknesses of any kind ever observed. He is stable and well orientated. He is calm and dispassionate. The applicant also enjoys an excellent reputation, mostly amongst friends with whom he is employed in CIC, and a few with whom he was formerly associated with in OSI. Mr. PEMROSE states there is no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, and he would give him the highest rating from a standpoint of trust and national security. Mr. PEMROSE lists among the applicant's close associates, Mr. WALLACE DEWILL, correspondent with the Chicago Daily News. Mr. PEMROSE does not believe the applicant is a member of any organization outside of the fraternities at Williams College. He regards the applicant as not being the student type, but does not hesitate to recommend him, as he considers him as one of our most solid citizens.

Mr. LUFK ELLIOTT ASHELL, 108 West Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, Attorney, Washington, D. C., has known the applicant since about March 1946, but has no information concerning family background. The applicant's wife is a divorcee from Indianapolis, who was formerly married to one of the Executives of the Carbosol Company. The applicant is a man of the highest character, very moderate drinker, well oriented, who keeps a very nice and neat home in which he is quite interested, and has an excellent reputation, and therefore, is a very desirable neighbor. The applicant is a linguist and excels in the German tongue due to his German background and education in Germany. Mr. ASHELL states there is absolutely no question as to his loyalty and patriotism, and from the standpoint of trust and confidence, he is very close-mouthed and an extremely high-grade citizen. Mr. ASHELL is interested and active in Williams College Alumni Association and believes that beyond that he is not a member of any fraternal organization.

T-3, a highly confidential source, reflects that Mr. LUFK ELLIOTT ASHELL was a board member and attended meetings at the National Executive Committee of the National Lawyers' Guild, Washington, D. C., April 2, 1937, and information discloses that he is on the membership list and his dues were last paid August 19, 1939. At two Executive Board meetings in Washington, D. C., dated February 18, 1938, and February 20, 1939, Mr. ASHELL was absent.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES E. McGLORIN, 33 West Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, had known the applicant as a neighbor and regards him as a man of excellent character and reputation. Mr. McGLORIN first met the applicant about 1942 when they resided together at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. The applicant is a man of unquestioned character, emotionally stable, and the home type of individual. He enjoys the highest reputation, and amongst his friends may be listed Mr. EDWARD McELMAIN, Washington Attorney; Mr. DAVID H. HOWARD, of the Foreign Liquidation Division; Mr. HARRY M. CUMMIS, son of WILLIAM L. CUMMIS, AIA; and Mr. JACK CHILPOSS, all of whom resided at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest. Mr. and Mrs. McGLORIN state they have no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant, and they would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust and confidence.

Mrs. FLORENCE E. ROAN, wife of Mr. ARTHUR E. S. ROAN, British Representative of the International Bank, 103 West Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, who is a British subject and has resided next door to the applicant since May 1947, has been friendly with the applicant and his family and regards them highly. The applicant is employed in the Government and the applicant's wife, formerly Mrs. SCHLICK, is a house maker and has two children, JUDY SCHLICK by her former marriage, and DAVID ELLIOTT, son of the applicant. Mrs. ROAN has no information concerning the family

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background but regards the applicant as a man of excellent character, and mentally stable. She states that she regards the applicant as a loyal and patriotic American who has served in the U. S. Navy and states that he has always exhibited himself to be a gentleman of the highest character.

Mrs. MARION W. HOLLAND, 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, has known the applicant for about two years, but has no information concerning the family background. The applicant and his wife have always exhibited excellent character. She regards them as suburban people, emotionally stable, and excellent neighbors. To the best of her knowledge, the applicant enjoys an excellent reputation, and she has been to cocktail parties at which the applicant and his wife were present. Mrs. HOLLAND states there is no reason to question the loyalty, patriotism, trust and confidence of the applicant.

T-4, a confidential source of information, reflects that Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND was on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

Mr. ARTHUR T. LYON, 109 Bradley Lane, and Miss E. P. CAMPBELL, 117 West Bradley Lane, do not know the applicant or his family, even by sight, but have never heard any rumor against the character, reputation, or loyalty of the family residing at the applicant's address.

#### EMPLOYMENT

The applicant's personnel file, Bureau of Naval Personnel, reflects the applicant was born March 30, 1913 at St. Davids, Pennsylvania. Prior to entering Naval service, he was employed as a volunteer, the Navy Relief Society Campaign, Headquarters, New York City. The applicant was educated at Carteret Academy, West Orange, New Jersey, from 1920 to 1929; Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, from 1929 to 1930; Realgymnasium, Weillburg, Germany from 1930 to 1931; Williams College, Massachusetts, from 1931 to 1935, graduated with a BA Degree (HCL) and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Chi Psi Fraternity, Carquoyle Society, Williams College, the Indianapolis Literary Group, Woodstock Club, the Contemporary Club, the Professional Men's Quorum and the Trailers Point Hunt Club at Indianapolis, Indiana. The applicant was employed by the United Press Association at London the summer of 1935 until November 1935, and in Berlin from November 1935 to 1937 when he resigned and joined the Indianapolis Times, where he worked until February 15, 1942, when he resigned to become a volunteer worker and Public Relations Officer, the Navy Relief Society, New York. The applicant's file contains letters of reference from the following persons:

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- 3-4-42 - LOUIS D. YOUNG, Advertising Manager, Indianapolis Times.
- 3-4-42 - BOOTH TARKINGTON, 4270 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis.
- 3-5-42 - RUSSELL J. RYAN, Justice, Superior Court, Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 3-2-42 - HERBERT FICKAM of Barnes, Hickam, Pantzer & Boyd, 1313 Merchants Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 3-7-42 - WALLACE R. DRELL, Special Assistant to Colonel WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, Coordinator of Information, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.
- 3-9-42 - WILLIAM L. SHIPER, Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., 485 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.
- 3-3-42 - EARL J. JOHNSON, Vice President, United Press Association, News Building, New York City.
- 3-5-42 - WILLIAM W. HAZINS, Chairman of the Board, Scripps-Howard Newspapers, 230 Park Avenue, New York.
- 5-2-42 - MARK WEBER, Business Manager, The Indianapolis Times.

Certificate of birth in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reflects that RICHARD McCAPRAN HELLS was born March 30, 1913. The applicant's father - HERMAN HENRY HELLS, twenty-nine, born New York. The applicant's mother - MATION LAVINIA McCAPRAN, twenty-three, born New York.

The file contains a memorandum from Lieutenant FRANK WULKLEY, USMP, Assistant Public Relations Officer, to Commander D. E. PATTERSON, USNR which states that Commander JAMES G. STALLMAN, USNR, Officer in Charge, Office Director of Public Relations, requested the applicant be commissioned and assigned to the Director of Public Relations. The

applicant's medical examination dated March 13, 1942 reflects temporary tachycardia, temporary hypertension, and thirty-four pounds underweight. The applicant was not qualified for appointment to USNR, unless defects were waived. The applicant was rejected by the Chief of Bureau of Navigation. A letter dated April 17, 1942, endorsed by the Director at the Office of Public Relations, Secretary of the Navy, stated that the applicant's services were not required in the Office of Public Relations, which was signed H. A. HEPBURN by H. W. GORDON, Jr.

On May 27, 1942, DOSS P. HIRSHFELD, Office of Public Relations, requested the Bureau Naval Personnel to return the applicant's application for re-consideration. The Board of Medical Examiners, U. S. Navy, rejected the applicant's application by letter dated April 9, 1942, and a survey was requested April 24, 1942 by ADOLPHUS ANDREWS. The applicant was commissioned Lieutenant (j.g.) June 6, 1942 to rank from April 1, 1942, and was promoted to Lieutenant May 1, 1943. He was transferred to the Director of Strategic Services, Psychological Warfare July 9, 1943 under EDWARD R. TAYLOR and G. EDWARD BOXTON. The applicant served in the Headquarters, Eastern Sea Frontier, August 29, 1942 to August 11, 1943, and a fitness report reflected he is outstanding. Applicant was transferred to OSS, Washington, D. C., under Captain WARD L. DAVIS, USN, August 16, 1943 to March 31, 1944. His efficiency rating was outstanding. From April 1, 1944 to January 8, 1945 the applicant served in OSS under Lieutenant Commander K. HENKES, USNR. His efficiency was excellent. The applicant served in the OSS in London under GEORGE L. GRAVESON, USNR and Captain JACK H. DUNCAN, USN. Applicant was promoted to Lieutenant Commander June 14, 1945, and was transferred by executive order October 11, 1945 from OSS to the State and War Departments and was released from active duty March 19, 1946.

Captain PAUL CASSARD, USN, President Border Review, Exos, United States Navy, Washington, D. C., informed the writer that he did not recall the applicant, and certainly did not know him socially. Captain CASSARD believes that whatever efficiency ratings he signed were correct at the time. Captain CASSARD telephonically contacted Captain JOHN T. C. STAFFLE, USN, who also was unable to recall the applicant while under his command, and both suggested that Lieutenant Commander GORDON STOUT, USNR be contacted in regard to the applicant.

Captain WARD L. DAVIS, USN, 3321 Wisconsin Avenue Northwest, was unable to recall the applicant but felt that the applicant's fitness report properly reflected his ability at the time Captain DAVIS signed it.

Mr. WALLACE CARROLL of New World Weekly Incorporated, 1712 8th Street Northwest, first met the applicant in 1935 in Geneva when

he was overseas with his father and mother, at which time he was head of UP in Berlin. Mr. CARROLL requested UP to assign the applicant to his staff while the applicant was overseas.

Mr. CARROLL has met the applicant from time to time since and has always regarded him as a man of the highest character and reputation, and has never known anything about him other than good. He has always found him to be a hard worker, intelligent, very sober, and responsible and has no reason whatsoever to question his loyalty or patriotism. The applicant spoke German fluently and was a great service to UP because of this fact. Mr. CARROLL would not hesitate to recommend the applicant for any position of trust or confidence, as he is highly interested in this type of work and enjoys it from the standpoint of true principles. Mr. CARROLL states that he has attempted to interest the applicant in the new publishing venture of the New World Weekly Incorporated.

Mr. FREDRICK OICHSNER, 3812 Fulton Street Northwest, was formerly with United Press Association in Germany, and met the applicant about 1934 in Berlin, at which time he was on a trip with his parents, following his graduation from college. Mr. OICHSNER felt that the applicant would make a good man for UP and contacted the London Office and suggested employment of the applicant, following which the applicant was sent over to the staff in Germany. Mr. OICHSNER states that the applicant's father was a banker and he believes he was born in Germany, but is not certain of this fact. The applicant's grandfather, GABRIEL MCGARRATH, was a member of the Bank of International Settlements. The applicant's mother is American born. The applicant's brother, HAROLD FELMS was also employed by UP and was a log man at the Winter Olympics in 1936. Mr. OICHSNER states that the applicant is a man of the very highest character, is clear-headed and had good reasons for decision that he had to make. The applicant is a clean-living man, and a high type who has a keen mind and strong ethical feelings. The applicant has an excellent reputation among newspaper men with whom he is associated, and there has never been any reason whatsoever to question his loyalty or patriotism as he is too high minded to violate any trust or confidence. The applicant is interested in the activities of Williams College and beyond that, Mr. OICHSNER feels that he is not a member of any social, or fraternal group.

Mr. WALLACE P. DUFF, 3026 Cambridge Northwest, Washington Correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, was formerly at the Berlin Bureau of United Press, where he met the applicant about ten years ago. The applicant served in OSI during the war and Mr. DUFF has tried to get the applicant on his staff when they were located in Germany. Mr. DUFF has no information concerning the applicant's family background except that one grandfather was the President of the Bank of International Settlements and that the applicant's wife is a divorcee. The applicant is a man of the



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most unimpeachable and impeccable character, and is known to others as an intelligent and hard-working man who is regarded almost as perfect. The applicant has an excellent reputation for extraordinary integrity. Mr. DUELL meets the applicant occasionally, and regards his loyalty and patriotism as beyond any question. The applicant is a fact finder and no hazard to national security as he has an outstanding personality and character. Mr. DUELL believes the applicant's work and family consume most of his time, and he does not believe the applicant is the joining type other than perhaps the fraternities at Williams College.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Credit Bureau reflect the applicant has three accounts, all satisfactory, and a foreign report from Newark, New Jersey, dated June 22, 1946 reveals no credit record, but states the applicant has a very favorable reputation.

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department and Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department, Civil Service investigative files, and the House Committee on Un-American Activities contained no record of the applicant.

Mr. JAMES DONOVAN, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, State Department, advised that a check made by him of the pertinent indices of the State Department failed to reveal any further information regarding the applicant.

The records of OWI reflect an arrest for speeding at Lee, Massachusetts, June 5, 1935 at which time the applicant was fined \$10. Background investigation of November 1942 recommends the applicant highly. The records of MID contained nothing derogatory, on the applicant.

The files of the Passport Division, State Department, revealed that Passport No. 31815 was issued on May 2, 1929, to RICHARD McCAPPAN WEISS who stated he was born at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1913, and that his permanent residence was 407 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey. Instant passport was for travel to British Isles, France, Germany, Belgium and Holland for one year for travel purposes and the applicant stated he was a student. On April 29, 1931, instant passport was extended for two years by the American Consulate at Basel, Switzerland.

Passport No. 100453 was issued May 14, 1934 to RICHARD McCAPPAN WEISS for travel to England and France for three months on

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pleasure and again he stated he was a student. On May 7, 1946, the American Vice Consul at Berlin, Germany renewed instant passport for two years and at this time the applicant advised that he represented the United Press of America, Daily News Building, New York.

Special passport No. 9746 was issued on June 28, 1946 to the applicant who stated that his permanent residence was 103 West Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland. This passport did not indicate any designation, but on June 26, 1946, the Strategic Services Unit of the War Department advised the State Department that the applicant had been ordered to Switzerland, Austria and Germany and that he would report to the Strategic Services Officer at Frankfurt.

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- T-1 - A highly confidential source noted in the report of Special Agent JEROME M. GALLAGHER, Washington, D. C., June 12, 1947, Title: JULE LUMINE, Character: Special Inquiry, State Department, Internal Security - R. *reliable - access*

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- T-2 - A confidential informant, [ ] known to the Bureau noted in the report of JOHN A. SMETZ, Washington, D. C., April 18, 1944, Title: Washington Book Shop Association, Character: Internal Security - C. *reliable - access*

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- T-3 - A highly confidential source noted in the report of T. W. DANESEY, Washington, D. C., May 15, 1941, Title: National Lawyers' Guild, Character: Internal Security - C. *reliable - access*

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- T-4 - Report of SA T. W. DANESEY, Washington, D. C., January 21, 1941, Title: Washington Committee for Democratic Action, Character: Internal Security - C, which contains a photostat of the membership card of Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND. *reliable - access*

The following persons are mentioned as contacts in the Silvermaster Case, but no apparent information of significance in instant investigation appears. SHERMAN KENT, WILLIAM L. CAPY, STEPHEN B. L. BEMOSE.

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- T-5 - Report of Special Agent T. W. DANESEY, Washington, D. C., February 17, 1941, Title: American Peace Mobilization, Washington Peace Mobilization, Character: Internal Security - C. *reliable - access*

The former address of the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest was included in a project requested by President TRUMAN in connection with a security check of State Department leaks. On April 24, 1945, Inspector M. E. LORNEA requested a technical surveillance at that address, which was listed in the names of JOHN C. GILFUSSE and DAGGETT H. FOWARD. Other persons residing at that address included Lieutenant BERNARD T. BRENNAN, Captain JAMES P. BOWEN,

Lieutenant Colonel HARRY E. GREEN,  
Lieutenant EDWARD A. McELMURN, Major JOHN  
F. PUNWALLS, Lieutenant A. E. TATMAN,  
Lieutenant JOHN M. WOOLSEY, and JULES  
HANAFORD.

This surveillance was predicated on information that EDWARD F. RICHARD who resided there had been named in summary memorandum covering previous security leaks in the State Department. It is to be noted that these and other friends of the applicant resided at that address. There is no information available that indicates that the applicant was in any way involved in this surveillance. It was impossible to successfully complete this technical surveillance and this part of the project was discontinued April 27, 1945.

Mr. A. Rosen

October 3, 1955

Mr. C. H. Stanley

**RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS**  
Central Intelligence Agency  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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**SYNOPSIS:**

Lee Davis Lauren, Captain, Air Force Reserves, interviewed at request of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in connection with current investigation of [redacted]. Only information Lauren had concerning [redacted] was what he obtained from Donald Surine. Lauren said he heard [redacted]

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[redacted] Lauren also heard that Richard Helms of CIA was responsible more than anyone else for re-hiring so many former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) personnel whom General Donovan had eliminated for security reasons. Surine was also Lauren's source for this information. Applicant-type investigation conducted re Helms in 1948 and 1953 and reports were made available to CIA. Results of investigation favorable except allegation, not substantiated, that Helms in 1945 while with OSS improperly classified some reports as "biased and unreliable." Lauren during current interview also remarked he believes Jay Lovestone is still very communistic and that the apparatus of which Lovestone is a part is more dangerous to the United States than Communism. In 1953 Lauren submitted application for employment with Bureau desiring position of "Intelligence - Analyst - Writer." No consideration given to employing him as he did not have high school or college diploma.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the attached letter be sent Central Intelligence Agency. The letter does not identify Surine but reflects Lauren's source is a member of Senator McCarthy's staff.

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Nichols, Room 5640 (Sent direct)

Mr. Belmont, Room 1742 (Sent direct)

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DETAILS:

An investigation is being conducted concerning [redacted] at the request of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). CIA included a request that the Bureau interview Lee Davis Lauren, who was alleged to be in possession of some "interesting information" concerning [redacted]. CIA also asked it be determined whether Lauren has any derogatory information concerning any other employees of CIA. Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, confidentially advised through Liaison channels that Lauren had indicated to a CIA official that he had been employed by Senator McCarthy's office and had access to information in that office and he made it quite clear that the information he possessed was in the files of Senator McCarthy.

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By letter dated September 21, 1955, the Washington Field Office advised that Lauren had been interviewed and had said the only information he had concerning [redacted] was hearsay and his source was Donald Surine of Senator McCarthy's staff. Lauren said he had heard [redacted]

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The only other CIA employee concerning whom Lauren had information was Richard Helms. Lauren's source again was Surine. Lauren said he heard Helms was responsible more than anyone else within CIA for re-hiring so many former Office of Strategic Services personnel whom General Donovan had eliminated for security reasons.

The Bureau has previously conducted two applicant-type investigations on Richard McGarrah Helms, who appears to be identical with the Richard Helms referred to by Lauren. The results were almost entirely favorable. One source, [redacted] did allege that while he, the source, was [redacted] some of his reports

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were filed in the "not used" files and classified "biased and unreliable." [redacted] said five individuals, one of whom he named as Richard Helms, were responsible for classifying these reports and he considered these individuals pro-Communist because of the way his reports had been handled. He added he was certain none of the individuals were Communist Party members as they were too intelligent.

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During the current interview by the Washington Field Office Lauren said he is a captain in the United States Air Force Reserves and has worked for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He said about a year ago he was in line for a high position in the State Department but he did not get the position and he believes there is a flag in State Department files against his name. He remarked that apparently the word has gone around, down through the Republican National Committee to the State Department, that he is anti-Semitic. He said this was untrue. He asked if the FBI could clear him pointing out that he still had top secret clearance with the Air Force. He was advised the FBI makes no recommendation for clearance of an individual for Government employment.

Lauren applied for a position with the Bureau in July, 1953, desiring to serve as an "intelligence - analyst - writer" at a salary of \$7500 per year. He did not have a high school or college diploma and accordingly was not offered employment by the Bureau.

During the current interview Lauren said that in 1952 he was the Subversive Intelligence Analyst at the Strategic Air Command and did research in Washington. In his research he had deduced that Jay Lovestone is still very communistic as far as Lauren is concerned and that the apparatus of which Lovestone is a part is more dangerous to the United States than Communism; that

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Lovestone and several labor attaches are part of an "apparatus which is inducing the United States into an international socialistic organization, diffusing our international definitions in economics, politics and culture." The Washington Field Office observed Lauren does not appear to have any information of value as to any particular person. Lauren was very anxious to discuss his theories on international Communism and of interlocking personalities in high places in the State and Labor Departments. He offered to make himself available at any time for further discussion on these points. He said that in his work for the Military and <sup>the</sup> Congressional Committee his particular specialty was practices and policies rather than personalities, and that he would have no interest in a person other than that the person might personify a certain set of practices.

It might be noted that in May, 1954, Lauren called at the Bureau and was interviewed by the Espionage Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division. At that time he desired to discuss matters relating to Jay Lovestone but could furnish no factual information concerning him. (61-1292-879)