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~~Mr. R. L. Porter~~  
2653 Riverside Drive  
Trenton, Michigan

Dear Mr. Porter:

I have your letter of June 28, 1952, relating to a missing United States Military Academy cadet named Collins. For your information, the files of this Bureau do not reflect that an individual by that name is being sought as missing from the United States Military Academy.

You may be referring to cadet Richard C. Cox ASN C-8132, who disappeared from West Point on January 14, 1950, and who is being sought by this Bureau at the request of the Department of the Army.

I am instructing the Special Agent in Charge of our Detroit Division to have a Special Agent call upon you in the immediate future to discuss this matter further with you.

I appreciate your communicating with me as you did.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc: 1 - New York (79-108 - with copy of incoming)  
2 - Detroit (with copy of incoming)  
SAC, DETROIT: *O*  
RE: RICHARD C. COX, ASN C-8132 - FUDE

You should immediately arrange to have an SA contact Mr. Porter to ascertain if he has information concerning the whereabouts of cadet Richard C. Cox. Your office is in possession of information concerning this deserter investigation.

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# R. L. PORTER

Box 128, ALFRED ST. STATION

~~DETROIT, MICH.~~

~~TELEPHONE 2-2293~~

June 28, 1952

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

May I have a copy of report on disappearance  
of United States Military Academy cadet Collins?

There is a slim chance a tip I have may be of value.

I returned from hospital last Wednesday and will  
welcome a visit from one of your agents during my recovery.  
If an interview cannot be conveniently arranged, I will re-  
port in document after receiving history.

*Letter to R.L. Porter  
7-3-52 JWD*

Sincerely yours

*Ray L. Porter*  
Ray L. Porter

cc File  
R.L.  
'phone 1743  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/5/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/1/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, was. ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

presently incarcerated Federal Correctional Institute, Danbury, Connecticut.

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**DETAILS:**

The office of the United States Attorney at Boston advised that  received a two year sentence on May 15, 1952, and is presently incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institute at Danbury, Connecticut.

Enclosure to New Haven - 1 cc of New York letter to the Bureau.

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NEW HAVEN DIVISION

At Danbury, Connecticut

Will interview  at the Federal Correctional Institute as set forth in enclosed letter.

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REFERENCE: New York letter to the Director dated June 12, 1952.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-11-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/12,13,18,19, 23,24/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa. ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ANDREW J. RIDGEWAY, Member Troop D, 27th Constabulary, Germany, advised knowing COX in above unit; also CECIL W. MASSEY and unidentified person known as "RED". RIDGEWAY described "RED" and MASSEY as former Rangers and constantly in trouble and who would do anything. RIDGEWAY claims a Sgt. REED of Troop D would know "RED's" name; also JOHN PACCIOLA, Phila., Pa., believed to be familiar with "RED." GRACE METZ unable to recall subject at Thayer Hotel on 1/14/50. Mrs. ANNA BOICE  former West Point cadet, relates account of the dream which she alleges took place approximate time COX disappeared, in which COX was forced to leave West Point by unknown person, who allegedly strangled COX in abandoned shed on Montgomery Rd. between West Point and Camp Buckner. Description of unknown person in Mrs. BOICE's dream and details of dream set out.  him of her dream shortly after it happened. Unknown  who met COX on 1/7/50 unknown to  claims details re feud between COX and Lt.  related to him by Cadets BOB ISAAC and DICK PERRY. COX unknown to  personally.  attending Columbia University on 1/1,8,14/50 and residing at home. Unable to substantiate  whereabouts on exact dates.  VA file reviewed.

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DETAILS: At Wildwood, N. J.

ANDREW J. RIDGEWAY, 203 Young Ave., advised that he had known two individuals by the name of "RED" while serving in the Army with Troop D of the 27th Constabulary in Germany. RIDGEWAY stated that he cannot recall the names of the two "REDS", but that the one "RED" was a good friend of COX and had come from the Middle West part of the United States. In contrast, RIDGEWAY advised that the other "RED" was a Southern boy, who slurred his words and had a definite southern accent and was a constant troublemaker with numerous court martials. RIDGEWAY described this latter "RED" as the type of fellow who would do anything and usually did. He stated that this latter "RED" did not have red hair, but was a light reddish brown and usually wore a crew cut. He also advised that CECIL W. MASSEY was of the same reputation as the latter "RED" and both claimed to be former Rangers.

RIDGEWAY advised that he never associated with the latter "RED", but had known the other "RED", who had come from the middle western section of the U. S. and that this "RED" is known to his former Army buddy, JOHN PACCIOLA, 1026 W. Tioga, Philadelphia, Pa. RIDGEWAY continued that a Sergeant REED (FNU), was in the same company as the above two "REDS", MASSEY and himself and he believes that Sgt. REED would know the names of the "REDS". RIDGEWAY stated that Sgt. REED is also a Southern boy and probably still in the service, as he appeared to be a Regular Army man.

RIDGEWAY also recalled the name of CHARLES R. VENEZIA of Norristown, Pa., as also being a roommate of COX and the above "REDS" in Troop D of the 27th Constabulary.

RIDGEWAY continued that, in his opinion, the latter "RED", described as approximately 6 feet tall, 160-170 lbs., approximately 30 years old at this time, with light brown hair, crew cut, and bearing a Southern accent, would have been well known to COX, since COX was a Sergeant and "RED" a Private and that "RED" would have to have served on numerous patrols which COX was in charge of.

RIDGEWAY stated that he could not recall a [ ] in Troop D, but added that he had known a lot of fellows, but cannot no longer recall their names. He stated that the only Lieutenant in the company was not named [ ] to his recollection and he knew no other officer named [ ]

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RIDGEWAY stated that the last time he saw COX was in Germany. He stated that he has not visited West Point and does not know the present address of CECIL W. MASSEY, other than that he was from Georgia.

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At Nutley, N. J.

Miss GRACE METZ, 94 Mountain View Ave., advised that she had stayed at the Hotel Thayer on 1/14/50, but does not recall seeing COX at that time. She stated that she had visited West Point on that one occasion only and does not recall the cadet that she had dated at that time. She advised that COX was not known to her.

At Irvington, N. J.

Mrs. ANNA BOICE, 243 Isabella Ave., upon being contacted, advised that her [redacted] is now residing in Cliffside Park, N. J. and is employed at the New Jersey Realty Co., 830 Broad St., Newark, N. J. In obtaining the whereabouts of [redacted] from Mrs. BOICE, she asked the writer if it was about the missing cadet at West Point and that she would like to talk to the reporting agent concerning him.

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Mrs. ANNA BOICE began by stating that about 1939 or 1940, she had a dream that a young man was riding a motorcycle in Hawaii and ran into a cement abutment, injuring him very seriously. She stated that she saw in her dream this young man crying for his mother and his being taken to a hospital. She advised that this young man was one MONTCALM TRUDO, a brother of [redacted] was serving in the Army in Hawaii, at that time. Mrs. BOICE stated that the following day after the dream, she asked her son to contact his boyfriend and see if his brother was in some kind of trouble or had been hurt. About a week later, her [redacted] came home from school and said that MONTCALM TRUDO's parents had received word that MONTCALM had been killed in Hawaii as the result of a motorcycle accident and had died in the hospital.

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In line with the above dream of Mrs. BOICE, she related another dream which she claims involves COX and his disappearance from West Point. It is being set out here in as detailed a form as obtainable from Mrs. BOICE, for any value that it may contain.

In the first part of January, 1950, Mrs. BOICE related that she had a dream in which the names of the characters were not identified to her in the dream, yet the incident was centered at West Point. She claims that in this dream as she recalls it, an unknown individual described as about 30 to 35 years old, reddish complexion and possibly shorter and heavier than COX, called at the dormitory where COX was staying and requested to see COX. She stated that this unknown individual did not wait for COX to come down to meet him, but left the dormitory and went to the football field where it appeared

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that COX had a prearranged meeting with the unknown individual. She states that COX came downstairs and immediately left the dormitory and joined the unknown individual at or near the football field. She advises that as COX left the dormitory, he was dressed in uniform and wearing his long overcoat. When COX joined the unknown individual, they had "words" and COX appeared to leave with the unknown person under unrestrained duress. Mrs. BOICE stated that the unknown person took COX to his car, which was parked on West Point Reservation, this car being an old model car, five to six years old, a sedan, in gray color. She relates that COX got into the car with the unknown individual and proceeded out the gate which leads to Camp Buckner. She states that COX stooped or hunched down in the seat of the car in order to get past the guard at the gate. She states that COX left the dormitory between 4:30 and 5 p.m. After leaving West Point via the gate going to Camp Buckner, she relates that the unknown person proceeded out Montgomery Road toward Camp Buckner. After arriving at a point about two thirds of the distance between West Point and Camp Buckner, the unknown individual stopped the car on the right side of the road and where the car stopped, the road had started to proceed up a hill. She states that COX and this unknown person got out of the car and walked to the right, up a path to a garage-type shed, which she describes as having windows, unpainted and weather worn and with no apparent adjacent buildings. COX and the unknown person entered this shed where there was a table and one or two chairs.

In this shed COX and the unknown person engaged in a heated argument for better than an hour, with COX seated at the table and the unknown person standing and walking back and forth. COX kept insisting that he had to return to West Point before check-in time. Mrs. BOICE stated that the subject matter of their argument was unintelligible to her in the dream. She relates that at the height of the argument, the unknown person was standing behind COX, at which time he looped over COX's head and around his neck what appeared to be a leather thong, which she describes as having a foreign appearance, and with this thong, strangled COX to death. At this point Mrs. BOICE states that she awoke in a cold sweat and that is the last she recalls of the dream.

Mrs. BOICE states that the unknown person was dressed in civilian clothes, appeared sloppily dressed, and cannot recall whether he was wearing a hat, but did recall him wearing an officer's green trench coat. She also claims that the instrument used to strangle COX was brought by the unknown person as he had merely reached for it from his coat pocket.



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Mrs. BOICE stated that at the time the above dream occurred, she wanted her husband to take her to West Point, but he only laughed at her and said the officers at West Point would only laugh and say it was ridiculous. She advised that she did not think anything more about it until her [redacted] called from New York City the first part of February, 1950, and said that a West Point cadet was missing. She then told [redacted] of her dream and she said she felt sure it was COX that she had seen in her dream. She states that on several occasions she has come to the Newark Office to relate her story and then backed out before contacting anyone at the Newark Office.

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Mrs. BOICE states that she does not have such dreams often and that the only one of any consequence previously was the one involving MONTCALM TRUDO, as related earlier.

When the writer first talked to Mrs. BOICE, she appeared very nervous and seemed to have something on her mind that was worrying her. After the interview in which she related her story, she appeared to be entirely different and more relaxed.

Mrs. BOICE stated that she had been to West Point on numerous occasions to visit her [redacted] while he was a cadet. She stated that she was somewhat familiar with the general layout of West Point. She added that she would be willing to go to West Point, if necessary, and attempt to locate this place where COX was strangled in the shed by the unknown person, according to her dream. She states further that in her dream, it was quite apparent they never went to the Hotel Thayer.

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[redacted] employed at the New Jersey Realty Co., 830 Broad St., upon being contacted, advised that he had not known COX personally while at West Point. He stated that COX was a year or two behind him and that he knew of COX and could recognize him by sight. [redacted] stated that he resigned from West Point in July, 1949, the reason for which he was very hesitant to explain. [redacted] stated that the feud spoken of between COX and Lt. [redacted] which [redacted] is alleged to have told to DAVID SADICARIO, is information he had learned from cadets BOB ISAAC and DICK PERRY, both of whom he believes are now assigned to duty at Fort Riley, Kansas. He said that the only information he has regarding the COX case was what he had learned from discussing the matter with other cadets at West Point. He stated that ISAAC and PERRY seemed to have quite a bit of information regarding COX's disappearance, but as to their

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source, it is not known to him.

[ ] advised that he had never actually stayed at the Hotel Dixie, New York City, but had visited the bar therein on several occasions. He stated that it was a favorite hangout of West Pointers after football games in New York City. He advised that it was generally understood that Hotel Dixie was [ ] had heard cadets talk about same after returning from New York City and staying at the Hotel Dixie. He said that he had never seen COX at the Hotel Dixie on the occasions that he, [ ] had visited the bar.

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In commenting regarding the Hotel Piccadilly in New York City, he advised that the West Point cadets frequent this hotel and that they have a set up whereby a room is reserved at all times for the cadets who are visiting New York City. He stated that in this room are numerous pictures of cadets who have visited New York City and who have used this room at the Hotel Piccadilly.

[ ] could not specifically state what he was doing on 1/7, 8 & 14/50, but states that he was attending Columbia University at the time and commuting back and forth to his home in Irvington, N. J. [ ] states he was married in 1/51 and is now attending Seton Hall Law School when not working for the New Jersey Realty Co.

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[ ] advised that the Lt. [ ] is unfamiliar to him and that he was not stationed with COX in Germany. [ ] stated that he was stationed in Bavaria in 1945 and that same year was transferred to the Pacific Theater and was therefore not in Germany at the time COX was stationed there. He stated that so far as his recollection and knowledge is concerned, he has no information that COX had [ ] He stated, however, that he had learned from ISAAC and PERRY that the German girlfriend which COX [ ] happened to be the girlfriend of this Lt. [ ] and that this Lt. [ ] had found out that COX had made his girlfriend pregnant and vowed to get even with COX.

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[ ] in commenting regarding his mother's dream, stated that his [ ] had related it to him shortly after COX disappeared. He stated that [ ] is not ill in any way and that during the war, she had occupied a supervisory position with the Veterans Administration. He stated that he believed the dream of his mother had some bearing, since it had happened on one other occasion as previously set out.

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[ ] further advised that after [ ] had told him about the dream in which she mentioned the incident happened in a shed on Montgomery Road between West Point and Camp Buckner, he recalls that when he was at West Point, seeing old construction shacks on this highway. He stated that perhaps these construction shacks would more or less fit the description of the shed described by his mother.

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A description of [ ] not being set out in this report as the description set forth in New York Teletype dated 6/4/52 very closely resembles [ ] description.

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DAVID C. DE FERRARI, Veterans Administration Regional Office, made the records of [ ] available for review by the writer. A review of these records indicated no abnormal tendencies on the part of [ ] This record showed that [ ] at Newark, N. J., and reflected that he attended Columbia University during 1949-1950. On 1/25/51, [ ] married [ ] of West New York, N. J. It also reflected [ ] entrance into West Point as a cadet on 7/1/47 and as being honorably discharged on 7/22/49. This file also reflected that as [ ] had stated, he had been assigned to military service in Germany, specifically with the 699th Ordnance Battalion in 1945, and had later been transferred to the Pacific Theater. No other information of value was located in [ ] file.

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Newark Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, upon being presented with the photograph of subject COX, advised that he was unknown to him.

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Identity of Informants

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[redacted] Jersey City, N. J., who has in the past furnished information of a valuable criminal nature to the New York Office. In regard to [redacted] being able to assist the NYO in this matter, he stated that he is not presently in a position to furnish information of a criminal nature at present in that he is presently on parole from Rikers Island, N. Y., which parole will not expire until 4/54. He stated that he is presently under the supervision of the N. J. State Board of Parole, Jersey City, N. J., and that one of the terms of his parole is that he is not to enter N.Y.C. or the State of New York. It is to be pointed out that [redacted] entered a plea of guilty to a [redacted] at the General Sessions Court, NYC on 4/8/50, after which he was sentenced to Rikers Island for a period of three years; also that he was paroled during 2/51 and since that date has been residing at the aforementioned address in Jersey City, N. J.

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Leads

NEW YORK DIVISION

At West Point, New York

Will attempt to obtain a photograph of [redacted] at the West Point Academy and display this photograph to the cadet who was Charge of Quarters on the date that the unidentified [redacted] called for COX, since it appears that [redacted] in some respects resembles the unidentified [redacted]

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Will also, from the records of West Point, determine the present duty status and location of former cadets BOB ISAAC and DICK PERRY and, if not previously interviewed, set out leads to interview them.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will interview JOHN PACCIOLA, 1026 W. Tioga St. and determine if he knows the name of the unidentified "RED" who was a member of the 27th Constabulary while COX was stationed in Germany.

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Leads, continued

At Norristown, Pa.

Will locate and interview CHARLES R. VENEZIA, a former roommate of COX and the unidentified "REDS" in Troop D of the 27th Constabulary. VENEZIA is described as being a short individual, about 5' tall, dark complected and approximately 25 years old.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY dated 5/27/52  
at New York

New York teletype to Newark dated 6/4/52

New York letter to Newark dated 6/12/52

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TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, was. ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

DAVID SADICARIO advised he was confined to Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, NY, with [redacted] ASN 42102138, in March, 1950. [redacted] is a former US Military Academy Cadet residing in Irvington, N.J. He advised SADICARIO that COX and a Lieutenant [redacted] were on bad terms and were "out to get each other."

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**DETAILS:**

On May 31, 1952, DAVID SADICARIO, 140 West 174th Street, Bronx, New York, employed by F. Grabel Company, 50 West 29th Street, telephonically advised SA WALTER P. GAVIN that while he had been confined in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, New York, another patient in the same room as he was in named [redacted] a former West Point Cadet, told SADICARIO that COX and a Lieutenant [redacted] (LNU) were on very bad terms with each other and were "out to get each other."

SADICARIO furnished a description of the patient named [redacted] as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	25 to 30
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	180 pounds

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