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his dissatisfaction with West Point and discussed the possibility of leaving the Academy. Investigation in NYC and places COX is known to have frequented proved negative. Records of enlisted personnel attached to 27th and 28th Constabulary Units for pertinent period of COX's service with these units obtained. who served with COX overseas, is described by Cadets SAMOTIS and MARESCA as being similar to the unidentified admits knowing civilian observed talking to COX. COX but denies ever having been to West Point, First Army, CTD. advises that results of Polygraph test administered to appear to confirm above statement. Investigation to date fails to reflect any reason for COX's disappearance or any logical leads as to his present whereabouts. Descriptive and background information of COX set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK

This investigation is predicated on a request made to this office on February 13, 1950 by Major General BRYANT E. MOORE, Superintendent of the UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, West Point, New York, who advised that Cadet RICHARD C. COX had been missing from the Academy since January 14, 1950.

Lt. Col. EDWIN N. HOWELL, Provost Marshal, West Point, New York, together with Agents and JOSEPH J. CAVANAUH, of the First Army, CID, furnished the following information concerning the case to date:

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Cadet RICHARD C. COX, Serial #C-8132, a member of the Third Class Company B-2 Cadet Corps, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, has been missing from the Academy since January 14, 1950. COX is twenty-one years of age and a former serviceman; he served in the regular army for about

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fourteen months, a portion of which time he spent in Germany. COX roomed at the Academy in Room 1943, Company B, with two other Cadets, DEANE E. WELCH and JOSEPH J. URSCHEL. He was last seen on the afternoon of January 14. 1950 in his room at about 1818 (6:18 p.m.) and at that time was reported to be preparing to dine at the HOTEL THAYER with an unidentified civilian friend who is known only as It is known that he was visited by the same friend on January 7, 1950 and that the friend telephoned to COX's Company and left a message for COX, "Tell him that a friend from Germany, called." On January 14, 1950 just before he was last seen COX advised his roommates that he was going to have dinner with the same fellow who visited him on the previous weekend. Company B Departure Book reflects that COX signed out at 1745 on January 14, 1950 and listed his designation as D P Hotel. A photograph of the page of the Departure Book has been obtained and is being maintained in the files of this office. Agent CAVANAUGH of the First Army, CID, advised that he had visited Mansfield, Ohio, the home of Cadet COX, and had interviewed all of the members of the COX family and several friends and associates of young COX. He also spoke to L who was reported to be engaged to COX and with whom COX spent the major portion of his Christmas leave. CAVANAUGH stated that Miss him that she had asked COX if he would be willing to resign from the U. S. Military Academy in order to marry her but that COX had told her that he wanted to finish his course at the Academy first and that they had agreed that they would wait to be married until regulations permitted it. She was unable to offer any explanation for COX's mysterious disappearance.

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In the course of the investigation conducted by the First Army, CID, Agent CAVANAUGH advised that they had contacted numerous associates of COX as well as a large number of men who had served with COX while the latter was overseas. He furnished the writer with the following list of names of men who had served overseas with COX and who had been contacted by members of the CID. It will be noted that a portion of this list fails to reflect any addresses of individuals named and Agent CAVANAUGH advised that these individuals whose addresses were not listed were men whose names had appeared in the investigation or whose names had been mentioned by other people contacted and that efforts to date had been unsuccessful in attempting to locate same.

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SLATER, FRANCIS R. 42 269 051

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MILLER, WILLIAM B.

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Disch 26 Feb 48 - 86 Forest St. SW, Washington, D.C. Add at time of entry into sv - 3122 Westmont St., Philadelphia, Pa.

MILTON, JOHN T.

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Disch 21 Apr 48 - 3100 W. 29th Avenue, Denver, Colorado Add at time of entry into sv - 915 Bennet Ave., Glenwood Springs, Colo.

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Disch 5 Mar 48 - 245 21st Avenue, Patterson, N. J. Add at time of entry into sv - 52 Lambert Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey

GRONER, JOSEPH E.

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Disch 11 Feb 48 - RFD 2, Bristol, Pa. Same add at time of entry into sv.

CANIZIO, SALVATORE

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DALE, MERRITT T.

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BATEMAN, BOBBY L.

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GILLIGAN, RICHARD J.

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KOSAI, YOSHIO
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Disch 24 Feb 48 - Rt. 2, Payette, Idaho
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JONES, PAT D.
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Disch 25 May 48 - 4508 Hatch Street, Shreveport, La.
Same add at time of entry into sv.

FARNEEL, MARVIN E.
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Disch 19 Jun 47 - Box 126, Jasper, Michigan
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Cadet PETER CONOVER HAINES, Serial #C-8324, Company B-2, advised that on January 7, 1950 he was Cadet C.Q. Company B, 2nd Regiment, and at about 1645 he received a phone call and the caller asked for COX in the following manner: "Hey fellow, do you have a DICK COX in your Company?" Cadet HAINES advised the caller that he did but that COX was out at the time. The caller said "Well, look, when he comes in tell him to come down to the hotel. Tell him that _____ called. He'll know who I am. We knew to the hotel. Tell him that each other in Germany." Cadet HAINES advised that he left a note for COX and that he did not see COX until about 1715 when he told COX that a call had been received for him. COX advised HAINES that he did not remember anyone named whom he had known in Germany but that he would go down to the hotel anyway since it was a chance to get something to eat outside of the mess. HAINES later saw COX at about 8 p.m. the same evening, at which time COX again stated that he did not remember the fellow. HAINES advised that COX appeared completely sober at that time and in full possession of his faculties. HAINES stated that when he was questioned immediately following

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COX's disappearance he was of the opinion at that time that the caller had identified himself as _____ and that his present recollection is the same. He admitted, however, that he might be mistaken and that the caller might possibly have identified himself by some other name.

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Cadet MAURO E. MARESCA, Serial #C-6520, Company L-1, advised that he is assigned to Room 3841 and that his home is in New York City. On January 7, 1950 MARESCA was on duty at Grant Hall at about 5 p.m. when a young man in civilian clothes inquired for Cadet COX. MARESCA asked the man for Cadet COX's initials and the latter apparently knew them. MARESCA called the Orderly Room and left a message that Cadet COX had a visitor waiting for him at Grant Hall. At about 5:30 p.m. Cadet COX came to MARESCA and asked him to call for his guest. MARESCA advised that COX appeared to know this young fellow very well. COX shook hands with him and the civilian spent some time kidding COX about how the latter looked in his Cadet uniform. Both left Grant Hall together. MARESCA could not identify COX from pictures shown to him but advised that he knew all the other Cadets by the name of COX and eliminated them in this fashion. The following description of the civilian who met COX in Grant Hall was furnished by Cadet MARESCA:

Height 5'10" to 5'11"
Weight 180 to 185 lbs.
Age About 25 years
Hair Blond, short but not crew cut
Face Full
Clothes Pinkish tan topcoat

Cadet JOHN A. SAMOTIS, Serial #C-7481, Company B-2, advised that he is assigned to Room 2032. SAMOTIS stated that on January 14, 1950 at about 1700 he observed Cadet COX talking to a civilian in the East Sallyport of the North Area. SAMOTIS described the civilian as follows:

Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Clothes
Appearance

20 to 25 years
5' 10"

165 lbs.
Dark, short
No hat, box type topcoat, pinkish tan
Neat and well dressed

SAMOTIS advised that both COX and the civilian appeared to be on good terms and that there was no evidence of a disturbance or argument.

Cadet DEANE E. WELCH, Serial #C-8649, Company B-2, advised that he is assigned to Room 1943, the same room to which Cadet COX was assigned.

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WELCH stated that his home is in Meredith, New Hampshire. WELCH stated that on January 7, 1950 COX had received a phone call from a party whom he had apparently known in Germany and had made an appointment to dine with this individual at the Hotel Thayer. At about 1730 on January 7th, COX was getting dressed with the intention of going to the Hotel Thayer when WEICH left the room. WELCH returned to the room about 2100 and found that COX and Cadet JOSEPH J. URSCHEL were already in the room. URSCHEL was writing and COX was asleep at his desk. At about 2130 COX woke up, walked out into the hallway and shouted, "Say, down there, is Alice down there?" WELCH and URSCHEL followed him out into the hallway and then they returned to the room with him. They asked him who ALICE was and COX said that ALICE was a girl mentioned by his friend with whom he had spent the evening. It became apparent to URSCHEL and WELCH at this time that COX was intoxicated. COX then fell asleep again and woke up about 2300 at which time URSCHEL and WELCH put COX to bed. On January 8, 1950 COX left his room at about 1215 to meet the same friend at the Thayer Hotel. He returned to the room about 1700 and was entirely sober at this time.

On January 14, 1950 at about 1700 WELCH and COX were returning from the athletic field when COX decided to check his marks which were posted in the East Sallyport. WELCH went directly to the room and COX returned about 20 minutes later. He told WELCH that he had spoken to the same man who had visited him on the previous weekend and that he intended to dine with this friend at the Hotel Thayer that evening. WELCH advised that about 1818 on the same date he was in the room with Cadet COX and preparing to attend supper formation. He left the room and COX was still in the room at the time he left. COX had dressed himself in a full dress uniform and was apparently ready to leave with the exception of the fact that he had not as yet buttoned the long coat. This was the last time that WELCH saw or heard from COX. WELCH advised that COX was engaged to a girl in his home town of Mansfield, Ohio, and that the girl's name was WELCH stated that he had visited Mansfield, Ohio, with COX during the previous summer and that had subsequently visited West Point. He was unable to explain why COX had suddenly disappeared and stated that COX was the No. 1 man in his Company on tactics and also ranked in the first few scholastically. WELCH advised that he was probably as close to COX as any other Cadet at West Point but admitted that COX was a very self-contained individual and that COX had never been known to confide in anyone.

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Cadet JOSEPH JOHN URSCHEL, Serial #C-8622, Company B-2, advised that he was also a roommate of Cadet COX and had roomed with COX since July 1, 1948, when both entered the U. S. Military Academy. URSCHEL stated that on January 7, 1950 at about 7:05 p.m. he was seated in Room 1943 which he shared with WEICH and COX when the latter came in from the shower room. COX

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was wearing only a towel wrapped around him at the time which was unusual according to URSCHEL because he usually wore a bathrobe. COX was singing and waving his arms and URSCHEL asked him what he was so happy about. COX did not answer but sat down and began to read a letter and shortly thereafter fell asleep at his desk. URSCHEL estimates that it was about 9 p.m. when Cadet WEICH returned to the room and COX was still asleep. COX woke up shortly after 9 p.m. and walked out into the hall and shouted "Say down there." WEICH followed him out into the hall and talked to him and then they both returned to the room. COX began to pull his bed apart and threw the blankets on the floor and finally fell asleep without completing the task of preparing his bed. URSCHEL advised that COX had apparently been drinking and that when they questioned him about it he told him that his friend refused to let him out of the car until he took a drink. URSCHEL stated that COX had apparently returned earlier that evening and signed in and then had gone out with this unidentified friend again and when he returned the second time he was in an intoxicated condition.

On January 8, 1950 COX told URSCHEL that he was afraid of this man who was capable of anything. URSCHEL noted that COX did not name his civilian friend other than to refer to him as a former G.I. he had known in Germany. COX told him that this man had bragged to him about mutilating the bodies of German soldiers and of hanging their fraulein. At about 1700 on this date COX returned from his visit with this unidentified friend and appeared quite annoyed because his friend had stayed at West Point for the entire afternoon thereby interfering with COX's plan of study. URSCHEL advised that COX was apparently in good physical and mental condition. He had never heard him complain of any ailment and had never noticed any indication that COX suffered from lapse of memory. COX had advised URSCHEL that during the recent Christmas holidays, which he spent at Mansfield, Ohio, he and his fiancee, had driven half way to Kentucky to get married but had some car trouble and decided to return home. URSCHEL stated that it was his opinion that COX, although a first-class Cadet, was not entirely satisfied with life at the Academy and would have resigned but for his mother, who was apparently very proud of the fact that her son was a Cadet at West Point and was anxious to see him complete the course. URSCHEL stated that he could find no indication that COX took any civilian clothes with him and that the only things which he believed were missing were some photographs which COX had been looking at on the Thursday evening prior to his disappearance. URSCHEL stated that when they examined COX's effects he did not notice these pictures, which were taken in Germany.

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URSCHEL advised that COX was quite odd in some of his ways and pointed out that if COX was asked a question and did not desire to answer, he would remain silent. If the question were repeated, he would merely look

up and acknowledge it with the statement, "I heard you" but would offer no further explanation. URSCHEL was unable to furnish the name of any individual who might be considered a very close friend of COX but advised that Cadet THOMAS AYERS had made several trips with COX to New York City and appeared to be very friendly with him.

Cadet WAYNE NEVILLE WHITE, Serial #C-8661, Company A-2, advised that he is a member of the track team as was Cadet COX. He advised that during October of 1949 while the track tea was staying at the Hotel Astor, he and Cadet COX went to the LORELEI RESTAURANT on 86th Street in New York City. Cadet WHITE was accompanied by his girl friend, BETH HURDER, and COX escorted Miss HURDER's sister. WHITE advised that it was his opinion that COX had never been to the LORELEI RESTAURANT before. He advised that he was friendly with COX but knew very little of COX's activities in view of the fact that COX apparently had no problems, or, if he did have any, never sought assistance from anyone.

Cadet THOMAS D. AYERS, Serial #C-8017, Company A-2, advised that he met Cadet RICHARD COX at the U. S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Stewart Field, New York, about March 1948. Both successfully completed the course at the Preparatory School and entered the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in July of 1948. AYERS made several trips to New York to attend football games, the Army parade, and other social events. On these trips he was accompanied by COX. They stayed at the Hotel Astor. On the second trip to New York AYERS recalled that he and COX met two girls in the lobby of the Hotel Astor and subsequently went to the Hotel Piccadilly with these girls. He could not recall the date of this meeting but advised that on a later date they again met these girls at the Hotel Astor. AYERS stated that neither he nor COX knew the girls and it was in the nature of a pick-up. He was certain that neither of the girls interested COX enough to account for COX's disappearance. In addition to the trip to New York, AYERS advised that while he and COX were at Stewart Field they frequently visited the Green Room of the Hotel Newburgh, located on Broadway, Newburgh, New York. He could furnish no explanation of COX's sudden disappearance.

Cadet IOUIS MC ALESTER DAVIS, Serial #C-8145, Company M-2, advised that he is a member of the track and cross country team and that Cadet COX was a member of the cross country team. DAVIS has known COX since about September of 1949. About November of 1949 the cross country team went to New York City where they stayed at the Hotel Astor. During their stay there they visited the IORELEI RESTAURANT and the 86th STREET BRAUHAUS. DAVIS recalled that there seemed to be a large number of unescorted girls in the BRAUHAUS and that COX, who did not have a date, stated that he was going back

there to pick up a girl. In all, COX made about three trips with the cross country team to New York. Early in December of 1949 the cross country team made a trip to Michigan where they stayed at the Hotel Olds in East Lansing. There were no excursions on this trip and DAVIS recalled that COX phoned his mother while staying at East Lansing. DAVIS recalled that COX was very discouraged following his return from the recent Christmas vacation at home and talked quite a lot about his fiancee. He advised that he noticed this because it was unusual for COX to volunteer any information. DAVIS admitted that most Cadets usually are discouraged when they return from the holidays and theorized that perhaps he found COX to be more discouraged than usual because it was very unusual for the latter to have any complaints. DAVIS advised that he knew of no reason why COX should suddenly disappear.

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Cadet JACK RICHARD PILK, Serial #C-8478, Company D-2, advised that he had been quite friendly with Cadet COX especially during the summer of 1949 when both were stationed at Camp Buckner during summer maneuvers. PILK stated that although he was friendly with COX he knew little about COX and that the latter was a very self-reliant individual who to PILK's knowledge never confided in anyone nor sought anyone's advice. PILK identified a photograph found among COX's possessions as that of himself, one JEAN CARR, a student at Wells College, New York, who was COX's drag on several occasions, and the third person in this picture was Cadet COX. The picture was taken at Camp Buckner during the summer of 1949. PILK was unable to offer any explanation for COX's sudden disappearance.

Cadet RICHARD J. RUSSOMANO, Serial #C-8531, Company B-2, advised that from 1800 January 13, 1950 until 1800 January 14, 1950 he was Cadet in Charge of Quarters of the 20th Division, Company B-2, and that his office was in the building next to that in which COX roomed. RUSSOMANO stated that he did not see Cadet COX on January 14th. He advised that COX could have signed out for dining privileges several hours before leaving and that the only requirement is that a Cadet must sign out before 1820 which is the deadline for supper formation. A Cadet who has signed out can leave at any time thereafter. RUSSOMANO advised that he knew COX well but never went on any dates with him. He has observed that COX very seldom attended the show which is held on the Reservation grounds and which most Cadets take advantage of and that COX frequently took walks by himself. RUSSOMANO stated that at about 5:55 p.m. on January 14, 1950 he was relieved by Cadet LOUIS C. BRYAN, JR.

Cadet LOUIS C. BRYAN, JR., Serial #C-8074, confirmed the fact that he had relieved RUSSOMANO as Cadet in Charge of Quarters on January 14, 1950 at approximately 6 p.m. BRYAN does not recall seeing COX on that date and could furnish no information regarding his disappearance.

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Cadet CLARENCE G. RUFF, Serial #C-8526, Company C-2, advised that he was on duty as a Fire Guard at about 6:20 p.m. on January 14, 1950. His duties required that he remain in the area until the First and Second Classmen return from supper, which is usually about 7 p.m. RUFF is reasonably certain that he did not see COX leave during his tour of duty as a Fire Guard. RUFF last saw COX before dinner formation and after Russian class on January 14th. He recalls that they talked about COX's plans for the cross country team but that COX had no comments to make regarding any plans for the coming weekend. RUFF advised that he met COX overseas but was not too friendly with him until he again encountered him at the Preparatory School at Stewart Field. The meeting overseas took place at Marburg, Germany, when both arrived there to take an examination for an appointment to West Point. He could not recall ever having been on any dates with COX.

Cadet WILLIAM N. PEDRICK, Serial #C-3466, Company L-2, advised that he was also on duty as Fire Guard in the Quadrangle at the same time as Cadet RUFF. He placed his tour of duty from about 6:20 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on January 14th, 1950. He advised that he did not see COX leaving the building during this time. PEDRICK advised that he was acquainted with COX, having sat next to the latter in chemistry class, but was not very friendly with him and could offer no explanation regarding his disappearance.

Cadet DONAID K. SYKES, Serial #C-9626, Company G-1, advised that he was on Guard Duty on January 14, 1950 from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 or 8:45 p.m. SYKES did not know COX or the latter's roommates, URSCHEL or WELCH, but recalls that WELCH's card was unmarked and that he noticed it when he checked Room 1943. He advised that he would not have entered the room if anyone had been there. He places the time of the room check as about 7:20 or 7:25 p.m.

On the basis of information received from the DONATO STUDIO at 48 Colden Street, Newburgh, New York, Cadet MILTON DORHAN SULLIVAN, Serial #C-8591, Company M-1, was interviewed. Mr. DONATO of the above studio advised that SULLIVAN and COX had had their photographs taken in his studio while both were attending the Preparatory School at Stewart Field. Cadet SULLIVAN advised that he met COX while at Stewart Field in the early part of 1948 but that he had never gone out on any dates with him and did not recall going to DONATO'S STUDIO with COX. He advised that he had had his picture taken at this studio but that COX was not with him at this time. SULLIVAN stated that COX had never indicated to him that he was dissatisfied with military life and therefore he could offer no explanation for COX's disappearance.

Cadet EDWARD J. FOX, Serial #C-6262, Company C-2, voluntarily advised that while at Governors Island, New York City, he had been told by a man working behind the snack bar in the Officers' Club that this man knew COX and had served with the latter overseas. Cadet FOX advised that the circumstances under which he obtained this information were not suitable for further questioning of this individual. The above information was furnished to Special Agent JOSEPH J. CAVANMEH of the First Army, CTD, who subsequently advised that this man had been interviewed but was unable to furnish any information regarding instant investigation.

The records of the HONEL THAYER, West Point, New York, were reviewed
for the weekends of January 7 and January 14, 1950. These records reflect
that with the exception of an occasional family, the guests at the Hotel over
the weekends are usually girls who are there to visit some Cadets. Among
those registered on the weekend of January 7th was one
who listed his address as Columbia University, New York, New York. Information
developed at the hotel reflected that was a guest of
Lt. Col. J. A. CLEVELAND, an Associate Professor of Foreign Languages to
West Point. Col. CIEVELAND advised thatis a second
cousin and a native of Ecuador. He visited CLEVELAND at West Point on
January 7th last and staved at the Hotel Thayer. This is the first time
CLEVELAND has ever met and he advised that practically forced
himself on the CLEVELANDS. CLEVELAND stated that is a very personable
young man and makes acquaintances easily. CLEVEIAND further stated that he
had received a letter from his mother advising him is a braggart and
warning the colonel not to place too much confidence in him nor under any $_{ m k_{7C}}$
circumstances to lend him any money. GLEVETAND stated that was to
West Point on January 7 and January 8 and that with the exception of the
time he spent at the Hotel Thayer he was with the CLEVELAND family for the
entire period. With the exception of two South American Cadets whom
CLEVELAND introduced to him, was not acquainted at West Point.
CLEVELAND advised that he later discovered had succeeded in having
the Junior Hostess arrange a date for him on January 14th but that he,
CLEVELAND, telephoned and cancelled the engagement. He advised that
to his knowledge was not acquainted with Cadet COX and stated that he
did not believe he had any connection with CCX's disappearance.

A review of Room 1943, which Cadet COX had formerly occupied with Cadets URSCHEL and WELCH, was made by Agent CAVANAUGH of the CID and the writer. It was ascertained that there was no space in the room which had not been thoroughly accounted for and searched. An examination of the building reflected that COX could easily have left through the Quadrangle

and have been unobserved by the Fire Guards or the Cadet in Charge of Quarters, or that he could have left from the outside doorways and have been out of sight entirely from those in the Quadrangle. Lt. Col. EDWIN N. HOWELL, Provost Marshal, advised that none of the members of the Military Police stationed at the various gates of the Post recalled seeing COX but further stated that it would be unusual if they did inasmuch as it is not customary for them to bother Cadets, who may come and go as they please over weekends.

Under the direction of Lt. Col. HOWELL, members of the 1802nd Special Regiment made a thorough search of the grounds of the Reservation and all of the buildings located thereon. This search also included the draining of Delafield Pond and the dragging of Lusk Reservoir and other lakes on the Reservation. During the search the mountainous terrain unaccessible by foot was covered through the cooperation of the New York City Police Department who sent a helicopter to West Point to assist in completing the search. The search failed to uncover any trace of the missing Cadet.

AT BEAR MOUNTAIN, NEW YORK

Chief AUGUST IA VERTY, N.A., of the Palisades Inter-State Park Police, advised that he had instructed his department as well as the Rangers attached thereto to be on the look-out for any trace of the missing Cadet. Chief LA VERTY stated that the Bear Mt. and Harriman State Parks, which are almost adjacent to the West Point Reservation, comprise some 48,000 acres and several thousand buildings and shacks and that a complete search of these grounds would take several months. He advised, however, that all trails and likely places had been thoroughly search. Chief LA VERTY further advised that JOHN MARTIN, Manager of the Bear Mt. Inn, had been contacted and had advised that he could find no one who recalls seeing Cadet COX at the Inn.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FREDERICK L. WILT:

AT NEW YORK. NEW YORK

The following employees of Tony Pastor's Restaurant, 130 West 39th Street, were interviewed. A photograph of COX was displayed to these individuals. None of these persons had ever seen COX, and they were unable to contribute any information concerning his whereabouts.

WILLIAM JANAVA, Manager
JOSEPH PANTANO
JOSEPH FLORES
BEN SALERNO
JOSEPH MARINO
JAMES PRIVINZIO
CHARLES TRAVACLIATI
THOMAS DEVITO
SAL MARROTO

was i	nterviewed on March	1 2, 1950. At this time	was in the b6
Columbia Univers	ity student infl.rms	ary. Permission was obtain	ied iiom die
nurses and physi	cians in charge of	the infirmary prior to in	terviewing
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		recognize COX's photograph	•is
described as fol	.lows:		
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Weight	.	146 1bs.	
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Comple	exion	Medium	
Hair		Light brown, crew cut	
Featur	·e s	Delicate	
Build		Slight	b7C
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		Calle Rio de Jani	
		628 Quito, Ecuado	or
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		was a student at Bucknell	
		September 1948 to June 1949) he studied at $_{ m b6}$
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		s an aunt, Mrs. ELSA CLEVE	
married to JOHN	OTE ARTHING OF MEST 1	Point, New York. He stated	that he visited

his aunt and uncle in West Point early in January 1950, and that due to a lack of space in Mrs. CLEVELAND's home, he stayed a night in the Thayer Hotel at West Point. He stated that his aunt and uncle in West Point could verify this statement.

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	advised that he is personally acquainted with
a Cadet	at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

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Mrs. HALVOR T. DARRACOTT, 214-32 43rd Avenue, Bayside, Long Island, advised on March 24, 1950 that approximately one month prior to the time of this interview she was contacted by two magazine salesmen, one of whom closely resembled the picture of COX which appeared in the local newspaper.

Mrs. A. H. RUDA, 214-32 43rd Avenue, Bayside, Long Island, displayed a magazine subscription receipt signed by ŒORGE BURRY of the Publishers Continental Sales Corporation of Michigan City, Indiana. Mrs. RUDA stated that this was the same individual to whom Mrs. DARRACOTT referred as having borne a resemblance to Cadet COX.

Miss NELL POLITI, National Association of Magazine Publishers, 232 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that ŒORGE BURRY has been a registered salesman of the Publishers Continental Sales Corporation of Michigan City, Indiana, since October 2, 1949. He has been registered with this firm as a bona fide salesman since October 13, 1949 and his home address is Deer Lake, Newfoundland.

BURRY is described as follows:

Age	21 years
Sex	Male
Eyes	Green
Hair	B l a c k
Height	5' 6] "
Weight	145 lbs.

Miss POLITI advised that she is certain BURRY is not identical with Cadet COX.

Mr. J. F. CONNER, 35 Hamilton Place, Apartment 710, advised that on March 17, 1950, St. Patrick's Day, he had seen a Cadet who is described below:

Wearing grey West Point military uniform,

shoes run down at the heels

180 lbs.

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Weight Height

Clothes

Full faced

Features

Approximately 20 years

Age

CONNER stated that he saw this Cadet walking alone on 59th Street, where he entered CentralPark across the street from the Plaza Hotel, and walked north. CONNER stated that this individual resembled the photographs of COX which he had seen in local newspapers. CONNER could not be certain that the uniform this person was wearing was that of the U.S. Military Academy or some private military academy.

CONNER saw this Cadet for only a brief glance and was unable to contribute any further information concerning him. A photograph of COX was displayed to CONNER, and he was uncertain as to whether the aforementioned individual is identical with COX.

Mr. J. A. FITZGERAID, Assistant Manager, PICCADILLY HOTEL, 227 West 45th Street, advised that he had searched the registration cards of this hotel and was unable to find any record of COX having resided there.

A photograph of COX was displayed to the bellhops and various other employees of the Piccadilly Hotel in an effort to gain information concerning COX, with negative results.

Mr. R. E.KERR, Assistant Manager, ASTOR HOTEL, 44th Street and Broadway, advised that a search of the registration cards of this hotel failed to reveal that COX had ever resided there. A photograph of COX was displayed to KERR and various employees throughout the Astor Hotel in an effort to gain information concerning Cadet COX, with negative results.

The following individuals in the Yorkville district along East 86th Street in Manhattan were interviewed, and a photograph of COX displayed to them. None of these individuals was able to contribute any information concerning COX.

JOSEPH BRUDER
Old Brewery Restaurant
1754 Second Avenue

AUGUST SCHLASSER, waiter Lorelei Restaurant 233 East 86 Street

HENRY WILKENS, bartender Lorelei Restaurant 233 East 86 Street

EUGENE BRAND, Owner Newsstand at 86th Street

BARBARA MUELLER and ANNA MAIER Hinderburg Cafe 220 East 85 Street

HENRY FLACKENBERG Rotesond Tavern 222 East 86 Street

THEODORE ROCHER

238 East 86 Street
(Superintendent of rooming houses at 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240 East 86 Street, advised that COX has never been a roomer at any of these houses)

CHARLES M. COURTNEY
York Hotel
222 East 86 Street
(Advised that COX has never resided at this hotel)

HERMAN HUMBERT, owner Ideal Restaurant 238 East 86 Street

R. S. KNOWLES
224 East 86 Street

GUMER GOMEZ, doorman 244 East 86 Street (Advised that he has never seen COX on these premises)

A. HONORE, superintendent 244 East 86 Street

CHARLES OSTROW Plaza Pharmacy 1657 Second Avenue

GEORGE DOERFLEIN, owner 86 Street Brauhaus 249 East 86 Street ALBERT SCHNAIL
P. S. & M. Coloring Corporation
210 East 86 Street

Mrs. HIIDDERGARDE SEIFFART, Hamburg Bremen Steamship Agency, 218
East 85th Street, checked the domestic travel sales record, and advised that
no person by the name of COX had purchased travel tickets there.

Miss G. SNIPS, day clerk, Astoria Hotel, 210 East 86th Street, could find no record of COX having resided at this hotel.

Mr. RUBA HENNIG, Koch Travel Agency, 206 East 86th Street, was unable to find a record of COX having purchased any tickets there.

Mr. HANS SCHADEN, owner, Little Haufbrau, 247 East 86th Street, advised that approximately one month ago (February 24, 1950) a man bearing a very close resemblance to COX had dinner with a girl at this restaurant and left without paying his bill. He could not further identify this individual.

Miss LOUISE MUGRIDCE, waitress, Little Haufbrau, 247 East 86 Street, advised that she is positive COX is the same individual who "skipped" hisdinner bill as mentioned in the interview with Mr. SCHADEN. She stated that this individual was dressed in civilian clothes, and she gave a description of him which closely resembled Cadet COX. This individual was accompanied by a girl approximately 26 years of age, 5' 5", with very dark hair and complexion.

The following individuals were subsequently contacted but could furnish no information of value to instant investigation:

HUGO STROH, Bartender, Cafe Wierecke 207 East 86 Street FRED STUMPER
The Switzerland Restaurant
225 East 86 Street

CARL RUMPUS, Waiter Cafe Wierecke

ANN CHAMBERS Sunnyside Tea Room 235 East 86 Street

NICK MANCHISI Nick & Joe's Spaghetti House 215 East 86 Street

The names of the following girls were found among COX's personal effects by Agents of the CID:

SALLY ROLLINS 17 Park Boulevard Bronxville, New York VIRGINIA REINHARDT Vassar College Poughkeepsie, New York

BARBARA MANNING 27 Salisbury Road Elsmere, New York JEAN CARR
Wells College
Aurora, New York

The above, with the exception of BARBARA MANNING, were interviewed but were able to contribute nothing of value to instant investigation. A review of the United States Official Postal Guide fails to reflect an Elsmere, New York. However, an Elsmere was located in Nebraska and the Omaha office has been requested by letter to investigate the possibility that BARBARA MANNING might reside in Elsmere, Nebraska.

By letter dated March 20, 1950, the Detroit office advised that on March 18, VICTOR E. WOLF, 1798 Field, Detroit, Michigan, advised he was stationed with the 6th Constabulary Regiment, 28th Squadron, at Schweinfurt, Germany, from April 6, 1947 to April 7, 1948, at which time the missing Cadet, RICHARD C. COX, was also stationed there. WOLF stated that at this time COX was very friendly with a First Lieutenant, R. C. CRANE, and Staff Sergeant J. L. RICHARDSON, both members of the same organization. WOLF advised that in April of 1948 after his return to the United States he encountered RICHARD COX at Tony Pastor's Bar in lower New York City. COX was dressed in civilian clothes and stated that he was attending the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. On this occasion COX and WOLF spent the night at the Hotel Dixie, 42nd Street. New York City.

By teletype dated March 30, 1950, the Washington Field office advised that Lt. RICHARD C. CRANE, Army Serial Number 0-27245, is now assigned with the Headquarters 4th Army, 4052 Army Service Unit, Ft. Bliss, Texas. The only RICHARDSON located is JACK E.RICHARDSON, Army Serial Number 36334740, now on active duty with Company D, 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Bad Kissingen, Germany.

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overseas and that these photographs had been displayed to Cadets SAMOTIS and MARESCA, who had stated that was the same type of individual as	b7C
the civilian they had observed in COX's company.	
A review of the records of the New York office reflected that	
had been arrested on October 21, 1943 on a charge of viola-	b6
tion of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle and Illegal Wearing of Uniform. The Identification Division at Washington furnished the	b7C
following record on	

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	r Charge	Disposition
FDH, NYC, N.Y.		10-21-43	Dyer Act- Illegal wearing uniform	10-21-43 to Fed Auth.
SO, Hackensack, NJ		10-23-43	larc of auto	10-29-43 disch
BFD, NYC, N.Y.		10-21-43	I.W.U., N.M.V.T.A.	rel. to PD, Hackensack, N.J.
By let ing information	ter dated May 2, 1950,th	ne Newark ofi	fice fumished	the follow-
Department, advicennection with that time, denied knowing him in the since they were advised that with her husband Bergenfield, New place of employm worker and was with the and the 1950 blue Plymou	ive JOSEPH LAWLOR, of the sed that he had intervied the disappearance of CON declar having any knowledge of he Army and stated that together in Germany with wife was a Distand working at the MAR's Jersey. LAWLOR advised ent and ascertained that ery highly thought of by CID Agent had ascertained the sedan from RICHARD'S rethis car except for a	ewed Lawlor st of COX's when he had not s n the United splaced Perso r KNITTING MI d that he had t y her employe ed that MOTORS on Ja	with a CID tated that reabouts, but seen or heard States Army. on and is pres LLIS, 26 Palis d made inquiry was a v ers. LAWLOR a had pur anuary 27, 195	Agent in admitted from COX LAWLOR ently livin g b6 ade Avenue, b7C at this ery good lso advised chased a 0 and had
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a partner in the	G. MANCHESTER, III, 473 MANCHESTER INSURANCE AC Sey, Police Department,	ENCY and a S	pecial Patrol	New Jersey, man for the ad worked for

him from December 5, 1949 until February 15, 1950 as an insurance agent on general insurance under the on-the-job training program of the Veterans Administration. For this training received \$125 per month from the Federal Government and \$100 per month from MANCHESTER. MANCHESTER stated that left of his own accord, but his termination was reached by mutualunderstanding in that MANCHESTER did not believe that would be a success at selling insurance and, further, that MANCHESTER felt that was loafing on the job. Mr. MANCHESTER advised that he could not state where was on January 14, 1950 as his organization only operated five days a week.
was interviewed at his present residence of 262 Center Street, New Milford, New Jersey, and he advised as follows:
He was born on April 15, 1926 in New York City, although he cannot prove this as no record of his birthdate exists. He is presently unemployed, but is looking for work. His mother and father are divorced and his mother re-married and is living in New York City. He entered the Army on active duty on April 28, 1944 and went overseas on November 15, 1944. He re-enlisted in Europe and returned to the United States for leave. On the completion of his leave he returned to Germany. He became acquainted with COX while both were attached to the 6th Constabulary in Germany during the months of May, June and July, 1947. During this time COX was clerk. At the end of these three months COX and clerk. At the end of these three months COX again. advised that he never knew that COX was at West Point until he saw an article in a New York paper on February 18, 1950 stating that COX was missing. He said that he has never been to West Point.
continued to relate that with regard to his whereabouts on January 14, 1950 he recalls this date well as he and his wife went to a baske thall game at the Teaneck Armory with his uncle, aunt and their child. He stated that this was a wheelchair baskethall game and he displayed a program for the game. It was a game between the Jersey Wheelers and the Bullovas which game started at 8:00 p.m. and he stated that he and his wife were supposed to have dinner with his aunt and uncle, JOSEPH and JEAN RUSSELL and then go to the game, but for some reason they did not meet at dinner and the RUSSELIS picked them up at approximately 7:30 p.m. at residence which at that time was 52 East Linden Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey. They stayed at the game until it was over and then went to a roadside stand where they remained until about 12:30 a.m. the next morning at which time they returned home and retired.

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stated that he could not accurately account for the time before approximately 7:30 p.m. on this date, but believes that he and his wife remained at their residence from about 5:00 p.m. and that they had dinner at home. Photographs of were taken and these have been forwarded to the New York office. In addition, the New York office requested that it be ascertained what kind of an overcoat possessed permitted an examination of his wardrobe and it was ascertained that he possessed two coats, one of which is a covert cloth overcoat best described as between gray and green in color, and a raincoat in regulation Army cloth.	k
advised that he married his wife, whose maiden name is on June 30, 1948 in Germany. was working for the United States Army in Germany although she is a native of Russia. During the invasion of Russia by Germany, was captured by the Germans and returned to Germany for use as slave labor. was born on December 20, 1925 in Tachernjachow, Russia, and when was removed by the Germans she had a brother and sister in Russia, but she does not know if they are still living or not. Her parents are dead. While were in Germany, received notification from the Russian Government stating that she was a Russian National and as such should immediately return to Russia. They ignored this notice and have not received any word from the Russian Government since that time.	ŀ
by the CENTRAL ROOFING COMPANY, Maywood, New Jersey, advised that his wife, from whom he is now separated, is aunt. He confirmed b6 story about the fact that the he and his wife and b7C child, were all together from approximately 7:30 p.m. January 14, 1950 until approximately 12:30 a.m. the following morning during which time they attended a wheelchair basketball game at the Teaneck Armory, Teaneck, New Jersey. He stated that he has not talked to since that date.	
Agent CAVANAUGH, First Army, CID, subsequently advised that agreed to participate in a Polygraph test which was administered in the office of the First Army, CID. The results of this test did not prove that	
not prove that was lying when he denied being at West Point. How- ever, it was indicated by the operator that the results of the test were inconclusive due to certain mannerisms effected by during the examination.	
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Deputy Chief FRANK ALOIA, Garfield, New Jersey, Police Department, advised on March 23, 1950 that on March 20, 1950 two boys, FRANK PAPAROZZI, Jr., age 15, of 50Spencer Place, Garfield, New Jersey, a sophomore at the Garfield High School, and ROY W. GERRITSEN, age 15, of 120 Passaic Street, Garfield, New Jersey, also a sophomore at the high school, came to Garfield Police Headquarters and advised as follows:

The boys stated that several months ago while walking along the banks of the Passaic River near GERRITSEN's father's garage on River Road, they saw a pair of gray trousers with a black stripe running down the side of the trousers, a pair of black shoes and a gray shirt. They stated that

while reading the New York newspapers about the missing Cadet from West Point the boys thought that the clothing they saw several months ago might have been some connection with the missing Cadet.

ROY GERRITSEN and FRANK PAPAROZZI were interviewed at the Garfield High School and they advised that on a Saturday afternoon in January, which they believed to be January 21, 1950, about 2:00 or 3:00 p.m., they were walking along the banks of the Passaic River and they saw some clothing about five or six feet from the bottom of the bank. The tide was out at the time and the clothing was on that portion of the bank of the river which would be covered at high tide. The boys walked down to the clothing and examined it. It consisted of a pair of gray trousers with a black stripe down either side of the leg, a pair of plain black shoes and a gray or bluish-gray shirt. The shirt was on the order of a sport shirt with a wide collar. All pieces of clothing were dry and in good condition and it appeared to them that they had been recently thrown there from the top of the bank. The boys did not pick up the shirt or the shoes, but GERRITSEN did pick up the pants and examine them. Because of the fact that they thought there might be something wrong with the pieces of clothing, they left them there and thought no more about it until they read about COX's disappearance from West Point, at which time they went to the Police Department to report this episode. Before going to the police, however, they returned to the spot where they had seen the clothing and found that it had gone.

A search of the banks of the Passaic River was immediately undertaken, but no trace of the clothing was found. In addition, inquiry was made of persons along the banks to ascertain if they had noticed any such clothing or whether they had seen any suspicious activity along the banks on the 21st of January with negative results.

FRANK JESSUP and HAROID LEEK, of GIBSON & CUSHMAN, INCORPORATED, who have operated a dredge on the Passaic River since February, 1950 below the spot where the clothing was seen, advised that their dredge had picked up nothing resembling the described clothing.

A West Point Cadet uniform was obtained from EUGENE TRAWIANSKI, 719 Midland Avenue, Carfield, New Jersey, who is a former West Point Cadet having been discharged from the Academy in July 1948 because of a nervous breakdown. TRAWIANSKI advised that he did not know COX.

The West Point uniform was discussed with TRAWIANSKI and he advised that all trousers have a little "V" in the back of the pants about one inch in length and that all have a cadet store label in them on which the name

of the cadet is stamped. TRAWIANSKI stated that it would be against regulations for a Cadet to wear a sport shirt under his dress uniform as only a "T" shirt is regulation.

The trousers and shoes obtained from TRAWLIANSKI were shown to FRANK PAPAROZZI and ROY GERRITSEN, and PAPAROZZI stated the trousers appeared to be about the same except that the stripe on the side of the trousers appeared to be somewhat thinner than on those which they had observed in the Passaic River. GERRITSEN stated that the material of the pants appeared to be about the same, but that the stripe on the side of TRAWIANSKI's trousers appeared to be wider than on the trousers seen in the river. GERRITSEN stated that the "V" cut in the back of TRAWLIANSKI's trousers did not exist in the trousers seen in the river. In addition, GERRITSEN stated that on the trousers seen in the river he had noticed that there was a name printed on the back inside section of the waistband and that this name consisted of six or seven letters. He said he is almost positive that the first two letters of the name were "MA." He advised also that all letters were in capitals and written in indelible ink.

The New York Office was requested to obtain a detailed description of the West Point dress uniform and they advised that the dress type trousers all contain a "V" cut in the back.

In view of the fact that COX was wearing a dress uniform at the time of his disappearance, and that the trousers seen by PAPAROZZI and GERRITSEN in the Passaic River contained no "V" cut in the back, it does not appear likely that the trousers seen in the Passaic River were those of COX.

The New York Office advised by telephone on March 23, 1950 that they had received information that two unidentified bodies had been found in the Delaware River. It was ascertained from the State Police at Flemington, New Jersey, that the body taken from the Delaware River near Frenchtown, New Jersey, had been positively identified as the body of one CHARLES DWYER, a resident of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. No information was developed by the State or local police at Frenchtown in regard to any uniform being seen near the river.

It was ascertained from the Camden, New Jersey, Police Department in regard to a body of an unidentified man having been taken from the water near Camden, New Jersey, that no identification has been made of this body, but from the description of the many tattooes appearing on the body it appears that this body is not identical to COX.

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Cumberland Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., stated he had observed an individual between the ages of twenty-five and twenty-seven in a gray uniform with black piping which he believed was similar to that worn by the U. S. Military Cadets at West Point, eating in a restaurant known as the J&M Restaurant, on the southwest corner of Brad and Cumberland Streets, Philadelphia, about 1:30 p.m. on March 177, 1950, though he originally stated he saw him at 6:30 a.m.

REGAN claims he did not pay too much attention to this young man,

REGAN claims he did not pay too much attention to this young man, but noticed that he wore a gray uniform like those worn by cadets from military academies. On his arrival at his home that evening, upon glancing at several newspapers, he observed a story reflecting that a West Point Cadet by the name of COX had been reported missing from the Point since January 14, 1950. After discussing this matter with his wife, he decided that this should be brought to the attention of the local police, and on the following day, telephonically contacted the Detective Bureau and advised them of this individual whom he had observed eating in the restaurant at Broad and Cumberland Streets, Philadelphia.

RTGAN claims that he was in military service during the last war and realized that West Point Cadets obtain very little leave from the Point due to studies and other activities, and this being a Friday, he doubted that this man was on leave.

A photograph obtained from a local newspaper was exhibited to REGAN and he was unable to identify the individual whom he observed eating in the restaurant as that appearing in the local newspaper. REGAN was later contacted and was a exhibited a photograph of Cadet RICHARD COLVIN COX as it appeared on a flyer issued by the CID, First Army, New York. REGAN was unable to definitely state that the individual whom he observed eating in the J & M Restaurant and the photograph as appearing on the flyer were one and the same individual, but he believed there was a slight resemblance to the individual he observed in the cadet's uniform in the J & M Restaurant on the afternoon of March 17, 1950.

REGAN described the individual he observed eating in the restaurant as being approximately twenty—two to twenty—three years of age, 5'8" in height, approximately 175 pounds, having light brown hair, clipped short (crew cut) and indicated, in his opinion, the hair of this individual was decidedly on the blond side. This person also had a rounded face.

DONAID CRAIG, 2241 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia, Pa., employed as a chef and short order cook at the J & M Restaurant, southwest corner of Broad and Cumberland Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that he opened the

J & M Restaurant at approximately 5:00 a.m. on the morning of March 17, 1950. Sometime between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. a young man, whom he described as being 6' or 6' 1" in height, weighing 170 pounds, dark hair, slender build and wearing the gray uniform of a military cadet, appeared in the restaurant. CRAIG recalled that he had waited on this individual inasmuch as he was the only restaurant employee in attendance at that time. CRAIG claims that he never observed this individual before nor has he seen him since that day. He stated that he, CRAIG, formerly served six years in the United States Marine Corps and he has worked at this restaurant for approximately nine or ten years. He claims he prides himself on the fact that he is able to remember faces, being in constant contact with the public.

After serving this individual, he became quite busy with a number of bus operators who frequent the restaurant prior to their going on duty in the morning, and he has no recollection of this young man departing from the restaurant. He claims he recalls that this young man made his appearance in the restaurant sometime later on in the day, but on this appearance, he was without the overcoat.

A photograph of COX and his fiancee, Miss was exhibited to CRAIG who stated he was unable to make any identification from this photograph.

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CRAIG, when contacted at a later date, was exhibited a photograph of Cadet RICHARD C. COX which appeared on the flyer issued by CID, First Army, New York, containing a full description of COX. CRAIG claims this photograph exhibited to him resembled the individual who had appeared at the restaurant for breakfast between 5:30 and 6:00 a.m., March 17, 1950.

The photograph of RICHARD C. COX was exhibited to other employees of the J & M Restaurant who were unable to effect an identification.

Mrs. SOPHIE KOPACK, Windsor Avenue, Hatboro, Pennsylvania, who is employed as a waitress at the J & M Restaurant, Broad and Cumberland, advised that she recalled a young man dressed in a gray military uniform with a short jacket and high collar appearing at the restaurant at approximately 10:30 a.m. on the morning of March 17, 1950. After serving this young man, he departed the restaurant and she has not observed him since that time. She described this cadet as being approximately 6' tall, well built, dark hair, clipped short, with gold stripping between his teeth.

SOPHIE KOPACK was exhibited a photograph of COX and his girl friend, $_{
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by CID, New York, and she was unable to identify the photograph of COX appearing on the wanted flyer as that of the individual whom she observed in the restaurant.

On March 31, 1950 the Philadelphia Office received a teletype from the New York Office in connection with RICHARD C. COX, a cadet reported missing from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point New York, as of January 14, 1950. This teletype reflected that JOSEPH E. GRONER, Super Highway, Langhorne, Pa. (Bristol) served with COX in the 27th Constabulary in Germany and corresponded with COX regularly after the latter's appointment to West Point. GRONER also attended several football games at West Point.

This teletype further reflected that GRONER has been interviewed by CID Agents who advised they believed GRONER is honest in his attempt to assist their efforts to locate COX. GRONER was also reported to have visited the COX family in Mansfield, Ohio following COX's disappearance. Philadelphia was requested to question GRONER regarding his association with COX and any explanation he may offer in connection with COX's disappearance, including the possibility that COX may have confided to GRONER intentions to leave West Point.

The teletype further pointed out that the last letter written, but not mailed, to _______ COX's girl friend, by COX expressed dissatis—faction with West Point and a desire to leave the Academy. Philadelphia was also requested to consider the advisability of a mail cover on the GRONER residence.

JOSEPH EDWARD GRONER, RD #3, Langhorne, Pa., ASN 13250161, advised he entered the United States Army September 21, 1946 at Philadelphia, and he was sent to Fort Knox. While at Fort Knox, RICHARD C. COX was also stationed there. GRONER said he became slightly acquainted with COX at that time, and that he was later transferred to Camp Kilmer, N. J. on January 28, 1947 and while at one of the recreation rooms at Camp Kilmer he met RICHARD COX. They became quite friendly and shortly after their arrival at Camp Kilmer were transferred to overseas duty. They left the port of embarkation together on about February 6, 1947 on the USS General Howze and they arrived at Bremerhaven, Germany, February 17, 1947. After leaving Bremerhaven, they we e sent to Marburg, Germany. They were later assigned to the 6th Constabulary that day at Coburg, Germany.

GRONER claims that he was then placed in the Maintenance Section when it was ascertained that he was familiar with motors. Shortly thereafter, he was sent to Headquarters Company where RICHARD COX had been previously assigned. GRONER claims he was then assigned to drive the armored car of Colonel MC KINSEY and that COX was assigned to \$2 Squadron which was an

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He claims that he wrote a letter to COX prior to Christmas of 1949, at which time he requested that COX spend his Christmas holidays with him and his parents. GRONER claims that he received a telephone call from COX prior to the Christmas holidays, at which time he advised he would be unable to spend the holidays with him. He gave no reason that he could

recall for declining the invitation.

CRONER further advised that he could recall no letters which he had received in which COX had indicated his desire to leave the Academy. He recalled that in the first year that he was at the Academy, he had appeared somewhat "down-hearted" but that his letters after that reflected that he was quite contented inasmuch as he was then taken on the track team at West Point.

GRONER stated he had been contacted by a Lieutenant ELLIOT, who is the Chief Agent of CID at Fort Dix, and he had visited him on an average of three or four times a week in connection with the COX case and that he had endeavored to recall every little incident that had transpired between him and COX in an attempt to furnish all information to the Army authorities in their attempt to locate COX. He also claims that he was contacted by a Bureau Agent while visiting COX's mother in Mansfield, Ohio and that he had spent several hours with him in answering questions relative to COX's disappearance.

JOSEPH E. GRONER seemed quite cooperative and indicated he was vitally interested in ascertaining the present whereabouts of his friend, RICHARD C. COX, and that upon receiving any information he would immediately contact the Philadelphia Office.

GRONER also furnished the names of two other soldiers who had served in the same outfit with him who are residing in Philadelphia. The first one was ERNEST SKARI whomhe believed resided at 1709 W. Huntington Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and the other a JOHN, whose last name he was unable to recall, but believed it was HIGGINS. He stated that SKARI definitely knew the address of this individual.

ERNEST CHRIST SKARI, 1708 W. Huntington Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised he was born December 25, 1928 at Philadelphia; that he enlisted in the United States Army October 1, 1946 and that his Army Serial Number was 13251466. He was honorably discharged from Camp Kilmer, N. J. February 13, 1948.

SKARI stated he had left Camp Kilmer, N. J. for port of embarkation

and had sailed for Bremerhaven, Germany. This was about February 4, 1947 and that he was aboard the USS General Taylor. After arriving at Bremerhaven, Germany, he had been sent to Coburg, Germany and had been assigned to the 6th ConstabularySquadron. He claims he first became acquainted with RICHARD COX and JOSEPH E. GRONER after being assigned to this constabularyunit. He recalls that he accompanied GRONER and COX into town on a number of occasions, but was not very friendly with COX. Later, COX was transferred from the D Troop of the 6th Constabulary Squadron to the Headquarters Company. SKARI further stated that after this transfer of COX to the Headquarters Company he had more or less lost contact with COX, but that he still kept up his friendship with GRONER.

He claims that he later learned from GRONER that COX had been returned by appointment to the United States to attend a preparatory school in preparation for his entry into the Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. He claims that he has not seen or heard from COX since leaving Germany and that his first knowledge that COX was missing from the Point he learned from JOE-GRONER.

SKARI also recalled that another boy serving with them from Philadelphia was a JOHN HIGGINS, aka Mike, who resided at 1968 Medary Avenue, Philadelphia. Pa.

SKARI also stated that he had been contacted on several occasions by members of the CID who are attempting to locate COX, and that he had given all available information in his possession to them, and that he would fu mish the Bureau Agents with any information that came to his attention relative to COX.

SKARI recalled that he had contacted GRONER in November 1948 and at that time GRONER had advised him he was obtaining some tickets for the Army and Navy game from COX, who was stationed at the Point, and that upon receipt of the tickets, he had been invited to attend the Army-Navy game held in Philadelphia in December. SKARI stated he did not have any idea what happened, but that he had not been contacted by GRONER or by COX and that he did not attend this football game.

JOHN FRANCIS HIGGINS, 1968 Medary Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., employed by the Penn Reel Fishing Company, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that he was born April 10, 1929 at Philadelphia, Pa.; that his Army Serial Number was 13250998; that he entered the United States military service in September 1946 at Philadelphia and had received an honorable discharge March 27, 1948 at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

HIGGINS claims he left Camp Kilmer on February 4, 1947 for the port of embarkation and sailed for Germany, arriving in Bremerhaven, Germany on or about February 14, 1947 and that he had been transferred to Coburg, Germany and assigned to the 27th Constabular Squadron, C Troop. He claims he first became acquainted with COX when he was attached to the Headquarters Company of the Constabulary at Coburg, Germany. He claims he was never very friendly with COX, but had learned through JOSEPHLERONER that COX had been flown back to the United States to enter a preparatory school at Newburgh, N. Y. in preparation for his entry into the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

HIGGINS claims that their outfit was later deactivated and he was then assigned to the 53rd Squadron of the Constabularyand later transferred to the infantry. He claims that his only contact with COX at that time was for approximately four weeks, and that he has not seen or heard from COX from that time until this. He claims that the first information coming to him relative to COX's disappearance from the Point was when the account appeared in a Philadelphia newspaper several weeks ago.

HIGGINS claims he never attended any of the Army-Navy games held in Philadelphia in the past several years. He recalls that one other boy from Philadelphia also served in their company and the only name that he can recall that this boy was known by was "SAD SACK," and he has not seen or heard from him since his discharge from the Army in 1947 and has no idea as to where he is residing in Philadelphia.

There is set forth herein an anonymous communication postmarked Marion, Ohio, and addressed to Mrs. Rupert Cox, the mother of the missing Cadet. It was furnished the writer by Agent JOSEPH CAVANAUGH of the First Army, CID.

"Dear Mrs. Cox:-

"Sorry I didn't write when I heard on Radio of his disappearance. but thinking he would return home. About a week before I heard on Radio a program in California. I think was on Double or Nothing. May of been another but was a money program.

"The Master of Cermony asked him where he was from & he said Mansfield. Ohio. (Richard Cox) & he asked him if he was related to Gov. Cox of Ohio. R.C. said he didn't think so but could be. Asked if he was married he said no. & many more questions perhaps there are other folks that heard it. but why I remember so well. Was Mansfield Ohio and asking him if he was related to Gov. Cox.

"(I am no crank.) just thinking maby you could find someone that heard it too on Radio. & you can trace it some way. I know how you feel as I have children & grand children. please don't have this for any public affair only trying to help. Hope & Pray he will return to you well and sound."

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Agent REX SMITH of the First Army, CID, advised the writer that who was formerly assigned to the Medical Corps at Stewart Field was reported to be interested in the disappearance of COX and to have hired a private investigator. As a result of the above information, the following investigation was conducted by the Los Angeles Office:
Suite 110, 201 North El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, California, was interviewed on March 21, 1950. He was questioned regarding his acquaintance with the subject, who was formerly assigned to the Preparatory School, Stewart Field, New York, and he stated that though the name was vaguely familiar to him he could not place the subject and does not recall ever having known COX. appointment log was reviewed confidentially and no listing for the subject was found during 1950. This log also reflects that has been in Pasadena every day during 1950.
Investigation at the NATIONAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM offices, Hollywood, reflects no record of COX appearing on the Double or Nothing show during the past three months.
A Mr. HARRY SPEARS, Program Producer for the Ward Wheelock Agency, Hollywood, does not recall any RICHARD COX appearing on a radio show nor do Agency records reflect the subject's appearance. An individual named is recalled by Mr. SPEARS as having appeared on programs of January 5 and 10, 1950, but Mr. SPEARS states this man is middle-aged and has always resided in Hollywood.

By teletype dated May 12, 1950, the Boston Office advised that ROBERT GANDERT, a sophomore at Brown University, Providence, R. I., and one of RICHARD COX's closest friends, had been interviewed and was unable to furnish any information regarding COX's disappearance with the exception of the fact that he advised he understood COX was a witness against someone at a trial in Germany and that the unknown individual was later convicted and sent to jail. Agent JOSEPH J. CAVANAUGH First Army, CID, advised the writer that a thorough review had been made of the files of all the trials held during COX's service overseas and that no verification of this statement could be found.

Agent CAVANAGH also advised the writer that a letter had been

received, returned to West Point with the notation "Addressee not found."
This letter was dated December 11, 1949. It was written by Cadet RICHARD C.
COX to ROSEMARIE VOGEL, Lichtenfels on Main, Bavaria, Germany. In the
letter COX inquired as to how conditions were in that section of Germany
and mentioned the fact that he had met ROSEMARIE VOGEL during his service
overseas. His letter also stated that he was enclosing two pictures; when
returned these pictures were not found in the letter. In another letter
received by COX from JOSEPH GRONER, with whom he had served overseas,
GRONER also mentions the fact that he wrote to ROSEMARIE VOGEL and that he
had received a reply.

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The above letter written by COX to ROSEMARIE VOGEL was undoubtedly the letter which COX mentions in writing to his fiancee, COX
advised that he intended to write to a girl whom he had met in Germany.
Information was received by the First Army, CID, that two men in
Denver, Colorado, had applied for a chauffeur's permit and that one of these applicants had given his name as RICHARD C. COX. The description of this
individual appeared to be similar to that of Cadet COX. By teletype dated
March 21, 1950 the Denver Office was requested to investigate this matter.
By teletype dated March 22, 1950 the Denver Office advised that the above information was apparently erroneous. Mrs. FRANK BERGER, 770 Monroe Street,
Denver, Colorado, had advertised in a local paper for a driver to California.
and JOHN F.DOYLE had answered the advertisement and drove
Mrs. BERGER to California. Mrs. BERGER advised that a photograph of COX
which was shown to her was not identical with either or JOHN F. DOYLE. Additional investigation at the BAKER HOTEL verified Mrs. BERGER's
statements.
By teletype dated March 24, 1950 the San Francisco Office advised that JOHN FREDERICK DOYLE was interviewed at the home of his uncle, FREDERICK F. DOYLE, 2260 Vallejo. San Francisco, and that DOYLE had advised that his companion, was not identical with Cadet RICHARD C. COX. By letter dated March 23, 1950 the San Francisco Office further advised that a
photograph of RICHARD C. COX had been exhibited to JOHN F. DOYLE and the
latter had stated that it was not identical with
By letter dated April 24, 1950 the St. Louis Office furnished a
list of names of the enlisted personnel attached to Troop D, 27th Constabulary
Squadron, from July 1947 through September 1947, and a similar list for Troop
D, 28th Constabulary Squadron, for the period from September 1947 through December 1947. This list is being retained in the files of this office and
leads are heing set forth to contact all individuals whose first name is
listed as

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The following descriptive background information of Cadet RICHARD
C. COX has been obtained from the office of Lt. Col. EDWIN N. HOWELL, Provost
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                                              Mansfield, Ohio
           Fiancee
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The following are the measurements of Cadet COX's clothing as obtained from the tailorshop in West Point Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.:

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ENCLOSURTS - A copy of a Flyer issued by First Army, CID, is being sent to each Field Division.

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LEADS

BALTIMORE

At Annapolis, Md.

Will locate and interview Midshipman JAMES KELLY (home address is 389 West 3rd Street, Mansfield, Ohio). KELLY is described by COX's family as a close friend of the missing Cadet.

CLEVELAND

At Mansfield, Ohio

Will contact Mrs. RUPERT COX and attempt to locate the PION INSURANCE COMPANY, which appears on Cadet COX's Army record.

DETROIT

At Jasper, Mich.

Will interview MARVIN FARNFEL, Box 126, described as a friend of Cadet RICHARD C. COX by his mother, Mrs. COX, and fiancee, b7C

At Ypsilanti, Mich.

Will interview Capt. WARREN L. TAYLOR, 614 Roosevelt Blvd., described by JOSEPH GRONER as having served in the 6th Constabulary Unit and to have been well acquainted with COX.

EL PASO

At Ft. Bliss, Texas

Will locate and interview Lt. RICHARD C. CRANE, ASN 0-27245, who is assigned with Headquarters, 4th Army, 4052 Army Service Unit, for any information he may have regarding RICHARD C. COX. CRANE is reported to have served in the same outfit with COX overseas and to have been very well acquainted with the latter.

INDIANAPOLIS

At Shelbyville, Ind.

Will interview GEORGE W. SCHOENTRUP, ASN 39181619, residence 834

South Noble Street. SCHOENTRUP is listed as having served in the same outfits as COX.

NEWARK

At Elizabeth, N. J.

Will attempt to locate and interview RICHARD GILLIGAN for any possible information he may have concerning COX. GILLIGAN is described by JOSEPH GRONER as a close friend of the missing Cadet.

At Clifton, N. J.

Will attempt to locate and interview DONAID FROST, also described by GRONER as a close friend of COX.

PHILADELPHIA

At Lebanon, Pa.

Will contact
Street name is listed as one of those who served with the 27th
and 28th Constabulary Squadrons during the period of COX's service with these
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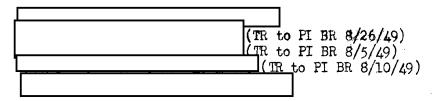
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At Washington, D. C.

At the Personnel Information Branch, AGO, Pentagon Building, will

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attempt to locate the present addresses of the following individuals and also their location on the weekends of January 7 and January 14, 1950. These individuals are among those who served with Troop D at the 27th Constabulary Squadron from July 1947 through September 1947, and with Troop D of the 28th Constabulary Squadron from September 1947 through December 1947, the same period of time in which COX is reported to have served with these outfits.



NEW YORK

At West Point, N. Y.

Will locate and interview Cadets CHESTER HOWELLS, and JOHN BURCIA GA.

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Will also attempt to locate and interview Col. MC KENZIE, former C.O. of the 6th Constabulary Squadron, who is reported by GRONER to have been well acquainted with COX.

At New York, N. Y.

Will re-interview Miss LOUISE MUGRIDGE, waitress at the Little Haufbrau, 247 East 86th Street.

In view of the fact that reports have been received from many sections of the country indicating COX's probable location there, and also in view of the fact that an extensive search in New York area has failed to uncover any leads as to his present whereabouts, copies are being sent to all offices in view of the possibility that he may be located somewhere within their jurisdiction.

REFERENCES: Bureau telephone calls to New York, February 9 and 10, 1950.

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10TH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DETACHMENT

39 WHITEHALL STREET NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

WANTED FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

CADET RICHARD COLVIN COX C-8132



DESCRIPTION

Name: RICHARD C. COX Build:

Medium.

C-8132

Hair:

Brown (crew-cut)

Address: 554 Cook Road, Mansfield, Ohio Eyes:

Blue

Race: White

Complexion: Fair

Age:

22; born 25 July 1928 51 8#

Scars & Marks: Diagonal scar on right elbow

Height:

Education: Graduate of Mansfield

Weight: Approx. 165 lbs. Senior High School, 1945 The above pictured and described Cadet was reported missing from the U.S.

Militery Academy, West Point, New York, on 14 January 1950. He was last seen at 1818 hours 14 January 1950 on the Military Reservation. If the above cadet is observed or apprehended, hold and notify the local Provost Marshal, who in turn should notify Provost Marshal, First Army, Governors Island, New York (Attn: Chief, CID) by the most expeditious means.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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No leads are being set out to locate or interview HOIMAN or TOIMAN or the "little Mexican kid" inasmuch as this information may have previously been covered by the office of origin.

REFERENCE: Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, New York City, 5/26/50.

June 9, 1950

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RICHARD C. COX-Cadet, U.S. Military Academy West Point, New York MISSING PERSON (U.Y. 1714 79-108) He 1

On 6/6/50 MRS. BEULAH W. WELCH of 54 Chestnut St., Boston, Mass., and Meredith, New Hampshire, called at the Boston Office and stated she was the sother of DEANE E. WELCH, who was the room mate of RICHARD C. COX, the missing West Point cadet. MRS. WELCH stated that the reason for her visit was that she had just received, among her cancelled checks from the National Shawmut Bank of Boston a check dated 12/19/49 in the sum of 110 which she had sent to her son, DEANE, at West Point and was payable to DEANE E. WELCH. She stated she thought it rather strange that she should be getting back a check at this time which she issued last December, especially in view of the fact that this check was endorsed first by her son, DEANE E. WELCH and next by RICHARD C. COX, the missing cadet.

of this office and it was noted that the check was apparently cashed by COX at West Point as the first stamp contains the words, "Pay to the order of the First National Bank in Highland Falls, N.Y., R.G. Gard, Colonel, F.A., Treasurer, U.S.N.A." MRS. WILCH stated that inasmuch as she had just received the cancelled check from the bank that she would telephone to her son at West Point that day and ask him about the details of cashing the check and would return to the Boston Office on June 7 to make any explanation which might be necessary.

On June 7 MRS. MELCH returned to the Boston Office and stated she had telephonically contacted her son, DEANE, at West Point; that her son recalled that COX had cashed the \$10 check for him but that he could not recall any of the details concerning it.

This check for \$10 payable to DEANE E. WELCH and signed DECEAN N. SELCH dated 12/19/49, drawn on the National Shawmut Bank of Boston is being forwarded to the New York Office for such investigation as may be deemed necessary in connection therewith at West Joint and should be returned to

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MRS. WELCH when this inquiry has been made. MRS. WELCH planned to go to her summer home at Meredith, N.H., Telephone Meredith 236, in the near future.

MRS. WEICH stated she had not been interviewed previously concerning the disappearance of Cadet COX. She stated her son, DEANE, had entered West Point 7/1/48 from Meredith, N.H. and that he had not been in the service prior to that time. Although WEICH and COX were members of the same class, they did not become real friendly until about 7/1/49 when they became room mates in Company B, 2 Barracks. MRS. WEICH stated that from the time they became room mates up until COX's disappearance that she had met Cadet COX on about five different occasions at West Point. MRS. WEICH was under the impression that she had sent her son about three or four checks during the Christmas period of December, 1949 and so far as she knew this check was the only one which bore the endorsement of RICHARD C. COX.

She stated she believed that COX had a girl friend and that she was a nice girl and that she, MRS. WELCH, may have met COX's girl but had no distinct recollection of the girl.

MRS. WELCH advised that she did not know that COX had served in the
Constabulary in Germany prior to his entrance to West Point and had
not known anything about a until it appeared in the newspapers
following COX's disappearance that he had received calls from some
unidentified person referred to as After reading about it b6
in the newspapers MRS. WELCH said she questioned her son about a b70
person known as whereupon WELCH told his mother that the name
was not too important, that he, WELCH, had never met this contact
but on several occasions telephone calls had come for COX at West Point,
and immediately afterward COX would be emotionally upset and said on
one occasion to WHLCH in substance, "The heck with him (meaning the
contact), he's wasting his time." WELCH asked COX at this time if he
was in any trouble or if he could help him but COX would never talk
about the contact.

MRS. WELCH stated that in her opinion that COX appeared to be a very good mixer, yet one who could be easily influenced. She stated on one occasion, she was not sure whether the time was Commencement in June, 1949 or possibly Christmas vacation 1948-49, that she was a guest at the Thayer Hotel, just inside the south gate at West Point, when she saw Cadet COX on the balcony of the hotel with a girl. MRS. WELCH described this girl as a large girl, having bleached blonde hair, very artificial looking and cheap-appearing and it struck her at the time that this girl was not the usual type of girl seen at West Point.

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MRS. WELCH said she did not happen to mention this incident to her son, DEANE. She said at the time she passed fairly close to where COX and this girl were sitting and that although COX spoke to MRS. WELCH, and knew her, he did not attempt to introduce MRS. WELCH to this girl.

DEANE WELCH has told his mother that in his opinion he thinks his room mate, COX, has met with foul play. From what she has read in the newspapers and from her son's reaction and from her swn knowledge of Cadet COX, MRS. WELCH stated she was inclined to feel that he was taken from West Point against his will, and possibly in retailiation for something he may have done overseas in connection with his duties in the Constabulary unit. DEANE WELCH told his mother that the last time he had seen COX was the evening of 1/1h/50 when COX told him that a pal had called him and invited him for dinner in the hotel with him. Apparently WELCH noted nothing unusual about COX's spirits at that time.

MRS. WELCH stated she was considerably upset due to the fact that her son's name appeared in the New York papers frequently following the disappearance of COX and she said she feared that if her son knew anything concerning COX's disappearance that he, WELCH, might also disappear in the same manner. In this connection she produced a newspaper clipping from the Boston Traveler of 2/10/50 which bore the caption, "Brockton GI Admits Kidnapping Job for Reds." This clipping bore a Vienna, Austria dateline of February 10 and was an Associated Press article which reported that the U.S. Army announced on that date that two American soldiers had confessed kidnapping an Austrian citizen for a Soviet-directed agency last November.

MRS. WELCH stated she wished to cooperate in any manner that was possible toward helping locate the missing cadet and for the balance of the summer she would be at her summer home at Meredith, N.H., Telephone 236.

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Form No. 1 79-30 NEW YORK THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT FILE NO. REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE REPORT MADE BY h6 b7c -BALTIMORE 6/15/50 6/2/50 mms RICHARD COLVIN COX, Cadet CHARACTER OF CASE U. S. Military Academy MISSING PERSON West Point, New York SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Midshipman JAMES PATRICK KELLEY, 2/c, USN, advised he last saw COX during Christmas leave in 1949 at home, Mansfield, Ohio, and can furnish no information of value concerning the present whereabouts of subject. -RUC-DETAILS AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND Midshipman JAMES PATRICK KELLEY, United States Navy, a member of the Second Class at the U. S. Naval Academy, advised that he was born and raised in Mansfield, Ohio, and until the war years was a close, personal friend and in intimate contact with the subject. He has seen him infrequently since both entered the armed forces and recalls last seeing COX at Mansfield, Ohio, during the Christmas vacation period, 1949. At that time COX gave no indication of dissatisfaction with his life at West Point, appeared to have no worries of any type, was interested in graduating and continuing his career im the Army and, otherwise, offered KELLEY no reason why he should leave West Point. Midshipman KELLEY pointed out that COX was a likable person, popular among the boys and girls of his age group, and he knew of no enemies that might wish to do COX bodily harm. KELLEY stated that COX's only steady b6 girl friend was 🗌 _ and he understands that COX planned to marry b7C her following his graduation at West Point. He does not know of any other girl friends that COX had. He believes that his closest, personal friends were HEIMUT WEIHMS and ARNOLD ADAMS, both residing at Mansfield, Ohio. KELLEY does not know any of the friends or associates COX may have made DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES RECORDED - 29 COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3-Bureau (79-23729) 3-New York (79-108) 1-Cleveland (79-25) 2-Baltimore

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during the time he was in the Army or during the period he has been at West Point.

Midshipman KELLEY was unable to suggest any explanation for the disappearance of subject from West Point, but agreed to furnish this office with any information of value which might come into his possession in the future.

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Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, dated 5/26/50,

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			advised that he served with
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK NK FILE NO. 79-22 REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE REPORT MADE BY PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE NEWARK 6/27/50 6/6,7,14,15,22/50 WILLIAM S. STRINGER TITLE CHARACTER OF CASE RICHARD COLVIN COX, Cadet U. S. Military Academy MISSING PERSON West Point, New York

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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RICHARD GILLIGAN, Elizabeth, N. J., knew COX at Camp Kilmer, N. J., and overseas in 1947 and has not seen him since but has corresponded with him. GILLIGAN said COX was a gambler and when he first heard COX was missing he thought COX had become involved to deep in gambling. FRANCIS SIATER,

Seaside Heights, N. J., knew COX in Germany and has not heard of or seen him since and knows no trait in COX's character that would cause the disappearance. DUNALD FROST reenlisted in Army 4/4/50 and shipped to Far East Command from Fort Dix, N. J., on 5/8/50.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RAYMOND J. DWYER and the writer:

RICHARD GILLIGAN, 242 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, employed by the General Aniline Works, Grasselli, New Jersey, was interviewed at his place of business and he advised as follows:

He met COX in January, 1947 in Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, when both were awaiting shipment overseas. During their stay at Camp Kilmer he and COX became very friendly and COX spent two or three weekends at GILLIGAN's house in Elizabeth. On these weekends they went to dances and visited various taverns, but COX never exhibited any strong inclination towards liquor, although he would drink sociably. Both were shipped overseas together and were stationed in Marburgh, Germany, until sometime in February, 1947 when GILLIGAN was transferred. He

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has never seen COX since that date, but has corresponded with him and the last letter he received from COX was written shortly after COX first entered the military academy.

He stated COX was a quiet reserved youth, but he did have a strong inclination towards gambling and he played mostly poker with other soldiers in Camp Kilmer and on the ship overseas, and frequently won as much as several hundred dollars. GILLIGAN first thought when he heard that COX was missing that COX had possibly become too involved in gambling, although he could not state whether he thought COX's gambling activities would cause any foul play.

The only other friends that COX knew well in the army during the time GILLIGAN knew him were one IRVIN FISHER who came from somewhere around Pittsburg and whose father was reportedly in the jewelry business. FISHER was at Camp Kilmer and Marburgh, Germany, with COX and also went into the constabulary with COX. GILLIGAN described FISHER as twenty-one or twenty-two years of age, six feet tall, one hundred seventy-five pounds, dark hair and dark complexion. The other was DONALD FROST who was friendly with COX at Camp Kilmer and overseas.

FRANCIS R. (SLATER, 16 Adams Avenue, Dover Gardens, New Jersey, employed as a counterman at the Beach Diner, Seaside Heights, New Jersey, was interviewed at his place of business and advised as rollows:

He met COX on a ship going overseas in January, 1947 and was triendly with him for the next three or four months when both were assigned to the 6th Constabulary at Colburg, Germany. He described COX as very intelligent and quiet and a man who drank, but not to excess. He stated that he never knew COX to gamble. He was unable to give any reason that he knew of which would cause COX to disappear. He stated that he had read the newspaper articles regarding COX's disappearance and when he read about being sought in connection with COX's disappearance he immediately thought of a name he can no longer recall, but whom he described as six feet two inches, one hundred seventy pounds, dark complexion and a slow talker which indicated he came from the South. He stated that this was a paratrooper during the war and during the time that COX would have known him, in March and April of 1947, was assigned to the Second Platoon, C Troop, 6th Constabulary, Colburg, Germany.

SLATER stated that the two persons closest to COX during the time that he knew him were JOHN/COMERFORD and SALVATORE/CANIZIO. He stated he believes that COMERFORD came from close to COX's home town in Ohio as he recalls that COX used to talk about going to school with COMERFORD. SALVATORE CANIZIO came from Brooklyn. CANIZIO's address at the time of his discharge was 305 90th Street. Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. HELEN FROST, mother of D. NALD FROST, Serial #12279137, was located

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at her new address, Boonton Road, Mountain View, New Jersey, and sne advised that her son DONALD had reenlisted in the Army several months ago and that he had not corresponded with her since reenlistment, and that she therefore did not know his present whereabouts. However, she stated that she had never heard DONALD mention knowing COX.

Sergeant LAWRENCE LONGO, Army Recruiting Station, Newark, New Jersey, advised that, according to his records, DONALD W. FROST, RA 12279137, reenlisted in the Army at Paterson, New Jersey on April 4, 1950, and that he was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division and was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, destined to be reassigned to the Far East Command.

Telephonic contact was made with Lt. STEINBACH, CID, Fort Dix, New Jersey, who advised that FROST had been shipped out of Fort Dix, New Jersey, on May 8, 1950 and that his present address is APO 719, Provisional Company 815, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

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RICHARD COLVIN COX, Cad U. S. Military Academy West Point, New York	det		CHARACTER OF CASE MISSING PERSON	,

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GEORGE WILLIAM SCHOENTRUP, with alias, GEORGE W. TALBERT, residing 228-10th Street, Toledo, Ohio, since July 1, 1949. SCHOENTRUP has extensive criminal record for public intoxication only at the Shelbyville, Indiana PD.

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DETAILS:

AT SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. ANNA SCHOENTRUP, 834 South Noble Street, advised that she is the mother of GEORGE WILLIAM SCHOENTRUP and that he has been gone from Shelbyville since the first of July 1949. SCHOENTRUP does not correspond too often with his mother, but his last address is 228-10th Street, Toledo, Ohio and was last heard from around Easter of this year. According to Mrs. SCHOENTRUP, her son is believed to be working either at a bowling alley or a restaurant located in the vicinity of the before-mentioned residence in Toledo. Mrs. SCHOENTRUP was unable to give any further information regarding her son's activities since he left Shelbyville, saying that he does not go into detail regarding his employments and other activities.

Ejeutenant DARRELL RICHEY, Shelbyville Police Department advised that GEORGE WILLIAM SCHOENTRUP, 834 South Noble Street, with alias, GEORGE W. TALBERT, has been arrested seven times for public intoxication, the last occasion in June of 1949.

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A description of SCHOENTRUP from a fingerprint card maintained in the files of the Shelbyville Police Department is as follows:

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LEADS

THE CLEVELAND DIVISION

At Toledo, Ohio

Will locate and interview GEORGE WILLIAM SCHOENTRUP, 228-10th Street, believed to be employed in a bowling alley or a restaurant in the vicinity of the above address.

Will interview SCHOENTRUP according to referenced report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN dated 5-26-50 at New York, in which the Indianapolis Division was instructed to interview SCHOENTRUP, inasmuch as he was a member of the same Army outfit as the subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN dated 5-26-50 at New York.

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synopsis of facts: Sergeant Daniel G. DEGAR, ASR 11160572, presently stationed at Headquarters epartment 5010 A.S. H., Fort Juster, Michigan.

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DETAILS:

Miss MARIAN MANN, 64 South Whip le Street, Lowell, Massachusetts, advised that her brother, Sergeant WHEL G. united, ASH 1160572, was fermerly a member of the 27th constabulary equadron, Germany, and had served with Cadet CON in Germany when CON was a member of the 27 Constabulary Squadron. Miss Datal advised that she recalled her brother speaking about Cadet Cold after COX was reported missing and she advised that she does not recall her brother furnishing any information concerning COX's whereabouts. Miss Bedan advised that her brother is presently stationed at Headquarters Department, 5010 A.S. .. , ort ouster, Michigan.

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THE DETROIT DIVISION

AT FORT CUSTER, MICHIGAN

Will contact Sergeant DANIEL G. USGAN, ASN 11160572, Headquarters Department, 5010 A.S.U., Fort Custer, Michigan, who served with Cadet COX in the 27th Constabulary Squadron in Germany, for any information as to COX's present whereabouts, and obtain all background information which may be of assistance in settin, out leads to locate COX.

REFARENCE:	Report of Special	Agent		Boston
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but that COX never served within his particular company. He advised that he was coach of a Service basketball team in which COX participated. He stated that he was not too well acquainted with COX but that he had always found him to be agreeable and well liked by fellow members of his company. He further advised that he had never known COX to be moody, ill, or depressed and that he believed him to be a fine soldier and that COX had expressed an eagerness to attend West Point.

He stated that in late 1947, COX had left the 28th Constabulary Squadron at Schweinfurt, Germany in order to attend a preparatory School for West Point which was to be held somewhere in New York State. CRANE stated that he had never corresponded with COX and that he has heard nothing concerning him since 1947. In closing, CRANE stated that he could think of no reason why COX should leave the Academy.

Master Sergeant JOHN J. TOOLES, presently assigned to the 591st Military Police Company, advised that he was First Sergeant of B Troop, 28th Constabulary Squadron at Schweinfurt, Germany in 1947. He stated that he remembered COX but that he was only casually acquainted with him, advising that there were approximately 1000 men within the Squadron and that a person hardly gets acquainted with a person who is outside his particular company. He advised that he possesses no information concerning the background of COX and that he could think of no reason which would cause COX to disappear from the United States Military Academy.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM A. BRANT, Laboratory Officer, Gunnery Department, Fort Bliss, advised that he was the Executive Officer of D Troop, 28th Constabulary Unit in the spring of 1947 until autumn of 1947. BRANT advised that he remembered COX as being a person whose morals were unquestioned, whose attitude had always been good and that his work had always been excellent.

He advised that COX was dickering for a Congressional appointment from his Congressional District in Ohio to the United States Military Academy in 1947. However, upon receipt of a circular from the War Department, as to the possibility of the selection of certain persons to attend a preparatory school for West Point to be selected from the 28th Constabulary Squadron, COX immediately expressed interest and subsequently was given an examination and passed.

According to	in late 1947, C	OX was sent to a preparatory
school which he	believes is located	l somewhere in New York State and
that he was sent	t there with another	enlisted man from the 28th Con-
stabulary Squadr	roh, whose name is	first name unknown.

He advised that he did not know of any close friends which COX had while overseas. He stated that COX did not frequent the Clubs and that he was continuously busy with his work studying in the evening in preparation for his preparatory examinations. He stated that he believed COX to be closer to than any other person because of their mutual interest in obtaining appointments to West Point.	Ъ6 Ъ7С
As to the person mentioned in referenced report, BRANT advised that he had received a circular regarding COX's disappearance from the former commander of D Troop, Captain DUDLEY C. CONEY, which contained a reference to whom COX was to have met on the night of his disappearance. BRANT stated that he had given much thought to the person and believed it is quite possible that may be identical with a cook named last name unknown, who was assigned to the 28th Constabulary Unit, D Troop and who was in early 1948 discharged from the Army under Army Regulation 369 which is an undesirable discharge. He advised that the he had reference to was a person of unsavory character and that although he never knew COX to associate with overseas, he thought it quite possible that the person mentioned in referenced report might be identical with the cook named BRANT also stated that he remembered COX corresponding with a girl in the United States and that he kept her picture on his desk in his room, however, he was unable to furnish information which would identify this particular individual.	b b
He further advised that he had made inquiry of members of the class of 1951 from West Point who were recently on a training assignment at Fort Bliss as to the identity of who had entered West Point with COX. However, he stated that he learned there was only one person at the Academy named and that he was a member of the graduating class of 1951. It was his belief that COX's companion named had possibly resigned from the Academy or been "washed out" in the early stages.	Ъ6 Ъ7С
In closing, BRANT stated that he could think of no possible reason why COX would voluntarily leave the Academy in view of his satisfaction with Army life and discipline and the eagerness with which he entered preparatory school. It was his belief that COX may have met with foul play.	
Lietuenant Instructor in Electronics Section, Fort Bliss, advised that he was platoon leader of D Troop in August 1947 and that COX had been a section leader at that time holding the rank of Buck Sergeant.	b6 b7С

TYLER stated that he was with this particular Unit for only two weeks and that he was later transferred to the staff of the 28th Constabulary Squadron. TYLER advised that he never knew COX to have any interest other than his work while he was overseas and that he had never seen him frequent the various Clubs or ever known him to engage in any vice whatsoever. He stated that to his knowledge, COX had no girl friend in Germany.

He further advised that COX had never been the subject of any punishment and that no derogatory information concerning him had ever come to his attention. According to TYLER, approximately 50 members of the 28th Constabulary Squadron were sent home with undesirable discharges and that at least 8 or 9 members of D Troop were recruited from Penal Institutions in the United States with the idea that military life would perhaps give them proper discipline and training to make them good citizens. However, TYLER stated that all were discharged under Army Regulation 369 which is an undesirable discharge.

He stated that it is conceivable that some individual within D Troop may have become indignant toward COX and that he may have been "out to get him" after his return to the states. TYLER further surmised that it is possible COX may have been secretly married while he was overseas and that inasmuch as he was violating a pledge which the cadets take at West Point, his conscience may have bothered him, thereby causing him to leave the Academy.

TYLER also advised that he had discussed COX's disappearance with approximately 10 of the West Point Cadets recently at Fort Bliss on a training maneuver, and that in each instance, he found it was the belief that one of his roommates at the Academy or an acquaintance overseas may have possessed derogatory information concerning him which caused him to depart from the Academy without notice.

It is noted that all of the Commissioned Officers interviewed are graduates of West Point Military Academy.

It is further noted that Lieutenant BRANT advised that Captain DUDLEY C. CONEY was troop commander of D Troop in Germany during COX's period of service and that CONEY may have pertinent information regarding COX. He advised that CONEY presently resides at 2908 Jackson Street, Fleming Heights, Agusta, Georgia. He also advised that Captain presently assigned to D Battery in the 71st Battalion, Fort Bliss, may have information concerning COX inasmuch as he served with the Headquarters Unit of the 28th Constabulary Equadron in Germany during COX's period of service.

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It was ascertained that Captain _____ is presently on maneuvers and will not return to Fort Bliss for approximately two weeks. He will be interviewed upon his arrival.

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LEADS

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At West Point, New York

Will through a check of records at the United States Military Academy, attempt to locate one first name unknown, who formerly served with the 28th Constabulary Squadron in Germany, who entered the United States Military Academy at the same time as COX, and who was thought to be closer to COX than any other person at the time of his departure from the 28th Constabulary Squadron.

At New York City

Will review marriage license records, City of New York, in an effort to ascertain whether a marriage license has been issued to RICHARD C. COX.

THE SAVANNAH OFFICE

At Agusta, Georgia

Will interview Captain DUDLEY C. CONEY, residing at 2908 Jackson Street, Fleming Heights, Agusta, Georgia for any information he may have regarding COX, it being noted he was commander of D Troop, 28th Constabulary Squadron in 1947 and 1948.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.

Will, if practical, check the records of the Department of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, in an attempt to determine the identity of one ______ last name unknown, said to be a cook in the 28th Constabulary Squadron, D Battery, assigned to Schweinfurt, Germany in 1947 and 1948 who received an undesirable discharge under Army Regulation 369 in 1948, it being noted that COX had made a date to meet one _____, said to be an acquaintance from Germany on the night of his disappearance.

Will set out appropriate lead to have him interviewed.

Will at the Office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, check the War Brides Register in an attempt to determine if COX may have brought a wife from Germany, it being noted that one of his

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associates has stated it is possible that COX may have been secretly married while overseas $\!\!\!\!\bullet$

THE EL PASO OFFICE

At Fort Bliss, Texas

Will interview Captain assigned to D Battery, 71st Battalion for any pertinent information he may have regarding COX, it being noted he served in the Headquarters Unit of the 28th Constabulary Squadron in 1947 and 1948.

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Form No. This case originated at NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE REPORT MADE BY WHICH MADE 6/5,12,27/50 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 7/5/50 CASPER H. KAST GAP TITLE HARACTER OF CASE RICHARD COLVIN COX, Cadet U. S. Military Academy MISSING PERSON West Point, New York SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MARVIN FARNSEL (not FARNFEL), Jaster, Michigan, has no information concerning present whereabouts of Cadet COX. Captain WARREN L. TAYLOR presently in Guthrie Center, Iowa.

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DETAILS:

At Adrian, Michigan:

Mr. STANLEY G. WEER, Assistant Postmaster, Adrian, Michigan, advised that the correct name is MARVIN FARNSEL not FARNFEL. Mr. WEER described FARNSEL as a young man in the area who is held in high regard by all who know him. He has been employed at times by the Adrian Post Office as a substitute mail clerk.

MARVIN FARNSEL advised that he had learned some time ago that RICHARD COLVIN COX was a Cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He stated he learned this several months ago when he and a friend decided to drive from Adrian, Michigan to Mansfield, Ohio, merely for the purpose of calling on his former Army buddy, RICHARD COLVIN COX, and when he located the COX family, he was told by the mother of RICHARD that he was in the United States Military Academy at West Point as a Cadet. FARNSEL stated that shortly after the first of the year, 1950, he observed a photograph of COX in a newspaper which indicated that COX was missing from the United States Military Academy at West Point and that his disappearance had been indicated in the press as somewhat of a mystery. FARNSEL stated that he has some clippings at home, as well as some photographs of COX, the clippings having to do with his disappearance from the Academy.

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FARNSEL advised that from about February, 1947, to May, 1947, he and COX were roommates and were both in Germany assigned to the Sixth Constabulary Squadron at Colburg. FARNSEL advised that the last time he saw COX was when he left the squadron in May, 1947, and at that time COX remained with the squadron. FARNSEL advised that he was not too closely associated with COX and believed that COX under usual circumstances would develop closer associates than FARNSEL.

FARNSEL advised that RICHAMD GRONNER had been a very close friend of COX and might possibly have information regarding his present whereabouts. FARNSEL stated, however, that he did not know the address of GRONNER but knew that he claimed he came from a suburb of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Several suburbs of Philadelphia were mentioned to FARNSEL but he was unable to recall which suburb is GRONNER's home town.

FARNSEL advised that should any information come to him regarding the whereabouts of COX, he will immediately notify the Detroit Division.

Inasmuch as this Bureau possesses a better photograph of COX than FARNSEL possesses, no photograph of COX was requested from FARNSEL.

At Ypsilanti, Michigan:

The occupant of 614 Roosevelt Boulevard, Ypsilanti, advised that WARREN L. TAYLOR, a college student, is presently spending the summer at Guthrie Center, Iowa. She advised that this is the forwarding address left by Mr. TAYLOR and that no further information is necessary. She stated that he is a Captain in the United States Army.

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Investigation at Adrian, Michigan and Jasper, Michigan, was conducted by SA MARCUS E. SHARPE on June 5 and 12, 1950.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, New York, May 26, 1950.

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it Guthrie Center, Iowa:

Will interview Captain WARREN L. TAYLOR, formerly of 614 Roosevelt Boulevard, Ypsilanti, Lichigan, who was described by GRONNER as having served in the Sixth Constabulary Unit and to have been well acquainted with COX.

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ST, LOUIS OFFICE

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will attempt to secure a list of enlisted personnel attached to Troope E, 27th & 28th Constabulary, and therefrom obtain any information available to ascertain the whereabouts of who was with the Troop during 1947 and possibly 1948.

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EL PASO OFFICE

AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Will locate and interview Sergeant WILLIAM F. MITCHELL, Headquarters Troop, TASBAN, regarding his knowledge of Cadet COX and any information he might possess relative to COX! acquaintances while serving with Troop D, 27th & 28th Constabulary, at Shweinfurt, Germany.

REFERENCE: Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN dated 5/25/50 at New York.

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ENCLOSURE TO WASHINGTON FIRID: One copy of the report of SA EDWARD A. PLEVACE dated July 17, 1950 at San Francisco, California, is being forwarded to the Washington Field office for its information.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA EDWARD A. PLEVACK dated July 17, 1950 at San Francisco.



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RICHARD COLVIN COX, U. S. Military Acad West Point, New Yor	emy		CHARACTER OF CASE MISSING PERSON	
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DETAILS:	At Mansfield,	, Ohio		
	Mrs. R. F. COX, Cook Road, advised she is aware that her son purchased a small life insurance policy from the Pioneer Insurance Company of El Paso, Texas, sometime while he was in military service, in which he named her as beneficiary. Mrs. COX advised she is maintaining premium payments on this policy during his absence.			
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her son since his disappearance. She reiterated the belief that his absence is not voluntary but stated that if it should be he might use the name of HENRY COLVIN. She said that she has never known him to use this name but that the surname of HENRY was jokingly given him by some of his associates. She stated that he may have used her maiden name and his middle name of COLVIN to avoid detection.

Mrs. COX again advised that she will immediately contact this office should she receive any information concerning her son's whereabouts.

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Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, New York, 5/26/50.

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Reference is made to report of SA dated 8/10/50, at New Haven, Conn., "RICHARD C. COX, CADET, U.S.MILITARY ACADEMY, West Point, New York - MISSING PERSON".

REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 5/17/50 at Boston.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK EP FILE NO. 79-39 REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE REPORT MADE BY EL PASO, TEXAS 8/24/50 7/27,28;8/16/50 LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. TITLE CHARACTER OF CASE RICHARD COLVIN COX. Cadet U. S. Military Academy MISSING PERSON West Point, New York SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Captain D. Battery, 71st AAA Gun Battalion, Ft. Bliss, Texas, b6 b7C vaguely recalls COX and states could identify him, but had no knowledge of COX'S personal habits and could furnish no pertinent information regarding him. Post Locator, Ft. Bliss, advised that there is no record of a Sergeant WILLIAM F. MITCHELL ever having been assigned to Ft. Bliss, Texas. - R U C -DETAILS: At Ft. Bliss, Texas Captain b7C 0-1285142, Commander of D Battery, 71st AAA Gun Battalion, advised that he was the Commanding Officer of Headquarters Troop of the 27th Constabulary Unit in 1947 and 1948 with assignment at Schweinfurt. Germany. He stated that he was in command of the above unit at the time that COX and a companion departed from the 27th Constabulary Unit in order to attend a West Point Preparatory School. APPROVED AND FORWARDED: DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES RECORDED - 64 COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau (79-23729) 2 - Washington Field Office 2 - New York (79-108) 2 - El Pase

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further advised that he believes he could identify COX but that he never had any knowledge of COX'S personal habits and only vaguely remembers him. In closing he stated that he could recall nothing which might be pertinent to this investigation.

Sergeant H. W. RATHJEN of the 48th CID Detachment at Ft. Bliss advised that a search of personnel records located in the office of the Post Locator at Ft. Bliss failed to reflect any record whatsoever of a Sergeant WILLIAM F. MITCHELL having been assigned to Ft. Bliss.

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For the information of the Washington Field Office

ASN residing at Eureka, California, advised that Sergeant WILLIAM F. MITCHEIL, former Personnel Sergeant of the 27th and 28th Constabulary D Troop, is presently serving at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Headquarters Troop Tasban, and that he might be able to furnish information regarding COX. This information was reported in the report of SA EDWARD A. PLEVACK at San Francisco dated July 17, 1950. Investigation at Ft. Bliss failed to disclose any organizational unit which might come under the heading of Tasban.

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The Washington Field Office

At Washington, D. C.

Will search the records of the Department of Army, Adjutant General's Office, in an attempt to determine the present location of Sergeant WILLIAM F. MITCHELL who reportedly was serving with the Headquarters Troop Tasban at Ft. Bliss, Texas, who was the former Personnel Sergeant of the 27th and 28th Constabulary D Troop. Will then set out a lead to have MITCHELL interviewed regarding his knowledge of RICHARD COLVIN COX during their assignment at Schweinfurt, Germany.

REFERENCE

Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN at New York dated May 26, 1950, and report of SA EDWARD A. PLEVACK at San Francisco dated July 17, 1950.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: August 28,1950

SAC. New York

RICHARD CALVIN COX, CADET U.S.M.A. WEST POINT, NEW YORK

MISSING PERSON

Rerpt of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, N.Y. 5/26/50:

Attached is a partial list of names of the enlisted personnel attached to Troop D, 27th Constabulary Squadron, July, 1947 through September, 1947, and Troop D, 28th Constabulary Squadron, September, 1947 through December, 1947 which represent the pertinent periods during which Cadet COX was assigned to these outfits.

This list, compiled by personnel of the Miscellaneous Records and Demobilized Personnel Records Sections, RACAG has been classified geographically according to states.

It is requested that all offices review this list and conduct interviews of the members of the above outfits in their territory. If investigation reflects that any member of these outfits has moved to another field division it is requested that a lead be forwarded to that office.

The purpose of these interviews will be to ascertain whether any of COX'S former associates in Germany had heard from him since his disappearance on January 14, 1950 or have in their possession, any information which might explain his sudden disappearance. Emphasis should be placed on an attempt to identify mentioned in referenced report.

cc-All Continental Offices

For your information investigation to date has failed to locate COX or to produce any logical explanation for his disappearance.

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