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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

**23, 25, 26, 28, 31;
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Results of Laboratory examination of cadet cap found at Mountainville, New York and assorted cadet uniforms located at Newburgh, New York reflect no connection between these articles and instant investigation. Search of area of Mountainville, New York unproductive. Fingerprints of Sergeant SHELLEY COX ASN RA 6386121 not identical with those of subject. Cadet JUAN BURCIAGA, Serial Number, C-8078, reaffirms that subject was with him for approximately two hours from 2 PM on 1/8/50. Following return from Christmas holidays in early part of 1/50, subject told BURCIAGA he had lost interest in fiancée, [redacted]. Roommates Cadets DEANE WELCH and JOSEPH J. URSCHEL advised that upon returning to his room on 1/8/50 at about 5 PM, COX complained that the unidentified [redacted] had wasted the entire afternoon and interfered with his studies. URSCHEL does not believe that COX ever intended to marry [redacted]. COX told URSCHEL that he had "rackett" while in Army overseas and had done little

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SYNOPSIS (cont'd) except to tour Europe with the Company basketball team. BARBARA CHULICH recalls seeing COX at the Red Cross Club in Coburg, Germany from January to August, 1947, but can furnish no information pertinent to instant investigation. ZANE WILSON, instructor, USMA Prep School, advises that subject's mother is very hysterical and believes that subject's father may have either committed suicide or disappeared while on a voyage to Europe. Cadet JAMES C. PFAUTZ, SN C-9495, advises that threats have been made as a result of disclosures of violations of the honor system at USMA and accuses Cadet VINCENT VERGARA, SN C-9662, of stating "What do you suppose happened to COX". VERGARA denies making such statements but admits hearing statements made and claims that the question about COX was asked by PFAUTZ. Interview of numerous cadets fails to reflect that COX was involved in violations of the honor system. Cadet ROBERT W. BLUM, SN C-9058, advised that while in Company B-2 Orderly Room on 1/14/50, he received a call from an unidentified man asking for COX. Cadet JOHN B. GIBNEY, SN C-8210, advised that COX told him he had a date on 1/14/50 with "some fellow I knew in the Army". GIBNEY dined at the Hotel Thayer that night but COX was not present.

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DETAILS: On March 21, 1951, Lieutenant JOHN TIERNEY, of the Newburgh, New York Police Department, furnished the information that a cadet cap had been found in the vicinity of Mountainville, New York. On March 22, 1951, Chief HERB ODELL of the town of Cornwall, New York Police Department, advised that on the afternoon of March 20 last, a telephone lineman working in vicinity Camp Moodna, Mountainville, New York, had found a West Point cadet's cap. Chief ODELL advised that the name of this lineman was MURPHY and that the latter had brought the cap directly to him and that ODELL had returned directly to the area where the cap was found with MURPHY. MURPHY had pointed out to Chief ODELL the exact spot where where he had found the cap but was unable to furnish any further information.

On March 22, 1951 a preliminary survey of the spot in which the cap was found was made by Chief ODELL, Special Agent JOHN J. MCMANUS and the writer. The cap was obtained from Chief ODELL and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

On March 28, 1951, a search was made of the immediate area in which the above mentioned cap was found. This search was conducted by Special Agents LEWIS P. HURLEY, JR., [REDACTED] JOHN J. MCMANUS and the writer. Due to the fact that the mood in the river was at that time in flood stage, only the immediate area could be searched. No trace of the subject could be found in as much as the camp was closed at the time of the search and the buildings were locked and boarded it was not possible to search the buildings which comprised the camp.

On March 30, 1951 Lieutenant Colonel NEVIN HOWELL, Provost Marshal, USMA West Point, New York, advised that on the preceding day a group of boys playing in the south portion of the reservation near the lake region, had uncovered a collection of bones buired under the porch of an abandoned house. These bones were gathered together and brought to the hospital where

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examination physicians stated positively that they were not human bones. Lieutenant HOWELL also advised that this opinion was concurred in by members of the Veterinarian Staff at the USMA.

Lieutenant Colonel HOWELL advised that it is almost a customary for graduating cadets to take home with them at least one U.S. Military Academy cap and that many of these caps are also lost each year. He advised that in the absence of unusual circumstances he would attach no undue significance to the finding of the cap in the vicinity of Mountainville, New York, especially since it was found in the immediate vicinity of Route 32, a main highway.

Mr. W. KETCHAM, Postmaster at Mountainville, New York, advised that Camp Moodna is operated by the Grand Street Settlement, 283 Rivington Street, New York 2, New York. Mr. KETCHAM further advised that to the best of his recollection this camp had been operated during the summer of 1950.

Lieutenant JOHN TIERNEY of the Newburgh, New York Police Department, advised that on April 10, 1951, a call had been received from a Mrs. EDITH LEE, 65 Monument Street, Newburgh, New York, who advised that she had found a West Point uniform on the south side of the South Junior High School. Mrs. LEE was subsequently interviewed at her residence by Detective Sergeant JOHN MURPHY of the Newburgh, New York Police Department and the writer. She was unable to furnish any information other than the fact that she had been strolling near her home when she observed an old cement bag containing some clothing. She had removed the clothing from the cement bag and upon seeing that it was a West Point Cadet uniform, she had notified the Newburgh, New York Police Department.

OTIS GUILFOIL, of the South Junior High School, was also interviewed and advised that some of his pupils had told him that they had found the uniforms

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which were in the cement bag and that they had discarded same after unsuccessfully attempting to sell them to a junkman. Mr. GUILFOIL also advised that the students had told him that there were more uniforms in a shack in the rear of 67 Monument Street.

JAY WAYNE, age 12, 71 Henry Street, Newburgh, New York, advised that he was one of the boys who found the uniform which was subsequently discovered by Mrs. LEE. WAYNE took Detective Sergeant JOHN MURPHY and the writer to the rear of the old Wilson Cement Company at 67 Monument Street, and there showed the writer a small pile of other cadet clothes. WAYNE advised that the boys in the high school frequently played in this group of old buildings, but until quite recently the one in particular had been locked. At the time of the examination, it was noticed that the lock had been broken on this door and that the contents of the building, which consisted largely of refuse, had been scattered around the floor. WAYNE advised that he and a group of other students had been playing in the building several days ago and had discovered the West Point uniforms. They put a coat and several pairs of trousers into an old Hercules cement bag, and attempted to sell the same to several junk dealers in Newburgh, but were unsuccessful due to the condition of the clothing and also because of the fact that the clothing was saturated at the time.

When the boys realized that they would be unsuccessful in attempting to sell these old clothes, they had discarded the clothes in a cement bag in the immediate vicinity in which they were discovered by Mrs. LEE.

Detective Sergeant JOHN MURPHY advised that the building at 67 Monument Street was formerly owned and operated by the Wilson Cement Company and was last run by a wood concern who operated under the name of McGuigan and Titanic.

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HAROLD MC GUIGAN, 65 Overlook Place, Newburgh, New York, one of the former owners of this company, was contacted at the Newburgh Pre Academy, where he is presently employed as a janitor. MC GUIGAN stated that he had been employed at the Cadet Mess at West Point until just recently and had received three uniforms and an extra pair of trousers from several cadets while working at the Mess Hall in West Point. He had brought these home and had given them to his nephews who played with them for a short time. They were subsequently destroyed and thrown into one of the old sheds at 67 Monument Street.

MC GUIGAN stated that the uniforms were torn and were being discarded by cadets who gave them to him. The above uniforms were obtained and forwarded to the Laboratory for examination.

Lieutenant Colonel NEVIN HOWELL, Provost Marshal, USMA, West Point, New York, advised that he had verified the fact that HAROLD MC GUIGAN had been employed until just recently as a attendant in the Cadet Mess, at West Point. Colonel HOWELL furnished the following information relative to the disposition of used cadet clothing, which was obtained from Lieutenant Colonel BEN STERNBERG:

1. When a cadet leaves the military academy, he is authorized to take any cadet clothing which he has purchased himself with him.

2. Cadet clothing which is thrown away by cadets is gathered up by the barracks policemen and turned into the office of the Chief Barracks Janitor.

In the course of the year, this clothing is sold to preparatory schools, individuals, and junk dealers. The money received for the same is deposited in the cadet recreation fund.

3. If a cadet desires to give used clothing to a barracks policeman, he must submit a certain form indicating that he has done so. This form in turn

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must be approved by S4, USCC, before the barracks policeman is authorized to take the clothing off the post.

Lieutenant Colonel HOWELL advised that apparently MC GUIGAN had failed to comply with the requirements, and had removed the old uniforms without receiving the necessary permission.

Colonel HOWELL also advised that he had ascertained from the cadet tailor shop at West Point that RICHARD COLVIN COX wore a size 6 7/8 hat.

The results of the Laboratory examination of the cap found in the vicinity of Mountainville, New York, failed to connect the cap with the subject, RICHARD COLVIN COX. The FBI Laboratory report indicated that no identifying marks had been found on the cap. Two human hairs, light brown in color and belonging to a member of the Caucasian race, were found in the cap as a result of this examination. At the time of the examination the cap approximated 6 3/4 in size, but it was pointed out that a certain amount of shrinkage had occurred due to the exposure to the elements.

The results of the FBI Laboratory examination of the clothing found in the vicinity of Monument Street, Newburgh, New York, reflected no information of value to instant investigation.

By letter dated April 19, 1951 the Cleveland Office was instructed to obtain from Mrs. RUPPETT F. COX, mother of the subject, several of the subject's hats or caps in order that a comparison might be made between these caps and the West Point Cadet cap found in the vicinity of Mountainville, New York.

Under the date of May 26, 1951 the Cleveland Office forwarded to this office, two enlisted men's caps bearing the number C-5161 which the Cleveland Office reports is the same number found on other military gear in her possession. The caps obtained from Mrs. COX

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will be forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with the results of the cap found at Mountainville, New York.

By letter dated February 9, 1951, two copies of the fingerprints of SHELLEY COX, Army Serial Number RA 6386121, obtained by the superintendent of the United States Military Academy, from the Headquarters of the 31st Field Artillery Battalion, APO #7, were forwarded to the attention of the Identification Division for comparison with the fingerprints of the missing subject, RICHARD COLVIN COX.

The Identification Division subsequently confirmed by letter the findings previously reported by teletype, dated December 23, 1950, and advised that the fingerprints of Sergeant SHELLEY COX were not identical with those of the subject.

The following description of Sergeant SHELLEY COX was obtained from the records of Adjutant General's Office:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	65½ inches
Weight	130 pounds
Build	Slender
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Date of Birth	March 8, 1912
Place of Birth	Clio, Alabama
FBI Number	621378A
Army Serial No.	RA 6386121

Cadent JUAN BURCIAGA, Cadet Serial Number C-8078, Company B2, USMA West Point, New York, was reinterviewed by Special Agent JOHN J. MCMANUS and the writer. BURCIAGA reaffirmed his previous statement that he had last seen the subject on January 8, 1950

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when he, BURCIAGA, was cadet in charge of quarters. At about 2 PM on this date, COX came into the room where BURCIAGA was stationed and remained there for a period of from two to three hours, during which time COX and BURCIAGA engaged in idyl conversation. BURCIAGA recalled during the course of this conversation COX expressed the desire to leave the academy.

On an other occasion immediately following his return from Christmas leave, COX confided to BURCIAGA that he had lost interest in his fiancee, [redacted] and did not care what she did. BURCIAGA advised that he concluded from COX'S remarks that the latter had no intention of marrying [redacted]

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Cadet DEANE E. WELCH, Serial Number C-8649, Company B2, the former roommate of the subject at the time of the latter's disappearance, was also reinterviewed. WELCH was questioned about the incident which occurred on the night of January 7, 1950, when COX, awakening from a slumber walked into the hall and is reported to have shouted is ALICE down there or words to to effect.

In view of the fact that Special Agent MURRAY KAPLAN, of the 10th CID, had advised the writer that the CID had considered the possibility that COX might have shouted Alles Kuput, which according to KAPLAN'S translation reads, all is over; WELCH was questioned as to whether or not he could possibly have misunderstood COX, when the latter made this remark. WELCH advised that he believed COX spoke the name ALICE rather rather than the phrase Alles Kuput and added that in conversation had with COX the following day he gathered the impression that ALICE was someone whom COX had known.

WELCH further advised that on the afternoon of January 8, 1950, a Sunday, COX had returned apparently from a date with his friend, the unknown [redacted] at about 5 PM to the room. Upon his return he complained that his unknown friend had stayed too long and had taken

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up too much of his time which he had intended to devote to studying. COX made no mention to WELCH of his having spent several hours in the Crderly Room with Cadet JUAN BURCIAGA, as alleged by the latter, but rather left WELCH with the impression that he had spent the entire afternoon with his unknown friend.

WELCH further advised that on the evening of January 7, 1950, which is alleged to have been the first meeting between the subject and the unknown [redacted] COX returned to his room and signed in, thereupon he left again persumably to join his unknown companion. WELCH explained that COX probably did this in order to avoid a violation of the honor system. When he left for the second time without signing out, he would not be guilty of a violation of the honor system but merely of a violation of regulations, and would not be on his honor to report where he had been. Following this line of reasoning, WELCH was of the opinion that when signed out for dining privileges, on the eveing of January 14, 1950, he must have intended to return. Had COX intended to leave the post, on the eveing of January 14, 1950, WELCH is of the opinion that he would have returned and signed in and then would have left the post without making any notation on his card.

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Cadet JOSEPH JOHN URSCHEL, Serial Number C-8622, Company B2, a former roommate of the subject, was also reinterviewed. When questioned as to the possibility that COX might have shouted "Alles Kaput", URSCHEL concided the possibility and advised that he could not be as positive as WELCH in this matter inasmuch as WELCH had been closer to COX on this occasion. URSCHEL also advised that upon returning to the room in the afternoon of January 8, 1950, COX gave the impression that he spent the entire afternoon with his unknown friend [redacted] and complained "that [redacted] was wasting his time which he could have spent studying". URSCHEL also stated that COX made no mention of the time he is alleged to have spent in the Orderly Room with Cadet BURCIAGA on the afternoon of January 8, 1950.

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URSCHEL also advised that there was nothing unusual in the relationship between the subject, WELCH, and himself as might be gathered in statements made by COX, in his letters to [redacted] URSCHEL was also of the opinion that COX never intended to marry [redacted]

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URSCHEL recalled that COX had stated the Army was full of homosexuals and that there had been one at Stewart Field when COX was there. He expressed the opinion that COX was perfectly normal and had no weakness in this respect.

On one occasion in discussing his experiences in Europe, COX told URSCHEL that he had a "rackett" while overseas and had done little except to tour Europe with the Company basketball team.

Mr. ZANE WILSON, an instructor at the United States Military Academy Prep School, Stewart Field, New York, advised Special Agent JOHN J. MCMANUS that he had been a teacher in the Mansfield, Ohio schools about ten years ago. WILSON had known Mrs. COX and other members of the COX family while in Mansfield, Ohio, but did not meet the subject, RICHARD COLVIN COX until the latter entered the Prep School at Stewart Field.

WILSON stated that Mrs. COX, at the time he knew her, was a "very nervous and excitable, a very hysterical type". He understood that the father had died under circumstances which the family would not discuss. He could not recall whether the father had committed suicide or had disappeared while on a voyage to Europe.

WILSON saw COX occasionally while the latter attended Prep School at Stewart Field and during this time COX had taken his daughter out once. After COX entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, WILSON saw him only once, and that was during his Plebe Year. The occasion was a request by Mrs. COX for

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WILSON to talk to RICHARD COX, who was very discouraged and wanted to leave the Academy. WILSON minimized COX'S discouragement, stating that this was not at all uncommon among cadets especially during their Plebe Year.

On May 31, 1950, Captain ROBERT SATTERFIELD, Assistant Provost Marshal, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, telephonically advised the writer that violations of the honor system had been uncovered at West Point and that as a result of such disclosures, threats were alleged to have been made to the effect that the individual who had informed might suffer serious injury. These threats were also alleged to have included statements as to what happened to Cadet RICHARD COX.

On June 1, 1950, Lieutenant Colonel NEVIN HOWELL, Provost Marshal, West Point, New York, and Captain SATTERFIELD, advised the writer that a short time ago Cadet JAMES COLEMAN BRAITZ, Serial Number C-9495, had notified his Honor Representative that unauthorized information was being passed from members of the First Regiment to other regiments. This violation of the honor system apparently involved members of the football squad and other members of the cadet corp. It was made possible by the fact that members of the First Regiment were the first cadets to take examinations. An interval of time elapsed between the completion of the examination by members of the First Regiment and the taking of the same examination by members of other regiments. During this interval members of the First Regiment succeeded in getting the examination questions to friends and associates in other regiments, who were then in a position to obtain the answers to these questions before taking the examination, and consequently were able to achieve higher marks.

Colonel HOWELL advised that a Board of Inquiry had been set up by the superintendent of the United States Military Academy and was presently interviewing men whose names had been furnished by the informer, as individuals who participated in the unauthorized passing of information.

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Colonel HOWELL advised that he had received information that Cadet JAMES COLEMAN PFAUTZ, who had made the original disclosures in this case, had reported that he had heard Cadet VINCENT VERGARA make reference to the fact that harm might come to the party responsible for these disclosures and that this reference included a comparison as to what happened to COX.

On the basis of the above information, the following cadets were interviewed by Special Agent JOHN J. MCMANUS and the writer:

Cadet JAMES COLEMAN PFAUTZ, Serial Number C-9495, Company K-1, Room 3732; PFAUTZ advised that his home address is RFD #1, Annapolis, Maryland, and that he had received an appointment to West Point through the Army Athletic Association. Several months ago PFAUTZ reported to his Honor Representative that cadets in the First Regiment, in violation of the Honor System, were making available to cadets in other regiments, the questions and answers to examinations which members of the First Regiment took in advance of the other regiments. Acting upon instructions, PFAUTZ had continued to observe the operations of this scheme and had reported the names of those who were involved and those who might be involved.

Following the disclosure of this scheme by the setting up of a Board of Inquiry which began to interview cadets involved, on May 30, 1951, PFAUTZ was present in a room occupied by Cadets CONLEY, VERGARA and ALLEN. Also present at this time was a cadet named SHINE. VERGARA had just returned to the room and was talking to CONLEY. PFAUTZ quoted him as saying "Someone in the corp is ratting, if they find out who it is they will kill him. What do you suppose happened to COX? There are guys in New York City who will rub out anyone for \$50.00".

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PFAUTZ advised that he did not know COX, but was of the opinion that COX may have been involved in the transfer of such unauthorized information, and may have been done away with when he threatened to expose same. PFAUTZ admitted that he had no proof to substantiate his belief but apparently could reach no other conclusion to explain the mention of Cadet COX'S name during the discussion.

PFAUTZ explained that at the time the above conversation took place CONLEY had already been interviewed by members of the Special Board of Inquiry, and had admitted participation, as well as naming others who participated in the transfer of unauthorized information. At the time of the above conversation the cadets were of the opinion that CONLEY had given the initial information, which resulted in the setting up of the Special Board of Inquiry and PFAUTZ was of the opinion that in the light of this reasoning, the statements made by VERGARA to CONLEY constituted a threat to the latter's safety. PFAUTZ knew nothing of the disappearance of Cadet COX, but was of the opinion that if the latter had been killed his body might have been secreted somewhere in the vicinity of Camp Buckner.

Cadet SAMUEL G. CONLEY, Jr., Serial Number C-9123, Company K-1, Room 3612, advised that his legal residence is 616 Elson Street, Van Wert, Ohio. On the afternoon of May 30, 1951, CONLEY, ALLEN, SHINE, and PFAUTZ were in the room occupied by CONLEY, ALLEN, and VERGARA, when the latter came in. VERGARA said "Boy those guys are plenty mad at you, they're made enough bust or kill you." CONLEY stated that he replied "That doesn't bother me, be quiet". He recalled hearing the name of Cadet COX mentioned in the following fashion. "Was that what happened to COX?" and is of the opinion that PFAUTZ made this remark after hearing VERGARA statement.

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CONLEY advised that he did not know Cadet RICHARD C. COX, but had heard numerous rumors among which were the fact that COX had married, gone to Canada, and that he had also returned to Europe.

Cadet WILLIAM P. SHINE, Serial Number C-9574, Company K-1, Room 3723, advised that he resides at 313 East 8th Street, South Boston, Massachusetts. On May 30, 1951 he was present with PFAUTZ in the room occupied by VERGARA, CONLEY, and ALLEN. The conversation had to do with the passing of unauthorized information. VERGARA, who was the last one to enter the room, told CONLEY "Those guys are pretty mad about this thing, they're liable to kill you". During the conversation the name of Cadet COX was mentioned. SHINE advised that he believed VERGARA referred to members of the football squad, with whom VERGARA had spent the day, and that in his opinion a Cadet by the name of HART had probably been the original source of this statement.

SHINE advised that he was unable to determine at the time who exactly mentioned the name of COX, but stated that he believed it was mentioned either by PFAUTZ, VERGARA or ALLEN. SHINE further stated that he did not know Cadet COX and had no idea what happened to him. He was reasonably certain that COX had not been involved in any forms of cheating or passing unauthorized information.

Cadet JOHN H. ALLEN, Serial Number C-9009, Company K-1, Room 3612, advised that his residence is 900 North Howard Street, Indianola, Iowa. ALLEN is a roommate of VERGARA and CONLEY. Sometime during the afternoon of May 30, 1951, ALLEN was in his room with SHINE, CONLEY, and PFAUTZ when VERGARA entered. VERGARA appeared to be quite excited and made some remark to CONLEY to the effect that some harm would come to the latter. ALLEN advised that he heard the name COX mentioned during the course of the conversation, and was of the opinion that Cadet PFAUTZ had asked "What happened to COX".

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ALLEN advised that he did not know Cadet COX and does not know whether or not COX was ever involved in the transfer of unauthorized information.

Cadet VINCENT VERGARA, Serial Number C-9662, Company K-1, Room 3612, advised that his legal residence is 537 Oliver Street, Coatesville, Pennsylvania. VERGARA had spent the early part of May 30, 1951 with two fellow football players, Cadets HART and POLLARD, and a reporter and had assisted them in posing for photographs for Sports magazine. VERGARA advised that during Mess he had overheard some talk to the effect that some of the cadets were hot under the collar and felt that some harm might come to CONLEY, whom they suspected of "ratting of them". When he returned to his room he found SHINE, ALLEN, PFAUTZ and CONLEY there. VERGARA quoted himself as saying "Gee SAM those guys are liable to bust you". He stated that the conversation was quite general and that during the course of it he heard someone ask "Is that what happened to COX". VERGARA advised that he is quite positive that the question was posed by PFAUTZ. VERGARA admitted that he had received the information from Cadet HART that the other cadets were angry. He advised that he considered CONLEY to be a good friend of his and did not want to see anything happen to him.

VERGARA never knew COX and does not recall ever having met him. He insisted that in view of the fact that he did not know COX, he would have no reason to make such a statement.

Cadet ROBERT W. BLUM, Serial Number C-9058, Company B-2, Room 1931, advised that his legal residence is 1540 Lochwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland. BLUM advised that at about 3 PM on the afternoon of January 14, 1950, he was on duty as Mail Carrier and was in the Orderly Room when the phone rang. A man with a deep voice asked "Is COX there". BLUM said, "No, he's out". BLUM then asked if there was any message and the caller said no. BLUM attempted to ascertain the identity of the caller and during the conversation was informed that the caller was then in Grant Hall. BLUM advised that

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the man declined to leave his name but did so in such a fashion that it did not arouse his suspicions at the time. BLUM advised that he never delivered this message to COX inasmuch as he did not see him after the receipt of this call.

BLUM stated that he has no idea as to why COX disappeared. He recalled that following the Christmas vacation of 1949, COX was the first man in the company to return to the barracks. This fact was fixed in BLUM'S mind because COX, normally very strict on under-classmen, appeared greatly elated and very much out of character. On this occasion he stopped BLUM and inquired as to whether or not BLUM had had a good holiday, stating that he, COX, had had a wonderful time. BLUM advised that friendly attitude exhibited by COX on this occasion surprised him greatly because in the past COX had been almost pressure like in his attitude towards the under-classmen. Shortly after this, according to BLUM, COX reverted to type, although well liked by the upper-classmen, he was feared by the lower-classmen., many of whom were of the opinion that he took his position a little too seriously.

Cadet MARVIN J. FELDMAN, Serial Number C-8192, Company B-2, Room 1931, advised that his legal residence is 27-50 Winter Street, Los Angeles, California. FELDMAN advised that prior to COX'S disappearance, he had roomed just down the hall from the room occupied by COX WELCH, and URSCHEL. He noticed no friction between the three previously mentioned cadets. COX appeared to be well liked by other members of the company and FELDMAN noticed no change in COX'S attitude after his return from leave. FELDMAN advised that COX was very quiet and reserved and pointed out that although he knew COX'S roommates WELCH and URSCHEL very well he did not know COX too well. FELDMAN could advance no theory for COX'S disappearance.

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Cadet KENNETH J. KEATING, Serial Number C-8301, Company B-2, Room 2022, advised that his legal residence is 12 Eastern Avenue, Gloucester, Massachusetts. KEATING knew Cadet COX fairly well and participated in training for the track in cross-country teams with COX. He is of the opinion that he saw COX after the latter's last leave but does not recall noting anything of importance which would fix this in his mind.

KEATING recalled that COX was a man who liked to drink, enjoyed the company of women, and was not adverse to minor infractions of the rules. On one night during the Fall of 1949 COX came to play basketball and appeared to be under the influence of liquor, from this and other incidents he observed KEATING suspected that COX brought liquor into his room at West Point. He advised that he knew of no girl in whom COX was interested, with the exception of [redacted] and that prior to going on leave Christmas of 1949 COX apparently intended to marry her. COX did not like the United States Military Academy at West Point and remained there only because he believed that it was the easiest way to get a commission in the Army.

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KEATING knew of no difficulties in which COX might have been involved and stated that if COX left without any commotion it was of his own free will. KEATING was of the opinion that if COX did not desire to leave West Point he could not have been forced to do so without a terrific struggle. KEATING also recalled that COX had told Cadet WRIGHT, a roommate of KEATING'S, that he, COX, would like to get out, go home, get married.

Cadet JOHN V. GIBNEY, Serial Number C-8210, Company B-2, Room 2031, advised that his legal address is Headquarters Second Army, Fort George Meade, Maryland, where his father Colonel GIBNEY is stationed. GIBNEY advised that he knew Cadet RICHARD C. COX very well.

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He recalled that on January 14, 1950 he and COX were returning from Russian language class about 11:55 AM and that he asked COX "Are you dragging". COX replied "Yes". GIBNEY continued "One of these guys" and pointing to a group from Stewart Field. COX answered "No, some fellow I knew in the Army".

GIBNEY advised that he had dinner at the Hotel Thayer on the evening of January 14, 1950 with his mother and father. He noticed when signing out for dining privileges in the company departure book, that COX had also signed out for dining privileges at the Hotel Thayer immediately before him. As a result, while dining at the Thayer with his mother and father, he remarked that a friend of his from the same company was also dining there that evening.

He advised that he looked for COX intending to introduce COX to his parents but was unable to find him and did not see him at any time at the Hotel Thayer that evening.

GIBNEY characterized COX as a regular fellow with no peculiarities. COX liked to drink, and GIBNEY was fairly certain that COX kept liquor in his quarters at West Point. GIBNEY recalled that COX was quite a gambler, but usually for petty stakes. During the summer of 1949, COX and a group of other cadets were caught gambling at Camp Buckner, and received punishment for this offense.

GIBNEY stated that COX had a girl friend in Ohio and that on at least one occasion she visited him at West Point. He recalled that on one occasion COX had received a letter from his girl friend [redacted] and that she had been apparently giving him a hard time inasmuch as she was dating other fellows. At the time COX was both denouncing [redacted] and ridiculing himself, pointing out that he was a big shot and there was his girl dating other fellows. GIBNEY advised that this incident

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occurred shortly before COX returned home for his last Christmas leave, in December, 1949.

GIBNEY advised that about a week before COX disappeared, he was reported to have sat in the Orderly Room for approximately two hours, apparently very upset and very much concerned about his girl friend. It was common gossip in the company that COX intended to quit West Point and get married. So much so that there were frequent inquiries by other cadets as to what COX intended to do. GIBNEY advised that he had never heard of COX committing himself on this point. GIBNEY stated that numerous rumors had been going around West Point as a result of COX'S disappearance. He recalled one to the effect that a murder was committed in Germany in which COX was either involved or a witness, and that as a result of this incident he was being blackmailed and that caused him to disappear from West Point.

GIBNEY pointed out that although none of COX's civilian clothing was missing, he could have easily taken the civilian clothing of some other cadet, but admitted that he had heard of no complaint that any such clothing was missing.

Cadet JAMES W. WOODWARD, Serial Number C-8679, Company B-2, Room 2041, advised that his legal residence is 3 Wolfe Avenue, Beacon Falls, Connecticut. WOODWARD was in the same company with Cadet COX, and considered COX to be a very good friend. He first met COX at Stewart Field before coming to West Point. WOODWARD advised that the last time he saw COX was in Russian language class, on January 14, 1950.

There was a rumor in Company B-2 that COX was quite depressed after his return from Christmas leave and that he intended to quit and get married. Although most cadets are more or less depressed after returning from Christmas leave, COX appeared to emphasize more than other cadets that he wanted to get married.

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COX was quite a gambler, liked to play long shots, and would drink quite heavily on trips to New York City. WOODWARD is of the opinion that COX may have been involved in the black market overseas and that this might possibly explain his disappearance.

Cadet BEN F. BRIAN, JR., Serial Number C-8061, Company K-2, Room 4512, advised that his legal residence is 204 Nash Circle, Birmingham 9, Alabama. BRIAN advised that he knew COX at Camp Buckner during the summer of 1949 and that he also attended the same physics class with COX. He advised that COX never confided in anyone and that COX seemed to be well liked by the other men at Camp Buckner. He could furnish no possible explanation for COX'S disappearance.

PANCHISIN

Cadet JOHN E. PANCHISIN, Serial Number C-8459, Company M-1, Room 4241, advised that his legal residence is RD #1, South Fork, Pennsylvania. PANCHISIN advised that he had served in the Army for approximately 43 months and was attached to the Air Transport Command in the United States before attending the USMA Prep School at Stewart Field, New York. PANCHISIN was at the Prep School from October, 1947 to about April of 1948 and was attached to the advance group. COX was also at Stewart Field but was attached to the second group, having arrived there at a later date than PANCHISIN. PANCHISIN did not know COX at Stewart Field. However, during the second half of his Plebe Year at West Point, OABCGUSUB roomed with COX. During this period of time he came to know COX quite well and is of the opinion that COX liked the routine a West Point.

PANCHISIN advised that he was reasonably certain that COX kept liquor in his room at the Academy, and recalled that during June Week at the end of his Plebe Year he observed COX in his room apparently under the influence of liquor. It was his opinion that COX drank more than the average cadet but not to excess. He recalled one incident which occurred during his Yearling Year, 1949. COX entered the room, sat on the bed and held

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his head in his hands and said "I need a drink bad". PANCHISIN advised that he looked at COX and eventually COX got up and walked out without saying anything further.

COX was an individual who had an obsession to make good at anything he attempted and PANCHISIN is certain that because of this obsession COX desired to make the grand at West Point. He does not believe that COX is dead and does not believe that COX was kidnapped from the post. He described COX as very rugged and experienced in constabulary work and does not believe that anyone could force him to leave the post against his will. He recalled that COX occasionally complained of headaches.

PANCHISIN stated that his present roommate Cadet JOHN RALPH resides in the vicinity of Bucyrus, Ohio and accompanied COX when both returned home for Christmas leave in 1949. RALPH offered to drive COX home from railroad station at Bucyrus, but COX refused, saying that he would take a cab or a bus.

Cadet ROBERT E. WRIGHT, Serial Number C-8681, Company B-2, Room 2022, advised that his legal residence is 22-50 Harrison Boulevard, Ogden, Utah. WRIGHT advised that he attended the United States Military Prep School at Stewart Field, New York at the same time that COX did, but that he did not meet COX until several after entering West Point. He knew him casually during his first year and up to the time of COX'S disappearance but never dated or made any trip with COX. He was unable to furnish any possible explanation of COX'S disappearance.

Cadet FRANK R. FISCHL, Serial Number C-7174, Company E-1, Room 1612, advised that his legal residence is 121 Gordon Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Several days ago while umpiring a game at Aberdeen, Maryland, FISCHL heard somebody behind him, apparently a cadet, mention that a Special Board of Inquiry had been convened at West Point to investigate the case of COX.

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He did not know who made the remark and did not know whether the remark pertained to the subject or to another cadet by the name of COX who had recently been involed in an automobile accident.

FISCHL advised that he did not know COX and does not recall ever having met him, but advised that he heard that COX was considered a good cadet. He could assign no reason for COX'S disappearance.

Cadet GERALD J. CAREY, Serial Number C-8090, Company L-2, Room 4742, advised that his legal residence is 33-09 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, New York. CAREY was interviewed at the time he volunteered information regarding the transfer of unauthorized material.

CAREY advised that he knew COX, who sat about one seat away from him in Chemistry Class. He does not know whether or not COX is involved in the unauthorized transfer of information and could offer no explanation for COX'S disappearance.

Cadet DAVID P. MIRICH, Serial Number C-9440, Company B-2, Room 1931, advised that his legal residence is 107 East 45th Avenue, Gary, Indiana. MIRICH advised that he was a Plebe in Company B-2 at the time of COX'S disappearance and knew COX very slightly. However, at the time COX disappeared MIRICH was confined to the station hospital and was unable to offer any suggestions as to the reason for COX'S disappearance.

Cadet GERALD EDWARD HART, Serial Number C-9266, Company B-1, Room 443, advised that his legal residence is 59-23 Avenue O, Brooklyn, 34, New York. Cadet HART admitted that he was involved in the unauthorized transfer of information but denied that he had ever made any threats against Cadet CONLEY or Cadet PFAUTZ. He did not know the subject RICHARD C. COX, but was certain that COX had never been a tutor or

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a coach for any member of the football squad, and had never "ratted" on anyone. He advised that he did not believe that COX was involved in any way in the unauthorized transfer of information.

Agent MURRAY KAPLAN, of the 10th CID, First Army, New York City, was advised of the fact that COX told his roommate URSCHEL that he had a "rackett" while stationed overseas and had done little except to tour Europe with the company basketball team.

In view of the fact that the majority of the men attached to Troup D, of the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadrons, who have been interviewed to date do not know or do not remember the subject, it was suggested that KAPLAN attempt to obtain the record of the company basketball team, as well as the names of the players and the coach. Such records should reflect the names of men who were known to have been closely associated with the subject. Pending a receipt of this information, no attempt will be made to interview other men listed as having been attached to this same outfit as the subject.

In the report of Special Agent LLOYD L. DAVIDSON, dated January 12, 1951 at Memphis, WALTER ROCKET JONES advised that the only [redacted] he knew of was a first sergeant by the name of GEORGE SUMMERALL.

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The name of GEORGE SUMMERALL does not appear as a member of subject's outfit on the lists of names obtained from the Miscellaneous Records and Demobilized Personnel Records Sections, Racag, St. Louis, Missouri or on the list of names obtained from the Enlisted personnel Information Branch, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated February 17, 1951, at Savannah, MILFORD E. MARRIOTT advised that he and the subject were in the same company with an individual named [redacted] (phonetic).

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On the list of names obtained from the Miscellaneous Records and Demobilized Personnel Records Sections, Racah, the information is reflected that the record of THOMAS A. DEVROS, Army Serial Number 46070616, was transferred to the Personnel Information Branch, AGO, Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C., on August 15, 1949.

In a letter from Washington Field Office, dated July 7, 1950, Miss HARRIET LEWIS of the Enlisted Personnel Branch Branch, Department of the Army, advised that THOMAS A. DEVROS, Army Serial Number 46070616, was last reported to be at the post guard house, Fort Jay, New York. Special Agent JOHN J. DIXON, contacted the authorities at post guard house, Fort Jay, New York, and was advised that no record could be found to indicate that THOMAS A. DEVROS had either been incarcerated here or assigned to duty at this station.

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted], dated March 15, 1951, at Mobile, RUSSELL F. SLIDER, is reported to have advised that he was stationed with the subject at Schweinfurt, Germany, and that COX did a lot of drinking and on one or two occasions got into drunken brawls. SLIDER is also reported to have stated that there was a first sergeant connection with D Troop, with whom COX had a couple of fist fights.

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In the report of Special Agent WILLIAM C. HENDRICK, dated April 9, 1951, at Pittsburgh, DONALD M. MACKLEN, advised that he recalled one [redacted] who was one of about four other men who roomed with COX during the time the latter was with the 28th Constabulary in Germany, as being the only person in Dog Company named [redacted]

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A review of the personnel list of Troop D, obtained from the Miscellaneous Records and Demobilized Personnel Records Sections, St. Louis, Missouri, and from the Enlisted Personnel Information Branch, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. reflects that the name

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does not appear as being assigned to Troop D the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadrons.

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The following investigation was conducted at New York City by Special Agent FREDERICK L. WILT:

Mrs. ZELLER, Registrar, of the Grand Street Settlement, 283 Rivington Street, New York 2, New York, advised that Camp Moodna, Mountainville, New York is operated by the Grand Street Settlement and that the camp was used during the entire summer of 1950. In view of this fact, no search of the buildings which comprise this camp is now contemplated.

The files of the Department of the Army concerning military personnel reflected the following information:

On December 1, 1950, JOSEPH LEO DALY, Army Serial Number ER 31511457, was assigned as a Private First Class to Company G, 351st Infantry Regiment, APO 209, New York.

On January 31, 1951, WALTER JOHN GEAKE, Army Serial Number RA 12246496, was assigned as a Corporal to Headquarters and Headquarters 519th Field Artillery Battalion, APO 178, New York. Inasmuch as the records reflect that both of these men are presently overseas, Agent MURRAY KAPLAN of the 10th CID, 1st Army, New York, New York, has been requested to contact DALY and GEAKE at their present stations.

STEPHEN DITKO, Globe Hotel, 300 West 44th Street, New York, New York, advised that he is now a student at the Cartoonists and Illustrators School, 245 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, and that his mother, Mrs. ANNA DITKO, resides at 13-37 Tennessee Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. DITKO has three photo albums at his mother's residence containing pictures of most of the members of D Company, 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadron. These photo albums contain

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pictures of men who were assigned to D Company, from approximately May, 1946 to July of 1948.

DITKO recalled COX but stated that he and COX were not close personal friends. According to his recollection COX was with this outfit only in Schweinfurt, Germany and Konigshofen, Germany. The only [redacted] in the outfit was one [redacted] whose present whereabouts are unknown to DITKO. DITKO described [redacted] as follows:

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Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slim
Hair	Long and blond

DITKO advised that he last saw COX in July of 1948 in Schweinfurt, Germany. It should be noted that in July of 1948 RICHARD COLVIN COX was beginning his Plebe Year as a cadet in West Point.

DITKO recalled that COX was a member of the 1st Platoon of D Troop, of the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadrons. He furnished the names of the following soldiers who should know COX intimately:

Sergeant GODWIN, no first name;
Sergeant BUTSLAF, no first name;
Sergeant COX, no first name and not the subject;
Sergeant ELAM, no first name;
[redacted] mentioned above.

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The records of the Enlisted Personnel Information Branch, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., reflect that Sergeant LUTHER GODWIN, Army Serial Number 6968762, was last reported assigned to the 1st Reconnaissance Company, APO 66, in care of Postmaster, New York.

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Sergeant HOWARD B. ELAM, Army Serial Number 35653276, was last reported assigned to Company D, 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO 171, New York, New York.

Inasmuch as the addresses listed for both ELAM and GODWIN indicate that both of these men are apparently overseas, Agent MURRAY KAPLAN of the 10th CID, 1st Army, New York, New York, will be requested to contact both men.

A review of the records of the Miscellaneous Records and Demobilized Personnel Records Sections, Racag, St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that no information could be found concerning DEAN A. BUTZLAFF, Army Serial number 19233012. The records of the Enlisted Personnel Information Branch, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., reflected that the record of J. C. COX, Army Serial Number 44137149, was located at St. Louis, and that the record of [redacted] Army Serial number [redacted] was also located in St. Louis.

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Miss BARBARA CHULICK, 151 West End Avenue, New York, New York, advised that her legal residence is Box 2, Lloydell, Pennsylvania. Miss CHULICK stated that she was an American Red Cross Hostess in Germany, from January, 1947 to June of 1949, serving in Munich, Nurnberg, and Coburg. She displayed a photo album containing a picture, dated July 4, 1947, entitled "Coburg County Fair", in which appeared a GI who strongly resembled COX. A photograph of COX was displayed to Miss CHULICK, and she recognized him but stated that she had forgotten his name. Miss CHULICK recalled that she saw COX in the Red Cross Club at Coburg, almost daily from August of 1947 to January of 1948, during which time she was in Coburg.

Miss CHULICK knows none of COX'S friends and associates, and was not aware that COX attended West Point or that he had disappeared. She has not seen COX

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in this country and could offer no suggestions concerning COX's whereabouts. Miss CHULICK suggested that the National Red Cross Headquarters, 2502 Hamlin Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. could advise as to the identity of all Red Cross personnel located in Coburg during any pertinent period.

The following investigation was conducted at East Hampton, Long Island, by Special Agent CHARLES N. CURRY:

HARRY P. CULLUM, care of YUSKA LILLY, Hill Road, advised that he enlisted in the U. S. Army on November 16, 1946 and was assigned Army Serial Number 12265850. On approximately February 21, 1947, he sailed for ~~Bremer~~haven, aboard the "General R. E. Tallan. After a brief period of training he was assigned to Troop D, 14th Constabulary Squadron, 15th Regiment, 1st Brigade, in April of 1947. From July, 1947 until October of 1947 he was a patient in various hospitals in Frankfort, Stuttgart, and Bremenhaven. During the period of his confinement, he was advised by another member of the outfit that the 14th Constabulary had become the 27th Constabulary.

He returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Fort Benning, Georgia, on October 24, 1949. A photograph of COX was exhibited to CULLUM and he stated that to the best of his knowledge he has never seen the subject.

The following investigation was conducted at Levittown, New York, by Special Agent WILLIAM B. HERSHEY:

JAMES R. FRAME, Army Serial Number 12265877, advised that his legal residence is 14 Daisy Lane, Levittown, New York. He was stationed in Germany from February, 1947 to about December of 1948, and while there was attached to the 14th Constabulary Squadron which

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was later changed to the 27th Constabulary Squadron,
Troop D.

He was shown a photograph of the subject and said that he does not know COX, though the latter's name is familiar. FRAME advised that he has never been to West Point, New York and knows no West Point cadets. He could remember no one in the 27th Constabulary Squadron, whose first name was

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FRAME admitted that he had served two months in the guard house in Germany for insubordination and that he had recently spent a day in a Nassau County jail in Mineola, New York, for being drunk and disorderly.

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CLEVELAND

At Mansfield, Ohio

[redacted] Will contact the subject's fiancée, [redacted] to determine if the subject was interested in occupation other than the Army or if he expressed a desire to return to any particular locality which he had visited during the period that he was in the Army.

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Will question [redacted] and other members of the COX family to determine if the subject ever mentioned a First Sergeant GEORGE SUMMERALL or a soldier named [redacted]

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Will attempt to identify and locate SUMMERALL and [redacted]

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Will ascertain extent of subject's employment prior to his induction into the armed services, and determine if COX possessed a social security card.

Will conduct a discreet and thorough investigation into subject's background, including a review of subject's home life, school, and social activities.

Will ascertain circumstances surrounding the death or disappearance of subject's father, whom it is reported may have committed suicide or disappeared while on a voyage to Europe. The above lead was set out by teletype to Cleveland, dated May 31, 1951.

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DETROIT

At Detroit, Michigan

Will interview [redacted] who advised that he and the subject were stationed with the 6th Constabulary 28th Squadron, at Schweinfurt, Germany, and that in April of 1948 he met COX in New York City [redacted]

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Will question closely concerning his observations of COX'S behavior on this occasion and obtain a detailed account of their activities from the time of their meeting in [redacted] until they separated.

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Will question [redacted] to determine if he was acquainted with a First Sergeant GEORGE SUMMERALL and a soldier named [redacted]

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Will determine if COX told [redacted] that he was already attending West Point. It should be noted that subject entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, during the summer of 1948, subsequent to the time of the meeting as indicated by [redacted]

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

Will contact the Headquarters of the National Read Cross, 2502 Hamlin Street, N.W., and obtain a list of personnel assigned to Coburg, Germany

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during 1947. Particular attention should be paid to the possibility that the unidentified may have been connected with the Red Cross.

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Will then set out lead to have the personnel interview regarding their knowledge of COX'S activities and their associations with him during this period.

Will search the records of the Department of State to determine whether subject applied for a passport under his true name or that of HENRY COLVIN, which his mother has indicated he might use.

Will check the records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, U. S. Coast Guard, to determine if subject is employed or has sort employment as a merchant seaman.

PITTSBURGH

At Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Will interview Mrs. ANNA DITKO, 13-37 Tennessee Avenue, and obtain from her three photo albums containing photographs of members of D Company, 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadrons, which are the property of her son, STEVEN DITKO, JR. Will forward these albums to the New York Office.

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ST. LOUIS

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will check the Miscellaneous Records and Demobilized Personnel Sections, Racag, to locate the present whereabouts of the following men:

THOMAS A. DEVORS, Army Serial number 46070616;
J. D. COX, Army Serial number 44137149;

DEAN A. BUTZLAFF, Army Serial number 19233012;

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It should be noted that the above men are reported to have been assigned to Troop D, 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadrons.

PHILADELPHIA

At Langhorne, Pennsylvania

Will reinterview JOSEPH EDWARD GRONER, Superhighway, and question him regarding the identity of a first sergeant at Hammelburg, Southern Bavaria, with whom COX is alleged to have had several fist fights.

Will question GRONER regarding the identity of a first sergeant by the name of GEORGE SUMMERALL, who is reported to have been assigned to the same outfit as COX, but whose name does not appear on any list of personnel obtained to date.

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Will determine if GRONER was acquainted with or can identify a soldier by the name of [redacted] [redacted] with whom COX is alleged to have roomed in Germany, from July until the winter months of 1948. It should be noted in this respect that the subject RICHARD COLVIN COX, entered the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, during the summer of 1948.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will recontact Agent MURRAY KAPLAN, 10th CID, 1st Army, to determine if he has been able to obtain any information relative to COX'S activities while overseas and as a member of the Company D basketball team.

Will request Agent KAPLAN to locate and interview the following men:

HOWARD B. ELAM, Army Serial number 35-653-276; Company D, 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO 171, New York, New York;

Sergeant LUTHER GODWIN, Army Serial number 6-968-762, 1st Reconnaissance Company, APO 66, care of Postmaster, New York, New York.

Will check the records of the Medical Information Bureau to determine if the subject has applied for

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insurance or a position with any of the member insurance companies.

Will examine the records of the [redacted] 42nd Street, to determine if the subject, COX and [redacted] stayed there one night during the month of April, 1948.

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At West Point, New York

Will locate and interview Cadet JOHN RALPH, who is reported to have traveled with the subject when they returned home for Christmas leave in 1949.

Will review the review the records of Company B-2, to verify the statement of Cadet JUAN BURCERAGA, that he was in charge of quarters on January 8, 1950.

At Stewart Field, New York

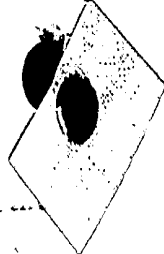
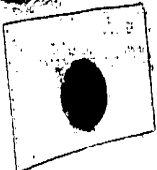
Will check the records of the United States Military Academy Prep School, for the month of April, 1948, to determine if the subject, COX, received an overnight pass during this period.

REFERENCES: Bureau letter to New York, 4/27/51.
Reports of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, at New York, dated 5/26/50 and 3/8/51.
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St. Louis letter to New York, 4/24/50.
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7/7/50.
Detroit letter to New York, 3/20/50.
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Cleveland, 5/31/51.



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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

R. A. KELLEY, R. B. FILKINS, P. N. DIAMOND AND R. L. LUTHMAN, - all recall the Subject but stated they had no information concerning him or the unidentified individual known as

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DETAILS:

At Charlton City, Massachusetts

Special Agent JAMES M. KENNEDY, interviewed RICHARD A. KELLEY, Old Sturbridge Road, who stated that although he was in the same Company as the Subject, he was in a different platoon and that he actually did not know the Subject very well. He added that he had no prior knowledge that the Subject was a deserter. According to KELLEY he was in the 6th Constabulary Squadron from April, 1947 to August, 1947. He stated he recalls that a soldier named Brister, FNU, was a 'buddy' of the Subject. The name has no significance for KELLEY with respect to the Subject.

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At Dalton, Massachusetts

Special Agent interviewed RENNSELEAR B. FILKINS, 278 East Housatonic Street, who is employed as a truck driver

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for the Conway Trucking Company, 163 Fourth Street,
Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

FILKINS stated he was formerly a member of the 27th Constabulary Squadron in Germany and knew COX only as a fellow member of his squadron. FILKINS has not seen or heard anything from the Subject since leaving the squadron in 1948. He stated that he had never corresponded with COX. He further advised that he was not able to identify the friend of COX known as [redacted]. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN MICHAEL McDONOUGH and the writer.

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At Concord, Massachusetts

R. L. LUTHMAN was interviewed at the Concord State Reformatory where he is presently incarcerated on a charge of armed robbery. He advised that he served in both the 27th and 28th squadrons. He stated that he recalled the Subject and stated they slept in the same room for about three months. LUTHMAN placed this period of time as early 1948. He stated that he did not associate with COX socially and knew very little concerning him or his background. He stated that he had had very few conversations with COX and has never heard from him since their squadron was broken up. He said that COX had a red head friend in the same platoon but was unable to recall his name. He stated that he did not believe this red headed individual was named [redacted].

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At Brookline, Massachusetts

PLATON N. DIAMOND, 43 Abbottsford Road, stated upon viewing a photograph of the Subject that he recalled him. He said that they served together for only a short time and that he knew very little about him and has not seen or heard from him since they served together, which was about September, 1947. He further stated that he did not know any friends of COX who had the name [redacted].

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At Boston, Massachusetts

The writer in a further attempt to ascertain the present whereabouts of FLORENCE GIBBONS, an American Red Cross Worker who allegedly was friendly with COX in Germany conducted the following investigation at 882 Morton Avenue, Dorchester.

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Mrs. PATRICK GIBBONS, mother of FLORENCE P. GIBBONS, advised that her daughter at the present time is a Captain in the Women's Army Corps on the Staff of the Joint Welfare Board located at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. Mrs. GIBBONS stated that her daughter was never in the American Red Cross and never has served in the Women's Army Corps in Germany. Her only overseas service being a tour on duty in the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. GIBBONS stated that her daughter is now married and that her name is now FLORENCE GIBBONS MOODY. She stated that to her knowledge her daughter has never known any individual by the name of COX.

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LEADS

THE BOSTON DIVISION

At Boston, Massachusetts

Will interview the following list of individuals who served with RICHARD COLVIN COX in the 27th Constabulary Squadron from July, 1947 through September, 1947 and in the 28th Constabulary Squadron from September, 1947 through December, 1947, and ascertain whether they recall the Subject and if so, whether or not they have ever seen him since his disappearance on January 14, 1950 from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Will further ascertain if they know COX'S unidentified friend [redacted] with whom it was believed he had an appointment on the night of January 14, 1950.

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At Old Town, Maine

Will interview ROBERT J. DWYER, ASN 20147215, 230 North Main Street.

At Springvale, Maine

Will interview RALAIGHT L. FOLSOM, ASN 11160734
16 Bradden Street.

At Lewiston, Maine

Will interview LAURENT R. ST. LAURENT, ASN 11076257,
460 Lisbon Street.

At Greenville, New Hampshire

Will interview GILBERT J. DESCHENES, 11150595, Box 198
Ashton Avenue.

At Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Will interview CONRAD G. CING-MARS ANS 6143309,
12 Magnolia Street.

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At Providence, Rhode Island

Will interview JAMES N. KELLY, ASN 11160453,
221 Linwood Avenue.

Will interview RALPH RAINONE, ASN 31449177,
145 Spruce Street.

REFERENCES: Letter to Director from New York dated
August 28, 1950.

New York teletypes to Boston dated
February 19, 1951 and May 12, 1951.

Report of Special Agent SIMS F. REGARD,
dated May 21, 1951 at Boston, Mass.

RICHARD COLVIN COX,
Army Serial Number C-8132
FUGITIVE - DESERTER
New York File 79-108
Bureau File 79-23729

INSPECTOR NAUGHTEN:

This is a Pending file, New York Office Origin,
assigned to SA GERALD J. FLYNN, and supervised by Supervisor
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Briefly, this case originally came to the attention of the Bureau in January, 1950, as a missing person matter. It involved subject COX, who was a cadet at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, and who disappeared therefrom on January 14, 1950. Since that time considerable investigation has been conducted, and on January 27, 1951, this case assumed the character of a deserter and thereafter has been pursued in that phase.

It appears that immediately prior to the disappearance of the subject, he was visited by an individual referred to as [redacted] who apparently stayed at the Hotel Thayer. Inquiry was made at this hotel and one person with the name of [redacted] was determined to have been registered there during the pertinent period. This person was eliminated, inasmuch as more than several hundred individuals, who served with this subject during his military career, have been checked to identify [redacted] with negative results, the registrants at the Hotel Thayer during the pertinent period of January 7, 8, and 14, 1950, should be immediately ascertained and investigation initiated toward identifying this subject's unknown visitor.

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Cadet THOMAS D. AYERS reported that he and the subject had stayed at the Hotel Astor in New York City and on the occasion of one of these visits they picked up a couple of girls and frequented the Piccadilly Hotel with them. On another

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INSPECTOR T. E. NAUGHTEN
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occasion AYERS and the subject met the same girls. The identity of these girls should be determined and investigation conducted to determine their pertinency to this case. This is particularly necessary inasmuch as investigation at the Hotel Astor has failed to verify the subject's registration at any time.

Cadet LOUIS McALESTER DAVIS reported that on one occasion he and the subject visited the Lorelie Restaurant in New York City. DAVIS indicated that the subject left him with a view toward effecting a pickup. There is no indication as to what subsequently happened to the subject on this occasion, and this fact should be determined and the necessary investigation initiated therefrom.

In a report made available by CID, dated January 17, 1951, there is reflected a letter written by JOSEPH GRONER, an acquaintance of subject, to the latter. In this letter GRONER mentions a ROSEMARIE VOGEL, of Germany, in a very intimate fashion. It is noted that GRONER has been interviewed on several different occasions, and while the tone of this letter would reveal that he and the subject have participated in many escapades, GRONER has failed to reveal the same. Accordingly, the New York Office should make available to the Philadelphia Office complete details relative to this letter, so that GRONER can be more thoroughly and intelligently interviewed.

It is noted that GRONER made available the names of BARBARA CHULICH, of Lloydell, Pennsylvania, and FLORENCE GIBBONS, of Lynn, Massachusetts, as possible acquaintances of the subject.

Under date of February 21, 1951, the Boston Office requested Washington Field to furnish descriptive details on FLORENCE GIBBONS, and on the same date the Pittsburgh Office advised the New York Office that the CHULICH girl was located in New York City, at Hunter College. The file fails to reflect that either one of these girls has as yet been interviewed.

Inasmuch as this subject is now a fugitive, a fugitive investigation should be pursued and all adult relatives of the subject should be interviewed.

Comments are requested from SA GERALD J. FLYNN, Supervisor ASAC HARGETT, and the SAC.

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SA Gerald J. Flynn:

The Inspector's comments have been noted and the registrants at the Hotel Thayer during the period January 7, 8 and 14 of 1950 will be immediately ascertained and investigation initiated toward identifying the fugitive's unknown visitor. Attempts will be made to ascertain the identity of the girls with whom fugitive frequented the Piccadilly Hotel.

The Philadelphia Office will be furnished with complete details of the Groner letter so that he may be more thoroughly interviewed.

A lead will be set out to interview Florence Gibbons. The Chulik girl has been interviewed and the results of this interview will be incorporated in the next report.

All of the adult relatives of the subject have been interviewed and will be reinterviewed.

Supervisor Joseph Wohl:

This case will be followed closely and the investigation suggested by the Inspector will be carried out.

ASAC Edward E. Hargett:

I agree that the Inspector's observations and suggestions be carried out.

SAC Edward Schmidt:

Noted.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **79-22**

REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 6-27-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-12, 15-51	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, Army Serial No. C-8132 - FUGITIVE <i>A-7-5 amb</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **ROBERT C. ROBERSON** states he barely remembers subject. Can not recall any associates of subject or furnish information which would assist in investigation. Unable to associate the name with subject.

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DETAILS: **ROBERT C. ROBERSON**, 1062 Tulley Street, Memphis, Tennessee, formerly from Red Banks, Mississippi, stated he was in Troop C of the 6th Constabulary Squadron, Coburg, Germany, on or about March 6, 1947, and that upon his discharge from the army he entered the Army Exchange Service as a civilian employee and was so employed for approximately one year, returning to the United States on April 11, 1948. **ROBERSON** stated he barely remembers the subject, and that he is unable to recall any close associates of the subject. **ROBERSON** stated he is unable to recall any conversations he ever had with the subject which would assist in the present investigation.

ROBERSON stated he was unable to associate the name with the subject, and that he remembers no one in the outfit by the name of

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Memphis dated 5-12-51.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **79-32**

REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE	DATE WHEN MADE 6/30/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/21/51	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM T. BOLAND, JR. cls
TITLE RICHARD C. COX <i>App. 9 months</i> Army Serial No. C-8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject unknown to HODGES SETTLES, Speedwell, Tennessee.

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DETAILS: AT SPEEDWELL, TENNESSEE:

HODGES SETTLES, Route 1, Speedwell, was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent R. R. SNEDIKER, advised that he was overseas with the following units in 1946 and 1948. He declared that he was first assigned overseas to the 67th Field Artillery Brigade and was with that outfit for approximately three weeks and then went to the 57th Field Artillery Battalion. According to SETTLES, he spent approximately two months with the 57th, then was assigned to the Sixth Cavalry Group for about a year, then transferred to the 27th Constabulary Squad, where he remained until he was transferred to the states for discharge.

SETTLES declared that his military occupation was that of a cook during all the period that he was overseas and as such did not have to meet formation and that he did not get to know too many members of the organization to which he was assigned, except the other cooks and kitchen help. He added that he was never acquainted with anyone by the name of RICHARD COX in the 27th Constabulary, nor was he ever acquainted with the U. S. Military Academy. He concluded by stating that the only time he was ever in the state of New York was just prior to his going overseas when he was sent to Camp Shanks for overseas processing.

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Knoxville report of [redacted] dated 1/3/51.
Detroit report of CHARLES WERELEY dated 5/18/51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RGR*

DATE: June 25, 1951

FROM : *JTB* W. O'Bearne

SUBJECT: RICHARD C. COX *a-6-25*
ASN # C-8132
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PURPOSE

To advise you of the status of investigation conducted in the captioned matter since you were last advised.

DETAILS

1. The New York Division has submitted a report dated June 15, 1951 covering investigation conducted since March 8, 1951, the date of its last report. *O'Bearne*

2. The March, 1951 issue of True Detective Magazine contained an article entitled "Find the West Point Cadet" by Floyd Carlson. This article described the circumstances surrounding the subject's desertion as well as a reproduction of a wanted notice circulated by the 10th Criminal Investigation Detachment, First Army. As a result of this circularization a lead has been set out by the New Orleans Division and [redacted] presently conducting investigation in Canada. *b7D*

3. Additional investigation is being conducted into the subject's family background in view of information obtained from a former instructor of the subject while he was a student at the U.S.M.A. Prep School, Stewart Field, New York and who is also acquainted with the subject's mother, to the effect that the subject's father died under circumstances which the family would not discuss. This investigation is being conducted to determine if the subject has a mental history which might have a bearing upon his desertion. *7*

4. The New York Division, as it obtains the names of individuals who had been associated with the subject during his service as an enlisted man, is setting forth teletype leads to effect the interview of these men concerning the identity of the individual named [redacted] who is reported to have dined with the subject prior to his disappearance. *b6 b7C*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7-9-51

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX,
ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

Mrs. R. M. LEWIS, 608 Delaware Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Dayton Resident Agency this date and referred to a photo and article which appeared in the "Columbus Citizen" newspaper, on Sunday, July 8, 1951, concerning the subject. The article described COX as a missing West Point cadet whose whereabouts was being sought by the FBI.

Mrs. LEWIS stated that she had just returned from a trip to Michigan and that on July 6, 1951, she travelled on a Greyhound bus from Grand Rapids to Flint, Michigan, arriving at Flint at 1:30 p.m. She said while on the trip she talked to an individual who looked very similar to the newspaper photo of COX. The individual was described by her as shabbily dressed in an ordinary suit, 22 years of age, and of average height. He told her he was being "pushed by the Government," and that he was travelling around, not staying in any one place. He further said that he had, either that same day or the previous day, smashed up a new automobile, and indicated to her that he might be engaged in driving a new automobile as an occupation. She interpreted the statement that he was being "pushed by the Government" to mean that he was being sought by the Government.

Mrs. LEWIS stated that the person she referred to go off the bus just outside of Flint, Michigan.

The above is furnished for information and any action being advisable.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **79-123**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/13/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/23, 25, 27; 7/2, 5/51	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT H. KURTZMAN RHK:MLS
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE <i>7-18 am</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record of subject obtaining passport or Merchant Seaman papers. Red Cross has no central records showing personnel at Coburg, Germany, for pertinent period, but furnished name of Senior Staff Officer who possibly can furnish some names.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

At the State Department Passport Office, a record was located on a passport issued to a [redacted] which was thought might possibly have been identical with the subject. This passport record was examined and reflected that on June 30, 1950, Special Passport No. [redacted] was issued to [redacted] also known as [redacted]. This passport record reflected the birth of the applicant as [redacted] at Akron, Ohio, with present home address as 557 Glendora Avenue, Akron, Ohio. This passport was issued for travel through French Morocco, France, Greece, and Italy on official duty with the U. S. Navy, transportation to be provided by the Government for the approximate stay of two years.

The photograph of the subject was compared with that of the passport applicant and they were found not to resemble each other.

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It should further be noted that the physical description of the applicant in question was 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall; brown hair, blue eyes; scars and marks, scar on forehead; occupation, Ensign, US Navy; marital status, single; and at the time of the application, the applicant stated that he could be reached in care of the Professor of Naval Science, U. S. Naval Reserve Training Corps Unit, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. In view of the above information, no other inquiries are being set out with regard to this particular passport applicant as being possibly identical with the subject.

At the Office of the U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C., an inquiry was made for any information which would indicate that the subject had obtained a license as a Merchant Marine Officer or otherwise without effecting any identification.

At the office of Mr. CORWIN, who is in charge of Foreign Activities for the American Red Cross, Miss PARAGATI, his assistant, made inquiries for a list of individuals employed by the Red Cross who would have been assigned to the Coburg, Germany, installation, during any portion of the pertinent period. Miss PARAGATI stated that she was unable to find any composite list of employees who would have been assigned to Coburg, Germany, but did determine from a 430 card that one VIRGINIA I. TRICE was Senior Staff Assistant at Coburg, Germany, from November 16, 1946 until November of 1947. According to Miss PARAGATI, Miss TRICE has subsequently resigned her position with the Red Cross organization and has given her home address as 400 North Main Street, Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Miss PARAGATI was of the opinion that Miss TRICE might have the names of a number of people with whom she worked at Coburg, Germany, and should she furnish such names, Miss PARAGATI will be able to furnish the 430 cards such that these peoples' home addresses or present stations with the Red Cross can readily be determined so that they can be interviewed.

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Employee [redacted] Inquiry at the U. S. Coast Guard was made by Special

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LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT MEDICINE LODGE, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

Will interview Miss VIRGINIA I. TRICE, 400 North Main Street and obtain from her a list of names of people who were employed with her at the Red Cross installation in Coburg, Germany. Background information in order to conduct this interview should be taken from the report of GERALD J. FLYNN, made at New York on March 8, 1951. It should be noted that particular effort should be made to identify the person known as [redacted] who might have been a Red Cross worker.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN made at New York, dated June 15, 1951.

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 7/13/51 13	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/28, 29, 7/2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10/51	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	GAP
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER	

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LEONARD GRAVITT returned home to Georgia. Informant Detroit T-1 and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. KEITH, landlords, 1798 Field, Detroit, advised that [Redacted]

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[Redacted] recalls First Sergeant [Redacted] and First Sergeant EUGENE ELLIS as being friends of Subject in Germany. [Redacted] states there was an unsolved \$3,000 payroll theft in 27th Constabulary Squadron, payroll in custody of ELLIS. [Redacted] returned to United States April 5, 1948, and was staying at Hotel Dixie, New York City, prior to meeting with Subject. [Redacted] in signed statement.

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[Redacted] Credit and criminal negative regarding Subject.

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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

Mr. JACK PASTOR, Apartment Manager, 1522 East Jefferson Avenue, was interviewed by SA JOSEPH M. WYSOLMERSKI and the reporting Agent and stated that LEONARD GRAVITT had lived at the above address, but had returned to his home in Georgia the last of May, 1951. Mr. and Mrs. JACK PASTOR stated that they had never seen the Subject.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. KEITH, landlords, 1798 Field, were interviewed by SA JOSEPH WYSOLMERSKI and the reporting Agent, and stated that [redacted] had roomed at their home, together with [redacted] from November, 1949 until August, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. KEITH stated that both [redacted] and [redacted] and that as soon as they discovered this fact, they asked [redacted] and [redacted] to move. Mrs. KEITH stated [redacted] had moved to 980 E. Grand Boulevard. The KEITHS stated that they had never seen Subject or heard anything concerning him. The KEITHS stated [redacted] had lived at their house during the month of January, 1950, except that [redacted] and [redacted] left January 28, 1950, for a trip to [redacted] home in Fort Myers, Florida and to New York City, returning to Detroit about March 7, 1950.

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Informant Detroit T-1, of known reliability and acquainted with [redacted] in the Detroit area, stated that both [redacted] and [redacted] are known [redacted]

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Mr. C. G. ESCHENBACH, Assistant Director of Personnel, Chrysler Corporation, advised that [redacted] worked the following days during January, 1950:

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January 4 through 6
January 9 through 13
January 16 through 20
January 23
January 24

Mr. ESCHENBACH stated [redacted] worked the full eight hours on each of the above days, except January 6, 1950, when he worked six hours and fifty-four minutes. Mr. ESCHENBACH advised that January 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, and 22, were not work days at Chrysler and that there was a general strike which lasted one hundred days, starting January 25, 1950.

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[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] and the reporting Agent, and stated that his true name

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is [redacted] at Montreal, Canada, and that he is "5'7" tall, weighs 155 pounds, and has brown eyes and hair.

[redacted] stated that he had been a [redacted] for a period of approximately ten years.

[redacted] stated he had known Subject in Schweinfurt, Germany, where [redacted] was assigned to Troop A, 27th Constabulary Squadron, and Subject was assigned to Troop D of the same Squadron.

[redacted] stated he did not recall anyone in their Squadron named [redacted], but that there had been a First Sergeant in their Squadron named [redacted], who had been friendly and had gone on leaves with Subject. [redacted] stated he had handled personnel records of the Squadron and was sure of the name [redacted] stated he never recalled Subject and [redacted] having a fist fight.

[redacted] stated he did not know a soldier named [redacted]

[redacted] stated he did not know anyone named "ALICE" but recalled a Sergeant named EUGENE ELLIS as having been a friend of Subject.

[redacted] stated that about the latter part of January or early in February, 1948, the payroll of either Troop C or Troop D was stolen. [redacted] stated it was rumored within the Squadron that two men committed this theft. [redacted] stated that Sergeant ELLIS and a Captain HILDEBRAND had joint custody and responsibility of this payroll and that the amount taken exceeded \$3,000.00. [redacted] stated he does not believe this theft was ever solved, although Criminal Intelligence Division had investigated it. [redacted] stated he thought that Subject, ELLIS, and [redacted] were friends, but could not recall that the three spent a lot of time together.

[redacted] stated that he came back to the United States, landing somewhere in Massachusetts, about April 5, 1948, and had obtained ten days' leave and was staying at the Hotel Dixie in New York City prior to his meeting with Subject. [redacted]

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[] stated that practically the entire Squadron knew that Subject had received an appointment to West Point and had returned to the United States for this purpose, inasmuch as Subject had obtained this appointment through a competitive examination given soldiers in the field.

[] furnished the following signed statement regarding his meeting with Subject in April, 1948, in New York City.

"July 7, 1951

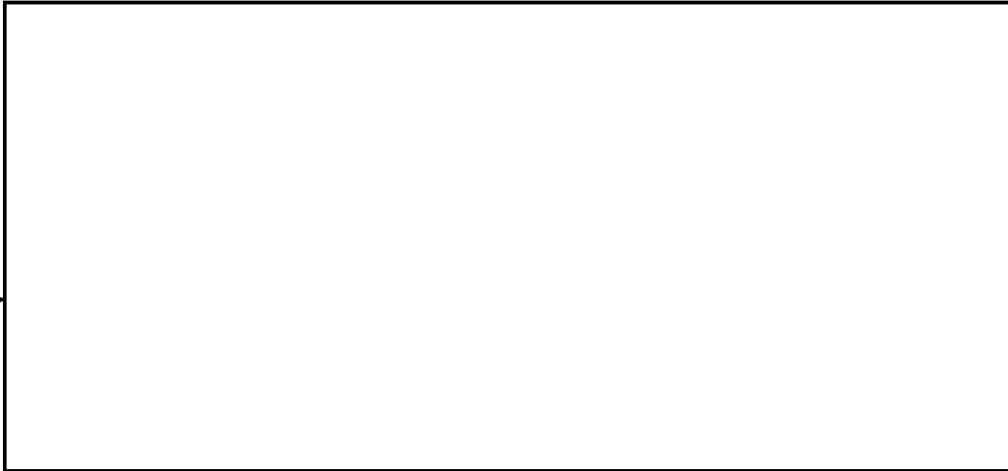
"I, []
[] make the following voluntary statement to []
and [] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. I have been told that I need make no statement but desire that the information which I furnish be reduced to statement form as a matter of cooperation with the FBI.

"While assigned to Troop A, 27th Constabulary Squadron, 11th Constabulary Regiment at Schweinfurt, Germany I was acquainted with a member of this Squadron named Richard C. Cox. I recall he was from Ohio and recognize the photograph shown me as being this individual. I had no intimate association with Cox in Germany.

"Around the 8th or 10th of April 1948 while I was residing at the Dixie Hotel on E. 42nd St., New York City I met Cox early one evening at Tony Pastor's night club in Greenwich Village. During this evening Cox and I, along with another soldier who was with me when I met Cox, I do not recall the name of this other soldier, visited several other bars and returned to Tony Pastor's sometime after midnight. I recall that during this evening Cox told me he was presently attending a prep school preparing to enter West Point. I was surprised to meet Cox at Tony Pastor's night club because it has the reputation of being [] Sometime, toward the morning, I left Cox at Tony Pastor's and returned alone to my room at the Hotel Dixie. Sometime after I had fallen asleep, I cannot recall the exact time, I was awakened by a knock on my door. The caller was Cox, who was alone, and asked if he might sleep there for the night.

"I told Cox he could stay with me and []
[] After I had fallen asleep I was awakened

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"Although Cox did not tell me he was a frequent visitor in Greenwich Village I got the impression that he was and that he was surprised and embarrassed to meet someone there that he knew. Cox did not appear to have any friends or acquaintances in this section.

"I recall from reading newspaper accounts of Cox's disappearance that a man named [redacted] had been inquiring for Cox at West Point prior to Cox's disappearance. I have no idea who this person might be and doubt if he was stationed with us in Germany. I believe it is more likely that [redacted] is a person Cox met in Greenwich Village. I believe that it is entirely possible that [redacted] could be a [redacted]

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"I stayed in New York City about 4 days after Cox [redacted] and did not see Cox again although I continued to frequent [redacted]

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"I have not seen Cox since April 1948 and have not heard anything concerning his whereabouts except that Cox had disappeared.

"In the middle of February 1949 I returned to New York City and stayed at the Times Square Hotel about 10 days. In the middle of February 1950 I again returned to New York City, at which time I stayed at the YMCA on 34th St. During both of

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"these visits I frequented known [redacted] in Greenwich Village and on neither of these visits did I see Cox or heard anything of him.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and three other hand written pages, it is true and complete to the best of my recollection.

/s [redacted]

"Witnessed: [redacted] S.A. - FBI

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[redacted] SA - FBI."

The Cincinnati Office advised Detroit to the effect that Mrs. R. M. LEWIS, 608 Delaware Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, had just returned from a trip to Michigan and that on July 6, 1951, she traveled on a Greyhound bus from Grand Rapids to Flint, Michigan, arriving at Flint at 1:30 p.m. She said while on the trip she talked to an individual who looked very similar to the newspaper photograph of COX. The individual was described by her as shabbily dressed in an ordinary suit, 22 years of age, and of average height. He told her he was being "pushed by the Government," and that he was traveling around, not staying in any one place. He further said that he had, either that same day or the previous day, smashed up a new automobile, and indicated to her that he might be engaged in driving a new automobile as an occupation. She interpreted the statement that he was being "pushed by the Government" to mean that he was being sought by the Government.

Mrs. LEWIS stated that the person she referred to got off the bus just outside of Flint, Michigan.

The records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, Detroit Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan Employment Security Commission (formerly Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission) Detroit, Michigan, were negative regarding Subject.

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The criminal checks at Detroit, Michigan were conducted by SE [redacted]. The credit checks at Detroit and a check of the Michigan Employment Security Commission were conducted by SE [redacted].

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One copy of this report is being furnished the Cleveland Division to assist them in conducting a discreet and thorough investigation into Subject's background, including a review of Subject's home life, school, and social activities.

LEADS

THE ATLANTA DIVISION

At Calhoun, Georgia:

Will interview LEONARD GRAVITT, 206 Piedmont Street, in accordance with instructions set out in New York letter to Bureau dated August 28, 1950, copies to all offices.

THE MOBILE DIVISION

At Elba, Alabama:

Will question EUGENE ELLIS, RR #4, closely concerning his association with Subject and obtain a detailed account of the payroll theft in the 27th Constabulary Squadron in January or February, 1948.

Will determine through ELLIS if there was a First Sergeant named GEORGE SUMMERVILLE and his present whereabouts.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City, New York:

Will ascertain if [redacted] was registered at the Hotel Dixie during April, 1948.

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Will ascertain if [redacted] was registered at the Time Square Hotel during February, 1949, and at the YMCA on 34th Street, during February, 1950.

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Will contact informants in the New York area who are familiar with homosexual activity for any information concerning Subject.

At West Point, New York:

Will contact appropriate hotels in the vicinity of West Point to ascertain if EUGENE ELLIS or GEORGE SUMMERVILLE were in this vicinity during January, 1950.

THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri:

Will obtain through RACAG the military service record of GEORGE SUMMERVILLE and set out appropriate lead to have SUMMERVILLE interviewed concerning his associations with Subject and particularly determine if SUMMERVILLE called on Subject at West Point prior to his disappearance.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.:

Will contact the Criminal Intelligence Division of G-2 and ascertain complete details surrounding theft of the \$3,000 payroll from Troop C or Troop D, 27th Constabulary Squadron in Schweinfurt, Germany in January or February, 1948.

THE DETROIT DIVISION

At Lansing, Michigan:

Will check the records of the Michigan State Police for any information concerning Subject or automobile accident on or about July 6, 1951, in which Subject might have been involved.

Will ascertain through the Michigan Department of Motor Vehicles if driver's license or chauffeur's license has been issued to Subject.

At Flint, Michigan:

Will conduct a credit and criminal check on Subject, with particular attention to traffic accidents reported about July 6, 1951.

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At Grand Rapids, Michigan:

Will conduct a credit and criminal check on Subject, with particular attention to traffic accidents reported about July 6, 1951.

INFORMANT

Detroit T-1 is [redacted] who has furnished reliable information to this office in the past. [redacted] was contacted July 4, 1951, by SA [redacted]

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA JOHN J. RUSSELL, Atlanta, 3/1/51.

Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, New York, 6/15/51.

Cincinnati letter to Bureau, 7/9/51.

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TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C-8132 FUGITIVE <i>a-7-24 Barb</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

G. J. DESCHENES, Sr., advises his son, GILBERT, Jr., now serving with U.S. Army in Korea. R. I. DYER unable to recall the Subject. Further attempts made to locate FLORENCE P. GIBBON with negative results.

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DETAILS:

At Greenville, New Hampshire

Special Agent interviewed GILBERT J. DESCHENES, Sr., Ashton Avenue, who advised that his son, GILBERT J. DESCHENES, Jr., is the individual who served in the 27th Constabulary Squadron with the Subject. Mr. DESCHENES stated his son is now serving in the United States Army in Korea and his address is as follows:

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Pfc. GILBERT J. DESCHENES, Jr.
Hqd. Hg. Co., 19th Infantry Regiment
A. P. O. 24, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Mr. DESCHENES further stated that his son had never mentioned RICHARD COLVIN COX in any of his letters. Mr. DESCHENES was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the Subject.

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At Old Town, Maine

Special Agent FRANK W. KELLEY interviewed ROBERT I. DYER, 230 Main Street, who stated he was unable to recall the Subject. He, DYER, said he was in the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadrons the total of approximately one month, which was July, 1947 to the best of his recollection. He further advised that he returned to the United States in August, 1947. He further stated that the name [] had no particular significance to him.

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At Lynn, Massachusetts

The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

A search of all of the Lynn City Directories from 1940 to date, on file at the Lynn Public Library, failed to disclose any listing of a FLORENCE GIBBON or GIBBONS. A listing was found for one ALMIRA GIBBONS, 15 Cook Street, Lynn, Massachusetts, but attempts to locate her at this address were negative.

Mrs. R. N. DAVIS, Home Service Secretary, American Red Cross, 74 South Common Street, who has been connected with the American Red Cross in Lynn, since before World War II, stated that she was unable to recall FLORENCE GIBBON and could locate no record of her in the files of the Lynn Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. DAVIS contacted HELEN FRIEND, Social Service Index, Greater Lynn Community Fund, 31 Exchange Street, who located a record of one MYRA GIBBON, 15 Cook Street, who is deceased. Her children were listed as ALVIN PHURBER, and FLORENCE (LNU).

ALVAN E. THURBER, 27 Union Street, Lynn, Massachusetts, advised that his mother was ELMIRA GIBBONS and his sister is FLORENCE NEAL, nee THURBER. Their mother, a widow, married after both of them became adults. Mr. THURBER said his sister was never known as FLORENCE GIBBONS and never worked for the American Red Cross. He stated she now resides with her husband in California.

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BOSTON DIVISION

*At Boston, Massachusetts

Will interview the following list of individuals who served with RICHARD COLVIN COX in the 27th Constabulary Squadron from July, 1947 through September, 1947 and in the 28th Constabulary Squadron from September, 1947 through December, 1947, and ascertain whether they recall the Subject and if so, whether or not they have ever seen him since his disappearance on January 14, 1950 from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Will further ascertain if they know COX's unidentified friend [] with whom it was believed he had an appointment on the night of January 14, 1950.

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*At Springvale, Maine

Will interview RALAIGHT L. FOLSOM, ASN 11160734,
16 Bradden Street.

*At Lewiston, Maine

Will interview LAURENT R. ST. LAURENT, ASN 11076257,
460 Lisbon Street.

*At Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Will interview CONRAD G. CING-MARS, ANS 6143309,
12 Magnolia Street.

*At Providence, Rhode Island

Will interview JAMES N. KELLY, ASN 11160453,
221 Linwood Avenue.

Will interview RALPH RAINONE, ASN 31449177,
145 Spruce Street.

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REFERENCE: Letter to the Director from New York dated
August 28, 1950.

Report of Special Agent
dated June 15, 1951 at Boston, Massachusetts.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

RA TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 19, 1951

CWS FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C-8132, FUGITIVE
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Bureau 79-23729
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Rerep SA Detroit, July 13, 1951.

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CID Agent CAMPBELL has advised that Colonel MURPHY, head of CID at New York, made telephonic request to Washington, D. C., July 18, 1951, for report by CID on payroll robbery at Schweinfurt, Germany, but it cannot be located here. Colonel MURPHY is making direct request to EUCOM for report.

New York maintain contact with Colonel MURPHY.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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OF [REDACTED] FOR VIEWING BY [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT'S FORMER ASSOCIATES AT THIS POINT.

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TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE <i>a-8-9-Bab</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOSEPH EDWARD GRONER, close personal friend of fugitive, reinterviewed, with negative results.

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DETAILS:

At Langhorne, Pa.

JOSEPH EDWARD GRONER was reinterviewed at his Atlantic gasoline station on the Super Highway and Highland Avenue, Langhorne. GRONER stated, "Since I was last interviewed, I have tried to refresh my memory regarding any circumstances or individuals which would appear pertinent to this case. I have been interviewed by various CID officers and have even taken a trip to Mansfield so that I could talk with DICK COX's mother, but I have been unable to recall anything that might be of assistance in this particular case.

"I consider myself a very close personal friend of DICK's and was constantly with him during the time we were together in the 6th Constabulary at Coburg, Germany, but he was then transferred to the 27-28th Constabulary at Schweinfurt and I wasn't familiar with his associates at that point."

GRONER was questioned regarding the identity of a 1st Sergeant at Hamelsburg, Southern Bavaria, with whom COX is alleged to have had several fist fights, but GRONER was unable to recall anyone answering to that description. He was also questioned regarding the identity of a 1st Sergeant by the name of GEORGE SUMMERALL, but could not recall such an individual. The name of failed to bring back any definite recollections to GRONER, but he thought

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the name was somewhat familiar to him and could have been the name of a Southerner who was attached to the 6th Constabulary Squadron at Coburg. "I seem to feel that he had something to do with communications, a radio operator or some such similar position, but the name is not sufficiently familiar to me so that I could make a definite identification."

GRONER was questioned concerning COX's possible association with homosexuals, but felt that such a situation would be most unlikely. He was also questioned concerning COX's participation in basketball, but could not give the names of any members of the squad. He stated, however, that Mrs. COX, the subject's mother, has many photographs including basketball squad pictures, and that it would be an easy matter to have the individuals identified from the photographs.

GRONER advised that in the event he recalled any information which might seem of value, he would immediately call the Philadelphia Office of the FBI.

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THE CLEVELAND OFFICE
AT MANSFIELD, OHIO

Will, in the contact with Mrs. COX, mother of the subject, endeavor to secure all photographs referring to the fugitive in order that the persons shown with him can be identified for possible future interview.

REFERENCES:

Report SA GERALD J. FLYNN, New York, dated June 15, 1951.

Report SA Philadelphia, dated March 22, 1951.

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