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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief SSO

DATE: 27 Aug 56

FROM : SE

SUBJECT: (1) #65077
(2) #66371

The IG, Mr Kirkpatrick, will appeal our decision against conversion of the two subjects above, to Gen. Cabell. This is based upon representations to him by both subjects during his visit in [redacted].

In the case of subject (1), please check with FBI Liaison and ask them to verify if possible that he joined the CP at the instigation and with the blessing of Special Agent Edward W. Buckley who was his FBI Case O. When I call for files again, all I will need is the summary of the two cases. SE

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CHIEF,

FROM SECURITY SUPPORT DIVISION

SUBJECT:

not actually ask subject to join the CP but told him that they would be interested in anything subject learned. Shortly thereafter subject joined the CP and became a paid FBI informant. Bates said that subject was a very reliable informant and all evidence indicated that he joined the CP for patriotic reasons. Bates pointed out that, since being exposed as an FBI informant, subject has not exploited his acquaintances as have some other informants.

Bates reiterated that this is furnished in confidence.

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TO : Record

DATE: 21 Feb 1957

FROM : SE

SUBJECT: Balboa N. HIDALGO - # 65077

Mr Helms called a meeting on 19 Feb with representatives of WH and the undersigned to discuss a proposal by the IG that Subject be converted to staff employee.

It was agreed that the issue would depend on how much the fact that Subject had been widely publicized as an FBI informant would effect the flexibility of his use, his cover, and his possible integration into State Dept. I was asked to inquire of State on their policy and was informed they would much prefer not to integrate a subject of this type. - I so informed Mr Helms. - Final action rests between DAP and IG

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TO : Record

DATE: 30 August 56

FROM : CHIEF, SECURITY SUPPORT DIVISION

SUBJECT: ~~Balboa~~ Hidalgo, Balboa N. # 65077

See Edwards note dated 24 August 56.

Mr. Christy Bates, FBI headquarters division representative, advised me in strict confidence that he had personally reviewed Subject's file. He said there is no evidence that Subject had any connection with CP activities prior to the time he came to the FBI. At that time he told the FBI that Communists had been urging his father to join the CP but that his father had no interest in that sort of thing. Subject told me he was willing to join the CP if the FBI would do so. In accordance with their policy, the FBI did