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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Cadets JUAN G. BURCIAGA, THOMAS D. AYERS, *made 3-1*
 JOHN E. RALPH, PETER CONOVER HAINES, JOSEPH
 J. URSCHEL, and DEANE E. WELCH reinterviewed.
 Habits, traits of COX set out. Cadet WELCH
 advises that about 2 P. M. on 1/14/50 he and
 COX returned to their room after inspection,
 COX's civilian clothes were in room. WELCH
 and COX contemplated leaving the Academy in
 civilian clothes for a spree in Newburgh, N. G. I. R. - 3
 Y., after taps on same date. WELCH backed
 out and matter dropped as far as WELCH was
 concerned. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL, former
 member, Troop D, 27th Constabulary Squadron,
 advised COX had been friendly with CECIL W.
 MASSEY. He also advised that a "Red" had
 been in the same outfit in Germany who had
 boasted of hanging German soldiers, civilians,
 and a German woman whom he got pregnant.
 Records of Hotel Dixie for guests for 1948 have
 been destroyed. Cadets and
 WALTER FONTAINE EVANS interviewed but could
 furnish no pertinent information concerning
 COX's disappearance. EVANS advised COX dated
 a girl, TONI TERRY, of Newburgh, N. Y. MARTY
 MAHER, believed to be "old army man," previously
 referred to.

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DETAILS:

At New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA
JAMES J. ROGERS:

JOHN CASSERI, Auditor, Dixie Hotel, 243 West 43 Street,
Manhattan, New York, was contacted in an effort to verify
information that [redacted] also known as [redacted]
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan, had registered
at the Dixie Hotel in April, 1948. [redacted] had previously
advised that COX [redacted]

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CASSERI referred the agent to ADRIAN HERNANDEZ,
who maintained the records of the hotel. HERNANDEZ stated
that all registration cards for the period prior to January,
1950, had been destroyed.

At West Point, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA
GERALD J. FLYNN and SA JAMES J. ROGERS on January 21, 1952.
ROBERT L. RAST, agent for the 10th CID, United States
Army, also assisted in the interviews:

Cadet JUAN G. BURCIAGA, Serial No. C-8078, Company
B-2, advised that he was in charge of quarters from 6:00 P. M.
January 7, 1950, to 6:00 P. M. January 8, 1950. He had
relieved PETER CONOVER HAINES at 6:00 P. M. January 7, 1950.
BURCIAGA does not recall any phone calls for COX during his
tour of duty as CQ. He also does not recall any association
that he, himself, had with COX on January 7. His best
recollection was that COX spent several hours with him in
the company orderly room on Sunday afternoon, January 8, 1950.

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BURCIAGA was certain that the time COX did spend with him was on January 8, 1950, and he judged that COX was in the orderly room from 2:00 P. M. to about 4:00 P. M. This was the period that COX had previously told his roommates that he had spent with the unidentified visitor

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BURCIAGA recalled that during the conversation on that afternoon COX spoke about the so-called "gloom period" at West Point, referring to the period from New Years until Easter when there is very little social or athletic activity at West Point. COX also mentioned the usual gripes about West Point discipline and how he could enter the insurance business in Mansfield, Ohio, in the event he left West Point.

Cadet THOMAS D. AYERS, Serial No. C-8017, Company A-2, was interviewed relative to trips he had made to New York City with COX while COX was at West Point. AYERS said he had known COX since March, 1948, when both were students at the United States Military Academy Prep School at Stewart, New York. He recalled that he had made two trips to New York City with COX and had spent the evening in New York City with COX.

One trip was on a Saturday in the fall of 1948 when the Army football team played in New York City. AYERS stated that he believed it was the day that Army had played Stanford. After the game he and COX were in the lobby of the Astor Hotel, Times Square, New York City, when they picked up two girls. AYERS stated that it was obvious that these two girls were "on the make." According to AYERS, neither he nor COX had ascertained the names or phone numbers or any information as to where these girls lived or worked. They took the girls to the Picadilly Circus Bar, 227 West 45 Street, which is near the Astor Hotel, and they had several drinks and then returned to West Point, as they were required to do.

The second trip, AYERS recalled, was on Armed Forces Day, believed to be in April or May of 1949. That afternoon AYERS and COX again went to the lobby of the Astor Hotel and saw the same two girls. They spoke to the girls and took them to the Picadilly Circus Bar and had several drinks. They then went to a room in the Picadilly Hotel without registering, with the knowledge of the management of the hotel. The Picadilly Circus Bar is located in the Picadilly Hotel.

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AYERS explained that this was frequently done by cadets at the hotel. They would just ask for the use of a room and would be allowed to go up to the room without registering. Sometimes they would go up to the room without even asking the management.

AYERS indicated that they wanted to have a few drinks in a private room in the hotel. AYERS advised that these girls were apparently of loose morals and that if they had stayed at the hotel for a longer period they would have had sexual relations with these girls. However, he and COX had to return to West Point and they remained in the room only for 45 minutes.

AYERS was unable to furnish any information that would aid in locating these girls. He did not take their names, telephone numbers, or addresses, and he did not believe that COX had done so. He could not recall where these girls worked except that one of them said that she worked as a secretary or typist in a small office.

The following descriptions of the girls was furnished by AYERS:

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Age	24
Height	5' 4"
Weight	125 lbs.
Race	White
Hair	Reddish brown, apparently dyed
Appearance	Possibly Italian, not very pretty, well dressed and well built

No. 2

Age	22
Height	5' 4"
Weight	110 lbs.
Race	White
Hair	Brunette
Build	Slender

Cadet JOHN E. RALPH, Serial No. C-8491, home address, 604 East Southern Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio, was interviewed concerning the trip he had made with COX from New York

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to Ohio when they were returning to their homes for the Christmas vacation in 1949.

RALPH said he met COX on the train leaving from New York and sat with him throughout the trip to Ohio. He did not know COX very well at West Point and they did not meet on the train by any prearrangement. They both alighted from the train at Gallion, Ohio, and RALPH was met by his mother. No one met COX. RALPH's mother offered to drive COX to Mansfield, Ohio, but COX indicated that he was going to some place else before going to Mansfield. COX indicated that he was going to take a local Erie Railroad train from the station in Gallion, Ohio, to this destination, which RALPH was unable to recall. RALPH said that he does not now remember whether COX actually did mention where he was going.

RALPH was unable to furnish any further information and he indicated that he had very little association with COX at West Point and he never knew COX before meeting him at West Point, although their respective home towns were not far apart.

Cadet PETER CONOVER HAINES, Serial No. C-8324, Company B-2, was interviewed. He was Cadet in Charge of Quarters from 6:00 P. M. Friday, January 6, 1950, to 6:00 P. M. Saturday, January 7, 1950. He was interviewed regarding his telephone conversation during this period with the unknown caller, believed to have identified himself as [redacted] who had asked for Cadet COX.

HAINES said that the call had come in about 4:45 P. M. on January 7, 1950, for Cadet COX, but he was unable to locate COX in his room at that time. HAINES' conversation with the caller has previously been reported. HAINES left a message in the orderly room for COX and at approximately 5:15 P. M. COX came into the orderly room and picked up the message. HAINES was certain that that was the only call that he had received for Cadet COX during his tour of duty as CQ.

HAINES recalled that he saw COX at about 8:00 P. M. that same evening in the barracks when COX was on his way to his room dressed in uniform. COX told HAINES at that time that the person who had called earlier that evening was some guy who claimed to have known COX in Germany, but COX could

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not remember him. HAINES said that COX appeared completely sober at that time. HAINES was relieved as CQ at 5:45 P. M., January 7, 1950, by Cadet JUAN G. BURCIAGA.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

At New York, New York

On May 8, 1952, PETER CONOVER HAINES was re-interviewed at the office of the 10th CID, 139 Centre Street, New York, New York, by Agent ROBERT L. RAST, 10th CID, and the writer in view of the fact that he had been available for only a limited period of time on the previous interview.

Cadet HAINES advised that his recollection at this time was doubtful as to the time he received the call for the subject on January 7, 1950. His recollection as of the time of interview was that he received the call about 4:30 or 5:30 P. M. However, he stated that the time originally given (4:45 P. M.), would be his best recollection of the actual time of the call. He stated positively that he made an effort to contact COX; although technically he should have gone to COX's room, he was not certain whether he had done so, and stated that he might have called from the stairway. He is also positive that he left a note for COX on the mail box indicating that COX had received a phone call. HAINES stated that from the manner in which the caller spoke on the phone and the tone of his voice he would say that the caller was not a military person. He formed the opinion that the caller was a civilian and not generally polite. Cadet HAINES could not hazard a guess as to the possible section of the country from which the caller came.

A few minutes after HAINES received the call, COX stopped in the orderly room, at which time HAINES told COX that there was a message for him. Although HAINES could not estimate the time lapse, he appeared certain that the telephone call had been received only a few minutes before COX received the message. At the time COX read the message he stated that he wondered who the caller was. COX crumpled the note and threw it in the trash can in the orderly room. HAINES has no idea in which direction COX went after he left the orderly room.

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Later on January 7, 1950, at about 8:00 P. M. Cadet HAINES was off duty and was no longer Cadet in Charge of Quarters. He was in his room, which is Room 1932, with the following cadets: CECIL RAY SYKES, LOUIS V. TOMASSETTI, and JOHN J. HALLORAN. HAINES was quite positive of the time and his recollection was assisted by the fact that Call to Quarters is at 7:50 P. M. COX appeared at Room 1932 when the above four cadets were in the room. COX at the time was in uniform and again HAINES appeared to be quite positive on this point. He was also positive that it was a few minutes after Call to Quarters that COX visited his room. COX spent a few minutes with these cadets engaging in idle talk and then left.

Cadet HAINES was specifically questioned as to whether or not COX could have been dressed in a bathrobe just returning from a shower rather than in uniform. Cadet HAINES felt quite certain that COX was in uniform and was not dressed in a bathrobe.

Cadet HAINES advised that it takes approximately 20 to 25 minutes to walk from the barracks to the Hotel Thayer. The trip could be made in approximately 15 minutes if an individual wanted to jog instead of walk. The most expeditious means of traveling between the barracks and the hotel would be to use a taxi.

The cadet laundry at the United States Military Academy does all the cleaning and laundry for cadets, including civilian clothes.

Cadet HAINES furnished the following information concerning the subject: He described COX as a poker player who had been "slugged" for playing poker at Camp Buckner. He stated that COX was not an avid gambler but played as a pastime. COX smokes cigarettes exclusively and HAINES believes he is partial to Lucky Strikes. COX always appeared level headed. HAINES advised that it was difficult to determine when COX had been drinking. He advised that COX was never overly enthusiastic about military life. HAINES informed that COX outwardly expressed a dislike for the military life but this was not in keeping with his actions and deeds. HAINES pointed out that as far as he knew COX did all right in his studies at the Academy. It was HAINES' impression that the subject's only interest seemed to be in obtaining a

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commission. He described COX as being conscientious but as one who did not make a lot of noise about it.

Cadet HAINES furnished the following as characteristics of the subject which would assist in identifying him: COX's shoulders sloped, his ears stuck out somewhat, and he usually had a dead-pan expression. He very often addressed and greeted other cadets as "Sport."

Cadet HAINES mentioned that a great many of the cadets in the academy maintained accounts at the First National Bank of Highland Falls, New York, and at a bank whose name he could not recall located in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On January 8, 1952, Cadet DEANE E. WELCH was interviewed by Agent RAST, 10th CID, and the writer at the 10th CID office, 139 Centre Street, New York City. Cadet WELCH advised that about 5:00 P. M., January 7, 1950, COX received word that there was a phone call for him. During the afternoon prior to this time COX, WELCH and URSCHEL had been in the room. At the time the message was received COX had been in the room about 15 minutes, according to WELCH's best recollection. After COX allegedly received the phone call he advised WELCH that the caller was a fellow he used to know over seas and who was then on the post. COX stated he was not sure if he knew this person. It was WELCH's impression that COX did not recall the name or did not associate the name with the individual. WELCH stated that COX had returned to the room after having been absent about 15 minutes. This would have been approximately 5:15 P. M.

WELCH left the room about 5:30 P. M. to attend supper formation. Leaving at that time gave him sufficient time to chat with other cadets in the barracks and to be at formation in time. WELCH left the dining hall at about 7:05 P. M., met another cadet and went to a movie. WELCH returned to his room at approximately 9:00 P. M. after the movie was over. He pointed out that he was out of the room from approximately 5:30 P. M. until 9:00 P. M.

When WELCH returned to the room, URSCHEL was sitting at his desk and COX was asleep at his desk. WELCH, after seeing COX asleep and the position in which he was sitting, called Cadet SYKES to assist in taking a photograph of COX.

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It was WELCH's recollection that SYKES told URSCHEL how to set the camera and take a photograph of COX. URSCHEL took the photograph without awakening COX. It was WELCH's recollection that COX slept until tattoo sounded, which call WELCH believes awakened COX. When COX awoke he ran into the hallway and said, "Who is that downstairs? Is that you, ALICE?" WELCH asked COX who ALICE was and received an unintelligible answer. WELCH stated that he felt quite sure that the word mentioned by COX was ALICE, a girl's name, and not any German word or any other word in the English language.

WELCH stated that when COX came back into the room he took the bed clothes off the bed, dropping them on the floor, opened the mattress, and went to bed. Later on WELCH and URSCHEL undressed COX and covered him with the blankets.

Cadet WELCH advised that COX was one of the men in the class who was consistently lowest in demerits. He stated that COX's condition on January 7, 1950, was "the tightest" he had ever seen COX.

On Sunday afternoon, January 8, 1950, WELCH believed he was in his room all afternoon. COX left the room at approximately 12:15 P. M., saying he was going on a D. P. (dining privilege). WELCH believes that COX, URSCHEL and he had missed breakfast Sunday morning, advising they had probably slept. He described COX as being an individual with a hearty appetite and stated that unless he was feeling ill he would probably have been quite hungry at noon time on Sunday.

Cadet WELCH advised that the dining privilege was granted only if you had a visitor at the post, and in conformance with the Honor Code if you signed out for a D. P. you were honor bound to eat at the Hotel Thayer with a guest. Failure to have a guest or failure to eat at the Hotel Thayer would be a violation of the Honor Code. According to WELCH, on Sunday, January 8, 1950, COX would have had to be back by 6:05 P. M. for supper formation. It was WELCH's recollection that COX had returned to the room about 5:00 P. M., saying that "that fellow" took up a lot of his time when he wanted to get some studying done. (It should be noted that BURCIAGA has advised that COX spent approximately two to three hours in the orderly room with him on the afternoon of January 8, 1950.)

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COX appeared to be real mad upon his return. WELCH believes that COX was in his dress greys at the time of his return and was sober. WELCH feels positive that COX did not return to the room during the afternoon. The only possibility in which COX could have returned to the room would have been during a 10 or 15 minute period when WELCH may have been out of the room. WELCH stated that in such an instance he does not think he would have noticed COX's clothing in the room because on Sunday, generally, clothes are strewn around the room. But to the best of WELCH's recollection COX came in and took off his overcoat. WELCH advised that cadets often visit the orderly room to pick up any new gossip. He stated that generally the cadet does not remain in the orderly room for two to three hours. He pointed out that there is only one chair in the room and that is usually always occupied by the Cadet in Charge of Quarters.

On January 14, 1950, after Inspection in Ranks, which usually ends at about 1:45 P. M., COX and WELCH returned to their room at approximately 2:00 P. M. When they entered the room they noticed COX's civilian clothes hanging in the closet. This civilian clothing had just been returned from the Cadet Laundry. The clothing consisted of a blue suit, a tan suit, a gray top coat, and a camel's hair overcoat. WELCH advised that he does not recall who made the original statement but that either he or COX did. The statement was to the effect that the speaker felt as if he would like to go on a big spree. No matter which one made the statement the other readily agreed. This was immediately followed by COX's suggestion that civilian clothing was available. WELCH stated that they talked about leaving the barracks after taps that night dressed in civilian clothing and then going to Newburgh, New York. WELCH, at COX's suggestion, tried on one of COX's suit and then the top coat or the overcoat. They both noted that COX's clothing was too big for WELCH. However, they felt that it was not too noticeable. There were no civilian shoes available for WELCH and he would have had to wear his military shoes. WELCH stated that he felt that although the shoes alone might not be too noticeable, the military shoes plus the large clothing might make him readily noticeable in Newburgh. WELCH advised that after noting this, he then backed out of the idea of going to Newburgh.

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Thereafter WELCH and COX went over to the field house to watch a basket ball game. There was no further mention of the incident by either of them during the remaining portion of the afternoon.

On January 14, 1950, at approximately 4:45 P. M., after watching the basket ball game and the boxing bouts, COX and WELCH started to return to their barracks. As they approached the east sallyport, COX said he was going to check his grades. WELCH continued alone back to the room. He advised that he did not notice anyone in the vicinity of the east sallyport who appeared to be waiting for COX either civilian or cadet. WELCH informed that after the incident where he tried on COX's clothes, COX did not give any indication of his intentions for that afternoon or evening. Fifteen or twenty minutes after WELCH returned to the room, COX returned to the room. COX said that he had just talked to the guy who was up the week-end before and that he was going on a D. P. COX got undressed, took a shower, and then got dressed. At 6:18 P. M., on January 14, 1950, COX was in the room buttoning his overcoat preparing to leave when WELCH left the room.

WELCH furnished the following information concerning COX's habits and characteristics: He advised that COX smokes cigarettes exclusively, generally Chesterfields, and drinks beer, either Schlitz or Millers. On occasion he also drinks rye whiskey, mixing it with gingerale. COX has a noticeable cleft in his chin, broad shoulders, and narrow hips. He has high cheek bones and sunken cheeks. He has a scar on the back of his upper right arm approximately five inches long, running down to the elbow. This scar is approximately 1/2 inch wide. COX has a bouncing walk, rolling from heel to toe. COX has a trick knee, which WELCH believes is his right knee. This knee slips out of joint occasionally. WELCH described COX as a sport enthusiast and one interested in photography. He frequently called other individuals "sport." In talking he often kidded around by imitating Donald Duck. WELCH described COX as generally being a ladies' man. He stated that COX was not interested in going out with young ladies who were chaperoned. He stated that as far as he knew, COX had [REDACTED]

It was WELCH's opinion that COX intended to marry [REDACTED] even though they may have had pre-marital

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relations. COX generally referred to his mother as MINNIE. He pointed out that Mrs. COX is a staunch believer in Christian Science, although COX did not share his mother's attitude, although COX did go to readings a few times after early chapel. COX was always careful not to let his mother know he drank or smoked. COX told WELCH that the former's mother would "give him hell" if she knew it. Cadet WELCH pointed out that as far as he knew Mrs. COX never tried to force Christian Science on DICK and that could not have played any part in causing his disappearance.

On one occasion COX indicated he was concerned because [redacted] however, this was not after the Christmas vacation of 1949. He advised that he had never heard of COX getting in any altercations with any individuals.

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He believes COX stayed at the Hotel Astor or the Hotel Picadilly in New York. He believes COX visited some place in Greenwich Village which was known to Welch only as a jazz joint. Cox on at least one occasion visited the Lorelei Cafe in New York. COX stated that he liked Germany and had a good time but he never gave any indication that he wanted to go back. He never mentioned any harrowing experiences or escapades prior to the alleged appearance of the alleged [redacted]

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WELCH believed that COX was very partial to the Studebaker automobile and that if he ever had his own automobile WELCH believed that it would be a Studebaker. COX always wore an identification bracelet and was seldom without his wrist watch.

WELCH informed that on occasions when COX had a female guest at a dance, he would return to the room in time for the 11:00 P. M. inspection and then leave the barracks. After so departing he would be able to drink or go off limits without violating the honor code. On a couple of occasions COX turned up with six bottles of beer in the room. WELCH does not know how COX got the beer into the room but thought it might possible have been a cab driver although it was WELCH's opinion that very few cab drivers engaged in bootlegging at the academy.

WELCH advised that COX could type and from his army experience would know clerical procedure.

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On one or more occasions COX indicated he wanted to leave the academy and take over his mother's insurance business.

Cadet WELCH related a story which he stated COX always told after having a few drinks. While in the army COX had served in the same platoon with a soldier named SKINNER. COX and SKINNER stood formation side by side. No matter how much these two men tried to keep the formation, the sergeant would always instruct COX up, SKINNER back.

WELCH also related that COX kept a small black notebook with all his jokes in catalogue fashion. WELCH advised that this joke book was not among COX's effects after he left the academy.

On May 9, 1952, Cadet JOSEPH J. URSCHEL was interviewed by Agent RAST of the 10th CID and the writer at the 10th CID Office, 139 Centre Street.

URSCHEL advised that on January 7, 1950, about 7:00 P. M., after dinner was over, he went back to his room, which he shared with WELCH and COX. He estimates that he would have arrived at the room at about 5 minutes past seven o'clock. About five minutes later COX entered the room appearing as if he had just come from the shower. URSCHEL pointed out that it would have been impossible for COX to go from Grant Hall, where COX allegedly was seen at approximately 5:40 P. M., to the Hotel Thayer, have dinner, and be back to sign in on the departure book at 6:23 P. M. (It has been previously reported and noted from the departure book that on January 7, 1950, COX signed in at 1823. Examination of the entry indicates an erasure and possibly the original entry was 1923. If COX signed in at 1923 P. M. it would have been a violation of the Honor Code.)

URSCHEL stated that when COX returned to the room he was not aware that COX had been drinking. When he noticed COX, COX had a towel around his mid-section. The subject put on his pajama bottoms and cadet jacket and sat down at his writing table. URSCHEL stated that he was not aware of the fact that COX had been drinking until COX awoke and ran into the hall. URSCHEL advised that he had not seen COX during the afternoon of January 7, 1950, as he, URSCHEL, had

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been playing basketball during the afternoon in the field house. He dressed in proper uniform in the field house and immediately went to attend supper formation.

On January 8, 1950, while URSCHHEL believes both he and COX were dressing for chapel, URSCHHEL asked COX how he had done the drinking. COX advised him that he had signed in and gone back out. COX advised that his friend wouldn't let him out of the car until he had a drink with him. URSCHHEL stated that other than this off hand statement of the car, there had been no previous mention of COX's visitor having a car. As far as URSCHHEL can recall there was no mention of where the car had been situated at the time COX allegedly did the drinking.

URSCHHEL advised that he did not question COX any further because he had learned that COX did not readily answer probing questions. At the end of the conversation URSCHHEL merely cautioned COX to be careful.

URSCHHEL advised that he next saw COX in the room at about 5:00 P. M. He has no recollection whether COX entered the room attired in a bathrobe or in uniform. He did state that it was unusual for any cadet to remain in the orderly room for a period of two to three hours.

On January 14, 1950, URSCHHEL believes that he last saw COX at about 10:30 A. M. Although URSCHHEL was not at all certain, he advised that he probably saw COX at the noon meal and at parade review ending at approximately 2:30 P. M. URSCHHEL related that COX had little trouble with academics during most of the time he was at the academy. However, after COX returned from Christmas vacation on January 2, 1950, COX did ask URSCHHEL to help him in physics. He advised that COX had never asked him to go out on a double date, which was somewhat unusual, but URSCHHEL related he never asked COX to go out.

URSCHHEL pointed out that COX was a couple of years older than he was and for the most part COX associated with those cadets about his own age. He advised that he and COX had always gotten along satisfactorily and never had any difficulties between them, although he pointed out the difference of age and the fact that COX was interested in dating women and drinking whereas URSCHHEL was not.

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Prior to COX's disappearance URSCHHEL did turn in two cadets for violation of the Honor Code. URSCHHEL advised that he had observed these cadets shifting their eyes during an examination as if they were cheating and he had turned them in for that offense. URSCHHEL pointed out that this fact, as well as URSCHHEL's strict interpretation and adherence to the Honor Code, was known to COX.

URSCHHEL described COX as an individual of great personal pride. He stated that if it hadn't been for Mrs. COX he believes the subject would have quit the academy. He stated that it is his opinion that COX was going to marry [redacted] although COX had bragged about being intimate with [redacted]

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URSCHHEL recalled COX as having said he could go back and work for MINNIE (Mrs. COX). He also described COX as being a good swimmer who liked to swim. URSCHHEL recalled COX having mentioned that he would like to go back to Germany. He also knows that COX wrote to a girl in Germany. (This may possibly be the letter to [redacted] in Lichtenfels, Germany, which letter was returned to the academy undelivered.)

It was URSCHHEL's opinion that Mansfield, Ohio, did not hold any interest for COX except for the fact that his mother and [redacted] were there. COX formerly visited the Astor Bar in the Hotel Astor and talked about the Lorelei Cafe, on 86th Street, New York City.

URSCHHEL described the following characteristics of the subject:

COX's ears stick out noticeably from the side of his head and pinch to a point up on top. He has a blocky build with sloping shoulders and a deep chest. He has high cheek bones with slightly sunken cheeks. He has narrow eyebrows and a sharp nose. He walks up on his toes with his shoulders alternately moving slightly forward. According to URSCHHEL, COX's outstanding mannerism was that whenever he started to walk or march he always twisted his head to the side. COX had a trick knee but URSCHHEL did not recall which one.

COX usually smoked Chesterfield cigarettes and on some occasions Lucky Strikes. On a rare occasion he would

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smoke a cigar. As far as URSCHEL knew, COX was primarily a beer drinker. COX's principal interest was in athletics and he was a follower of the Cleveland Indians in the American League. He generally used the expression, "Sport," in meeting acquaintances. Another favorite expression was "balls of fire."

URSCHEL advised that the scar on the back of one of COX's arms was wide and white and the marks of the stitches were noticeable. He mentioned that COX was a good typist.

Cadets HAINES, WELCH, and URSCHEL were each privately asked by the writer whether or not they had any additional information which might be of assistance in this investigation which they might not care to have made a matter of army record and which would be treated in the utmost confidence by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each of the above cadets advised that they had no further information in addition to what they had related on this and previous interviews.

On April 24, 1952, DAVID MYRON WESTERVELT, Army Serial Number 12227257, residence at 51 Fairview Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey, employed at Retail Credit Company, Patterson, New Jersey, was interviewed by Agent RAST, 10th CID, and the writer at the 10th CID Office, 139 Centre Street.

WESTERVELT advised that he had served in the 6th Constabulary Squadron with COX. WESTERVELT pointed out that he had been a sergeant and COX had been a private first class acting in a clerical capacity. WESTERVELT advised that on June 30, 1948, he married ALICIA WEISS in Nurnberg, Germany. WESTERVELT related that his wife had been born in Russia. He stated that he was positive that COX had never met his wife, ALICE, as he, WESTERVELT, had not known his wife during the time he and COX had served together.

WESTERVELT recalls having heard of one occasion when COX and JOSEPH GRONER (previously interviewed), had been drinking. WESTERVELT knew of no other occurrences on that occasion. He described COX as being a studious type of individual who was constantly reading the security reports while in the 6th Constabulary Squadron.

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According to WESTERVELT, Lichtenfels, Germany, was a hotbed for Communist activity as well as the Russian MVD agents.

WESTERVELT stated that COX was a good typist. He also knew that COX had a picture of [redacted] known to him only as [redacted] and that COX regularly corresponded with her. WESTERVELT related that he never knew COX to participate or appear as a witness in any court martial procedure. The last time WESTERVELT saw COX was the day that WESTERVELT left the 6th Constabulary Squadron.

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Again WESTERVELT repeated his previous statement that he had never been up to the United States Academy at West Point, New York. He advised that the closest that he had been to that location was in March, 1950, when he was driving to Eldred, New York, when he believes he passed part of the army reservation at West Point. He related that the only individuals he knew that could fit the description of the alleged [redacted] were men who had served with COX; namely, FALCH, MILLIKEN, and REED. WESTERVELT related that he never had any reason to believe that COX was engaged in [redacted] WESTERVELT further advised that while in Germany, COX, as most servicemen did, may have engaged in some petty black market activities such as exchanging a pack or carton of cigarettes for some service such as laundry, food, liquor, and the like.

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WESTERVELT repeated that on January 14, 1950, he had attended a paraplegic basketball game at the Teaneck Armory at Teaneck, New Jersey, with his aunt, uncle, cousin, and wife. (WESTERVELT's aunt and uncle have been previously interviewed and they corroborate his attendance.)

WESTERVELT repeated that he did not know COX was attending the United States Military Academy until after the latter's disappearance when WESTERVELT read about it in the papers.

WESTERVELT advised that he could not recall where he was on January 7 and 8, 1950, although he stated positively that he was not at West Point.

WESTERVELT advised that HALSTEAD FALCH resides at 253 53rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed at Michael Brothers, a furniture store in Brooklyn, New York.

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WESTERVELT related that FALCH had been a chauffeur at West Point and was discharged from the United States Army about November, 1948. FALCH and COX had served in the 6th Constabulary Squadron in Germany together.

JAMES V. DUFFY, who resides somewhere in the Bronx and whose address would be known to FALCH, also served in the 6th Constabulary Squadron with COX.

By letter dated May 7, 1952, the New Haven Office furnished the following information:

WILLIAM R. RUSSELL, a former member of Troop D, 27th Constabulary Squadron, Schweinfurt, Germany, stated that he had recalled the subject being in his Company and was unable to furnish information concerning his whereabouts, except to advise the name of an individual whom he believed to be friendly with COX, namely, CECIL W. MASSEY, of Grantville, Georgia.

On April 29, 1952, WILLIAM R. RUSSELL, who is at present a Connecticut State Trooper stationed at the Hartford, Connecticut Barracks, called the Hartford Resident Agency and desired to speak to SA [REDACTED]

Trooper RUSSELL was interviewed at the Hartford, Connecticut Barracks of the Connecticut State Police and advised that in June of 1947 he was stationed in a Provisional Training Company at Kitzen, Germany, APO No. 800, with an individual whom he recalled as "RED," whose true name RUSSELL did not know. He stated that "RED" was formerly in a Ranger Outfit and held MOS 002, which RUSSELL stated was that of a Hang-Man. He stated that "RED" had done prior service during [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that he was transferred from the Provisional Training Company in September of 1947 to the 27th Constabulary Squadron, Company C. He stated that while in this Company, he ran into "RED", who was then assigned to Company D of the 27th Constabulary Squadron. He stated that "RED," prior to being assigned to the 27th Constabulary Squadron, had been with the 22nd Squadron, stationed at Hammilburg, Germany, where he was in charge of Enlisted Men's Beer Club.

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RUSSELL stated that "RED," to his recollection, is described as 5' 10", 165 to 175 pounds, and at that time, about 24 years of age. He had a light complexion and light brown hair, crew cut.

RUSSELL advised that CECIL W. MASSEY was also a former Ranger and he stated that MASSEY, COX and an unknown individual, who was a personal friend of ANDREW J. RIDGEWAY, 321 French Street, Atlantic City, New Jersey, were room-mates in the 27th Constabulary. RUSSELL stated that MASSEY was friendly with "RED" and advised that MASSEY was a fighter, who often spoke of the hangings that the Rangers had to do in Germany.

RUSSELL made available a photograph of MASSEY, taken when MASSEY was assigned to the 27th Constabulary. He stated that the picture shows MASSEY with his hands in his pockets and his left foot forward, so that all of his weight is on his right leg. RUSSELL stated that MASSEY stood in this exact position at all times while talking to individuals, unless he was standing at attention, and that it was apparently a characteristic of his, either developed through his growth or because of an accident which he had received during the war.

RUSSELL advised that he had read the story concerning COX's disappearance in the recent Life Magazine, and he had given the situation further consideration and felt that of all of those in the Troop in Germany, the unknown individual whom he called "RED" would be the logical suspect.

RUSSELL suggested that if any photographs which COX may have had in his possession at West Point or at his home concerning his Army Service were made available for perusal by former acquaintances of COX in the 27th Constabulary Squadron, they might be of value in determining some of his associates. RUSSELL stated that COX had a girlfriend in Germany with whom he was quite friendly and whom COX had stated he made pregnant. RUSSELL was unable to furnish any further information concerning COX or other associates.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM A. LAMB at West Point, New York:

Cadet United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, advised that he served with

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the subject at the United States Military Academy Prep School, Newburgh, New York, in 1948 but was not a personal friend of his. He said he knew the subject as a fellow student and admired him because he appeared to be much above the average in intelligence. He was also casually acquainted with the subject during the latter's attendance at the United States Military Academy where he also observed him to be above the average cadet in intelligence and ability. Cadet [redacted] said that he never went out with the subject socially and could furnish no pertinent information concerning his disappearance.

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Cadet [redacted] said that he knew that OLIVER H. COOLIDGE, Jr., who served with him and the subject at the United States Military Academy Prep School, had been a social acquaintance of the subject.

At the Thayer Hotel, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, the following individuals were contacted and advised that they never knew of any "old army man" who was a head waiter or even a waiter at the hotel, who had a name which even remotely sounded like "CARNEY." They said they never knew of any waiter or head waiter who could be considered "a character."

Mr. M. J. PERKINS - Manager
Mr. FRANK RAND, Mrs. MARGARET MCGOUGH, and
Mr. WILLIAM B. STORM - employees of the Auditor's Office.

The above individuals were employed at the time of the disappearance of the subject and said that all of the employees of the hotel had been contacted. They felt that if there ever had been anyone who could be considered to be a "character" he surely would have been contacted.

Lieutenant Colonel EDWIN N. HOWELL, Provost Marshal, and Major ROBERT A. SATTERFIELD, Assistant Provost Marshal, United States Military Academy, verified the information furnished by the aforementioned employees of the Thayer Hotel.

Chief CHARLES CONKLIN and former Chief WILLIAM MAHER, Highland Falls, New York, Police Department, who have worked in the vicinity of the United States Military Academy for many years, advised that the only individual who is "an

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old Army man" and who definitely is considered to be a character is MARTY MAHER. They said that MAHER is known to everyone at and in the vicinity of the United States Military Academy. They did not know if he had ever been contacted in connection with this case but felt certain that if he knew anything about it he would have reported the information to the proper authorities.

Lieutenant LEONARD GORDON and Lieutenant DONALD O'HORA, Provost Marshal's Office, Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, and Lieutenant JOHN E. TIERNEY and Detective HOMER MASLAND, Newburgh Police Department, advised that they never heard of any tavern known as the "Band Box."

Cadet WALTER FONTAINE EVANS, United States Military Academy, verified the information furnished by EDWARD W. BECRAFT, MM2, NSN 719-89-83, Machinists Mate School, Service School Command, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, concerning his visits to the Edgewood Park Girls School, Briarcliff Manor, New York. He said that he was permitted to wear civilian clothing when off duty and often did so. He said that on January 5, 1950, he was assigned to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Prior to that time he had been stationed at Stewart Air Force Base. It was for this reason that he had BECRAFT drive him to West Point on January 7, 1950. At the time he was quartered at the enlisted men's barracks at the west end of the fieldhouse.

Cadet EVANS said that when the subject was discovered to be missing he was one of the men assigned to search for him at Camp Buckner and that he probably related this fact to BECRAFT. However, he said that he never had heard that the subject was drunk at bed-check on the night of his disappearance and certainly never told this to BECRAFT or anyone.

Cadet EVANS said that he did not believe that he could furnish any pertinent information concerning the subject. He said that he did hear that the subject had dated a girl named "TONY TERRY," whose father is the manager of the "Mayflower." The "Mayflower" is a night spot in the vicinity of Newburgh, New York, according to Cadet EVANS.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA FREDERICK L. WILT and SA DONALD M. McINERNEY:

At approximately 7:00 P. M. on December 2, 1951, [redacted] of Mansfield, Ohio, phoned the New York Office and advised that she wished to consult an agent of the New York Office about the disappearance of her former fiance, RICHARD C. COX.

[redacted] was interviewed in Room 1167 at the Taft Hotel, 51st Street and 7th Avenue, the evening of December 2, 1951. She stated that she had witnessed the Army vs. Navy football game December 1, 1951, in Philadelphia, with Mrs. WILLIAM MCKEE, also of Mansfield, Ohio. Prior to her departure from Mansfield, Ohio, Mr. GARCIA, the Cleveland agent to whom this case is assigned, told [redacted] that if she came to New York City she should contact the New York agent to whom the case is assigned to determine if there are any questions the New York agents wish to ask her.

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[redacted] was questioned carefully and at length concerning her knowledge of COX and his disappearance. She stated that while attending a dance with COX in Mansfield, Ohio, during Christmas vacation in 1949 he asked her to return his "Army" pin, but later he told her to keep it the same evening. [redacted] also advised that she doubts that COX's disappearance had anything to do with his possibly wishing to back out of his engagement to marry her.

[redacted] attended a party at the Empire Hotel in New York City the night of December 1, 1951, following the Army vs. Navy game. Most of the men at this party were Army Cadets, including Cadets WELCH and URSCHER. She stated that she discussed COX's disappearance with WELCH and URSCHER, but she learned nothing new.

With the exception of the above information, Miss [redacted] contributed nothing which was not already known.

By letter dated April 25, 1952, the Newark Office reported that Mrs. ANNE DE MARTIN, 317 50th Street, West New York, New Jersey, advised that her brother, FRANK P. COLPINI, is now attending the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. COLPINI is in his second year and is attached to Company C-1.

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A letter dated July 9, 1951, signed by ROY MILLER, 1605 Curtis Road, Dansville, Michigan, was addressed to the Provost Marshal, 1st Army, Governors Island, New York. The letter reads as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"I read about Cadet RICHARD C. COX in 'True Detective' magazine and was wondering if you have found him yet have had any word of him.

"If you are not too busy would you please answer.

"Enclosed you will find my name and address.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ ROY MILLER."

A letter postmarked Los Angeles, California, December 26, 1951, was addressed to Lieutenant Colonel EDWIN HOWELL, Provost Marshal, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. The envelope bears the return address of WILLIAM MONTIE RICHARDS, 396 S.L.A. Street, Los Angeles 13, California. This letter was turned over to the New York Office by Agent ROBERT S. ROST, 10th CID, with the request that RICHARDS be interviewed. From a review of this letter it appears that the writer may possibly be eccentric. However, the writer indicated a familiarity with West Point.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of this report is being furnished the Philadelphia Office inasmuch as the lead is outstanding to interview JOSEPH GRONER.

LEADS

ALBANY

At Mechanicsville, New York

Will reinterview FRANCIS G. LA BAR, 87 Ellsworth Avenue to determine the exact location where he met and was talking to COX. In particular, it should be determined if this spot could have been the east sallyport and whether LA BAR or EDWARD P. HOLLAND were dressed in civilian clothes. (The east sallyport is in the north barracks. The dining hall is approximately 100 yards west of the north barracks. The same street would pass the east sallyport and the dining hall.)

Will determine from LA BAR the present address for a former cadet JOHN SELKIS.

Will determine if LA BAR answers the description of the unknown individual observed by Cadet JOHN A SAMOTIS talking to COX at 5:00 P. M. on January 14, 1950, in the east sallyport. (See report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, New York, March 8, 1951.)

ATLANTA

At Grantville, Georgia

Will locate CECIL W. MASSEY and interview him concerning his knowledge of COX, especially concerning the girl COX allegedly got pregnant in Germany.

Will determine if MASSEY could be the [redacted] who allegedly visited COX on January 7, 8, and 14, 1950. (See report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, New York, March 8, 1951.)

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LEADS, CONT'D

Will determine the identity of "RED" mentioned by WILLIAM R. RUSSELL. If "RED" is located in the Atlanta territory, will interview him to determine if he could be the unknown [redacted]

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Will ascertain the identity of the individual who roomed with MASSEY and COX in the 27th Constabulary Squadron.

CLEVELAND

At Mansfield, Ohio

Will contact [redacted] Richland Trust Company, to determine the manner in which a withdrawal was made on April 13, 1950, and deposits made on December 2 and 30, 1950, in the subject's savings account. (See report of SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA, Cleveland, October 12, 1951, page 6.) (It should be noted that these withdrawals and deposits would have been made after the subject was last seen on January 14, 1950.)

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Will also determine whether or not there has been any activity in subject's savings account subsequent to December 30, 1950.

Will obtain from Mrs. RUPERT F. COX, 554 Cook Road, description and details of scar on subject's right elbow.

Will also obtain subject's hobbies, interests, and possible types of employment, particularly whether or not COX ever worked in the insurance business.

Will expeditiously cover all previously set out leads.

DETROIT

At Dansville, Michigan

Will interview ROY MILLER, 1605 Curtis Road, for any information he may have concerning COX.

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LEADS, CONT'D

At Detroit, Michigan

Will re-interview [redacted] and ascertain if COX mentioned any other places frequented by him in Greenwich Village area.

Will also question [redacted] for details of COX's appearance at the Hotel Dixie and whether or not [redacted] gave his home address to COX.

Will ascertain from [redacted] any information he may have indicating that COX was engaged [redacted]

Will determine from [redacted] whether or not he plans to visit New York City in the near future.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will interview WILLIAM MONTIE RICHARDS, 396 S.L.A. Street, Los Angeles 13, and determine if he has any information concerning COX.

NEWARK

At Atlantic City, New Jersey

Will interview ANDREW J. RIDGEWAY, 321 French Street, for any information he may possess concerning COX, especially concerning the girl COX allegedly got pregnant in Germany.

Will also determine from RIDGEWAY the identity of "RED" and the unknown individual mentioned by WILLIAM R. RUSSELL.

Will, if either "RED" or the unknown individual is located in Newark area, interview to determine if he could be the [redacted] who allegedly visited COX at West Point on January 7, 8, and 14, 1950.

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LEADS, CONT'D

Will determine the home address of CECIL W. MASSEY from RIDGEWAY for the assistance of Atlanta.

Will determine whether RIDGEWAY could be the [redacted] who allegedly visited COX at West Point on January 7, 8, and 14, 1950.

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At Nutley, New Jersey

Will locate and interview GRACE METZ, who stayed at the Hotel Thayer at West Point on January 14, 1950, to determine if she can recall COX being at the Hotel Thayer on that night.

NEW YORK

At Newburgh, New York

Will ascertain the identity of the [redacted] stationed at Stewart Field.

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Will make further efforts to identify the "Band Box" tavern which is allegedly located in the vicinity of Newburgh, New Jersey.

Will interview TONI TERRY, whose father is manager of the Mayflower in the vicinity of Newburgh, New York.

Will determine the names and identity of any enlisted men or officers discharged from the United States Army at Stewart Field during the two week period preceding January 14, 1950.

At Highland Falls, New York

Will determine if COX had an account at the First National Bank of Highland Falls.

At West Point, New York

Will determine the names and identity of any enlisted men or officers who were discharged from the United

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States Army at West Point during the two-weeks period preceding January 14, 1950.

Will interview Cadet RICHARD SHEA, who is a member of Company G-1, Class of 1952. (SHEA attended the United States Military Academy Prep School with COX and was a classmate.) (535)

Will interview Cadet EDWARD COGGINS, who ate at the Hotel Thayer with Miss MARCELLA CHODACZEK, from the College of New Rochelle, on January 14, 1950, and determine if he observed COX in the dining room on that evening. (541)

Will interview FRANK P. COLPINI, Company C-1, who served in the Constabulary with COX in Germany and was a close friend of COX while both were at the United States Prep School. (573, 575)

Will ascertain the address of former Cadet JOHN SELKIS. (EDWARD P. HOLLAND and FRANCIS G. LA BAR were introduced by SELKIS to COX on January 14, 1950. (577)

Will interview MARTY MAHER, "old army man," who is well known in the vicinity of the United States Military Academy, for any information he may possess concerning COX.

Will ascertain the name of the bank in Scranton, Pennsylvania, that solicits accounts from cadets at the academy.

At Yonkers, New York

Will interview SARA and NICKIE BRITTON, 144 Ravine Avenue, Glenwood Section, who were registered at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York, on January 14, 1950, for any information that they may have concerning COX, and specifically if they can recall seeing COX at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950.

At New York, New York

Will ascertain if HALSTEAD FALCH resides at 235 61st Street, Brooklyn, and interview him concerning any

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information he may have concerning COX and will determine if FALCH visited COX at the United States Military Academy.

Will also determine from FALCH the residence of JAMES V. DUFFY, who also served with COX in Germany.

Will interview JAMES V. DUFFY.

Will interview PAUL MILLER, 54 West 74th Street, Trafalgar 4-5722, who, in writing to Cadet JOSEPH J. URSCHEL, advised that he noted a close resemblance of COX to a friend of his.

Will attempt to obtain Bureau authority for an Identification Order or to circularize subject's fingerprints with principal police departments.

Will report results of FBI Laboratory examination of hairs found in cadet cap recovered at Mountainville, New York.

Will return caps of RICHARD C. COX to Mrs. RUPERT F. COX, Mansfield, Ohio.

REFERENCES

Report of SA JAMES J. ROGERS, New York, 12/18/51.
New Haven letter to New York, 5/7/52.

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REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE 6/3/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7/52	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH F. GALL
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOSEPH GRONER, Langhorne, Pa., re-interviewed with, in general, negative results. Denied that he or COX were ever intimate with [redacted] aka., [redacted] is not known to him. Descriptions of [redacted] also not familiar. Advised that WESTERVELT would be only one he could somehow associate with being [redacted] Description of GRONER set forth.

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DETAILS:

This re-interview with GRONER is based on a request of the New York Office by letter dated April 9, 1952, with a view of definitely ascertaining whether GRONER or COX were ever intimate with [redacted] Previously, GRONER denied that he or COX were intimate with [redacted] however, in a letter to COX from GRONER dated October 18, 1949, GRONER referred to [redacted] in a very intimate fashion. Another specific purpose of the interview was to ascertain whether GRONER knew [redacted] aka. [redacted] a

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[redacted] JOSEPH GRONER was interviewed jointly by SA [redacted] and the reporting agent:

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At the outset of the interview, GRONER was advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute. As upon previous interviews, GRONER advised that he has no information regarding COX's location. GRONER was of the opinion that the mother of the subject is not worried about COX inasmuch as she is a Christian Scientist and what ever happened to DICK is God's Will. Having known COX, he said DICK probably figures his mother would be the only one to worry about him and, inasmuch as he, COX, realizes the depth of her Christian Science beliefs, he probably feels that she does not worry.

GRONER was of the personal opinion that COX was working for the Government in some secret capacity. It was pointed out to him that COX would have to go through a certain procedure to obtain government employment and would, in all probability, be located in such a manner. GRONER thought that possibly was true, but it was merely a theory, he said, to which he had given some thought.

With respect to the letter written by GRONER to COX dated October 18, 1949, GRONER stated that he referred to "we" to mean the many girls that he and COX met in Germany and having sexual relations with the same girls.

GRONER maintained that neither he nor COX was ever intimate with [redacted]. He said that he felt sure COX never was intimate with [redacted] because, he had no knowledge of DICK's ever being alone with her.

With respect to referring to [redacted] in intimate terms, GRONER said it was merely a "figure of speech." He said that a JULIUS MEGO of the Headquarters Troop of the Sixth Constabulary Squadron, claimed he was intimate with [redacted]. He said MEGO would tell the fellows in camp that he was intimate with [redacted] "between mail calls."

GRONER said that a HERBERT NILIKIEN of the Sixth Constabulary Squadron, and from San Antonio, Texas,

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had struck up the original conversation with [redacted] and subsequently, GRONER and COX visited at her home frequently. GRONER said, "We went swimming with her on occasion, but we never messed around with her, and as a matter of fact, I never even kissed her." GRONER also said he thought [redacted] worked for the Military Government in Germany. GRONER thought that [redacted] some time within the past year, advised him that MEGO was still with the same outfit in Germany. However, GRONER had no letters to substantiate this information.

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GRONER said that for all he knew [redacted] might be in this country, inasmuch as she had expressed a great desire to come here. He voiced this as merely a possibility. He said she worked as a maid in Germany, but he was unable to supply the name of the party for whom she worked.

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GRONER advised that roommates of the subject while he was stationed with the Sixth Constabulary Squadron were a fellow by the name of NIEDERMAIR and YOSHIO KOSAI, the latter being of Japanese descent. GRONER said the only time he roomed with COX was at Coburg, Germany. He said COX never made any advances toward him and said he would find it hard to believe that DICK would ever engage with anyone in [redacted]. He said DICK made promiscuous statements just prior to any leave period overseas, but he said these statements were common among a majority of the soldiers. GRONER recalled that on more than one occasion, COX made statements regarding a natural sexual activity with German girls, but GRONER said these remarks were also common among the soldiers.

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GRONER said he and COX drank beer together and he added that DICK liked a good time in a nice place. GRONER advised he never at any time during his friendship with COX knew or heard of instances wherein COX was promiscuous with himself.

GRONER was asked whether he knew of anyone who may have come in contact with COX overseas who was a [redacted]. He said he once heard that an A. J. HUNTLEY of the Sixth Constabulary Squadron and from Arkansas or Alabama, once had a T-4, name unknown, try to jump in bed with

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him. He advised he had no way of knowing whether DICK could have known this unidentified individual unless it was through participation on the Squadron basketball team.

With respect to the identity of [redacted] GRONER said he would have to be in the 27th Constabulary, if anywhere. GRONER was given descriptions of [redacted] but they were not familiar to him. GRONER recalled two individuals named CAHILL and [redacted] who had been in the Headquarters Troop of the Sixth Constabulary Squadron, but he did not consider their descriptions to be identical with that of [redacted]. He considered CAHILL a rebel and remembered CAHILL's flare for fancy German boots. He said that CAHILL moved to the 27th with COX. GRONER said he felt certain that CAHILL and [redacted] were interviewed by the CID inasmuch as he recalled he gave pictures of CAHILL and [redacted] to the CID.

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Upon further recollection, GRONER said he remembered there was an unknown "tough guy" in the Sixth Regiment Headquarters Troop, but GRONER could recall nothing about him. He said that a Sergeant ROSE from somewhere in Washington State may know the identity of the "tough guy." However, GRONER said he had no way of knowing whether this unknown individual knew DICK. GRONER said ROSE had been in the 88th Blue Devils Outfit. He said he did not know of anyone DICK feared, nor did he know of any associations DICK may have had with any "tough guy."

GRONER said he knew COX did not like an individual by the name of NILIKIEN, and he said COX admitted to him that he stole an expensive camera from NILIKIEN. GRONER said COX mentioned this to him about three months after the camera was stolen. GRONER recalled he asked COX why he stole it and COX replied merely that he did not like NILIKIEN.

[redacted] was unknown to GRONER. GRONER also did not know any girl named ALICE, who may have been an acquaintance of COX. GRONER said that the only person whom he somehow can associate with [redacted] in view of what COX is reported to have said about

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[redacted] to other cadets at West Point, is WESTERVELT. He said WESTERVELT talked a lot about Germans he castrated but GRONER classified this talk as "so much baloney."

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GRONER is of the opinion that COX planned his escape, inasmuch as he was the type to plan before doing anything.

GRONER was questioned as to his whereabouts on January 7 and 14, 1950. He said that on both of these evenings, he was at the TETTEMER residence, Sycamore Avenue, Echo Beach, Cornwells Heights, Pa., visiting JIM FANKHOUSER, an in-law of the TETTEMERS. He said CID agents verified this and he claimed he was considerably annoyed as to the way in which it was done. According to GRONER, FANKHOUSER was contacted at his place of employment and GRONER claimed this caused a disturbance. GRONER was asked why he sent a check, written in December 1949, to COX in care of the Hotel Thayre at West Point. GRONER said that this check was sent to COX at his West Point address and that COX cashed it at the Thayre Hotel.

GRONER was also questioned as to why he sent COX money, inasmuch as he knew COX's mother was fairly well to do and further, as a general rule, West Point Cadets are not to have any money or at most a very nominal amount on their person at the Academy. GRONER said he sent COX money because COX gave him money when he needed it during the time they were in the service together.

GRONER said DICK's letters to him from West Point referred very little to news about the Academy, but he never indicated to GRONER that he intended to leave. He said DICK's letters were usually profane. GRONER thought COX would never have married [redacted]. GRONER was of the opinion [redacted] is wild and not the type for DICK.

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GRONER said he has not heard from COX since after the Army-Navy game of 1949. He said COX called him from Philadelphia, while GRONER was at his home in Langhorne and apologized that he was not able to spend more time with him. GRONER said that prior to this particular weekend, he had received a letter from COX in which COX advised him he would come to Langhorne some weekend in January of 1950.

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These are the last contacts, according to GRONER, that he had with COX.

GRONER was re-advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute, and claimed that if he received any information concerning COX, he would get in touch with the FBI.

A check with the Pennsylvania State Police with respect to any criminal record on the subject produced negative results.

The following description of GRONER was obtained as a result of observation and interrogation:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	23 years
Residence:	Super Highway, R. D. 3, Langhorne, Pa.
Height:	6'
Weight:	150-155 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Jet black, wavy, neat
Eyes:	Grayish brown
Complexion:	Very ruddy
Characteristics:	Heavy, dark eyebrows; good looking; excellent teeth; deep bass voice

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- ADMINISTRATIVE -

A review of the file in this office indicates that NILIKIEN, KOSAI, WESTERVELT, NIEDERMAIR and HUNTLEY apparently have been interviewed previously. GRONER claims CAHILL and [] have been interviewed by the CID. No leads in connection with the foregoing are being set out and they are being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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With respect to Sergeant ROSE, the Office of Origin is requested to consider whether information in this report would warrant attempts to locate and interview ROSE.

With respect to JULIUS MEGO, it is suggested that the Office of Origin consider locating MEGO and interview him. GRONER's information is that MEGO may still be in Germany.

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THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
AT LANGHORNE, PENNSYLVANIA

Will through the postmaster, place a 60-day mail cover on JOSEPH GRONER, JR., R. D. #3.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [] at Philadelphia, Pa., dated 2/27/52.

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New York letter to Philadelphia, dated 4/9/52.

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Miss Julia M. Stanton
6461 S. University Ave.
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Miss Stanton:

I have your letter of May 20, 1952, concerning Richard Cox and want you to know I appreciate your communicating with me as you did concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

RE: RICHARD CALVIN COX ASN C - 8132 FUDE

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6022 N. Wilson Blvd.,
Arlington 5, Va.,
May 27, 1952.

My dear Mr Hoover,

Corrections to my first letter written the latter part of April are in order. I believed at that time that the missing Cadet Cox was drowned. He is alive. Also the man I described as his assailant was in all probability his assistant - instead. The place I described could have been Poughkeepsie or Waterbury but I believe now it to have been within the closer environment of West Point itself, east and slightly north of the Cadets' living quarters, if this is possible; and that it was simply a meeting place.

Please know that the data I am about to give was not worked out via any crystal-gazing, hokus-pokus, or an imaginative formula or psychic impressions such as are used by dabblers. It was worked via use of logarithms for which no degree in mathematics is necessary. Did I detect a glimpse of pity in the eye of your courteous representative when he called in response to my first letter? And no wonder, when I stated what I would rather call "Cosmic Measurements" had been a twenty-year hobby.

I was handicapped by not having exact days of the month to go by. The Cadet's former activities and I could not ask his mother or anybody for his exact birth hour and minute. 4 minutes of longitude corresponds to one day and one must be exact to be accurate and truthful in one's analysis. Further, there was a mistake in the Life article, stating Cox was graduated in 1945. He was graduated in 1946, June 6, which I later verified. This gave me an anchor on the chart from which to work out that his birth hour was close to 5:55 AM. This I determined by working backward, weeks of patient calculation. From there forward, at five I believe the boy's father and mother separated, divorced, and he was twelve. At any rate, the father's influence or actions or lack of them show very clearly on the

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boy's mind for his progressed chart for Jan 14, 1950.
His birth chart corresponds exactly with a chart set
up for a few minutes after 6.18 P.M. at West Pt.

where Cox spent New Years could be an important factor.
I believe he contacted [redacted] on Jan 3rd.

Richard had his sun placed in the sign of good actors
also the sign of executives.
Further, I believe there were two men involved, the one
I described, and a second of stocky build possibly of
Irish or Greek extraction. I believe the whole venture
was well planned. Can one be sure that his room-mates
or one other, closely associated and possibly with him in
both Germany and West Pt, was not in on it? If I knew
the room-mate's birth dates I could tell.

However, after the plans were made at the N.E. by U.
location, Cox went to the N.Y.C. area. On the 17th about 9.05 PM.
he applied for something, re-instatement in army or more
probably the air force, or if (Picture 2) first transportation
for a partnership venture involving the man I described
in my first letter and whom I believe to be now in Europe
Cox contacted the person in authority, or contacted his
own father for funds on the 17th. The matter became
legal via papers or passport at 7.50 AM on the 18th.
After contacting his "partner" and maybe even his girl or
mother, he departed from somewhere on the longitude
of 54 W. at 7.28 AM on the 20th. He went in a south-
easterly direction from there, arriving at his final
destination on the 23rd.

If no air force or army outfits left from that
location at that time, it might be he went on his
own, in the partnership venture.

Up to Feb 27, 1952 Cox could have been located
slightly west of the location where he was first lo-
cated when in Germany. His new location being
8 E. 44 (within a radius of 20 miles) On February 27, 1952

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or close to that date, some changeⁱⁿ his occupation or location took place due to curtailment of funds, or change in orders. However I believe him to be still close to there. ~~If he went in cooperation with his father, a book in Heidelberg would not be amiss.~~

At present The type of work he is doing seems to be in connection with communications concerning electrical supplies, equipment, accessories, autos and airplanes. He lives close to his work surrounded by these things. There is much restriction and domination and at present he seems to be under terrific emotional stress. He loves the theater.

Ox is a "free-will" executive-type person with a brilliant mind, excellent for details, research, analysis, excellent memory, vivid imagination, not romantic, a good gambler but not too successful at it. He would have made a crack detective, very subtle.

He will undoubtedly become reunited with his partner around Jan 9th '53, with his mother Feb 22 '53, married Mar 17 '53. The next year another complete reversal in his life. If you find him please take into account the inactivity at W. Pt for one who had been in the army, the thoughtlessness of youth in not taking the usual method of resigning - whatever the difficulties at home - a "down-to-earth" mother.

I will tell no one - have told no one. The Mid-heaven at West Pt for 6.35 P.M. ^{Jan 14} exactly corresponded to the longitude of Moscow, which threw me into a dither. If there is a connection I have no way of proving it, nor I have told you all I know. I wanted you to have this before ^{west Pt. graduation} (Mrs) K. Alexander.

My son thoroughly disapproves

of my hobby and interfering, but your representative's

visit was a challenge, and I could not ignore that

Midheaven correspondence in above paragraph and the deception in natal chart so clear.

6461 S. University Ave.
Chicago 37, Ill.
May 20, 1952

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Criminal Investigation Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: In re - Richard Cox
Missing West point Cadet.

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I have recently read the account in LIFE magazing (April 14, 1952) of the Mystery of the Missing Cadet, Richard Colvin Cox of West Point, and am taking the liberty of writing you, altho I have nothing to offer by my own ideas. No doubt many angles of this case were investigated by you which were not mentioned in the Life magazine article, but I send this in the hope it may be of some use.

It looks to me like this abduction was primarily a revenge action against West Point and those who are instrumental in placing Cadets, and only secondly jealousy of Cox. I believe [redacted] was flaunting his contempt when he walked into Grant Hall and "took" Cox.

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Question 1. Why would [redacted] otherwise take this risk when he could have "taken" Cox somewhere unseen while Cox was in civilian clothes?

Q. 2Have all the boys who took examination for West Point with Cox been investigated? Besides passing examinations there are arbitrary conditions about getting into West Point. (See sheet C attatched). Possibly [redacted] felt he had been discriminated against. In a case of this kind where [redacted] had seen fighting and Cox was a newcomer there might be cause for great resentment. According to LIFE article "George" was in Germany prior to May 8 1945 (V-E Day) while Cox did not go to Europe until nearly two years after the war was over, February 1947. Also it seems [redacted] was near the maximum age for Cadets.

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I believe considerable thought should be given to the type of vacancy which Cox filled at West Point. If he filled an Ohio vacancy then [redacted] might well have been from Ohio. After the war in Germany when the boys had passes they "thumbed" rides on jeeps or trucks to get into town, and it was a common procedure when they picked up and additional Thumber to ask, for the purpose of starting friendly conversation, where he was from. To be from the same State as someone already on the jeep was to have something in common, something to talk about which their personalities and station in life would not alter, thus acquaintances were made. These two seem to have no apparent qualities for friendship, Cox cultured and reserved and [redacted] unrestrained.

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This lady wants to help as leads.

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- Q.3. Has Cox's mother reread all the letters he sent from Germany to make a list of every person mentioned and where they were from ?

The date of the letter Cox wrote to the girl in Germany was not given in LIFE magazine article. It seems to me Cox had some reason, other than social, for taking up this correspondence with her. I think possibly on the Christmas visit to Ohio, or on the visit prior to that, to Ohio Cox met [redacted] and that it was on one of these visits (and possibly again at West Point) that [redacted] told of hanging the girl in Germany. I think Cox was interested in checking the truth of the hanging story.

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- Q.4 Has any list been made of persons Cox met on those two visits home?

Now if Cox filled a Vacancy from among the 180 from enlisted men or the 122 from the United-States-at-Large, [redacted] might have been from any state including New York. ~~Blaxxxx~~

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- Q.5. Had Cox made any visits to New York City, just prior to Christmas 1949, when he might have met [redacted] by chance and renewed [redacted] resentment, and would he have gone in Civilian clothes? It is apparent that the first time [redacted] ever saw Cox in a West Point Uniform was in Grant Hall.

- Q. 6. Under what circumstances could a G I who had been in the fighting before May 8, 1945, be in an outfit with boys like Cox who did not join the Army until 1945?

- Q. 7. When the men were being sent home under the "point" system why was [redacted] not sent home by 1947 if he was in the fighting prior to May 8, 1945? If he relinquished this right, would his name not be on the list who did relinquish this right?

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It seems to me [redacted] name is definitely not [redacted] inasmuch as Cox recalled no [redacted] in Europe when Hains told him of the first telephone call, but recognized the fellow immediately (and subsequently never mentioned the fellow's name to his room-mates). It seems to me his name should be a surname starting with Al, as Allison or any one of a dozen others. It was common in the army to call each other by last names when short, or a short for a long^{er} last name, like Blackie for Blackburn.

On the night of January 7, 1950 the night of the first visit of [redacted] when ~~xxxxx~~ at ten o'clock Cox was aroused from his three-hour sleep and ran into the hall, I think he was saying or trying to say "Al stop" or "Allison" which with the mouthing of sleep or dope came out Al ssss sounding like Alice. I think [redacted] (or Al) intended this first visit to be the real abduction, and that Cox got away because of [redacted] being under the influence and relaxing when Cox finally agreed to take a drink.

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I should make two lists ---

1. Those in Cox's outfit.
2. All those who took examinations with Cox for West Point.

These I would submit to the Social Security Board, Department of wage records, and request three lists back as follows:

1. Those on the two lists above who were employed in the New York City area beginning shortly before the abduction (beginning on or about Oct. 1 1949).
2. Those who stopped receiving wages in that area between say Dec. 20 to December 31 or even up to Jan. 14, 1950.
3. Those in that area who had received wages in that area over a long period both before and after Jan. 14, 1950.

The first list would cover any improvident person who came to that part of the country for the purpose of committing the crime. The second list would cover anyone who had been in that area and wanted to leave after the crime. The third would cover possible permanent New Yorkers who might have been drafted or enlisted with the Army in that area.

In any case, after eliminating all who had decided physical discrepancies from the appearance of [redacted] it seems to me there would not be many left to investigate. I realize all this might be futile, because as it would appear [redacted] gave Cox some good reason for still being there on the 14th after being there on the 7th, what he said may have well been untrue. He could have come directly from Arizona or Oregon for the sole purpose of committing the crime without even registering at a hotel, or doing so under an alias.

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In the LIFE article the writer in generalizing states that most murderers dig graves too shallow in their haste. This crime was not one of haste it appears to me. It looks like a long premeditated one to me and [redacted] being the type he appears to me could well have dug out not only a deep grave, but could have dug out a whole room beneath a barn during the two years from 1947 until the end of 1949.

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I hope you find [redacted] or whatever his name is, but even more I hope you find Cox living.

Sincerely,

Julia M. Stanton

C A D E T -- Military or Naval

. A student or accepted candidate for a military commission is a cadet, and in the United States army cadets are educated at the Military Academy at West point, N. Y. The age for admission to the academy is between 17 and 22 years.

When a vacancy exists in a State or district allotment the Representative or Senator may either appoint directly or throw the appointment open to competitive examination.

1 931 The Corps of Cadets as now constituted has a maximum authorized strength of 1374. Four come from each State at large, 2 from each Congressional district. 2 from each territory, 4 from the District of Columbia 2 from natives of Porto Rico, 122 from the United States at large, 180 from enlisted men of the regular army and the National Guard

From - Funk & Wagnalls
New Standard Encyclopedia
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This sheet should be supplanted with the one in effect in February 1947, or the one in effect at the time Cox took examinations and was appointed to West Point.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

June 11, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 26, 1952.

Re: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa.
ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 79-108
FBI FILE NO. 79-23729
LAB. NO. PC-33025 BN

Examination requested by: SAC, New York

Reference: Letter 5-21-52

Examination requested: Microscopic Analyses (Fibers)

Specimens:

Resubmission: Q1

Q11 - Q12 Two enlisted man's caps belonging to Cadet RICHARD COLVIN COX.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

The human head hairs removed from the cap, specimen Q1, have started to decompose from exposure to the elements and are, therefore, unsuitable for comparative purposes with the hairs removed from specimens Q11 and Q12. It was noted, however, that there were some general similarities between the hairs in specimen Q1 and those in Q11 and Q12.

The submitted evidence is being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Harbo _____
- Rosen _____
- Tracy _____
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Re: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa
ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

File # 79-23729 - 335
Lab. # PC-33025 BN

Examination requested by: SAC, New York (79-108)

Date of reference communication: Let 5-21-52

Date received: 5-26-52

Examination requested: Microscopic Analyses (Fibers)

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

[Redacted Signature Box]
(7) J. G. [unclear]
PC

Specimens submitted for examination

Resubmission: Q1

Q11-Q12 Two enlisted man's caps belonging to Cadet Richard Colvin Cox

Q1 - light brown to brown - concave
stained from exposure to the elements,
starting to decompose. Not suitable
for comparative purposes.

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Some general similarities between Q1 and Q11-Q12.
Fringe fragment - fiber in same position
at root end - fragment distributed in
like manner. Shafts have similar
appearance.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: June 12, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was.
ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

In connection with the above captioned case, information has been developed that the fugitive may possibly be [redacted]

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In connection with the case entitled [redacted] "ITSP" information was developed in New York indicating that [redacted] frequented numerous places where known [redacted] associated.

It is requested that [redacted] who was arrested 2/21/52, at Boston, Massachusetts, be interviewed for any information he may have concerning the fugitive and whether or not he is able to recognize the fugitive's photograph as anyone he might have seen in his travels.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: June 12, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was.
ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

Re NY report dated 5/27/52 and Albany report dated 2/20/52.

FRANCIS G. LA BAR when previously interviewed by the Albany Office advised that he met the fugitive on 1/14/50 between 3:00 and 4:00 PM while visiting the U.S. Military Academy with former Cadet JOHN SELKIS and EDWARD P. HOLLAND.

JOHN SELKIS' last address, according to the records of the U.S. Military Academy, was 11 Talmadge Place, Mechanicsville, New York.

Re San Antonio report dated 4/30/52. EDWARD P. HOLLAND, ASN 51123628, Company A, 303 Signal Service Battery, Exercise Long Horn, Fort Hood, Texas, when previously interviewed by the San Antonio Office, advised that he was unable to recall meeting COX while with SELKIS and LA BAR and was unable to identify a picture of COX as any individual he recalls meeting.

Cadet DEANE E. WELCH, the fugitive's roommate, has advised that he left COX about 5:00 PM on 1/14/50 after the two of them had watched a basketball game and boxing bout in the Field House all afternoon. When the two parted, COX stated he was going to check his marks posted on the east sallyport. About 5:15 PM, according to WELCH, COX returned to their room. The only time that afternoon that COX was not with WELCH was between 5:00 and 5:15 PM. When COX returned to the room he then advised for the first time that he was going on a dining privilege. (A cadet can not go on a dining privilege unless he has a civilian guest at the Academy.)

From this information furnished by WELCH, it would have been impossible for LA BAR, HOLLAND and SELKIS to meet COX other than between 5:00 and 5:15 PM.

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Cadet JOHN A. SAMOTIS has previously advised that he saw COX talking to a civilian at 5:00 PM on 1/14/50 in the east sallyport of the North Barracks. This is the sallyport where the grades are posted. SAMOTIS described the male civilian as follows:

Age	20 to 25
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Dark, short
Wearing Apparel	No hat, box-type topcoat pinkish tan in color
Appearance	Well dressed

The Albany Office at Mechanicsville, New York should interview JOHN SELKIS to determine the exact location at which he, FRANCE G. LA BAR and EDWARD P. HOLLAND met the fugitive. For the assistance of the Albany Office a map of the reservation at West Point is enclosed.

Efforts should be made to determine the identity of the civilian talking to COX and whether the civilian could have SELKIS, LA BAR or HOLLAND. Full details of all conversations should be obtained, particularly whether or not COX indicated he was to meet someone or voluntarily leave the Academy. The possibility exists that COX decided to go on a dining privilege after talking to SELKIS, HOLLAND or LA BAR and was going to claim one of them as his guest. SELKIS should also be questioned concerning the activity of himself, LA BAR and HOLLAND after this meeting.

The San Antonio Office at Fort Hood, Texas, should re-interview Private EDWARD P. HOLLAND to determine whether he recalls meeting COX with SELKIS and LA BAR at the east sallyport where grades are posted at which meeting, according to LA BAR, SELKIS possibly discussed a language course with COX. The San Antonio Office is also requested to determine if HOLLAND fits the description of the civilian observed by cadets talking to COX.

Two copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Dallas Office in the event that the San Antonio Office advised that HOLLAND has returned to Fort Worth.

All offices sureps.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, [redacted]
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DATE: June 13, 1952

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Remylet 6/12/52 requesting a contact be made with the Department of the Army for authorization to issue an identification order.

Through inadvertence the enclosed Army wanter flyer on RICHARD COLVIN COX was not enclosed with referenced letter.

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ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: June 12, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was. *aka*
ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE
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Re Seattle report dated 5/12/52.

HERBERT L. JOHNSON, 7764 Ravenna Avenue, Seattle, Washington, a senior in the Engineering Department, University of Washington, should be re-interviewed to ascertain the following:

1. Identity of hotel in Newburgh and location where JOHNSON and COX engaged in heavy drinking.
2. Identities of any male or female acquaintances they may have met there.
3. Any instance which might have occurred resulting in a grudge or desire for revenge. (At about 2:00 PM, 1/14/50, COX and his roommate, Cadet DEANE E. WELCH, contemplated going on a spree to Newburgh, New York, after taps and dressed in civilian clothes. COX was last seen at 6:18 PM on 1/14/50.)
4. Determine the places visited by JOHNSON while with COX in Greenwich Village, New York City.
5. Any basis JOHNSON may have that COX engaged in
6. Any facts that JOHNSON may have for his opinion that COX may be living incognito in Greenwich Village.
7. Whether COX ever spent a weekend in the cave overlooking the Hudson River, as mentioned by JOHNSON. If so, the location of this cave.

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RICHARD COLVIN COX
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Reurlet 6/12/52, requesting Bureau consideration be given to the issuance of an I. O. in the captioned case.

As you point out in your referenced letter, a feature article was carried in "Life" magazine and various other publications having a nationwide circulation. These articles have carried the complete story of the subject's disappearance from West Point. Further, the issuance of a circular by the FBI has served the same approximate purpose as would the issuance of an I. O.

It is the Bureau's desire to restrict the issuance of identification orders to those types of violations of a more aggravated nature than that of the crime of desertion.

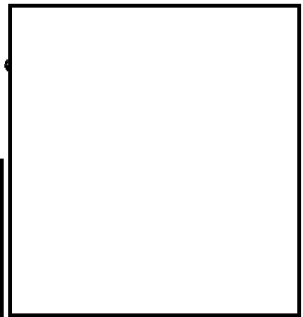
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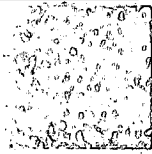
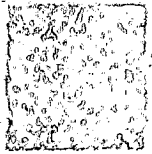
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[Redacted] : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: June 12, 1952

[Redacted] : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was [Redacted]
ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE
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By letter dated 2/10/51 the issuance of an identification order was requested by this Office.

By letter dated 2/21/51 the Bureau advised that a representative of the Department of the Army stated it was not desirable to issue an identification order on the subject in the absence of any information indicating that he had committed a crime in addition to that of desertion. No identification order was issued.

In "Life" magazine, 4/14/52 issue, a feature article was carried concerning the fugitive entitled "The Mystery of the Missing Cadet". Included in this article was a reproduction of a wanted flyer issued by the First Army indicating that the subject was wanted for absence without leave and setting out a photograph and complete description of the fugitive. A copy of this wanted flyer which was reproduced in its entirety in the magazine is enclosed herewith. The material in this article was furnished mostly by representatives of the Department of the Army. "Life" has a circulation of approximately 17 million readers.

The June issue of "Blue Book" magazine also carries a feature article concerning the subject. "Blue Book" is a monthly periodical that is distributed in the United States and Canada.

During the past couple of weeks in connection with the 150 anniversary of the United States Military Academy at West Point and the graduation of the Class of 1952, of which COX was originally a member, there has appeared in the New York press articles concerning the disappearance of COX. These articles have utilized photographs of COX, his mother Mrs. RUPERT F. COX and the fugitive's fiancée [Redacted]

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It is believed that the issuance of an identification order would materially assist in this investigation in developing leads concerning COX' whereabouts if he is alive.

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Letter to Director.
NY 79-108

The Bureau is requested to again discuss the advisability of issuing an identification order with appropriate representatives of the Department of the Army. If the Department of the Army agrees, a current form FD 61 will be submitted.

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TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: June 12, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was/
ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE
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Re NY report dated 5/27/52 and NY letter dated 4/14/52
entitled [redacted] wa., Criminal Informant".

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[redacted] in the past has furnished information
which directly led to the apprehension of [redacted] by the
New York Office. [redacted]

It is requested that [redacted] be contacted and shown
photographs of COX to determine if he knows the fugitive and
obtain all details concerning such knowledge. Whether or not
[redacted] knows COX, he should be sounded out as to his willing-
ness to assist the New York Office in determining if COX is
presently in New York City.

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TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)
Att: FBI Laboratory
SAC, New York (79-108)

DATE: June 12, 1952

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SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was.
ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE
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There is being forwarded under separate cover by registered mail one rusted and bent 38 caliber Taurus make ~~revolver~~, serial number 8679--?. This revolver was found adjacent to the pistol range of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York on 5/22/52 by Cadet VESSER. The gun was turned over to Agent ROBERT L. ROST, Tenth CID, First Army, who made it available to this office.

It is requested that examination be conducted to determine how long this revolver may have been exposed to the elements and whether or not it could have been abandoned adjacent to the pistol range since approximately 1/14/50.

It is also requested that the complete serial number be determined and whether or not there is any possibility of tracing the ownership of this revolver. It is also requested, if possible, to determine the approximate date when this gun was last fired.

NO PREVIOUS RECORD AS LISTED S.F.I.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

June 25, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on June 19, 1952.

Re: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was. *abc*
ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 79-108
FBI FILE NO. ~~79-23729-3~~
LAB. NO. PC-33199 BX
79-23729-342

Examination requested by: SAC, New York

Reference: Letter 6-12-52

Examination requested: Firearms - Miscellaneous

Specimens: K1 Caliber .38 Special Forjas Taurus Ltda., P. Alegre-RGS, Brazil, serial #8679.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

Examination of the submitted weapon showed that the serial number had not been obliterated and was as listed in the letter transmitting this weapon to the Laboratory, that is, 8679. Inscriptions were found on the barrel of this weapon indicating that it is a caliber .38 Special revolver manufactured by Forjas Taurus Ltda., Porto Alegre, Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil. No previous record of this weapon was located in the National Stolen Property Index. It is believed that any effort to trace this weapon should start with inquiry of the manufacturer at Porto Alegre, Brazil.

It was not possible to determine the length of time which has elapsed since this weapon was fired.

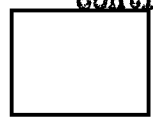
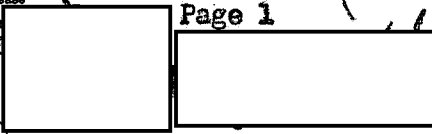
Under conditions favorable to rusting the rust on K1 could have accumulated in less than one month. If K1 was in a relatively dry place and had a good coating of preventive material on its surface it is possible that it would have required more than one year to accumulate the amount of rust on K1. Since it would not be possible to duplicate the conditions under which this weapon was exposed to the weather it is not possible to determine the length of time during which this weapon was

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exposed. It is pointed out that the side plate and portions of the interior mechanism of K1 were missing when this weapon was received in the Laboratory. Since the removal of the side plate, K1 has not been exposed to the weather.

Specimen K1 is being returned to the New York office under separate cover by registered mail.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was.
ASN C8122 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

File # 79-23729-342 ✓
Lab. # PC-33199 BX

Examination requested by: SAC, New York 79-108

Date of reference communication: 6-12 52

Date received: 6-19-52
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Examination requested: Firearms (Guns and Ammunition) - Miscellaneous

Result of Examination:

⁶⁻²³ Examination by: FRAZIER *RF*

*Rust: If wet & not oiled well could be under 1 month.
If dry & well oiled may be a year or more.
Gun not exposed to weather after side-plate removed.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Caliber .38 Special Forjas Taurus Ltda., ~~P 8679~~ Alegre-RGS,
Brazil, serial #8679.

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RA: mjd*

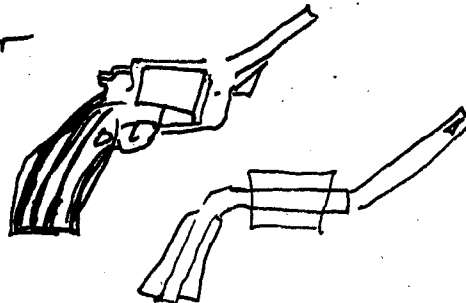
Serial # not obliterated is as above - NO NSPI

Description as above on barrel except 38 Spl is Cal. 38 only.

Gun bent two ways

*Side Plate gone but no rust under
appears to have been run over or smashed with
rod*

*Barrel rusted - cannot determine when last fired
FP broken off*



Made by Forjas Taurus Ltda.

Porto Alegre

Rio Grande do Sul

Brazil, South America.

Trace to distributor & possibly retailer thru manuf.

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TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)
FROM : [Redacted] Att: Identification Division
[Redacted] SAC, New York (79-108)

DATE: June 12, 1952

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SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was. *ab*
ASN C81320 - FUGITIVE
DESERTER

6/16/52

It is requested that three photostatic copies of the fingerprints of RICHARD COLVIN COX, FBI number 357872A, be forwarded to this office.

*Enclosures added to this with as per 4
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ENCLOSURE (1) TO BUREAU

NEW YORK 79-108

FIRST ARMY
10TH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DETACHMENT
39 WHITEHALL STREET
NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

WANTED FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

CADET RICHARD COLVIN COX
C-8132



Signature Richard C. Cox
Cadet, 4th Class,

DESCRIPTION

Name:	RICHARD C. COX	Build:	Medium
SN :	C-8132	Hair:	Brown (crew-cut)
Address:	554 Cook Road, Mansfield, Ohio	Eyes:	Blue
Race:	White	Complexion:	Fair
Age:	22; born 25 July 1928	Scars & Marks:	Diagonal scar on right elbow
Height:	5' 8"	Education:	Graduate of Mansfield Senior High School, 1945
Weight:	Approx. 165 lbs.		

The above pictured and described Cadet was reported missing from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, on 14 January 1950. He was last seen at 1818 hours, 14 January 1950, on the Military Reservation.

If the above cadet is observed or apprehended, hold and notify the local Provost Marshal, who in turn should notify Provost Marshal, First Army, Governors Island, New York (Attn: Chief, CID) by the most expeditious means.

~~ENCLOSURE~~

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RICHARD CALVIN COX, ASN C DASH EIGHT ONE THREE TWO, FUDE. LETTER
POST MARKED MAY TWENTYONE, FIFTYTWO, FROM MRS. ALVIN BEARD, SIX
ZERO NINE BROCKWAY AVE, OWOSSO, MICH., TO MRS. RUPERT COX, SUB-S MOTHER
AT MANSFIELD, O., ADVISES SHE MET ONE JOHNNY POWERS IN APRIL, FIFTY
AND DATED HIM FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. POWERS PROPOSED MARRIAGE JULY, FIFTY,
HOWEVER SHE MARRIED ALVIN BEARD, MARCH, FIFTYONE. POWERS AT FIRST STATED
HIS NAME WAS DICK. SHE FURTHER CLAIMES HE VISITS THEM ON OCCASION
AND SHE HAS SEEN HIM ON OCCASION. SHE BELIEVES HE IS IN VICINITY
BENNINGTON, MICH. HIS BUDDY IS [REDACTED] AND SHE STATES THEY
WERE ARMY PALS IN FORTYSEVEN OR FORTYEIGHT

[REDACTED]
LIKE NEW YORKER. HER DESCRIPTION OF POWERS RESEMBLES SUB. EXCEPT
POWERS IS THREE INCHES TALLER. DE INTERVIEW MRS. BEARD THOROUGHLY
SHE CLAIMS SHE MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTO AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVEST AT BENNINGTON, MICH., AFTER INTERVIEW. ENTIRE TEXT OF LETTER
BEING FORWARDED BUREAU AND BOTH OFFICES AMSD.

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LINE 9 NAME IS [REDACTED]
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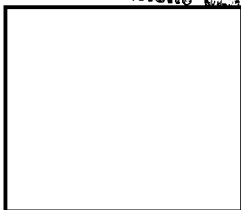
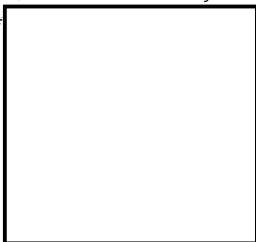
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RICHARD COLVIN COX, WAS., ASN DASH C EIGHT ONE THREE TWO, FUDE. DAVID SADICARIO CONFINED TO KINGSBRIDGE VETERANS HOSPITAL, NYC, MARCH SEVEN TO SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY. [REDACTED] TWO FOUR THREE ISABELLA AVE., IRVINGTON, NJ, ASN FOUR TWO ONE NAUGHT TWO ONE THREE EIGHT CONFINED TO HOSPITAL FEB TWO THREE TO MARCH TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTY. [REDACTED] SERVED IN US ARMY JAN THREE NINETEEN FORTY FOUR TO JUNE ONE, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN AND DISCHARGED JULY TWO TWO, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN. ATTENDED USMA WEST POINT, JULY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN AND DISCHARGED JULY TWO TWO, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. [REDACTED] ADVISED SADICARIO THAT COX AND A LIEUTENANT, [REDACTED] LNU, WERE ON BAD TERMS AND WERE "OUT TO GET EACH OTHER". SAIDCARIO STATES [REDACTED] WHILE CONFINED TO HOSPITAL HAD DATE WITH NURSE AT HOTEL DIXIE, NYC. IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT COX STAYED AT HOTEL DIXIE WITH [REDACTED] DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED] FROM SADICARIO AND HOSPITAL RECORDS.. WHITE, MALE, SINGLE, AGE TWENTYSIX, BORN OCT FIVE, NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE, NEWARK

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NJ, FIVE FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL, ONE NINE THREE LBS.,
HEAVY BUILD, STRAIGHT BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES. [REDACTED] HAS FILE NEWARK
VA C NO. ONE FIVE THREE THREE SEVEN FOUR NAUGHT NAUGHT. NEWARK
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF HE COULD BE THE [REDACTED] WHO ALLEGEDLY
MET COX ON JAN SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY. DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS ON
JAN SEVEN, EIGHT AND FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY. OBTAIN DETAILS OF FEUD
AND IDENTITY OF THE LIEUTENANT. SUREP.

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RICHARD CALVIN COX, ⁽¹⁾ ^{ASN} C EIGHT ONE THREE TWO FUG., DESERTER. RE CV
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ACTIVITIES OF JOHNNY POWERS FOUND TO CONTAIN MANY INCONSISTANCIES. IN-
VESTIGATION AT OWOSSO AND BENNINGTON, A SMALL COMMUNITY SIX MILES FROM
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6022 N. Wilson Blvd.
Arlington 5, Va.

June 22, 1952.

Dear Mr Hoover,

Suggest you try
marriage license issue to
P. C. Cox from Hudson County
or county seat of Hoboken or
Newark, issued 7.50 All.

January 18, 1950. Marriage at 12.00

I take it for granted this
was investigated in N.Y.C.

That deceptive-partnership
could have been a marriage.

Sincerely

R. Alexander

Heaven help us if Ohio - Germans
get in. 79-23729-347

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND	DATE WHEN MADE 6/19/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/3; 2/1, 5; 5/23; 6/5, 11/52	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE RICHARD CALVIN COX, Aka, Harry Cox - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-1 advised of contacts of subject's mother and girlfriend. Subject's mother has exhibited cooperative attitude at all times, reporting the details of a letter received on 5-21-52. This letter reflected the subject may be identical to a ~~JOHNNY POWERS~~, who may be in the vicinity of Bennington, Michigan. She also received a letter dated 5-30-52 from a C. MAYFIELD, PO Box 416, Wichita Falls, Texas, who stated he has seen her brother, presumably subject, around Dallas, Texas. MAYFIELD interviewed, but furnished no definite information.

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Details:

At Mansfield, Ohio:

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA:

T-1, of known reliability, advised that the following had been in touch with the subject's mother, Mrs. MINNIE COX, 554 West Cook Road, Mansfield, Ohio, during December, 1951 and January, 1952:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Paul J. Hill</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Cadet JOSEPH URSELL
Company B2, Class of 1952
U. S. Military Academy
West Point, New York

Mrs. ELMER ARMSTRONG
738 S. Tompkins Street
Shelbyville, Indiana

The residence of 1522 Harvard Avenue, NW,
Canton, Ohio

[REDACTED] Mansfield, Ohio,
was contacted late in 1951, according to T-1, on two occasions by
A. V. LIGARE, 575 Woodland Road, Oxford, Ohio.

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It is to be noted that during an interview with [REDACTED]
she advised that LIGARE is currently in the Armed Forces and is now
stationed in Japan.

[REDACTED] also advised when interviewed by Agent GARCIA,
that of the many acquaintances of the subject during his high school
days and later period, ROBERT GANDERT, 94 Ausdale Avenue, Mansfield,
Ohio, was the subject's closest friend and would probably know him
better than anyone else.

[REDACTED] who is presently a switchboard operator at
City Hall, Mansfield, Ohio, is still of the opinion that the subject
is alive, although she stated she has no actual basis for this belief.

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Mrs. MINNIE COX, 554 West Cook Road, Mansfield, Ohio, advised
that she has received no information indicating her son's whereabouts.
She stated that at no time did the subject evidence any interest in
learning the insurance business. Mrs. COX also added that in a few
letters the subject did mention that if he were to give up his
career at West Point he could always go into the family insurance
business. However, she never felt he was sincere in making that
statement and doubts that if he is alive today that he would pursue
that occupation.

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Mrs. COX expressed sincere interest in bringing to the attention of the Bureau any information that would shed light on his whereabouts.

On May 21, 1952, Mrs. COX telephonically advised SA GARCIA that she had received a letter which she felt was important toward locating the present whereabouts of her son. She appeared to be somewhat excited during the phone conversation.

Mrs. COX was immediately contacted at her home in regard to the letter she had received. It is pointed out that this time Mrs. COX appeared to have regained her composure. It has been reported that Mrs. COX is a nervous type, although she is in command of her faculties. She exhibited the following letter which she had received on May 21, 1952:

"Mrs. Cox,

"Sorry to open a wound, but I have reason to believe your son Richard, missing since January, 1950, is in the vicinity of Bennington, Michigan. I lived in Owasso, Michigan, and in April, 1950 I met a young man who gave his name as Johnny Powers. He was between 22 and 25 years old. Blue eyes, brown growing-out crew cut, weight about 165 or so and about 5' 11" tall. He was a nice looking boy. He was quite muscular looking.

"I went with him for two or three months and he wanted to marry me in July, but I met another fellow and married him in March, 1951. However, I do see this fellow that calls himself Johnny Powers every so often and he visits us once in a while. I have more reason to believe this is not his name as when he first told me it he said it was Dick, then after he said Dick was just a nickname.

"He has a buddy with him by the name of [redacted] [redacted] is about the same height as Johnny. He was husky and rather large shouldered. They said something about being Army buddies in 1947 or 1948. Some place around there anyway. They were quite close.

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"This [redacted] has kind of a New Yorker way of talking. If possible I will try to get a picture of the boys or just the one I believe to be Richard Cox.

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"My mother-in-law remembered reading something about a missing cadet and she said he fitted Johnny's description enough to be twins.

"If the description does fit, please notify me and I will do what I can to find out just who he is and will try to get a picture.

/S/ "Mrs. ALVIN BEARD
609 Brochway
Owasso, Michigan

"P.S. I would not have written this letter if I wasn't sure they are one and the same boy. I'm very sorry, but if he is alright and I have reason to believe he is, I am sure you want to know."

Mrs. COX has always exhibited a cooperative attitude and stated that in view of the 2½ years disappearance of her son from West Point, she has arrived at the conclusion that she is willing to admit that if her son has been or is involved in any infraction of West Point regulations, or has violated a Federal law, she feels that he will have to answer for said infraction or violation. She added that any information which is uncovered to indicate that fact will be accepted by her unequivocally.

On June 5, 1952, SA [redacted] obtained a letter which had been received by the subject's mother, Mrs. R. F. (MINNIE) COX. This letter was dated May 30, 1952 at Wichita Falls, Texas. Contents of the letter are as follows:

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"Wichita Falls, Texas
May 30, 1952

"Mr. R. F. COX,

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"Dear Sir,

"I believe I have met and talked to your brother, also believe he is well and around Dallas, Texas. I will gladly do anything I can to aid you in this Search.

/s/ "Respect yours,
C. MAYFIELD
P. O. Box, 416
Wichita Falls, Texas"

It is to be noted that the above letter was addressed to Mr. R. F. COX, the subject's father, who is deceased.

On June 6, 1952, the Dallas Office advised that CHARLES MAYFIELD was interviewed at the Wichita County Jail, Wichita County, Texas, where he has been incarcerated since April 12, 1952 on a charge of burglary. MAYFIELD, an itinerant knife and scissor sharpener, was unable to provide any specific or definite information. He did state, however, that the picture of the subject, which appears in the blue book for June, 1952, resembled an individual known to him as FRANK COX. MAYFIELD could not furnish the present whereabouts of FRANK COX, stating he had met this person on several different occasions in the past two years.

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SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA advised that during the course of about twenty-one months contact with Mrs. COX and approximately twelve months with [redacted] he has never received any information from them or other sources that would indicate a lack of faith in their desire to know the whereabouts of the subject or to furnish any information that would aid in the investigation.

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In addition, SA [redacted] the subject's brother-in-law, presently assigned to the Cleveland Office, is in close contact with the subject's immediate family and would be in a position to furnish all information of assistance in this investigation.

No leads are being set forth by Cleveland to interview individuals Mrs. COX or [redacted] have corresponded with, leaving this to the discretion of the office of origin.

It is noted that one of the correspondents, Cadet JOSEPH URSHELL, has been interviewed on prior occasions.

INFORMANTS:

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Mansfield, Ohio -
who reported the results of a mail cover to SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA, January 3, 1951.

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LEADS:

DALLAS:

At Dallas, Texas:

Will report the results of investigation conducted upon the basis of information received from CHARLES MAYFIELD, it being noted that your teletype of June 6, 1952 stated further inquiries were being conducted on a basis of indefinite possible leads provided by MAYFIELD.

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The original investigation regarding MAYFIELD was requested by Cleveland teletype June 5, 1952.

DETROIT:

At Owasso, Michigan:

Will interview and report results of contact with Mrs. ALVIN BEARD, 609 Brochway Avenue, Owasso, regarding her knowledge of JOHNNY POWERS being identical with the subject.

At Bennington, Michigan:

Will, if additional facts have been obtained from Mrs. BEARD, conduct appropriate investigation to locate and to determine if JOHNNY POWERS is identical to the subject.

It is also pointed out that [redacted] a friend of JOHNNY POWERS, may possibly be identical to the [redacted] subject allegedly had contact with prior to his disappearance in January, 1950. Appropriate investigation should be conducted regarding [redacted] [redacted] in the event JOHNNY POWERS is not identical to the subject.

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The above leads were set forth by the Cleveland Division for the Detroit Office in Cleveland teletype to the Director dated May 23, 1952.

CLEVELAND:

At Mansfield, Ohio:

Will interview the following individuals who were considered close associates of the subject during his school period:

EARL AUSTER, 604 W. 4th Street

ROBERT GANDERT, 94 Ausdale

STANLEY PACKER, 25 Bowman

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Will maintain contact with relatives and with
[redacted] for any further information concerning the subject's disappearance or present whereabouts.

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Will verify employment with the National Ice Company and will attempt to obtain a Social Security Number for the subject.

Will also report the results of investigation conducted on previous leads that have been set forth for the Cleveland Division in Mansfield, Ohio.

REFERENCES:

Summary Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, 3-8-51, New York.
Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, 6-15-61 at New York.
Report of SA WALTER V. McLAUGHLIN, 8-3-51, Philadelphia.
Report of SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA, 10-12-51 at Cleveland.
Report of SA JAMES J. ROGERS, 12-18-51 at New York.
Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 5-23-52.
Cleveland letter to Bureau, 5-23-52.
Cleveland teletype to Dallas, 6-5-52.
Dallas teletype to Cleveland, 6-6-52.

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Richard C. Cox

Richard Cox

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6-19-52 Not being acknowledged see Serial 317 re Mrs. Alexander

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What he knew and the type of work he could handle was just what was needed.

The character described in my first letter is still important, hangs out in top resteraunts, probably operations out of Jersey side, German lines.

This is, I hope, my final letter and help with this. How to handle something in the British Zone you know best.

We feel that you are doing a magnificent job protecting us on all sides and with-in, single handed. You and the Red Cross are about all we have faith in. God bless you.

Most sincerely
(Mrs) Katharine Alexander.

K. Alexander

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REPORT MADE AT DALLAS	DATE WHEN MADE 6-25-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-6-52	REPORT MADE BY JARRELL H. DAVIS cts
TITLE RICHARD CALVIN COX, was. ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHARLIE MAYFIELD presently in County Jail, Wichita Falls, Texas, charged with burglary. MAYFIELD advised he met a FRANK COX in Odessa, Texas, in 3-51. Later saw him in Snyder, Texas, 4-51 and did not see again until he met him under highway bridge northeast of Dallas, Texas, last Sunday in March, 1952, when he spent the day with him. States he told him he might go to work on job of building new airport on highway 183 between Ft. Worth and Dallas. Stated person known to him as FRANK COX resembled photo of subject which was on back cover of 6-52 "Blue Book". Does not know present location of FRANK COX.

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DETAILS:

AT WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS:

CHARLIE MAYFIELD advised that in March, 1951, he met a young man, who gave his name as FRANK COX, in a cafe in Odessa, Texas, and talked with him for a short time. He added that in April, 1951, he again saw FRANK COX in Snyder, Texas, where they both lived at the Workman's Cot House for a short time, until FRANK COX moved into a trailer house with a friend of his whose name was unknown to MAYFIELD. MAYFIELD added that he did not see this person again until the last Saturday in March, 1952, when he was living under the highway bridge across the Trinity River a short distance from the circle on Highway 114 northwest of Dallas. He added that while he was living there he saw three men drive up in a Nash car with a trailer and boat behind the car. He added that they started fishing and he noticed that one of the men was FRANK COX. He stated that he talked to him for a few minutes and later, after they had finished fishing, they all three left.

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Mr. MAYFIELD advised that the next morning, which was the last Sunday in March, 1952, the person known to him as FRANK COX drove to the location where he was under the bridge in a 1940 or 1941 dark blue Ford with Texas license. He added that they went to a cafe to get something to eat and then returned to the bridge where this person spent the day with him. They did some drinking. MAYFIELD stated that at this time FRANK COX told him that he had spent a lot of time in Ohio, that he had been in the service and that he had been in some trouble with someone in New York but that he would not be troubled with that party again. He stated that this person also stated that he liked this part of the country and would have to stay here a long time before he could go back East.

Mr. MAYFIELD stated that FRANK COX told him that he was living in a private home in East Dallas and that he might go to work at a new airport being built between Fort Worth and Dallas on Highway 183. He added that FRANK COX also told him that when he was not busy he might stop at the bridge some time and see if MAYFIELD were there. MAYFIELD described FRANK COX as follows:

Name	FRANK COX
Age	25 or 26
Height	About 5'8"
Weight	About 160 to 165 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Clothes	Wearing dress pants, white whirt, light color felt hat

Mr. MAYFIELD further advised that he read an article about the subject in the June, 1952, issue of the Blue Book and noticed the picture of the subject on the back cover of the book. He added that FRANK COX resembled the photograph of subject on the back of this book but that he could not say that they were the same as they might be and might not be identical. He further advised that he had no further information concerning FRANK COX and had no information as to his present location.

Mr. MAYFIELD was interviewed in the Wichita County Jail, Mr. WILLIAM DETLEFS, Jailer, Wichita County Jail, advised that MAYFIELD was being held on a charge of burglary and had been indicted by the Grand Jury.

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A copy of this report is being sent to Cleveland for information purposes inasmuch as that office has been conducting investigation in this case.

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THE DALLAS OFFICE

At Dallas, Texas:

Will conduct investigation at the Midway Airport on Highway 183 between Fort Worth and Dallas to ascertain if FRANK COX is or has been working there for the air port or any of the companies doing work at the air port.

Will contact sources of information in Dallas to ascertain if FRANK COX is known in Dallas.

At Snyder, Texas:

Will ascertain if FRANK COX is known at the Workman's Cot House and will exhibit photograph of subject to ascertain if he has been seen at that place.

REFERENCE:

Cleveland teletype to Dallas dated 6-5-52.

Dallas teletype to New York and Cleveland dated 6-6-52.

New York letter to Bureau dated 6-12-52.

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Most sincerely
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REPORT MADE AT ALBANY, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/1/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/13,20/52	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS J. GREEN, JR.
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, was. ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: FRANCIS G. LA BAR advised he recalls meeting subject before afternoon sporting activities on January 14, 1950 near vicinity of east sally port. LA BAR and associates were in civilian clothes at the time of the meeting. JOHN SELKIS advised he, LA BAR, and HOLLAND met subject shortly before noon mess formation on January 14, 1950. SELKIS stated subject was not seen after 12 P.M., January 14, 1950 by him, LA BAR, and HOLLAND.

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DETAILS:

AT MECHANICVILLE, NEW YORK

FRANCIS G. LA BAR, 87 Ellsworth Avenue, advised that he recalls having met COX while in the company of former Cadet JOHN SELKIS and a companion, EDWARD HOLLAND shortly before afternoon sporting events at West Point on January 14, 1950. LA BAR advised the writer that he could not recall the exact time of the meeting nor the exact location but believed it to be in the vicinity of the east sally port of the north barracks, which is Building 737 on the Guide Map of West Point, New York. LA BAR further stated that he and his two companions were dressed in civies and that they were never separated from each other at any time while talking to the subject. LA BAR advised that after meeting COX, he, HOLLAND, and SELKIS attended a basketball game, went back to the Hotel Thayer for evening meal, and attended a show in the vicinity of West Point during the evening. LA BAR stated the only time that he had seen the subject was during the previous meeting on January 14, 1950.

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It is to be noted that LA BAR is approximately 6'2" in height and weighs 215 lbs. He does not answer the description of the unidentified person talking to COX at approximately 5 o'clock P.M. on January 14, 1950.

JOHN SELKIS, 11 Talmadge Place, former cadet, West Point, advised that he, along with companions, LA BAR and HOLLAND, met the subject just a few minutes before the noon mess formation on January 14, 1950; that this formation was formed on the west side of Building 737 (on the Guide Map of West Point); and that he could definitely recall talking to COX at the southwest corner of this building. SELKIS advised that the conversation consisted of a discussion concerning his and COX'S attendance in a Russian Language class and also as to how COX was doing in his cross-country work. SELKIS stated that COX at no time mentioned leaving West Point for any reason and he did not ask SELKIS to furnish him with an excuse to leave the academy on January 14, 1950. SELKIS stated that COX did not seem to be worried or concerned over any matter and that conversation was merely a renewal of a friendship formed in the Russian Language class. SELKIS stated the only time he, LA BAR, and HOLLAND were separated was at approximately 6 o'clock P.M. on January 14, 1950 when he left LA BAR and HOLLAND at the Hotel Thayer and he, SELKIS, went back to the vicinity of the east sally port, Building 737, to get Cadets REGINALD CLOUGH and JERRY TRAVIS who were going to be with him, LA BAR, and HOLLAND during that evening at dinner and a show afterwards. SELKIS further stated that the subject was not brought into the conversation during the evening unless it was asked of him by CLOUGH or TRAVIS whether he, SELKIS, had seen COX as well as other cadets during his visit at West Point.

It is to be noted that SELKIS is approximately 6'1" in height, weighs about 200 lbs., and does not answer the description of the unidentified person observed talking to COX at 5 o'clock P.M. on January 14, 1950.

SELKIS stated that at about 5 o'clock P.M. on January 14, 1950 he definitely remembers being in the company of LA BAR and HOLLAND and knows definitely that LA BAR and HOLLAND were never apart from each other at any time during the period, January 14 and 15, 1950.

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REFERENCE Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY, dated May 27, 1952 at New York
New York letter to the Bureau, dated June 12, 1952

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REPORT MADE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 7/3/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/24/52	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD L. JOHNSON
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, aka Harry Cox - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

303rd Signal Service Batallion said to have gone to Fort San Luis Obispo, California at conclusion of Operation Longhorn.

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DETAILS:

AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS

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PFC LEROY LEWIS, Arm Directory, Fort Hood, Texas, advised that records in his possession indicate that the 303rd Signal Service Batallion, which was at Fort Hood, Texas for Operation Longhorn only, proceeded to Fort San Luis Obispo, California after the completion of Operation Longhorn.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE (2)

One copy report of Special Agent RICHARD L. JOHNSON, at San Antonio, dated 4/30/52.

One copy of letter, New York to Director, dated 6/12/52.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT FORT SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

Will locate and interview Private EDWARD P. HOLLAND, US 51-123-628, Company A, 303rd Signal Service Btn., as requested in letter from New York to Director dated 6/12/52.

REFERENCE: Report of SA RICHARD L. JOHNSON, dated 4/30/52, at San Antonio; New York letter to the Director, dated 6/12/52.

June 3, 1952

First Army Tenth Criminal Investigation
Detachment
39 Whitehall Street
New York 4, N. Y.

Re: Cadet Richard Colvin Cox,
C - 8132

Gentlemen:

After reading the story of missing Cadet Richard Colvin Cox in the April 14, 1952 issue of LIFE Magazine, pages 147-161, I am writing to suggest that investigation be made on the theory that Cox was the victim of a homosexual of an advanced and sadistic type, if such investigation has not already been made.

For more than 25 years, - as deputy sheriff; deputy district attorney; member of the State Parole Board; official of the American Parole Association, Oregon Prison Association, Interstate Commission on Crime, etc., - I have made some study of crime.

As executive assistant to Major General Charles H. Martin, U. S. Army, retired, during his four years as Governor of Oregon, 1935-1939, I aided him in passing on more than two thousand criminal cases, - many involving sex perversion, including homosexuality in all its forms.

The LIFE article indicates that "George" was a highly dangerous homosexual, probably suffering from paranoia. (For an extended discussion of the mentality involved, please see the article on "Unnatural Crimes" by Irving C. Rosse, in the 4-volume authoritative work by R. A. Witthaus and Tracy E. Becker on "Medical Jurisprudence, Forensic Medicine and Toxicology", 2d edition, New York, 1907. The evidence is as follows:

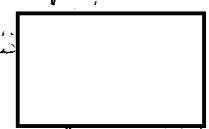
(1) George's statement that he had slashed and emasculated some of the Germans he killed and had hanged a girl he got pregnant (p. 152). If true, this statement indicates a very depraved or disordered mind. If not true, it indicates a subtle attempt to arouse the sex passions of the victim by getting him to think about the sex organs and sexual copulation. (Compare this with George's kidding Cox about how he looked in his uniform, p. 152. Was this another attempt to get the victim thinking about his body?)

(2) George's drinking and insistence on Cox's drinking - "he wouldn't let me out of the car till I had some too, coupled with Cox's unusual sleepiness following the incident, - p. 152. This indicates that the liquor given Cox was doped. Getting the victim drunk is a procedure sometimes used by a homosexual. (Please see Witthaus and Becker, supra, pp. 749-750). Portland police recently reported the case of a sex pervert using chloroform or similar substance to subdue his victims. This suggests how George was able to subdue a young man in superb physical condition." p. 156.

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(3) George's eagerness to be alone with Cox in face of Cox's obvious distaste. George left his first call at 4:45 P.M. Saturday, January 7, 1950, but did not wait for Cox to call back; George was at Cox's barracks forty-five minutes later. (p. 152) George was with Cox the next day (Sunday, January 8) much longer than Cox wished. (p. 155). George waited for Cox at the Sally port of his barracks Saturday, January 14, without arranging in advance to meet Cox. (pp. 155-156).

(4) Cox's obvious disgust, distaste and dislike for George (pp. 151, 152, 154, 156) and yet his willingness to go out with George on three occasions. This indicates that sexual attraction had been subtly aroused without Cox realizing what was happening. (There is no evidence that Cox was other than a clean, fine, manly fellow, but as a bright, handsome, intelligent young unmarried man of twenty-one years in superb physical condition, who kept fit, lean and hard, he would be attractive to a homosexual. Had Cox yielded to George he probably would have survived the experience.)

(5) George's "army career in Germany, served at a time when that country presented endless possibilities for a young man to become involved in vice" (p. 158). Homosexuality in Germany has been widespread for years. (Consider the Nazi Homosexuals such as Ernst Roehm - Hitler's associate). Homosexuality is extensive in places where men are not having normal contacts with women, - e.g. prisons, military camps, non-coeducational schools, etc.

(6) Cox's being awakened from deep sleep, running blindly out into the hall and shouting something that sounded like "Alice", after his first encounter with George in which George insisted on his drinking and told Cox about emasculating the Germans and hanging the pregnant girl. It seems probable that Cox was dreaming about the suggested incidents and his cry may be a clue as to the name of George. Welch almost certainly misunderstood the name since no connection between Cox and any "Alice" has been disclosed. Also, Welch may have heard or recalled only a part of what Cox said. The word may have been "Ellis", "Al's", "Allison", "Allardyce", "Allen's" or other similar variation. Thus, a check of the records should be made under such names, including Alan, Albert, Elbert, Alfred, Ellison, Kelly (Kelly's), Allards, Allyns.

(7) The complete absence of normal explanation for Cox's disappearance; his leaving \$87.00, his watch, rings, (p. 156) civilian clothing (p. 158); his cheerfulness and normal contacts with his mother and his girl (pp. 147; 156); the fact he was popular with his associates - elected high school class president, and top yearling at West Point (p. 158); his being an honor student in high school (p. 158) and in the upper one-third of his class at West Point (p. 154); and the total lack of any known trouble, - financial, scholastic, family or romantic. (p. 158). This clearly indicates that Cox's failure to return was not voluntary or expected or intended on his part.

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(8) The failure to find the body or any trace of Cox, coupled with George's experience as a Ranger and fighting soldier. (p. 152). This indicates the death of Cox and that George used the strength, skill, ruthlessness and iron nerve he must have possessed to dispose of Cox's body without its being found. Cox died either from (a) an overdose of sedative, administered soon after he met George, to knock him out, (b) asphyxiation or other accidental death in transporting him out of the West Point grounds and to George's pre-arranged scene of operations, in George's automobile, (c) excessive beating or other injury sustained in an attempt by George to force Cox to yield, or (d) deliberate murder done by George when he realized that Cox would or might disclose his crime to the authorities.

(9) The fact that George saw Cox on three occasions within eight days, - during afternoons or evenings. This implies that George lived or had a hideout within reasonable automobile driving distance from West Point. George would hardly have attempted to transport Cox's living body a long distance for an immoral purpose. Likewise, he would hardly have dared to transport Cox's dead body any great distance or to have taken it to an unfamiliar spot for disposition. The smoothness with which this enterprise was handled indicates that George was a highly experienced and well equipped homosexual, operating in an area perhaps including Greater New York, or other urban districts not far from West Point.

Assuming that the above theory is reasonable, then your agency would wish to check the records of all known homosexuals of the general description and background of George, starting in New York City and then fanning out over the Country. Most police departments have lists of known homosexuals and probably the Army does too. This crime suggests a definite pattern or method of operation which is almost certain to have been duplicated either before or since Cox's disappearance. It could only have been a carefully planned and carefully executed undertaking on George's part. For the protection of George and his future victims, he should be apprehended.

I hope these remarks will be helpful to you in solving this baffling case. I am sending a copy of this letter to Herbert Brean and Luther Conant, the writers of the LIFE article. I request that no publicity of any kind be given to this letter.

Respectfully,

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DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa.
ASN C9132 - FUGITIVE
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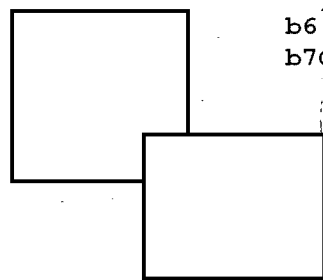
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HERBERT L. JOHNSON, subject's classmate, could not validate his previous assertions regarding subject's past activities or present suspected whereabouts.

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DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

On June 25, 1952, HERBERT L. JOHNSON, 7764 Ravenna Avenue, Seattle, was re-interviewed by the writer and advised that he could not identify by name the hotel in Newburgh, New York, nor the location where he and COX engaged in drinking parties during their stay at Stewart Air Force Base. JOHNSON further advised that he could not identify any male or female acquaintances that they may have made at that hotel. JOHNSON advised that he was unaware of any grudge or desire for revenge on the part of the subject and did not know of the subject's contemplated spree at Newburgh with his roommate Cadet DEANE E. WELCH on January 14, 1950.

JOHNSON further advised that he had never visited any of the night clubs in Greenwich Village actually in the company with COX, but he did state that on those occasions in which he, JOHNSON, visited Greenwich Village, he attended the following clubs:

- Eddie Condon's.
- The Barn.
- The 181 Club.

In this regard he stated that he could not make a definite statement as to whether COX had ever visited these places.

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JOHNSON further asserted that he had no definite basis for making his previous statement that COX was engaged in the practice JOHNSON advised that he had no definite facts to substantiate his claim that COX may be living incognito in Greenwich Village. He further stated that he could not say definitely whether or not COX ever spent a weekend in the cave overlooking the Hudson River. He did, however, say that for any help it might be, the location of this cave is about 1/4 of a mile north of Fort Putnam on the west boundary of the West Point grounds.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MASSEY casually acquainted with subject while in 27th Constabulary Squadron. States is not sure that he was ever quartered with subject and does not know identity of person who was. Person called "RED", whose name might be was quartered in same room with MASSEY. This person might possibly have been quartered with subject. MASSEY says he did not know subject, subject's girl or anything about her. MASSEY's employment record checked and it reflects he was employed the entire month of January, 1950.

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DETAILS: At Grantville, Georgia:

CECIL W. MASSEY advised that he was in the 27th Constabulary Squadron, Swanford, Germany for about one year with the subject. MASSEY stated that he did not remember if he ever was quartered in the same room with the subject and said that if he was it must have been only for a short period. MASSEY said the subject had made Sergeant in the 27th Squadron and was living in the Cadry Section across the hall. MASSEY advised that he did not know the subject very well. His only acquaintance with him was during walks back to the camp from their girl friends' homes, who happened to live close together in the same section of town. MASSEY advised he did not remember the name of the subject's girl friend or anything about her. He never heard the subject ever talk about her. MASSEY said that his girl friend, LORE HEY, who was a telephone operator with the 27th Constabulary Squadron, probably would not know the subject's girl. MASSEY advised that he roomed with

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three others, one of whom was red-headed, and whose name he thought was MASSEY repeated that he was quite sure the subject was never quartered in the same room with him but if he had this red-headed person would have been in the same room with him. A description of the red-headed person as nearly as MASSEY could remember is as follows:

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Name:	Possibly <input type="text"/>
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Complexion:	Very rough
Hair:	Short, red, but not crew cut
Weight:	170-175 pounds
Height:	5' 11"
Build:	Medium
Characteristics:	Two or three good sized bumps on head; kept pipe in mouth practically all the time; had a very cocky attitude

MASSEY advised that this person spoke about farming at times and he presumed that he was farmer. MASSEY stated that he does not remember who roomed with the subject when he was across the hall. He said that a Staff Sergeant lived with him, but he does not remember his name. MASSEY said that this Staff Sergeant is still in the Army, and that he saw him a couple of years ago in a bar in Columbus, Georgia. This Staff Sergeant was supposed to have been stationed at Fort Benning. MASSEY said that he could remember only that the Staff Sergeant was about forty years old and married to a German girl. MASSEY said that he left for the United States to be discharged before the subject had left the 27th Constabulary Squadron. MASSEY advised that since he was discharged he had been employed with the exception of brief periods by the Grantville Mills, Grantville, Georgia. He stated that he was employed during January, 1950 and that he has never been at West Point since his discharge.

Mrs. RACHEL JENKINS, Payroll Clerk, Grantville Mills, advised that the employment records of MASSEY reflect that he had been employed the entire month of January, 1950.

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