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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)  
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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*  
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FILE NO.

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 [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] him of her dream shortly after it happened. Unknown [REDACTED] who met COX on 1/7/50 unknown to [REDACTED] claims details re feud between COX and Lt. [REDACTED] related to him by Cadets BOB ISAAC and DICK PERRY. COX unknown to [REDACTED] personally. [REDACTED] attending Columbia University on 1/1,8,14/50 and residing at home. Unable to substantiate [REDACTED] whereabouts on exact dates. [REDACTED] 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

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/10/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/2-5/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ARTHUR P. DUFFY</b>
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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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Blond, straight
Eyes:	Light Blue
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Surveyor
Residence:	New Jersey

SADICARIO advised that [ ] had been treated for a pilonital cyst.

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In view of the fact that SADICARIO originally advised that he was confined to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, New York, in 1949, which was prior to the date of COX' disappearance, he was interviewed by Agent JAMES H. STEWARD, Tenth CID, and the writer.

SADICARIO stated that to the best of his knowledge he was in the hospital for approximately a week and a half in January or February, 1949 or 1950. He stated that he was not certain of the specific period during which he was confined to the hospital but stated that it was approximately several weeks after COX' disappearance. He was quite certain that the patient named [ ] had been a former Cadet at the United States Military Academy. SADICARIO pointed out that the story concerning COX' disappearance appeared in the newspapers while he was confined in the hospital. The appearance of the newspaper article caused [ ] to make the statement concerning COX and the Lieutenant [ ] (Last Name Unknown).

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Miss LOUISE AURIEMMA, Secretary to the Registrar, Veterans Administration Hospital, 130 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, New York, produced the record on DAVID SADICARIO, Army Serial Number 32796015, which reflected his residence at the time as 230 East 173rd Street, Bronx, New York. He was admitted to the hospital on March 7, 1950, and assigned to Ward 10D3 under register number 124593. He was treated for a rectal abcess. SADICARIO was discharged from the hospital on March 17, 1950.

Miss AURIEMMA and the writer checked the register of admissions which reflected that [ ] Army Serial Number [ ] residence - 243 Isabella Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey, was admitted on February 23, 1950, to Ward 10D3 under register number 12452. He was treated

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for a pilonital cyst and was discharged from the hospital on March 20, 1950. This file reflected that the case file on [redacted] was in the Newark Office of the Veterans Administration under their number C15337400. [redacted] was born [redacted] [redacted] His father was listed as [redacted] and his mother as [redacted] residing at the same address.

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The records indicated that [redacted] served in the United States Army from February 3, 1944, to June 30, 1947. He was a Cadet at the United States Military Academy from July 1, 1947, until July 22, 1949. A description of [redacted] [redacted] as appearing in the records is as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	[redacted]
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	Newark, New Jersey
Height	5'8½"
Weight	193 pounds
Peculiarities	Myopia - right eye Rheumatic left knee*

Miss AURIEMMA advised that SADICARIO and [redacted] were assigned to the room containing beds 53 to 56, inclusive, although it was not possible to determine which beds each of the individuals occupied.

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LEADS:

NEWARK

At Irvington, N.J.

Will interview [ ] Army Serial Number 42102138, at 243 Isabella Avenue to determine if he could be the [ ] who originally met COX at the U.S. Military Academy on 1/7/50.

Will determine the whereabouts of [ ] on January 7, 8, and 14, 1950.

Will obtain from [ ] all details of the feud and the identity of Lieutenant [ ] (Last Name Unknown).

The above leads were set out by teletype dated 6/4/52.

NEW YORK

At New York, N.Y.

Will follow any logical leads concerning Lieutenant [ ] (Last Name Unknown) developed by the Newark investigation.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY, 5/27/52, New York.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: July 14, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was.  
ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE  
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Rerep of SA JAMES J. ROGERS, 12/18/51, New York.

On Page 29 of rerep NANCY BARTHOLD, Edgewood Park, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., is listed as a registrant at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, N.Y., on 1/7/50. Miss BARTHOLD graduated from Edgewood Park in June, 1950. Her home address was listed as 1457 Main St., Bethlehem, Pa. Her father was listed as WILLIAM G. BARTHOLD.

It is requested that the Philadelphia Office at Bethlehem interview Miss BARTHOLD to determine whether or not she may have seen COX on the night of 1/7/50 and to determine, if she saw him, whether or not he was in anyone's company.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: July 14, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was.  
~~ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE~~  
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Rerep of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY, 12/18/51, New York.

On page 30 of this report RUTH E. DICKEY, Edgewood Park, Briarcliff Manor, is listed as a registrant at Hotel Thayer on 1/7/50. Miss DICKEY graduated from Edgewood Park in June, 1950, and her residence at this school was listed as Rodney Court Apartments, 501, Wilmington, Del.

It is requested that Miss DICKEY be interviewed to determine whether or not she might have seen the fugitive at the Hotel Thayer on the night of 1/7/50 and in particular whether or not she observed anyone with COX.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: *al*  
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 FROM: [Redacted]  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was.  
 ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE  
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DATE: July 14, 1952

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On 1/7/50 CYNTHIA CLARK, Edgewood Park, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., was registered at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, N.Y.

On 1/7/50 RICHARD COLVIN COX had a telephone call from an individual named [Redacted] and had a visitor at Grant Hall of the U.S. Military Academy. On this date COX signed out on a dining privilege. In keeping with the terms of this privilege he would have had to dine at the Hotel Thayer.

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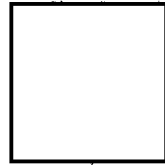
It is requested that the Boston Office interview CYNTHIA CLARK, who graduated from Edgewood Park, a school, whose home address is 238 Main St., Spencer, Mass.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT <b>MIAMI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-15-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-25-52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN A. HANLEY</b> JAH:egh
TITLE  <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa Harry Cox, ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>DESERTER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

H. W. COTTON, 3053 2nd Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla. identified as elderly novelty salesman from Conn. who resides St. Petersburg during winter months. Neighbor states COTTON has 2 married daughters but their husbands do not resemble subject.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT. ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA**

Efforts were made in the vicinity of 3065 2nd Avenue, North, to locate HARVEY W. COTTON with negative results.

Mrs. R. F. CREGO, 3063 2nd Avenue, North, advised that HARVEY COTTON and his wife RUTH reside at 3053 2nd Avenue, North, that they have no sons, but do have two married daughters. Mrs. CREGO identified the daughters as Mrs. MARY SCHOTZMAN and Mrs. DELLA STONE.

Mrs. CREGO advised that she has known COTTON and members of his family for a period of over seven years, having resided next door to them in St. Petersburg. Mrs. CREGO advised that COTTON spends the winter months in St. Petersburg and returns to Connecticut where he operates a novelty store in the summer. She indicated the COTTONs reside in Connecticut in the vicinity of Sedgebrook, which she described as a suburb of Middletown,

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Connecticut. She stated that the novelties Mr. COTTON sells consist of post cards, calendars and related matters.

Mrs. CREGO added that MARY SCHOTZMAN is married to ROBERT SCHOTZMAN and he presently resides in St. Petersburg. She was shown a photograph of the subject of this investigation and stated definitely that ROBERT SCHOTZMAN did not resemble the subject. She described him as follows:

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Height	5'8"
Weight	175
Hair	dark brown
Complexion	dark
Marital status	married two years

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She advised that DELLA COTTON is now Mrs. STONE, but she does not recall DELLA's husband's first name. She indicated he is employed by the B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio, and described him as being tall and very light of complexion. Mrs. CREGO advised that the photograph of the subject did not in any way resemble Mr. STONE.

Inasmuch as COTTON is determined to be in excess of 60 years of age and the sons-in-law of COTTON have been identified as not identical with subject, no further investigation will be conducted.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA FRANCIS JOSEPH KENDE, New Haven, 5-9-52

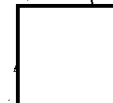
# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : [redacted] SAC, BOSTON (79-80)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
MISSING PERSON, DESERTER

DATE: July 17, 1952



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Special Agent SIMS F. REGARD, of the Boston Office, received a personal communication dated July 9, 1952, from Lt. [redacted] Photo Division, ED, TSS, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, concerning RICHARD COLVIN COX. Lt. [redacted] a former International News Photos employee in Miami, is personally known to SA REGARD and has cooperated with the FBI in the past. His information has always been found to be reliable.

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

In his letter of July 9, 1952, Lt. [redacted] advised that approximately two weeks before he wrote this letter he was in a club in Atlantic City and overheard a newspaper reporter state that he had worked closely with the Chief of Police of Camden, New Jersey, and that he was going to get an exclusive story soon. [redacted] wrote that there had been a holdup in Camden sometime in April or May, 1952, and although he did not know the name of the place held up he thought it was a tavern or night club. It was [redacted] understanding that three individuals lined the customers against the wall and took their belongings and that during the robbery one of the Subjects was apprehended and the other two escaped. [redacted] indicated that it was his belief that one of the robbers who escaped was supposed to be a former instructor at the Stratford Mil Academy (phonetic) and was supposed to have instructed COX. [redacted] said that, in addition, this former instructor is rumored to be a [redacted] and might possibly [redacted] [redacted] added that he only heard the above information and that he knew nothing further. He added that this reporter is usually accurate but that he had a few drinks and may have been bragging. [redacted] advised that he did not want to have his name disclosed but offered to cooperate in any way possible.

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The Newark Office is requested to contact Lt. [redacted] for any further information he may be able to give concerning the above.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-22-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-14-52</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX - FUGITIVE Army Serial # C-8132</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] appeared FBI, EP, and stated that he had served with the subject overseas in 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadron at Schweinfurt, Germany. [REDACTED] advised he last saw COX approximately June or July, 1948, in Germany. [REDACTED] stated he and COX very friendly with a Polish DP who was known as [REDACTED] does now know [REDACTED] present location nor has he seen [REDACTED] since approximately July 1948.

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**DETAILS:**

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

[REDACTED] appeared at the FBI Field Office in El Paso and advised the writer that he had been a close personal friend of the subject while they were stationed together in the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadron in Schweinfurt, Germany. [REDACTED] told the writer that he had been reading a True Detective magazine in which he read a story entitled, "The Missing Cadet," which deals with the subject's mysterious disappearance from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, January 14, 1950. [REDACTED] advised that he knew COX very well,

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and that they often went on liberties together in Germany and often dated the same girl. [ ] advised that when reading the story in the detective magazine and the name of [ ] was mentioned as having some possible connection with COX's disappearance, he immediately thought of a Polish DP named [ ] whom he knew COX was acquainted with. [ ] stated that he and COX often traded cigarettes and candy bars to this man named [ ] in return for cognac and other liquors.

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[ ] stated that he could not recall this DP's full name nor, in fact, that his name was actually [ ] however, he advised that all of the soldiers, including COX, who knew this individual, knew him only as [ ]

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[ ] described this DP as being approximately 45 years of age, short and stocky build, dark or black hair, always appeared to be very dirty, approximately 185 pounds, 5' 7" tall, spoke very good English and had several gold teeth in the front of his mouth.

[ ] further advised that this [ ] often spoke of wanting to come to the United States and stated that if he did come to the United States, he would look COX and [ ]

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[ ] could not give any definite address or location of this DP, however, he explained that [ ] was living at the time he knew him at a Polish DP Camp which was located approximately three miles East of the camp where the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadron was stationed. [ ] described this DP Camp as being a group of low yellow buildings.

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In discussing other members of the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadron which were stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany, during the pertinent period, [ ] mentioned a Sergeant First Class by the name of [ ] whom [ ] knew to be very friendly with RICHARD COX. [ ] stated that [ ] was never a particularly popular member of the Squadron and was often in serious trouble with his superiors while in Schweinfurt. [ ] stated that [ ] had gotten dates with German girls for COX and that on occasion [ ] and COX were seen together in town with their female companions. [ ]

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stated that [ ] had been court martialed while stationed at Schweinfurt for reasons [ ] could not remember, however, relying on his memory, it was for assault, murder or something along that line. [ ] was known to have been infected with Venereal Disease and was known by all who knew him to want to remain in Germany where he intended to marry a German girl.

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It is noted in referenced letter from New York to the Bureau dated August 28, 1950, that there is a [ ] mentioned as being a member of the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadron whose serial number is listed as [ ] and being from the state of Minnesota. It is believed that the [ ] referred to by [ ] may be identical with the [ ] mentioned in referenced letter.

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[ ] described [ ] as being approximately 25 years of age, medium height and weight, who often wore his hair in a crew cut.

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[ ] further stated that he personally remembers a Sergeant First Class "REED" and a Sergeant "ROWSEY," whose names were mentioned as unidentified members of the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadron in the report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN at New York City dated October 10, 1950. [ ] advised that he could not furnish any further identifying data, however, he would search his personal belongings in an attempt to locate orders or correspondence which may further identify these two individuals.

[ ] stated that he seriously doubted that COX would desert the United States Military Academy at West Point and feels that COX is a victim of foul play of some sort. [ ] advised that COX was very elated over his appointment to West Point and that COX had always maintained that he wanted to make the Army his career. [ ] stated that the Polish DP named [ ] mentioned above would be capable of perpetrating a crime such as murder, and that both of these individuals could very easily have had information concerning COX's behavior in Germany which might lead to an altercation should any pressure such as black mail be brought upon COX.

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[redacted] advised the writer that he would very much like to aid the FBI in this matter and will make a concerted effort to locate any further information concerning COX which he stated he would immediately give to the writer.

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For the information of the Bureau, [redacted]  
[redacted] is presently being developed as a  
Potential Criminal Informant in the El Paso Division.

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[redacted] To date [redacted] has been  
very cooperative with the writer and it is hoped that  
[redacted] through his connections, may well develop  
information concerning WSTA, ITSP, and TGP matters.

LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City

Will set forth appropriate leads to inter-  
view [redacted] if this is desired.

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REFERENC: New York letter to Bureau dated 8-28-50.  
Report of SA GERALD J.FLYNN, New York City,  
dated 10-10-50.  
El Paso teletype to Director and New York  
dated 7-16-52.

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FBI, EP, TO ADVISE THAT HE WAS PERSONAL FRIEND OF SUBJECT WHO IN  
ARMY, TWENTY SEVENTH AND TWENTY EIGHTH CONSTABULARY SQUADRON STATIONED  
AT SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY. [ ] STATED HE KNEW COX WELL AND THEY  
OFTEN WENT ON LEAVE TOGETHER. [ ] ADVISED THAT HE AND COX KNEW  
A POLISH D. P. NAMED [ ] WHO TRADED LIQUOR FOR CIGERETTES WITH  
BOTH OF THEM. POLISH D. P. WAS IN D. P. CAMP APPROXIMATELY THREE  
MILES EAST OF CAMP WHERE CONSTABULARY SQUADRON STATIONED. [ ]

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DESCRIBED D. P. AS SHORT STOCKY, DARK, WIRY, APPEARED VERY DIRTY,  
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GOLD TEETH. [ ] STATED POLISH D. P. OFTEN SPOKE OF COMING TO USA

AND ADVISED HE WOULD LOOK COX AND [ ] ADVISED THAT  
A SGT, FIRST CLASS [ ] TWENTY SEVENTH AND TWENTY EIGHTH  
CONSTAB. SQUADRON, WAS VERY FRIENDLY WITH COX. [ ] SPOKE POLISH

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WELL, WAS COURT MARTIALED IN GERMANY, OFTEN INFECTED WITH VD. [ ]  
STATED THAT [ ] WANTED TO STAY IN GERMANY AS HE HAD GIRL FRIENDS  
IN SCHWEINFURT. [ ] MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH THE [ ] MENTIONED

IN NEW YORK LETTER TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTY EIGHTH, FIFTY, AS  
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FOUR SIX ZERO FOUR. [ ] STATED THAT [ ] WAS A BAD CHARACTER  
AND COX IS KNOWN TO [ ] TO HAVE BEEN WITH [ ] ON LEAVE IN SCH-  
WEINFURT. [ ] STATED HE LAST SAW COX JUNE OR JULY FORTYEIGHT  
WHEN COX WAS TRANSFERRED TO COBURG, GERMANY. [ ] STATED THAT HE

DOUBTED COX WAS DESERT USMA AND FEELS COX IS VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY

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CANNOT RECALL ANY FURTHER IDENTIFICATION UNTIL ABOVE MENTIONED  
ORDERS ARRIVE FROM [ ] HOME IN NEBRASKA. EP WILL REINSTITUTE  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>INDIANAPOLIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/29/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/7, 8/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM BROWN</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD C. COX, ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records National Literary Association, Terre Haute, reflect GONZALES in crew of MARTIN ZANDBERGEN, but may have terminated employment. ZANDBERGEN presently located Seward Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

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**DETAILS:**

AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

RITA CALLAHAN, Assistant Office Manager, National Literary Association, Terre Haute, Indiana, advised that her records indicate JESS GONZALES was employed in the crew of MARTIN ZANDBERGEN, but that since GONZALES' name did not appear on his crew manager's report of May 26, 1952, he may have terminated his employment or have gone on vacation. CALLAHAN revealed that ZANDBERGEN and his crew are presently located at the Seward Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, and will probably be there only until approximately July 11, 1952.

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Indianapolis teletype to Detroit dated July 8, 1952.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-24-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-10,17-52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE <b>RICHARD CALVIN COX, was., ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

FRANK COX unknown to Fort Worth, Texas, companies working Midway Airport. Photograph of Subject displayed with negative results.

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**DETAILS:**

**At Fort Worth, Texas:**

Mr. C. O. FRANKS, Office Manager, THOMAS S. BYRNES, Inc., Fort Worth National Bank Building, advised that his company was the general contractor for the construction of Midway Airport on U. S. Highway # 183, between Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mr. FRANKS said that his company had no men working at the Airport, but that the sub-contractors working were as follows:

- SPENCER CO., Grading Contractors, Carrollton, Texas.
- STATE ELECTRIC CO., 1607 Vaughn, Fort Worth, Texas.
- GENERAL ENGINEERING CORPORATION, 118 S. Main Street
- PENNER & CHEYNEY, Painting Contractors, 1502 E. Lancaster.

The photograph of the Subject was displayed with negative results to the following people who are acquainted with employees of the sub-contractors working at Midway Airport. Also these individuals checked the records of the respective companies for FRANK COX, without results:

GROVER PAXTON, Bookkeeper, State Electric Company, 1607 Vaughn Street;

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IRMA TALLEY, Payroll Clerk, General Engineering Corporation,  
118 S. Main Street;  
MILDRED GUMPHREY, Payroll Clerk, PENNER & CHEYNEY,  
Painting Contractors, 1502 E. Lancaster.

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THE DALLAS DIVISION

At Carrollton, Texas:

Will make inquiry at the Spencer Company, Grading Contractors, for any information they may have in regard to FRANK COX.

Since this company is presently handling a sub-contract at Midway Airport will display photograph of the Subject to an employee or employees of the company who are acquainted with the people working on the sub-contract.

REFERENCE: Report SA JARRELL H. DAVIS, 6-25-52, Dallas.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/7/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/21/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX aka Harry Cox, ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. RUTH MC BRIDE, nee Dickey, 6 Lynhurst Avenue, Mc Daniel Heights, Delaware, advised that she was at the Hotel Thayer on 1/7/50 and that she did not see subject and that she was not acquainted with subject. She also stated that EVERETT PARKINS, U.S. Military Academy, Class of 1951, was friendly with subject and traveled with subject when both were members of the track team at the Academy.

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**DETAILS: AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

Mrs. RUTH MC BRIDE, 6 Lynhurst Avenue, Mc Daniel Heights, advised that her maiden name was DICKEY and that as best she can recall, she was at the Thayer Hotel on January 7, 1950 but that she was not acquainted with subject at all and does not recall seeing him at the Thayer Hotel.

She also added that a former boyfriend of hers, EVERETT PARKINS, United States Military Academy, Class of 1951, was friendly with subject and had traveled with him on the track team. In discussing subject's disappearance with her, EVERETT PARKINS had stated that he did not believe subject's departure from the Military Academy was premeditated because subject was wearing his full dress overcoat which was a

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cumberson garment and was not popular with the Cadets.

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

Will contact officials at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. and determine present location of EVERETT PARKINS, class of 1951, and have him interviewed for any information he may possess regarding location of subject.

REFERENCE: New York letter to Director, 7/14/52.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 8/11/52

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN-C 8132  
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Re El Paso report 7/22/52.

El Paso will re-interview [redacted]  
[redacted] to determine if he has located any identifying  
data concerning Sgt. REED and Sgt. ROWSEY. Will also ascertain  
the identity of the girl that [redacted] and COX dated in Germany.

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Pittsburgh Field Division

August 8, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case RICHARD CALVIN COX

MISSING PERSON

Field Division File Number 79-38

Bureau File Number 79-23729

Description of Property Being Held

3 photograph albums

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

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Source from Which Property Acquired

Mrs. ANNA DITKE, Johnstown, Pa.

Location of Property

Sent to New York Office

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It

Sent to N.Y. Office for ident. To be returned to owner.

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cc: 66-1407

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TITLE <b>RICHARD CALVIN COX, was. ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation of usual sources, Snyder, Texas, failed to reflect existence of a Workman's Cot House or information concerning subject.

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**DETAILS: AT SNYDER, TEXAS**

Snyder city directories failed to reflect a listing for an establishment called the Workman's Cot House or of any other establishment which could be likened thereto.

The following persons advised that they had no record or recollection of any establishment called the Workman's Cot House or of any person who answered the name or description of subject:

- MR. LEONARD WHITE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, Scurry County,
- MR. P. HAYNES, DEPUTY SHERIFF, Scurry County,
- MRS. RUBY DEVERS, Deputy Clerk, Scurry County Sheriff's Office,
- CAPTAIN BILL LOVE, Snyder Police Department,
- SARGEANT L. BJORNORD, Snyder Police Department,
- MR. H. D. MORELAND, U.S. Postmaster,
- MR. DON ADAMS, Clerk, U.S. Post Office,
- MR. TOMMY McMAHON, Clerk, U.S. Post Office.

*no*

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REFERENCE: Report of SA JARRELL H. DAVIS, dated June 25, 1952, at Dallas.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW HAVEN, CONN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-22-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-14-52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES M. TENNANT</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, was. ASN C8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject unknown to [redacted] FCI, Danbury, Conn. [redacted] states he may have seen an individual resembling the subject on the west coast in 1951.

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[redacted] an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, after viewing the photograph of the subject advised that subject is unknown to him. He stated that from March to July, 1951, he travelled on the west coast and may have seen someone who resembled the photograph of the subject either on some unknown beach in California or at some bar in Los Angeles. He stated that he was not definitely sure just where he saw this individual who possibly resembled the subject. He reiterated that the subject is definitely unknown to him.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 7-5-52 at Boston.  
Letter from New York to the Director dated 6-12-52.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/6/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/27; 8/11, 20, 29/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa. <u>Harry Cox</u> ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Confidential informant unable to furnish any information of value to this investigation. JOHN PACCIOLA, Philadelphia, Pa., vaguely remembered "RED" of the 27th Constabulary, but could furnish no further information. Mrs. NANCY BARTHOLD SIEFERT, Bethlehem, Pa., advised she had no knowledge of the subject. CHARLES VENEZIA, Norristown, Pa., recalled COX, "RED" BRIGGS, and

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**DETAILS:**

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, stated that to the best of his knowledge, JOSEPH GRONER has not been contacted by the subject during the past several months.

At Philadelphia, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANCIS E. HORBERT.

Mr. JOHN PACCIOLA, 1026 West Tioga Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised he was a cook during the time he was attached to the 27th Constabulary in Germany. PACCIOLA stated he vaguely remembered a

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person named "RED" as being attached to the 27th Constabulary but added he could not identify this person further. According to PACCIOLA, he came in contact with many of the men assigned to the 27th Constabulary in his capacity as cook and knew several men by sight only and not by their full name.

PACCIOLA stated if he should receive any information concerning the identity of "RED", he would immediately notify the Philadelphia Office. He stated he was unable to suggest the names of any persons who may have information or know the identity of "RED".

At Bethlehem, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

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Mrs. NANCY BARTHOLD SEIFERT, 510 Second Avenue, advised that she has no knowledge of the subject.

She stated that on January 7, 1952, she stayed at the Thayer Hotel, West Point, New York, but never met the subject. She commented that she attended a dance at the Academy and met several cadets but none of them being Cadet COX. She is quite certain that none of the other girls at Edgewood Park had any knowledge of him either, because, when the news came out in the newspapers of his disappearance, none of the girls could remember him.

She further advised she only attended the Academy on four occasions and dated a cadet by the name of GENE LANE of Illinois.

At Norristown, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

Mr. CHARLES VENEZIA, 319 East Marshall Street, stated that he was contacted by a government agent of some type in 1949 concerning COX. VENEZIA advised that he was a member of Troop D, 27th Constabulary, during the time COX was with this outfit. He stated that the 27th was subsequently changed to

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the 28th. He advised that his rommates were: FISHER, from the coal region of Pennsylvania; WARRELL, from New York, New York; and STANKOVICH (phonetic). VENEZIA stated that he could not remember any first names or home addresses as he was not overly friendly with any of them. He further advised that COX was not friendly with any of these men.

VENEZIA stated that he recalled a person named "RED" BRIGGS, who "ran around with" a person named MASSEY. He advised that he recalled these two people, because they were always in trouble, drank heavily, and were always attempting to start fights. He advised that he recalled "RED" BRIGGS as being older than the other members of the 27th. VENEZIA stated that he thought that "RED" BRIGGS had been in actual combat. VENEZIA stated that a person named AL COX was also in the 27th during the same period as he and RICHARD COX.

VENEZIA stated that the only officer he recalled was Lieutenant GRANT of the 27th. He was unable to furnish any information as to GRANT's home or his description. He further advised that the only person named [redacted] that he could recall is [redacted] (phonetic), whose home was near some army base in Georgia. He stated that [redacted] was a rough, rowdy person who also drank heavily. VENEZIA further advised that black market dealings were carried on by many members of the 27th and that it was his opinion that the above-mentioned "rowdies" and COX were heavily involved in this type of activity.

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VENEZIA stated that COX had never appeared to be interested in the army as a career and that his return to the States for the purpose of entering West Point was a surprise. VENEZIA stated that COX might have had another motive for entering West Point, pointing out that the "black market" gangs were very vicious and would stop at nothing. VENEZIA stated that it was common gossip among the Occupation Forces that there were thousands of war-time deserters in Europe and that a large number of these deserters were in the "black market" and other underworld activities. VENEZIA is of the opinion that an associate of COX might have had reason to kill COX.

VENEZIA was very cooperative and stated that he would



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notify the FBI if he recalled any pertinent information concerning COX or other members of the 27th. He stated that he would probably be able to recall more incidents and names after further thought.

VENEZIA furnished the following descriptions of the above mentioned individuals, pointing out that due to the passing of time he could not be very accurate. These descriptions are as VENEZIA recalled them to be in 1947.

Name: "RED" BRIGGS  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Height: 5' 7"  
Weight: 165 pounds  
Hair: Reddish blond, worn short, possibly crew cut  
Complexion: Reddish, tending to have an unkempt appearance

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Name: MASSEY  
Details not recalled

Name: AL COX  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Height: 5' 7"  
Weight: 145 pounds  
Characteristics: Remarks of Southern origin, was not friendly with RICHARD COX.

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THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION  
AT NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Will recontact CHARLES VENEZIA for further interview.

Informant

T-1 Langhorne, Pa., Postmaster JOSEPH ZALOT.

REFERENCES: Report of SA JOSEPH GALL dated 6/3/52, Philadelphia.  
Report of SA [REDACTED] 7/11/52,  
Newark  
New York letter to Philadelphia dated 7/14/52.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>El Paso, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-19-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/5,8,15/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN G-8132, wa. - FUGITIVE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] advised REED known to him as Sgt. First Class IREL B. REED. [REDACTED] advised ROWSEY was ROBERT ROWSEY, a Master Sgt. Descriptions of REED and ROWSEY set forth. German girl dated by [REDACTED] and subject identified as LORE MYOR, a resident of Schweinfurt, Germany. Pertinent data and description of MYOR set forth. Photo of MYOR to be forwarded.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT EL PASO, TEXAS**

At the request of the New York Office, [REDACTED] was reinterviewed and advised as follows:

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[REDACTED] stated that to date he has found no written record which contains any identifying data concerning REED or ROWSEY. [REDACTED] stated, however, that he was positive REED was a Sergeant First Class and that his full name was IREL B. REED, and that ROWSEY was known as ROBERT ROWSEY, a Master Sergeant, whose middle initial [REDACTED] believed to be "M".

[REDACTED] stated that he last saw REED and ROWSEY stationed in a tank company in Degendorf, Germany, near the Austrian Border, and that this tank company was a part

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of the 66th Constabulary Squadron, or the 6th Constabulary Regiment. [ ] stated that both REED and ROWSEY were career men, and that ROWSEY had approximately 12 years service, and ROWSEY approximately eight or nine. [ ] stated that REED had planned to return to the United States and, in fact, had re-enlisted in the Army in Germany in order that he could have a 30 day furlough to visit the United States and then return to his outfit in Germany.

[ ] stated that the First Sergeant of the tank company which REED and ROWSEY were in while in Degndorf was one HERMAN H. PRYOR. [ ] stated that PRYOR knew REED and ROWSEY very well but he has no idea where PRYOR may be located at this time.

[ ] also advised his records reflect no Army Serial Number or identifying data concerning PRYOR.

With regard to the German girl dated by [ ] and the subject, [ ] advised that her name was LORE MYOR, and that she was a long time resident of Schweinfurt, Germany. [ ] stated that both he and COX were very well acquainted with LORE MYOR and her entire family. [ ] stated that LORE's father was dead, however, she had her mother, a sister and a brother all residing in Schweinfurt, in the mother's home. LORE was known to be "going steady" with a one legged German civilian and that she often worked as a prostitute in Schweinfurt to earn money for her aged mother and brother who were in ill health. [ ] stated he could not recall the mother's, sister's, or brother's names, however, the brother had been a Prisoner of War in a Prison Camp in France, as a prisoner of the United States Army, and for that reason would often vehemently denounce the United States.

[ ] stated that LORE's sister, who was older, was planning to marry a German boy whose parents resided in the Russian Zone of Western Germany. This sister was last known to [ ] to be employed in Schweinfurt, occupation unknown.

[ ] described LORE MYOR as follows:

Age	[ ]
Height	5' 4"
Weight	104-110
Hair	Peroxide blonde
Eyes	Blue

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Appearance  
Occupations

Very attractive  
Housekeeper, waitress,  
[redacted]

Relatives

Father - deceased  
Mother - in ill health at family home at Schweinfurt, Germany  
Brother - In ill health at family home in Schweinfurt, Germany. Former Prisoner of War of the United States Army  
Sister - Older, employed in Schweinfurt. Believed married to German civilian whose parents reside in Russian Zone, Western Germany.

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[redacted] described REED and ROWSEY, from memory, as follows:

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Name	IREL B. REED
Height	Over 6'
Weight	160 - 170
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Appearance	Tall, lanky (possibly from Northeastern United States, namely Massachusetts)
Army Rank	Sgt. First Class

Name	ROBERT ROWSEY (Middle initial may be "M")
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150 - 160
Hair	Black, balding
Eyes	Dark
Build	Medium
Appearance	Always very neat
Military Service	Master Sergeant, approximately 12 - 15 years service.

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THE EL PASO OFFICE

At El Paso, Texas

Will obtain pertinent photographs from [redacted] and forward same to the New York Office. It is noted that these photographs are maintained by [redacted] among his Army souvenirs and their location is unknown to [redacted] at the present time. [redacted] has stated that he is positive he has a photograph of LORE MYOR and possibly one of REED and ROWSEY.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] El Paso, 7-22-52.  
New York letter to Bureau, 8-11-52.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX Army Serial No. C-8132 - FUGITIVE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information obtained from Camden, N. J. newspaper reporter to the effect that FBI investigating a possible association between RICHARD COLVIN COX and one JANE PATTERSON, FBI [REDACTED] PATTERSON now a fugitive and the subject of an Unlawful Flight investigation by Newark. Investigation shows no connection between COX and PATTERSON within N. J. area.

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**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GENE M. MORRIS:

Newark Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that the following information came to his attention as a result of a conversation he overheard in a nightclub believed to be the "500" Club, Atlantic City, N. J., during late June or early July of this year. He stated that while in this club, he overheard a newspaper reporter state that he had worked closely with the Chief of Police of Camden, N. J., and that as a reporter he was going to get an exclusive story soon.

He went on to state that he overheard the fact that there had been a hold-up in Camden sometime in April or May of 1952, and that although he did not remember the name of the place held up, he thought it was either a tavern or a nightclub. It was his understanding that three individuals lined the customers up against the wall and took their belongings, and that during the robbery, one of the

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subjects was apprehended and the other two escaped. Newark T-1 indicated that from the conversation, it is his belief that one of the robbers who escaped was supposed to be a former instructor at the Stratford Military Academy (Phonetic) and is supposed to have instructed RICHARD COX. Newark T-1 advised that in addition to this information, he also heard the fact that this former instructor is believed to have been a [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] T-1 advised that he was unable to provide the identity of the military instructor who was supposed to have instructed COX, but did state that the newspaper man he overheard talking about the robbery was one JAKE WEINER, who he believes is a columnist for the Camden, N. J. Courier. T-1 advised that he received the impression from WEINER that the Camden, N. J. Police Department had apprehended one of the robbers, and one of the two robbers who escaped was a former instructor at the Stratford Military Academy; and as such, might at one time have instructed COX. T-1 also got the impression from WEINER's conversation that this individual was possibly a [REDACTED]

It was T-1's impression that WEINER received this information from the Chief of Police or from some other high-ranking police officer of the Camden, N. J. Police Department.

The above information provided by T-1 referring to the hold-up in Camden, N. J., applied to the armed robbery perpetrated on the Sky Lounge (nightclub), Camden, Airport Circle, Pennsauken Township, N. J., on the night of 4/12/52. At the time, three gunmen, subsequently identified as [REDACTED]

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PATTERSON and KULISH, in this robbery, as well as some fifteen other burglaries and armed robberies in N. J., Pennsylvania, and surrounding areas.

As a result of this, the N. J. State Police requested FBI assistance in attempting to locate and apprehend these individuals under the Unlawful Flight Statute.

In answer to this request, the Newark Office, as origin, is presently conducting an investigation under the Unlawful Flight Statute to locate LANE PATTERSON and LEON KULISH.

At Camden, N. J.

Special Agent ORA E. MULLENAX contacted Mr. JAKE WEINER, reporter for the Camden Courier Post relative to his knowledge of COX and LANE PATTERSON. WEINER at that time stated that he actually knew nothing



of any importance concerning either of these two men, other than what he has read and written in the newspapers. He stated that sometime back, someone, whose identity he did not recall, had told him or implied to him that they were of the understanding that the FBI was investigating a possible connection between the missing West Point Cadet RICHARD COX and LANE PATTERSON, a notorious gunman now wanted by South Jersey and Pennsylvania authorities for numerous robberies in this area. He stated that on many occasions he has discussed PATTERSON with numerous friends and individuals in Camden, N.J., including the Chief of Police and the members of the Police Department but has never directly or indirectly tried to connect or formulate any connection between PATTERSON and missing Cadet COX.

He further stated that he does not recall ever having mentioned any connection between these two to any one in particular. During the course of inquiry into the background of LANE PATTERSON, it was determined from the N. J. State Police and from various other sources that PATTERSON had at one time been an instructor at the Stratford Military Academy at Stratford, N. J.

Mr. WILLIAM T. HADE, owner of the Stratford Military Academy, Stratford, N. J., advised that he had taken charge of this school in June, 1948, and that he personally had never come into contact personally with PATTERSON. He advised, however, that PATTERSON was employed for sometime as an instructor at the school, approximately two years to his recollection, sometime between 1945 or early 1946, and the summer of 1947 when he left the school, having stolen approximately \$5000 of the school's funds. HADE advised that the school at that time was owned and operated by Rev. WALTER C. CROSSMAN, whose present Box Address is 2611, Tucson, Ariz., or 220 Crawford St., Nogales, Ariz.

He advised that according to unofficial information he had received, Mr. CROSSMAN left an instructor, whose last name was ARMSTRONG, in charge of the school during the summer of 1947 and that ARMSTRONG had mysteriously disappeared after being taken to a bus stop by subject, PATTERSON. He stated that according to the information he had received, ARMSTRONG was enroute to Atlantic City, N. J., to spend a week-end and was taken to a bus stop near Stratford, N. J., by PATTERSON and had never been heard from since that time. He advised that extensive investigation had been conducted by the N. J. State Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Canada, as ARMSTRONG was originally from Canada, in an effort to locate ARMSTRONG, but this had been with negative results. He stated that after ARMSTRONG disappeared, PATTERSON assumed complete control of the school, including the school funds and had subsequently left the community

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with approximately \$5000 of the school funds as mentioned.

Mr. HADE's records at the school contain no information relative to PATTERSON's background or his employment there. His records also failed to show any attendance on the part of RICHARD COLVIN COX at any time since the school's inception.

It is pointed out that information obtained from HADE indicated that Rev. CROSSMAN failed to keep any records whatsoever which would reflect on the students that he had in attendance during his period of ten years as headmaster at the academy. HADE said that COX had definitely not attended the school during period of 1948 to date. He advised that it is a possibility that if COX had attended the school during Rev. CROSSMAN's term, he would undoubtedly remember and could provide further information concerning his association, if any, between COX and PATTERSON.

The aforementioned information concerning the individual named ARMSTRONG mentioned by Mr. HADE was borne out by information provided by Sgt. JAKE GAMBON, N. J. State Police, Berlin, N. J., who advised that the Rev. PETER ARMSTRONG, age 50, an instructor at the Stratford Military Academy, Stratford, N. J., was last seen on 7/21/47, at 12:00 noon, taking a bus to Ocean City, N. J., to return on the same day. According to Sgt. GAMBON, the Rev. ARMSTRONG was seen by LANE PATTERSON, having driven him to the bus stop. He stated that extensive investigation conducted by the N. J. State Police and in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police failed to turn up any information concerning the whereabouts of ARMSTRONG. He further stated that PATTERSON is still wanted for questioning concerning Rev. ARMSTRONG by the N. J. State Police, as his explanation concerning ARMSTRONG's disappearance and his association with ARMSTRONG was never satisfactory according to State Police authorities.

A review of Newark file on instant case reflects that COX was in Germany with Troop D of the 27th and 28th Constabulary Squadron from 2/47 to 2/48. In view of this fact, if COX had any association with LANE PATTERSON at the Stratford Military Academy, it would have had to have been during the period of 1945 to 1947.

Information available to Newark of a background nature concerning PATTERSON fails to reveal any information which would indicate that PATTERSON had ever been employed prior to his employment at the Stratford Military Academy as a military instructor.

The following is a description of LANE PATTERSON as obtained from information received from the N. J. State Police at Hammonton, N. J., as well as the records of the Identification Division of the FBI under FBI [REDACTED]

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Name: LANE PATTERSON  
Alias: Lane Henry Patterson, Lee Patterson,  
Lee Patterson, Pat Patterson  
Sex: Male  
Race: White  
Age: [redacted]  
Date and place of birth: Hutchinson, Kansas, [redacted]  
Residence: 2225 Delancey Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.  
1952  
11 Wall St., Beverly, N. J.  
1951  
Stratford, N. J.  
1947  
Kirkland, Washington  
1946  
Hollywood, California  
1942  
1606 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
No date  
Height: 5'8"  
Weight: 165 lbs.  
Build: Medium  
Hair: Brown - wavy  
Eyes: Green, hazel, gray  
Complexion: Fair  
Scars and marks: 2" cut left eyebrow; verticle cuts  
and scar third finger right hand from  
first joint to tip; 1" scar right wrist  
Peculiarities: Wears flashy sport clothing, has  
traveled in Mexico and Canada, well  
educated, pleasing personality,  
influential talker, [redacted]  
[redacted] - ARMED AND CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.  
Occupation: Cook, salesman, instructor, gas station  
attendant, newspaper man  
Marital Status: Single  
Immediate relatives: Sister - ISABEL ROGERS  
165 Warren St., Beverly, N. J.  
Known accomplices: LEON KULISH, Was.  
JOHN CYCIL VENESKI, wa.  
Fingerprint classification: 14 0 32 W OII  
1 30 II CIT  
FBI #: [redacted]  
Identification Record: (set forth below)

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Identification record of subject PATTERSON:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD Beverly Hills, Calif.	LANE PATTERSON #22514	12/26/42	Susp. 476-A P.C. (worthless checks)	1/4/43, guilty OMFP 180 days Co. Jail 90 susp. 2 yrs.
SO Los Angeles, Calif.	LANE PATTERSON #A-13233	1/4/43	5/32 P.C. (obt. money, etc. by false pret.)	4/3/43, rol.-exp.
SO, Seattle, Wash.	LANE HENRY PATTERSON #23342	1/11/46	[REDACTED]	4/18/46, dism. and costs.
SPol Hammonton NJ	LANE PATTERSON #—	Inquiry 5/16/52		

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As Laurance Lane Henry Patterson, Williams Lake, B.C.,

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WANTED BY BUREAU: As Henry Lane Patterson, for viol. SSA. Notify BFD, Seattle, Wash., their file #25-10293, per inf rec therefrom 10/1/45. Bu. file 25-289838. NO LONGER WANTED: PER INF REC. 2/5/46.

WANTED BY BUREAU: Lane Patterson, was., Leo Patterson, Pat Patterson, Fug. Index #32608, Bu File #88-7131, O.C., Newark, N.J., per inf rec 5/12/52. ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Additional alias: Lee Patterson

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Investigation conducted by Newark into the possible association between RICHARD COLVIN COX and LANE PATTERSON brought about as a result of a letter to the Director from the Boston Office dated 7/17/52; in this connection, Boston pointed out that SA SIMS F. REGARD of the Boston Office had received a personal communication dated 7/9/52 from Lt. [REDACTED] Photo Division, ED, TSS, Fort Monmouth, N. J., concerning information which he had overheard in Atlantic City. Lt. [REDACTED] requested that his identity be kept confidential.

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For the information of the New York Office, a review of Newark files fails to reflect any information concerning RICHARD COX's whereabouts during the period 1945 to 1947, covering that period which PATTERSON was an instructor at the Stratford Military Academy at Stratford, N. J. In view of this fact, N. Y., as office of origin, is requested to determine from information available to them, concerning COX's educational background, his whereabouts during this period and further to ascertain if COX might possibly have attended a military school, other than the Stratford Military Academy where he might have been in contact with PATTERSON. However, as set forth in this report, there has been no indication from information available to Newark in connection with the PATTERSON investigation which would indicate that PATTERSON had ever been a military instructor, other than at the Stratford Military Academy.

In view of the above information, no lead has been set forth to contact Rev. WALTER CROSSMAN, former headmaster of the Stratford Military Academy, this also being left to the discretion of the N. Y. Office.

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T-1: Lt. [REDACTED] Photo Division, ED, TSS, Fort Monmouth, N. J., who has requested that his identity be treated in confidence.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN dated 3/8/51 at N.Y.  
Boston letter to Director dated 7/17/52.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/26/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/16/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAY COCHRAN, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C-8132 FUGITIVE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. CYNTHIA CLARK SWANSON recalls staying at Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York, 1-7-50, while visiting her fiance Cadet KERMIT DALE SWANSON. Lt. SWANSON stated he was a member of Subject's class at West Point. Lt. SWANSON and Mrs. SWANSON stated they did not know the Subject.

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**DETAILS:** AT LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. CYNTHIA CLARK SWANSON, 105 South 21st Street, formerly Miss CYNTHIA CLARK, of 238 Main Street, Spencer, Mass., was contacted and advised she had been registered at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York, on January 7, 1950. She stated she had gone there to visit Cadet KERMIT DALE SWANSON who was at that her fiance and is now her husband. Mrs. SWANSON went on to say she did not know the Subject, nor did she remember anyone at the Hotel that week-end using the name of [redacted]

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Lt. KERMIT DALE SWANSON, ASN 0-66344, stationed at Robt Sill, Oklahoma, advised he did not know the Subject at all during his time at the academy. He stated that both he and COX were in the same class, and added he knew of nothing which would be of help in locating the Subject. Lt. SWANSON advised the only things about the case he knew were what he read in the newspapers and the rumor he heard while at the academy.

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Lt. SWANSON stated the story which spread after the Subject's disappearance was that COX withheld testimony in a court marshal of [redacted] in Germany, for the murder of a German girl. SWANSON added he did not believe the rumor to be true, but was passing it on "for what it is worth".

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REFERENCES: Rebutlet to Boston dated 7/14/52.  
Boston Letter to Oklahoma City, dated 8/25/52.



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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**WILLIAM MONTIE RICHARDS** advised **COX** employed **Midnight Mission, Los Angeles** in December 1951. Employee, **Midnight Mission**, advised **RICHARDS** is eccentric. Employment records of **Midnight Mission** reviewed with negative results. Photograph of **COX** shown **Midnight Mission** employees with negative results.  
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**DETAILS:**

**WILLIAM MONTIE RICHARDS**, **Midnight Mission, 396 South Los Angeles Street**, advised that **COX** was employed in the dining room of the **Midnight Mission** for approximately three weeks during the month of December 1951. **COX** was accompanied by a man named  last name unknown. **RICHARDS** further stated that **COX** and his friend left the **Mission** and he has not seen them since and has no information as to their present whereabouts. He also stated that he spends most of his time on the streets looking for individuals who are wanted by the **Federal Bureau of Investigation**.

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**Mr. MARTIN JOHNSON**, Desk Clerk, **Midnight Mission**, stated that **RICHARDS**, in his opinion, is eccentric and that he has a mania for writing letters.

The employment records of the **Midnight Mission** were reviewed with negative results.

A photograph of **COX** was shown **MARTIN JOHNSON**, Desk Clerk, **W. B. WILSON**, Clerk in charge of quarters, and **BENJAMIN SWIMM**, Chief Cook, **Midnight Mission**. All of the above advised that **COX** was unknown to them and that he had never been employed or resided at the **Midnight Mission**.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

A contact with usual sources of information, Dallas, and the employment records of the Spencer Construction Company, Carrollton, Texas, failed to reflect any information concerning the subject.

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**DETAILS:        AT CARROLLTON, TEXAS**

Mr. ED THOMPSON, Jr., Bookkeeper for Spencer Construction Company, Incorporated, was contacted at Carrollton, Texas on August 18, 1952. At this time he made a thorough search of his payroll records for this company's job on the Midway Airport, Fort Worth, and advised that he could find no record of a FRANK COX or RICHARD CALVIN COX having worked on this job. Mr. THOMPSON then made a thorough search of the Social Security records for the year 1951-52, but could find neither a record of a RICHARD CALVIN COX nor of a FRANK COX having worked for this company.

A picture of the subject was shown to THOMPSON who stated that he did not recognize the subject.

**AT DALLAS, TEXAS**

A check of the identification records by the Dallas Sheriff's Office and Dallas Police Department failed to reveal any information on the subject. Mr. R. DENT, interviewer, Texas Employment Commission, advised he could find no record of the subject in his files. A check of the Dallas city directories and telephone directories revealed that a person by the name of CALVIN COX worked for a Mr. BILL WIER as a service man in a garage. Mr. WIER was contacted and showed a picture of the subject, at

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which time he advised that the Mr. CALVIN COX who was employed by him had been working for him for some six years and was not identical with the picture of the subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of  dated 7-24-52, at Dallas.  
Report of JARRELL H. DAVIS, dated 6-25-52, at Dallas.

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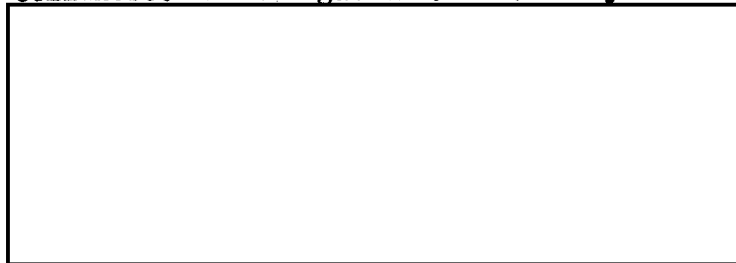
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information obtained at Vancouver, B. C. Police Department from J. C. DANIEL, 3403 First Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., to the effect that he had recently worked at Prince Rupert, B. C., and while there he believed he saw subject. DANIEL furnished a photograph that he took of this individual in Prince Rupert on 7/26/52, stating that the individual referred to lives in an apartment in Prince Rupert and is an engineer or works in the Pilot Plant of Columbia Cellulose. Investigation conducted by



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**DETAILS:**

Chief Constable W. H. MULLIGAN, Vancouver, B. C. Police Department, advised this office that his department had been contacted by J. C. DANIEL, 3403 West First Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., who reported he recently had been

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working at Prince Rupert, B. C., and while there believed he saw one RICHARD C. COX, the cadet missing from West Point since January 14, 1950, and wanted by the FBI. DANIEL advised that he had taken a photograph of the person whom he believed to be COX and forwarded the photograph to this office. DANIEL stated that he believes the unknown person lives in an apartment on First, opposite Grant and Newton Electrical Contractors in Prince Rupert and that he is an engineer or works in the Pilot Plant of Columbia Cellulose.

The above information was furnished to the [redacted] request that they conduct the necessary investigation at Prince Rupert, B. C.

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This office has been informed by the [redacted] investigation has been conducted at Prince Rupert, B. C., at which time W. C. R. JONES, manager of the Columbia Cellulose Company, Ltd, Plant at Watson Island, B. C., was interviewed in his private office and photographs of RICHARD COLVIN COX were shown to Mr. JONES who could not identify them as anybody having been employed at the Pilot Plant. JONES was then shown the photograph furnished by J. C. DANIEL and identified the person in the photograph as [redacted] [redacted] engineer and supervisor in charge of construction of the Pilot Plant.

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JONES reported to the [redacted] that [redacted] came from the Celanese Corporation Plant, Cumberland, Maryland, and arrived at the Columbia Cellulose Company, Ltd, Plant, Watson Island, B. C., about December 1, 1951. [redacted] was engaged in the construction of the Pilot Plant and on the completion of this plant, which was August 8, 1952, returned to the Celanese Corporation Plant at Cumberland, Maryland.

During his connection with the Columbia Cellulose Company, Ltd. Plant, [redacted] resided at the Elizabeth Apartments in Prince Rupert, B. C. He was listed as being married.

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Mr. JONES informed [redacted] although the photograph of [redacted] bore a slight resemblance to the photograph of COX, the description as to age, height, weight and complexion were vastly different from that of [redacted]

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BALTIMORE DIVISION

At Cumberland, Maryland

Will conduct the necessary investigation through contact with [redacted]  
[redacted] who is believed to be employed by the Celanese Corporation, to  
eliminate him as being identical with the subject of this investigation.

REFERENCE: Report of [redacted] dated 7/3/52 at Seattle.

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### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-1 reported seeing an individual resembling Subject in a restaurant near Marshall, Mich. 4/14/52. Other witness definitely stated this individual does not fit description of Subject nor resembles his photograph. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on re-interview advised that the only place he ever saw COX in Greenwich Village was at Tony Pastor's night club. [REDACTED] was in New York from 5/30 to 6/2/52 and resided at Y.M.C.A. on 34th St. RAYMOND L. PORTER furnished information regarding a [REDACTED] whom he thought might be identical to unknown [REDACTED] in case. Trenton, Mich. Police Officer advised PORTER

[REDACTED] MARTIN ZANDBERGEN furnished names of salesmen employed on 4/2/52 and stated GONZALES could probably be located at Denver, Colo. or Fresno, Calif. ZANDBERGEN unable to identify Subject with any of his salesmen. ZANDBERGEN advised FRED DE WEESE, Mansfield, O. was hired at Mansfield about 3/1/52, but does not resemble Subject. Former salesman BUCKERFIELD and present salesman PEARSON and BENTSON, all state DE WEESE does not resemble Subject. RICHARD COLVIN COX ASN RA 14226375, arrested by MP, Detroit, as deserter 6/11/52. Interviewed and found to be not identical with Subject.

Subject's mother received letter 5/21/52 from Mrs. ALVIN BEARD, Owosso, Mich. indicating one [REDACTED] allegedly residing in vicinity of Bennington, Mich. might be identical with Subject. Letter stated [REDACTED] had a buddy named [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Investigation at Owosso and Bennington reflects both [REDACTED] non-existent figments of

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Synopsis continued:

immagination of Mrs. ALVIN BEARD, nee  
EFFIE JUNE ELDRIDGE, age [ ]

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DETAILS:

This report is a joint investigation by SA'S [ ]  
[ ] WILLIAM A. DATZ, PAUL F. SHEA, [ ]  
[ ] and the Reporting Agent.

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On April 17, 1952 Confidential Informant Detroit T-1, of unknown reliability, reported to the Detroit Office that while enroute to Detroit, Michigan via U.S. Route 12, he had stopped for dinner at a roadhouse called the Blue Lantern or Blue Tavern or something similar at approximately 6:20 p.m. on April 14, 1952. This restaurant is located west of Marshall, Michigan on the north side of U.S. 12. At the restaurant T-1 noticed two fellows wearing jackets with a cloverleaf insignia. One of the men had blond hair and the other brunet. They said they had worked on the west coast for the past year and were now going to Canada. T-1 believed one of these persons answered the description and appeared similar to the picture of RICHARD COLVIN COX shown in Life Magazine. He added that the time was approximately 6:20 p.m.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [ ]  
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At Marshall, Michigan:

JEAN CARR, waitress, Blue Pennant Restaurant, 826 West Michigan Avenue, advised that she did not recall ever having seen the Subject. She could not recall the two individuals who were at the restaurant on April 14, 1952, but believed that if she had seen the Subject she would remember him. She added that if she did see the Subject she would immediately contact an Agent of the FBI.

Mrs. VIOLET KARNS, waitress, Blue Pennant Restaurant, advised that she did not recall the Subject. She added that although she was on duty on April 14, 1952 she doubted if she could remember the individuals in question if she saw them again.

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CLYTUS CARR, owner, Blue Pennant Restaurant, advised that he did not recall the Subject. He added that he was in the restaurant on April 14, 1952, but usually leaves for dinner at home shortly after 6:00 p.m. and returns at approximately 7:00 p.m. Although he could not definitely recall the date, about the time the Subject was reported seen at the Blue Pennant, Mr. CARR engaged two customers in conversation. Both were young and stated they had worked in California during the past year and were on their way to Windsor, Canada. While in the restaurant, one of the individuals placed a phone call to a minister in Windsor, Canada. Mr. CARR definitely stated that neither of these individuals fitted the description of the Subject nor did they resemble the Subject's photograph. He could not recall seeing a cloverleaf insignia on the clothing of the individuals at the restaurant. He believed the time of his conversation was approximately 6:00 p.m. He added that he would notify the nearest FBI office if he ever did see the Subject.

V. R. MILES; Deputy Sheriff, Calhoun County, Marshall, advised that he did not recall the Subject.

At Trenton, Michigan:

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S WILLIAM A. DATZ and PAUL F. SHEA as the result of a letter directed to the Bureau concerning the disappearance of a United States Military Cadet, COLLINS, by R. L. PORTER.

Mr. RAYMOND L. PORTER, age [redacted] 2653 Riverside Drive, advised that he first learned of COX'S disappearance on April 3, 1952, from reading the story concerning the Subject in Life Magazine. He stated the information he wanted to furnish the FBI was regarding a person, [redacted] (last name unknown) who was friendly with his ex-wife, KATHLEEN DARLINGTON PORTER, in 1947 and 1948 and whom he thought might be identical with the unknown [redacted] in the case. PORTER, who stated that he married KATHLEEN DARLINGTON December 4, 1946, advised that he lived with her one month at which time he learned [redacted] separated and a divorce was granted April 22, 1948.

PORTER advised that during the period of separation, his wife was residing at 4103 Manistique, Detroit, Michigan. He stated that he visited her there on December 23, 1948, at which time he saw a post card

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addressed to his ex-wife signed [redacted] He further related that early in January, 1949 while spying on his ex-wife's apartment one evening about 10 o'clock, he observed a man leaving the apartment and believed this person to be [redacted] He stated that he has never seen the person since that time but described him as follows:

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Height	5' 10"
Weight	170 pounds
Age	35 years
Clothing	Light tan top-coat and dark hat well on back of head.
Peculiarities	Swagger walk

PORTER advised the unknown [redacted] described above must be a dope addict if he is associating with his (PORTER'S) ex-wife. PORTER stated that it was his opinion that the Subject may be involved in [redacted] and that the unknown [redacted] is the unknown friend of the Subject.

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Lieutenant FRED TESKA, Trenton Police Department, advised that PORTER is [redacted] in that he frequently contacts the Police Department regarding solutions to murders and providing information concerning narcotics. TESKA added that PORTER recently filed an unfounded complaint that he was being followed by an unknown person.

In view of the information received, no further investigation is being conducted concerning the "tip" furnished by PORTER.

At Detroit, Michigan:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and PAUL F. SHEA:

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[redacted] 980 East Grand Boulevard, advised that the only place he ever saw COX in Greenwich Village was [redacted] night club, and that he could not recall that COX mentioned any other places frequented by him in the Greenwich Village area. [redacted] stated that COX was wearing sport clothes and carrying a topcoat when he met COX at the Hotel Dixie in April, 1948. [redacted] was unable to recall any particulars concerning COX'S appearance at that time. [redacted] advised that he never gave COX his home address. He further advised that he had no information that COX was engaged in [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he was recently in New York and that it was his first visit there in about two and a half years. He advised that he spent May 30 to June 2, 1952 in New York and resided at the YMCA on 34th Street. [redacted] stated that while in New York he did not visit [redacted] night club and that he did not discuss COX'S whereabouts with anyone, but that he did look for COX.

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[redacted] advised that he recalls COX never griped about being in Germany as the majority of soldiers there did, however, he has no knowledge of COX returning there and no information concerning his present whereabouts.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL F. SHEA:

Mr. MARTIN ZANDBERGEN, Sales Manager, National Literary Association, Terre Haute, Indiana, presently residing in Room 1032, Seward Hotel, advised that he was in Providence, Rhode Island from March 23, 1952 to April 6, 1952. He stated that on April 2, 1952 there were seven salesmen in his crew working in the area of Providence but that he did not recall who worked with JESSE GONZALES on that date, adding that they usually work in a territory alone.

The following names were furnished by ZANDBERGEN as being employed by him in Providence, Rhode Island on April 2, 1952:

JACK DE FOREST, about age [redacted] born in Canada; RICHARD ELLIS, about age [redacted] victim of [redacted] RICHARD BAKER, about age [redacted] GAYLORD PEARSON, about age [redacted] CRUTIS BENTSON, about age [redacted] has [redacted] CHARLES ALYWARD, about age [redacted] and JESSE L. GONZALES, Jr., about age [redacted] 335 F, Fresno, California.

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ZANDBERGEN stated that DE FOREST, ELLIS, ALYWARD, and GONZALES are no longer employed by him. He further stated that BAKER is presently at his home in Davis City, Iowa, receiving dentistry care. Other than GONZALES, he was unable to furnish the home addresses of the persons listed but stated that the National Literary Association, Terre Haute, Indiana, would have the information.

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A photograph of the Subject and others were displayed to ZANDBERGEN and in his opinion the only salesman that might bear a slight resemblance to the Subject is CHARLES ALYWARD.

ZANDBERGEN stated that GONZALES quit in Detroit, Michigan on May 27, 1952 stating that he was going to Denver, Colorado for an indefinite period to visit his girlfriend name "MARTY" (last name unknown). He advised that she resides with four sisters in a basement apartment at the following address: JEANNETTE APARTMENTS, 16th Washington, Denver, Colorado. ZANDBERGEN advised that GONZALES could be located by contacting his parents or his girlfriend.

In addition to the above information furnished by ZANDBERGEN, he stated that GARY BUCKERFIELD and FRED DE WEESE were salesmen employed by him until their release at Providence, Rhode Island on April 1, 1952. He advised that DE WEESE was hired on about March 1, 1952 at Mansfield, Ohio, where ZANDBERGEN and his crew were working at that time. He advised that DE WEESE resides in Mansfield, Ohio but added that neither DE WEESE nor BUCKERFIELD, whose home is in Detroit, Michigan, resemble the Subject.

On the basis of the above information received, BUCKERFIELD, PEARSON, and BENTSON were interviewed in an effort to ascertain whether or not DE WEESE resembles the Subject.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents WILLIAM A. DATZ and PAUL F. SHEA:

GARY BUCKERFIELD, 10686 Stratmann, GAYLORD PEARSON and CURTIS BENTSON, Room 1032, Seward Hotel, were shown a photograph of the Subject among other photographs, and they all stated that DE WEESE does not resemble the Subject. They further advised that they know of no salesmen that might be mistaken for the Subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

On June 11, 1952, Corporal ALEXANDER WRIGHT, 5106th Military Police Unit, Detroit Police Headquarters, advised that he had arrested one RALPH C LVIN COX the same date at 8450 Third Avenue on a charge of desertion from the United States Army. COX was confined at the Detroit

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Police Headquarters. Corporal WRIGHT stated that [redacted] resembled RICHARD COLVIN COX, a cadet missing from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, since January 14, 1950. Corporal WRIGHT had a photograph of RICHARD COLVIN COX in his possession.

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A review of the file of RICHARD COLVIN COX reflected the following fingerprint classifications:

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Patrolman RALPH SMITH, Fingerprint Section, Detroit Police Department, assigned the following preliminary classification to the fingerprints of [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Detroit Police Department and denied that he was RICHARD COLVIN COX. He also denied that he had ever been in Ohio or had ever served with the United States Army in Germany.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained by observation and interview:

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Army Serial Number	RA 14226375
Birth data	[redacted] at Alabama City, Alabama
Height	5' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	152 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Race	White
Scars	Scar on forehead. It was observed that COX had no scar on either elbow.
Mother's name	Mrs. CHARLES (VIRGINIA BARRON) COX, deceased, formerly of Gadsden, Alabama
Prior Military Service	U.S. Army 6/30/46 - 7/25/47; 7/20/48 - 10/20/49; 1/28/50 to date

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Education	Sixth Grade, Hokes Bluff High School, Hokes Bluff, Alabama
Residence	329 Van Cortland, Alabama City, Alabama

[redacted] stated that he had been absent from Fort Bragg, North Carolina since the last day of February (approximately) this year.

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From the above information, it was determined that this individual is not identical with the Subject.

At Owosso, Michigan:

Investigation at Owosso, Michigan was conducted by the Reporting Agent and was based upon a letter from the Cleveland Division setting forth the text of a letter received May 21, 1952 by Mrs. RUPERT COX, mother of the Subject. This letter is quoted as follows:

"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 Owosso, Michigan, and in April, 1950, I met a young man who gave his name as [redacted]. He was between 22 and 25 years old. Blue eyes, brown growing-out crew cut, weight about 165 or so and about five feet eleven inches tall. He was a nice looking boy. He was quite muscular looking.

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"I went with him for two or three months and he wanted me to marry him in July, but I met another fellow and married him in March, 1951. However, I do see this fellow that calls himself [redacted] 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 [redacted]. He

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was husky and rather large shouldered. They said something about being army buddies in 1947 or 1948. Somewhere around there anyway. They were quite close.

"This [ ] 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 [ ] 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 Brockway  
Owosso, Michigan"

"PS I would not have written this letter if I wasn't pretty sure they're one and the same boy. I'm sorry, but if he is all right and I have reason to believe he is, I'm sure you want to know."

There is no "Brockway" in Owosso, Michigan. Mrs. ALVIN BEARD, nee EFFIE JUNE ELDRIDGE, was located at 609 Broadway Avenue, Owosso, Michigan, and interviewed on June 5, 1952.

Mrs. BEARD advised that she was born [ ] at Owosso, Michigan, and had married ALVIN ALLEN BEARD on February 28, 1951. She advised that she had first met [ ] about March, 1950 and had seen him on numerous occasions since that time. She stated that he had first mentioned living in the vicinity of Bennington, Michigan, about October, 1950 but that she doubted that he actually lived at Bennington because on some occasions when he had left her stating that he was going home he had reappeared in less time than it would take to go to Bennington and return. She advised that when she first met [ ] in 1950 he had indicated that he [ ] years of age. She advised that he was definitely over 5' 10" in

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height and weighed approximately 160 pounds, was of slender build and had dark brown wavy hair and dark brown eyes. She advised that [redacted] had an eagle and scroll tattoo on his left forearm and that he habitually wore overalls and T-shirts. Mrs. BEARD advised that when she first met [redacted] he had a black 1936 Ford trimmed in red, and more recently he was driving a 1941 grey Plymouth or Dodge automobile. She advised that [redacted] had a friend or buddy named [redacted] whom she described as being about the same height and general description of [redacted] except that he was a little more husky in build and had broader shoulders. Mrs. BEARD advised that she had seen [redacted] almost daily for six months during 1950 and that on several occasions since that time he had followed her and her husband but had never been seen by her husband or her parents. She advised she knew nothing of his address other than the non-specific mention of Bennington, Michigan, and knew nothing of his employment, relatives or other background information except he had stated that he had quit school in the seventh grade. Mrs. BEARD claimed that her sister, CAROLINE ELDRIDGE, age [redacted] years, and Miss FRANCES SIMISON, age [redacted] years, had seen [redacted] and [redacted].

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Mrs. BEARD advised that she does not have a photograph of [redacted] and does not know where she could get one. She stated that if she should again see [redacted] she would advise the Reporting Agent. She advised that she had suspected that [redacted] might be identical with the Subject because her mother-in-law had suggested to her that th might be the case.

Miss CAROLINE ELDRIDGE, age [redacted] sister of Mrs. BEARD, 707 Lincoln Avenue, Owosso, Michigan, advised that she had never seen [redacted] but had heard her sister speak of him and that her sister had pointed him out to her from time to time when he would be driving various kinds of automobiles and her sister had stated that he had been [redacted].

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FRANCES SIMISON, age [redacted] 727 Lincoln, Owosso, Michigan, advised that he has never seen [redacted] and does not believe that there is such a person although she has heard EFFIE JUNE ELDRIDGE, now Mrs. ALVIN BEARD, speak of such an individual. She advised that EFFIE JUNE, sister of CAROLINE, had once told her that EFFIE JUNE had said that [redacted] had [redacted].

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GLADYS BEARD, mother of ALVIN BEARD, 100 Keifer Street, Owosso, Michigan, advised that she had never seen [redacted] and had known nothing of the disappearance of Cadet RICHARD COLVIN COX from West Point and had never suggested to EFFIE JUNE BEARD that any [redacted] might be identical with COX.

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Mrs. VIRGINIA BRENNER, 526 Dewey, Owosso, Michigan, sister of ALVIN BEARD, also advised that she does not know any [redacted] or anyone who might be identical with the Subject.

Mrs. FRED POWERS and her mother, KATE LATHAN, 302 Corona Avenue, Owosso, Michigan, advised that they had been bothered by telephone calls from EFFIE JUNE ELDRIDGE, now Mrs. ALVIN BEARD, over a considerable period of time beginning in the summer of 1950 prior to her marriage to ALVIN BEARD. In these calls, EFFIE JUNE ELDRIDGE insisted that she was looking for [redacted] and that she believed that he was related to them. They advised she came to their house and they exhibited the family album to her in an effort to convince her that there is no [redacted] in their family. They advised that approximately May 12, 1952, EFFIE JUNE had brought to their house a picture of an individual which she claimed was a photograph of [redacted]. They advised, however, that this was a brown picture which appeared to have been cut from a newspaper or magazine. They advised that to the best of their recollection that picture resembled the photograph of the Subject COX, which was exhibited to them by the Reporting Agent. Mrs. POWERS and Mrs. LATHAN advised that most of the calls from EFFIE JUNE ELDRIDGE had been made about January, 1951, which was prior to her marriage to ALVIN BEARD, and at which time she appeared to be frantically trying to locate [redacted].

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GERALD HUDSON, 306 East Mason Street, a clerk in the Owosso, Michigan Post Office, and his son, ELMWYN HUDSON, a junior in high school, both advised they know of no individuals by the names of [redacted].

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Patrolmen WALTER MOLE and REX SMOCK, Owosso, Michigan Police Department, advised that they know of no individuals by the names of [redacted].

TED RICE, Chief of Police, Owosso, Michigan, advised that the files of that department contain no records of any [redacted] or [redacted].

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[redacted] He advised that Mrs. ALVIN BEARD, nee EFFIE JUNE ELDRIDGE, has no formal criminal record with that department. He recalled, however, that in December, 1951, [redacted]

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[redacted] Chief RICE stated that Mrs. BEARD had [redacted]

[redacted] Chief RICE produced from [redacted] passed by EFFIE JUNE BEARD during November and December, 1951 at Owosso, Michigan. [redacted]

[redacted] to be strictly unreliable, and he expressed the firm conviction that both [redacted] EFFIE JUNE (Mrs. ALVIN) BEARD.

Miss ALICE PORTER, Shiawassee County Credit Bureau, 212 Matthews Building, Owosso, advised that the records of that organization contain no record of [redacted]

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At Bennington, Michigan:

Bennington, Michigan is a small community of only a few house located six miles from Owosso, Michigan.

WILLIAM HUDSON, 4000 West Bennington Road, who operates a general store at Bennington and also acts as postmaster, and who is well acquainted in that community, advised that there neither is nor had been any [redacted] residing in that community.

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At Bancroft, Michigan:

Mrs. MABEL DIMICK, clerk of Michigan Selective Service Board Number 82, Shiawassee County, Bancroft, Michigan, which is the only Selective Service Board in Shiawassee County and which includes Owosso and Bennington, Michigan, advised that there is no [redacted] [redacted] registered with that board.

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A photograph of the Subject was exhibited to all of the individuals interviewed at Owosso, Bennington and Bancroft, and all advised that they know of no individual that could be identical with the Subject.

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California:

Will attempt to locate JESSE L. GONZALES, Jr. at the home of his parents 335 F, Fresno, California, and will interview him or set out the appropriate lead to have him interviewed. Will ascertain from GONZALES who his sales partner was on April 2, 1952 in Johnston, Rhode Island.

Will set out the appropriate lead to have GONZALES' partner interviewed to determine if he is possibly identical with Subject as reported by a Johnston, Rhode Island housewife.

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T-1.....is [redacted] Olmsted Falls, Ohio, who requested that his identity be kept confidential.

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REFERENCE:

Cleveland letter and teletype to the Bureau, May 23, 1952.

Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY, New York, May 27, 1952.

Detroit teletype to the Bureau, New York and Cleveland, June 6, 1952.

Report of SA [redacted] Jr., Cleveland, June 19, 1952.

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Bureau letter to Detroit, July 3, 1952.

Indianapolis teletype to Detroit, July 8, 1952.

Report of SA WILLIAM BROWN, Indianapolis, July 29, 1952.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject's mother and girl friend,  reinterviewed for information as to COX's associates, hobbies, employment. T-1 stated subject's bank account, Mansfield, Ohio is a joint account with his mother. Withdrawals in account after subject's disappearance possibly for subject's insurance, made by his mother. Records subject's previous employment Richland County Highway Dept., and National Ice Co. examined. SSN 296-22-9853. Close associates of subject interviewed and results set forth. No transcript subject's high school records requested subsequent 1-14-50. On 10-29-52,  advised of possibility of subject being identical to  mentioned in Saturday Evening Post issue of 11-1-52.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT MANSFIELD, OHIO**

Mrs. RUPERT F. COX, 554 Cook Road, mother of the subject, was recontacted and advised she possessed no information which would indicate the location of the subject.

In regard to photographs in her possession reflecting friends of subject's, Mrs. COX related she has made many available to JOSEPH CAVANAUGH of the First Army, CID. In addition she explained she has likewise reviewed photographs with Bureau Agents as well as letters

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received from the subject prior to his disappearance in an effort to identify other associates of COX's.

Mrs. COX mentioned that she had never heard of a [redacted] [redacted] who were possibly civilian or Army friends of the subject. She could provide no information to aid in their identification.

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Mrs. COX continued to state that prior to subject entering the service, he had worked for the Richland County highway department as a laborer and as an ice man for the National Ice Company. She said this employment was during the summers when her son attended high school. She added he never had any other occupations to her knowledge. Continuing, she related subject never worked in her insurance firm or had any training in the insurance field.

Mrs. COX further advised that she knew of no particular hobby of the subject's while he was at home, but commented that while he was an enlisted man with the Army in Germany, he wrote her of a developed interest in photography. She stated he wrote her of buying two or three cameras and several books concerning the art. Upon his entry at West Point, he became affiliated with the track team, which sport she did not know he was interested in.

Mrs. COX was asked about the scar appearing on the subject's elbow. She informed that she believed this to be located on the right elbow. She thought the scar to be approximately 8 inches long extending from the elbow to the shoulder on the outer part of the arm. Mrs. COX said the scar was very prominent and that he received same from a scythe cut while working for the highway department, which was during the summers of 1943 and 1944.

Mrs. COX concluded by stating she would notify the Bureau immediately of any information pertaining to the location of the subject.

[redacted] subject's girl friend was again interviewed. In regard to the New Year's Eve party she and the subject attended in Mansfield in 1950 along with MARGE GOODMAN, she advised she felt COX was not too well acquainted with her.

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As to the identity of the girl she had previously met from New York and who attended a dress designing school, she offered the following information. [redacted] related she met this girl at a wedding party in Mansfield in January, 1950. She mentioned to this girl she had been considering going to New York at which time the girl said to let her know upon arrival and she would show her around. [redacted] added she does



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not recall this girl's name or address and has had no contact with her. She also stated she possessed no information that would indicate that the subject and this girl were acquainted.

[redacted] knew of no occupations of the subject other than those mentioned by his mother. She recalled, however, that on one occasion, date not remembered, that subject told her that after he had served four years in the Army after completion of West Point, he could enter the insurance field if he were dissatisfied with military life.

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[redacted] advised she knew of no locality to which subject appeared attached while in Service, but mentioned he always spoke of Mansfield and its memories.

[redacted] has previously mentioned subject's close associates, but informed she never heard him speak of a [redacted]

She further advised she knew of no other information that might aid in this investigation. She mentioned she has examined photographs in hopes to learn of other associates of subject's, but has been unsuccessful. She stated she would continue to offer all cooperation possible to the Bureau in its endeavor to locate subject.

Confidential Informant T-1 of known reliability, Richland Trust Company, made available the following information which is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

T-1 stated a joint account #13779, was opened at the bank on November 1, 1928 by subject's mother. On November 27, 1944, Mrs. COX's signature card was again entered to this account along with subject's sister, [redacted]. On March 11, 1948, subject signed a signature card.

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T-1 informed the bank has no reason to question activity in this account subsequent to subject's disappearance since it is a joint account. He added however, Mrs. COX has stated that withdrawals to this account by her have been to make payments on subject's insurance. To his knowledge, previous deposits have been made by Mrs. COX in order to insure a continued balance.

T-1 stated the following activity has occurred in this account excluding accumulated interest, since December 30, 1950:

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January 9, 1952	withdrawal	\$224.97
April 25, 1952	"	38.80
May 7, 1952	"	36.84

The informant related the present balance is \$373.37. He was unable to provide any information concerning the withdrawal on January 9, 1952 in the amount of \$224.97 other than Mrs. COX's previous statement as to making withdrawals for insurance payments.

Miss GARNET KARL, Secretary, Richland County Engineer's Office, advised tax records indicate subject was hired for the summer months during 1943 and 1944. He was employed in a laborer capacity. No other records were available to obtain background information.

Mr. E. F. BARD, bookkeeper, National Ice Company, 82 E. 5th St., advised subject worked delivering ice during the period of June to September, 1945 and May 27, 1945 to August 17, 1946. His Social Security Number was 296-22-9853. Records failed to reflect any other information of value.

EARL R. AUXTER, apartment #4, 578 Marion Avenue, stated he has known subject since they were in Junior high school together. He said he entered the service in 1947 and has not seen subject since that time. He knew of no unusual traits or habits the subject possessed.

STANLEY PACKER, 635 W. 3rd St., advised he has been a close associate of subject's since 1940. He never knew subject to be involved in trouble and considered him care free in his attitude. He said he recalled subject mentioning prior to his entering West Point that he (subject) didn't think he could go for it. However, he added he saw subject during the Christmas vacation in 1949 at which time COX told him he liked the Point, thought it a good deal, and expected to continue as the roughest part was over. PACKER stated subject's mother always wanted him to amount to something and he thought she tried to make an "idol" of COX. PACKER could offer no explanation of COX's case, but did not believe he would leave the Point on his own volition.

ROBERT GANDERT, 94 Ansdale, associate of subject's, is presently attending Brown University, Providence, R.I., according to his brother, WILLIAM F. GANDERT.

Mrs. MARTIN GOODMAN, 633 Woodhill, stated her daughter, the former MARJORIE GOODMAN, is presently the wife of Dr. WARREN W. COWAN, who maintains an office in the National Bank Bldg., Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. GOODMAN did not feel her daughter was closely associated with the subject.

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Mrs. MARILYN CALVER, clerk, Board of Education, 75 Carpenter Road, advised there has been no request by any institution for a transcript of subject's high school record subsequent to January 14, 1950.

On October 29, 1952, [redacted] telephonically contacted the writer to inform of an article that appears on page 22 of the November 1, 1952 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. This feature was entitled, "We Flew the Atlantic in Helicopters" and carried a photograph including the picture of 1st Lt. HAROLD W. MOORE of Cincinnati, Ohio, age 26 and single.

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[redacted] stated that subject's mother, his brother, [redacted] and she felt the picture of MOORE strongly resembled the subject, taking into consideration he has been gone approximately three years.

Upon contact with Mrs. RUPERT COX and [redacted] they felt the picture resembled subject, but it was noted on their part that MOORE had flown 112 missions in Korea, including the first hop to Panmunjom with the United States truce negotiators. Also he was a helicopter pilot, had flown the Atlantic in a helicopter in July, 1952, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross as shown on page 136 of above magazine.

When taking the above information into consideration, they did not believe MOORE could be identical to subject because of the time element. They said COX had no previous pilot or flying experience and did not feel that he could have received same subsequent to January, 1950 and have been a veteran of 112 Korea missions, and flown the Atlantic in July, 1952.

A photograph of MOORE appears on page 136 of the Post and this was subsequently brought to [redacted] attention. She stated in her opinion, based on this photo, MOORE definitely is not identical to subject.

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No leads concerning the possibility of subject being identical to Lt. HAROLD W. MOORE are being set forth for reasons shown in the details. Possible leads from this article on the basis of the beliefs of Mrs. COX and [redacted] are being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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An extra copy of this report is being designated for New York in the event they desire to make dissemination of same to Provost Marshal Headquarters, 1st Army GI.

INFORMANT

T-1 - [redacted] Mansfield, Ohio.  
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LEADS

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At Providence, R.I.

Will, at Brown University, locate and interview ROBERT GANDERT, associate of subject, for past and any present information regarding COX. GANDERT's brother, WILLIAM, said the only address available for ROBERT was P.O. Box 1459 Brown University.

DETROIT

At Detroit, Michigan

Will interview Mrs. WARREN W. COWAN, former MARJORIE GOODMAN, who attended a New Year's Eve party in 1950, Mansfield, Ohio at which subject was present. Mentioned that MARJORIE's mother requested that an appointment to interview her be made through her husband, Dr. WARREN W. COWAN, who has an office in the National Bank Bldg.

Will obtain from Mrs. COWAN any information of value she may possess concerning the subject. It is noted this lead was previously set forth by the New York Division.

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At Mansfield, Ohio

Will recontact subject's mother after a reasonable lapse of time.

REFERENCES:

Rpt. of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY, New York, 5-27-52.  
Rpt. of SA [redacted] Cleveland, 6-19-52.  
New York letter to Chicago, 9-23-52.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa.; ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**CHARLES VENEZIA, Norristown,  
Pa., unable to furnish further  
information.**

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**DETAILS: AT NORRISTOWN, PA.**

**CHARLES VENEZIA, 319 East Marshall Street,  
advised that he was unable to furnish any further informa-  
tion to supplement the information previously given.**

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REFERENCE: Report of SA   
dated 9/6/52, at Philadelphia, Pa.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, aka Harry Cox - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

EDWARD P. HOLLAND, US 51123628, Company A, 303rd Signal Service Btn., Camp San Luis Obispo, California, reinterviewed. He advised that former Cadet SELKIS informed him that, during their visit at West Point on January 14, 1950, SELKIS had introduced HOLLAND to subject COX. HOLLAND still has no recollection of meeting COX. HOLLAND doubts he is identical to unknown civilian Cadet SAMOTIS observed talking to COX about 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 1950, because HOLLAND talked to no cadet without the presence of SELKIS and LaVAR. HOLLAND was unable to recall the names of any of the cadets he met. He stated he met at least fifteen cadets on January 14, 1950 and at no time was he alone with any of them.

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**DETAILS:**

At Camp San Luis Obispo, California

Pfc. EDWARD P. HOLLAND, US 51 123 628, Company A, 303rd Signal Service Battalion, was reinterviewed on October 16, 1952 (the day following his return from Presidio of San Francisco, California). It may be noted that HOLLAND was previously interviewed at Fort Hood, Texas, at which time he related that on or about January 14, 1950, he visited at West Point, New York, with former Cadet JOHN SELKIS, at which time SELKIS introduced him to a large number of cadets at West Point. He stated that he did not recall the name of the hotel at which

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they registered while visiting West Point nor had he any independent recollection of SELKIS' having introduced him to COX. Upon examining a photograph of COX, HOLLAND could not recall having met COX.

When reinterviewed, HOLLAND advised that SELKIS informed him that, during this visit at West Point, SELKIS had introduced HOLLAND to subject COX. HOLLAND still insists that he met such a large number of cadets, that he could not recall the introduction to COX. SELKIS, HOLLAND, and LaBAR were together most of the time on this Saturday afternoon visit at West Point. He recalls that they attended a basketball game and saw a couple of boxing bouts. They left before the boxing bouts were over, but he recalls that the last fight they were watching was a heavyweight bout. They then went to the hospital to visit some friend of SELKIS, and on the way SELKIS introduced them to a number of cadets. He vaguely recalls SELKIS' introducing him to four or five other cadets while enroute to SELKIS' former company, where SELKIS possibly entered the building to look at some bulletin board. SELKIS, having flunked out about one month previously, was interested in looking at the grades posted.

Before leaving the Academy, SELKIS drove HOLLAND and LaBAR about the grounds in SELKIS' car.

It may be noted that Cadet JOHN A. SAMOTIS has previously advised that he saw COX talking to a civilian at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 1950, 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 following description of HOLLAND was obtained for comparison with the foregoing description in an effort to determine the identity of the civilian talking to COX:

Name:	EDWARD P. HOLLAND
Age:	[REDACTED]
Born:	[REDACTED] Mechanicville, New York.
Height:	5' 9" or 5' 10"
Weight:	148
Hair:	Dark brown and very wavy
Wearing apparel (on 1/14/50)	No hat, wore dark overcoat (HOLLAND never owned a topcoat) wore a two-tone sport suit.
Appearance	Presents neat appearance

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HOLLAND doubts he is identical to the unknown civilian who talked to COX about 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 1950, because he met or talked to no cadet without the presence of SELKIS and LaBAR.

HOLLAND was unable to recall the names of any of the cadets he met. He stated he must have met at lease fifteen cadets, and at no time was he alone with any of them.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

\* At Los Angeles, California: Will attempt to locate JESSE L. GONZALES, Jr. at the home of his parents 335 F, Fresno, California, and will interview him or set out the appropriate lead to have him interviewed. Will ascertain from GONZALES who his sales partner was on April 2, 1952 in Johnston, Rhode Island.

Will set out the appropriate lead to have GONZALES' partner interviewed to determine if he is possibly identical with subject as reported by a Johnston, Rhode Island housewife.

R E F E R E N C E

Report of SA [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, 10/14/52.  
San Francisco letter to Los Angeles, 7/14/52.  
Report of SA RICHARD L. JOHNSON, San Antonio, 7/3/52.  
Report of SA RICHARD L. JOHNSON, San Antonio, 4/30/52.  
New York letter to Director, 6/12/52.

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Date 11/12, 1952

TO:

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 Bureau  Bu. Fug. Sup. Rm. 5726  
 Records Section  Sel. Serv. Rm. 4726  
 Room  Missing Person  
 Wanted Research  
 Search all files  
 Draw Card  
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 Pull Jacket  
 Cons. if Identical  
 Return to me  
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 Return after answer  
 Special Desk  
 Special Request Desk  
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wanted para.  
 Quote description  
 Send copy of record  
 Return correspondence  
 Add following para.

Mr. Tracy, 4130  
 Mr. Q. Tamm, 4131  
 Mr. G. Hottel, 6301  
 Mr. Blase, 2208  
 Mrs. Colliflower, 5206  
 Miss Dawson, 1310  
 Mrs. McNeely, 6207  
 Mrs. Metcalf, 4130  
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 Mrs. Skinner, 5210  
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In view of your Fug. Des. want,  
# C-8132, do you wish to handle?  
We have active missing person notice on  
behalf of subjects  
noted and the

Room 6256  
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New York Office, in ~~fact~~  
fingerprint record, FBI # 357 872 A.  
Looks to me as if he might  
be the man, as Cox's fpts.  
give his date of birth as  
7/25/28 and the Canadian  
fugitive's date was 7/25/22.  
Description also tallies.

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

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Miss NANCY BREW, 10 Pilgrim Drive, Greenwich, Conn., advised she was registered at Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York on or about January 7, 1950, but she had never met, seen nor did she have information concerning the activities or whereabouts of the subject.

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**DETAILS:**

Miss NANCY BREW, 10 Pilgrim Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut, advised she did not recall the exact date she registered at the Thayer Hotel, West Point, New York, but that it was probably on or about January 7, 1950. She stated she recalls distinctly the time COX was reported missing from West Point and recalls seeing a number of pictures of him carried in Life magazine during that time. She stated that she and a girlfriend, who was also registered at the same hotel during that time, discussed the facts concerning COX'S disappearance about the time he was reported missing and that neither she nor her girlfriend had known COX.

Miss BREW advised she has never met COX nor had she been in the same association with individuals who were acquainted with COX. After viewing pictures of COX she stated she had never seen this individual and could offer no information which might assist in locating this fugitive.

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12-18-51 at New York City.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C 8132, wa. FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DEERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. NATHANIEL AMBROSE GALLAGHER, states she was registered in the Thayer Hotel, but does not know the Subject.

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DETAILS

AT RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. NATHANIEL AMBROSE GALLAGHER, nee EILEEN BOEHM, 2459 Pleasant St., states that she was registered in the Thayer Hotel during January, 1950 but does not recall seeing the Subject. She states that she does not know the Subject, but has read articles in the newspapers about his disappearance.

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REFERENCE

San Francisco letter to San Diego dated 10-22-52  
with report of SA JAMES J. ROGERS dated at New York on  
12-18-51 as an enclosure.



TELEPHONE  
OX. 1166



IN REPLY REFER TO  
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Address All Correspondence  
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# TOWNSHIP of SCARBOROUGH

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

W. G. McLELLAN  
Chief Constable

Office of Chief Constable

2001 Eglinton Ave. East  
Postal Station "H"  
TORONTO 13

November 4th, 1952.

The Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

*all files*

*11/10* [Redacted]

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Dear Sir: Re: Richard Colvin COX - Missing Person

1. Having read of this person's disappearance on January 14, 1950 from West Point Military Academy and comparing his description with the description of one [Redacted] for whom this Department holds a warrant, we are anxious to know whether or not it is possible to connect the two individuals.

2. [Redacted] came to Canada, supposedly from the U. S. A. in the spring of 1950 and began work for a large chain store in May, 1950. He gave his age [Redacted] years was supposedly born in Charles City, Iowa on [Redacted] and spent his childhood in Southgate, California. This information proved to be valueless, as no trace of such an individual was found in these places. [Redacted] worked his way up to the position of bookkeeper with the chain store and on April 5th of this year he

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[Redacted] had made very few friends. We have not even a picture of him, merely a description as follows: [Redacted] years, 5' 6", 140 lbs., fair complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair, square type face, clean shaven, good teeth, mild voice.

3. We would appreciate it if you would supply this Department with the most recent picture of Richard Colvin Cox so that we may try to effect an identification with our wanted man.

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RECORDED - 44 Yours very truly, [Redacted]

*Memo McLeLLan  
11/13/52*

*W. G. McLeLLan*  
Chief Constable

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November 13, 1952

Mr. W. G. Mc Lellan  
Chief Constable  
Township of Scarborough  
Police Department  
2001 Eglinton Avenue E.  
Station H.  
Toronto 13, Canada

Re: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C-8132  
FUGITIVE DESERTER

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My dear Chief Constable:

In response to the request contained in your letter of November 4, 1952, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a photograph of subject Cox.

I am also transmitting a photographic copy of this subject's fingerprint card on file in the records of Identification Division.

Should you develop any information indicating that subject Cox is possibly identical with the [redacted] mentioned in your letter, I will greatly appreciate being advised.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

CC: 1 [redacted]

- 1- Buffalo (with copy of incoming)
- 1- New York (with copy of incoming)
- 1- Foreign Service Desk (route through this desk before mailing)

NOTE: It is desired that Buffalo contact Chief Constable Mc Lellan, advising him that the Bureau will assist in any way possible in the event it is determined that the individual to whom he refers is identical with subject Cox. It is desired that you afford this matter expeditious attention.

- Tolson
- Ladd
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- Belmont
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Laughlin
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Cox, a West Point cadet, disappeared from the Military Academy, on 1/14/50, and this case has received wide-spread publicity. It is therefore imperative that you promptly follow this matter. Cox is described as follows:

Date of birth: July 25, 1928  
Height: 5'8"  
Weight: 165 pounds  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Blue  
Scars and Marks: Diagonal scar on right elbow.

It should be noted there is some similarity in the descriptions, and the birth days are identical, although the years of birth differ.

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Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: November 13, 1952

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FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa.  
ASN C-8132  
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The Bureau has conducted extensive investigation seeking the whereabouts of the captioned individual. He deserted on January 14, 1950, from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, where he was a cadet.

Major Mulcahy, Enforcement Branch, Provost Marshal General's Office, was requested to advise if the Army plans to file charges against him in order to prevent the running of the Statute of Limitations on January 14, 1953, on his desertion. Major Mulcahy stated she contacted Colonel Bard of the Judge Advocate General's Office, who informed her that the Army did not contemplate filing such charges.

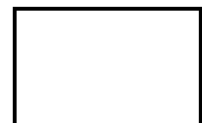
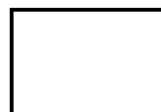
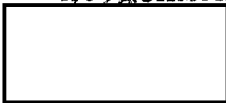
The Bureau has just received a letter from Chief Constable, Township of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, requesting information concerning Cox and a photograph of him. The Chief Constable has indicated that an individual whose description is quite similar to that of Cox came to Canada in the spring of 1950 and worked for a large chain store in Scarborough until April 5, 1952, when he absconded with a large amount of money.

The Chief Constable has been furnished with a photograph and a photographic copy of Cox's fingerprints, and the Buffalo Division has been instructed to contact the Chief Constable in order that this lead may be run out expeditiously.

ACTION:

Inasmuch as the Bureau will discontinue investigation on January 14, 1953, in line with current policy, the New York Division is being instructed by the attached letter to review its file and to submit an investigative summary report, setting out only those leads which are significant and which may result in the subject's location prior to January 14, 1953.

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RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa.  
ASN 0-2132  
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For your information, a representative of the Department of the Army has been consulted concerning whether or not the Army intends to file charges and specifications against the captioned individual on the basis of his desertion on January 14, 1950. This representative has advised that it is not contemplated that such charges will be filed against the subject unless he is returned to military control prior to January 14, 1953, inasmuch as that is the date upon which the Statute of Limitations will run on the subject's desertion.

In view of the above, you are instructed to immediately review your file and to submit an investigative summary report, summarizing all of the investigation conducted in this matter to date. In this report you should set out only those leads which appear significant and which may result in the location of subject prior to January 14, 1953, on which date the Bureau's investigation will be discontinued.

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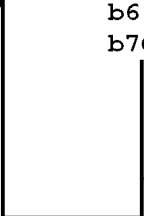


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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

employee of Celanese Corporation of America, Cumberland, Md., not identical with subject.

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**DETAILS: AT CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND**

Mr. BENJAMIN SANDS, Employment Office, Celanese Corporation of America, produced employment records of  which reflected he was born  place not given. These records revealed that  has been employed by Celanese continuously from January 21, 1946 to the present.

Mr. SANDS advised that he is personally acquainted with  that he and  started their employment with Celanese at the same time; and that  has been with Celanese continuously since January 21, 1946. He said he was positive  could not possibly be identical with the subject.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C-8132, Wa. - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

DEWAYNE MATHIS possesses no photographs nor has any correspondence from LORE MYOR, Sgt. IREL B. REED, nor ROBERT ROWSEY. Unable to furnish any additional information of value.

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**DETAILS:**

At El Paso, Texas

DEWAYNE LAWRENCE MATHIS was reinterviewed by the writer on 11-12-52 concerning instant case. He stated that he had made attempts to locate photographs or correspondence or any other thing of value in this case, but had not been able to do so, stating that undoubtedly any that he might have had were now destroyed. MATHIS stated that he had no idea as to the present whereabouts of REED or ROWSEY, and had never heard from LORE MYOR since leaving Germany. He stated that he had searched his memory since learning that COX was missing from the Academy but had been unable to remember any incident or situation that had occurred while they were associated that might assist in solving COX's disappearance.

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		<p><i>FUGITIVE</i></p> <p><i>CHIEF AGENT</i></p>	

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Report of SA  El Paso, dated 9-19-52.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, was, ASN C-8132, FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ROBERT F. GANDERT stated he considered the Subject as his best friend prior to his disappearance but that he had heard nothing regarding the Subject's whereabouts since last contacted by Bureau Agents. He stated he did not believe Subject identical with photograph of Lieutenant HAROLD W. MOORE which appeared in Saturday Evening Post issue of November 1, 1952.

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**Details:**

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

ROBERT F. GANDERT, who resides at 312 Sears House, Brown University, where he is presently a student, stated he considered the Subject his best friend prior to his disappearance from West Point and that he had been with the Subject every day during the Christmas holidays of 1949, but that he could offer no information as to the Subject's present whereabouts.

GANDERT stated that the Subject had appeared perfectly normal during this vacation and told him that when he finished West Point, he intended to marry [redacted] GANDERT advised he did not think the two were actually engaged at the time but that [redacted] was wearing the Subject's West Point ring at the time. GANDERT also advised he attended the New Year's Eve Party with the

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Subject, but he could remember nothing unusual that took place during the party that might have a bearing on the Subject's subsequent disappearance.

GANDERT further stated he was a very good friend of COX having worked with him for the Richland County Highway Department and for the National Ice Company but that he had no idea of why the Subject would have left as he did or where he might have gone. GANDERT stated COX was a very religious person being a member of the Christian Scientist faith but thought that this would have nothing to do with his disappearance.

GANDERT after examining the picture of Lieutenant HAROLD W. MOORE which appeared in the November first issue of the Saturday Evening Post stated that he did not think it to be the Subject.

GANDERT stated he would immediately notify the Providence Resident Agency if he were to hear anything concerning the Subject's whereabouts.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa. ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESERTER</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. JACK KLEPPE, nee CORA JEAN BORK, Bismarck, N.D., recalls disappearance of subject while in New York. However, she is unacquainted with the subject.

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**DETAILS:**

AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Mrs. JACK KLEPPE, nee CORA JEAN BORK, 1100 - 4th Street, advised that while attending the Tobe Coburn Fashion School, New York City, she visited West Point, New York, frequently to visit a former schoolmate, namely [redacted] who was attending the West Point Military Academy. Mrs. KLEPPE said that she recalls reading in the newspaper about the disappearance of the subject and also discussed the case with Cadet [redacted] and his friends. Mrs. KLEPPE said she did not know the subject, inasmuch as he was not in the same company with [redacted].

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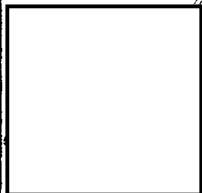
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. CURTIS SANDAGE advises nothing pertinent can be added to information furnished by Mr. SANDAGE to 10th C. I. D., New York, by letter 8/5/52.

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**DETAILS:**



AT LOMBARD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. CURTIS SANDAGE, 512 S. Brewster Avenue, advised that she and her husband have repeatedly discussed information furnished by Mr. SANDAGE to 10th C. I. D., New York by letter dated August 5, 1952. She stated that both are satisfied that they were in contact with a man whose picture appeared in Life Magazine and whose name was RICHARD COLVIN COX, according to accompanying magazine article. She said that neither she nor her husband knew the man they think identical with COX by name. The only additional information furnished by Mrs. SANDAGE was to the effect that she and her husband believe that the man they knew was employed in some public or semi-public place such as a restaurant or filling station in Oxford, Ohio and that he wore sport clothing.

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No record of RICHARD COLVIN COX at NYCPD, Magistrate's Court, or at Veterans Admin. HALSTEIN FALCH and JAMES V. DUFFY, who formerly served in Germany with COX, could furnish no pertinent information. FALCH assigned to Transportation Corps, West Point, May, 1948 to 10/26/48, during which period COX was at USMA and USMA Prep School, but was unaware subject there. PAUL MILLER, who knew Cadet JOSEPH J. URSCHEL, COX's roommate, has no information. Neighborhood investigation in vicinity of E. 52 and E. 53 Sts. failed to develop any pertinent information. Taurus pistol found at USMA Pistol Range on 5/22/52. Examined by FBI Lab but nothing significant determined. Registrations for [redacted] who served in Germany with COX, located at Hotel Times Square and YMCA Sloane House. No registration located for subject. At Sloane House registration located for a RICHARD COX on 8/1/50 but signature and usual data not on card. Registration at Sloane House was located for [redacted] same birth date as subject. FBI Lab advises no conclusion could be reached

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concerning handwriting or handprinting on registration card as that of subject or [redacted] Cadets FRANK P. COLPINI, EDWARD J. PANCHISIN, RICHARD T. SHEA and EDWARD COGGINS furnished background and additional associates of COX. MARTIN MAHER, known as the "Old Soldier" recalls having seen COX at the Hotel Thayer but could not furnish any additional information. Highland Falls PD conducted ground search of wooded area at base of cliff where Hotel Thayer situated. Members of USA stationed at West Point and Stewart Field discharged shortly prior to 1/14/50 obtained. Numerous guests at Hotel Thayer contacted but could furnish no information as to whether or not COX was at Hotel Thayer on January 7 or 14, 1950. Informants having knowledge of [redacted] could not furnish any information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS: SA AUGUST J. MICEK ascertained that there was no record for the subject at the Bureau of Criminal Identification, Bureau of Information, or Old Record Room of the New York City Police Department.

A photographic copy of the subject's fingerprints was obtained from the Identification Division and furnished to the New York City Police Department on August 1, 1952, at which time a stop notice was placed with the New York City Police Department.

On August 4, 1952, SA MICEK was advised that there was no record for the subject in the records of the Magistrate's Court, New York City. This check was made with subject's fingerprint card.

SA GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER learned that there was no record for the subject at the Veterans Administration, New York City, under his name and ASN C8132 and ASN 15355161.

HALSTEIN FALCH, 253 61 Street, Brooklyn, New York, employed Michaels Brothers, 10 Congress Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he served in the Sixth Constabulary Squadron in Germany for approximately two years up to May 19, 1948, at which time he was transferred back to the United States and served from May, 1948, until October 26, 1948, in the Transportation Corps, 1332 Service Regiment, at West Point, New York. While in Germany, FALCH was a squadron draftsman. While stationed at West Point, he was a chauffeur in the motor pool.

FALCH stated that he knew COX when they were both members of the Sixth Constabulary Squadron, inasmuch as they both worked in the same office. COX was transferred to a different outfit prior to the time he was appointed to West Point. FALCH never knew COX had been appointed to the United States Military Academy. He advised that although he was often called upon to drive officers to and from the U. S. Military Academy, he never saw COX at the Academy. FALCH advised that he never knew that COX was attending the U. S. Military Academy or the Prep School until after he had read about COX's disappearance.

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FALCH described COX as being quiet and industrious. COX did not associate much with FALCH, JAMES V. DUFFY and DAVID WESTERVELT during his free time. COX did not appear interested in going to town and drinking with these other three. FALCH described him as being pretty much of a lone wolf and could not recall anyone with whom COX was friendly.

JAMES V. DUFFY, ASN 32865701, 661 East 175 Street, Bronx, New York, employed Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad, 60 East 42 Street, advised that he served in the Sixth Constabulary Squadron at Coburg, Germany, from October, 1946, to May, 1947. He knew COX during the period from February to May, 1947. DUFFY roomed with COX for approximately two weeks. He described COX as being a very nice, easygoing fellow who seldom went out or to the club. COX never drank more than one or two beers. As far as DUFFY knew, COX never associated with any of the girls over there and had no information indicating that COX might have been dealing in black market.

DUFFY stated that DON YEAGER of Buffalo, New York, and [redacted] were close associates of COX. COX at times was quite homesick and talked about his girl friend [redacted]. DUFFY never knew COX to be a participant or a witness at any court-martial, nor did he know COX ever to have been involved in any fights or grudges.

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DUFFY never knew that COX was at the U. S. Military Academy until he heard of the latter's disappearance. He did recall a roommate of COX by the name of FRANSEL who was restricted to camp for sixty days for being drunk and sassing an officer. He described FRANSEL as being race white, sex male, height six feet, weight 220 pounds, hair jet black, and sectional origin Southern United States.

It has been previously reported that Cadet JOSEPH J. URSCHEL, COX's roommate, received a letter from PAUL MILLER, 54 West 74 Street, indicating that the latter noticed a close resemblance between COX and a friend of his.

On June 10, 1952, Mr. PAUL MILLER, 54 West 74 Street,

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a body builder, advised that he met an individual sometime prior to COX's disappearance on January 14, 1950, and at the time thought that it might have been COX. Mr. MILLER's only recollection of the incident was that he believed that he met this individual in Times Square in the vicinity of the Hotel Astor. He even stated that the date of the meeting might possibly have been a few months prior to the disappearance. The individual that MILLER had in mind at the time was wearing a uniform but MILLER could not recall whether it was a U. S. Military uniform or some other type of military uniform.

MILLER pointed out that he did not recall the contents of his letter to Cadet URSCHER, but stated that it was probably a letter of sympathy. He advised that he has written over a thousand letters, all of which he usually writes when he hears of a death or some tragedy. The purpose of these letters is to console and encourage the addressees.

It was noted that Mr. MILLER was very vague concerning the details of his letter and appeared over-anxious to assist in a very unfortunate and sad incident.

On June 13, 1952, SA [redacted] and the writer contacted the following individuals in the vicinity of East 52 and East 53 Streets in an attempt to develop some information as to whether or not COX might be in the area. It is known that numerous homosexuals reside in and about this area. All persons contacted were shown a photograph of COX but were unable to furnish any information.

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JOHN GUIGA, Elevator Operator, 145 East 52 Street  
Mrs. C. BITTLERMAN, 155 East 52 Street  
Mr. J. SCHOLEN, East 52 Street liquor store -  
163 East 52 Street  
Mr. FRANK LELLA, Dry Cleaning Store, 859 Third Avenue  
Mr. LAWRENCE RYAN, proprietor, liquor store,  
373 Third Avenue

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Mr. RAY NELSON, 154 East 53 Street Garage  
GEORGE NAUGHTON, Naughton's Garage,  
155 East 53 Street  
Mr. DAVID BOYER, proprietor, liquor store,  
135 East 53 Street  
Mr. HARRY KARMAIL, dry cleaning store,  
629 Third Avenue  
Mr. D. ECHAVARRIA, El Caserio Restaurant,  
145 East 55 Street  
Mr. CORNELIUS FITZGERALD, assistant manager,  
Mr. THOMAS O'CONNOR, head house officer,  
Hotel Shelton.

On June 2, 1952, Agent JAMES H. STEWART, Tenth Military Police, CID, turned over to the writer one Taurus pistol, serial number 8679. This pistol was found at the U. S. Military Academy Pistol Range at West Point, New York, on May 22, 1952, by Cadet VESSER.

By cover letter dated June 12, 1952, this pistol was forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for examination.

In a report dated June 25, 1952, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory advised that the pistol submitted was a .38 caliber special revolver, serial number 8679, manufactured by Forjas Taures Ltda., Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. There was no record for this weapon in the National Stolen Property Index.

The Laboratory advised that it was impossible to determine the length of time which had elapsed since the weapon was fired. Under conditions favorable to rusting, the rust on this pistol could have accumulated in less than one month. In a relatively dry place, if the pistol had a good coat of rust preventative material on its surface, it is possible that it would have required more than a year to accumulate the amount of rust on the weapon at the time of the examination. As it was not possible to duplicate the conditions under which this weapon was exposed to the weather, it was not possible to determine the length of time during which this weapon was exposed to the elements.

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On July 3, 1952, the results of this Laboratory examination were furnished to Captain JOHN J. GARLAN, JR.

On July 18, 1952, this pistol was returned to Agent JAMES H. STEWART.

Mr. TOBY KRIVE, Assistant Manager, Hotel Times Square, made available registration card number 29820, which indicated that Pfc. [redacted] Headquarters Fifth Corps, 22S MID, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, registered on February 22, 1949, in Room 560 at \$3.00 a day. There was one person in the room. The bill was paid in advance and [redacted] checked out on February 26, 1949.

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Mr. OTTO KARSTENER, YMCA Sloane House, 356 West 34 Street, furnished a registration for [redacted] 1798 Field Street, Detroit, Michigan. The card reflected date of birth as [redacted] He checked in on February 11, 1950, in Room 894, a single room; and on February 13 he changed to Room 545, a double room. He checked out on February 16, 1950.

A check of the records reflected that a RICHARD COX registered in Room 445 on August 1, 1950. COX did not sign the card, nor did he fill in the reverse side calling for his signature, address and date of birth. Mr. KARSTENER advised that undoubtedly the card was filled out by one of the employees at Sloane House.

In the review of the cards, a registration card was located for [redacted] 26 Lisle Avenue, Birmingham, New York, born [redacted] which indicated that he was registered in Room 1118 from December 4-6, 1951. It was noted that this COX gave his birthdate as [redacted] [redacted] which is the subject's date of birth.

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A photographic copy of the registration card of [redacted] was forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory by letter dated September 12, 1952.

In a report dated October 1, 1952, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory advised that a definite



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conclusion could not be reached whether any of the handwriting or handprinting on the registration card was prepared by the subject or by [redacted] because of handwriting variations which cannot be explained on the basis of the available handwriting or because the handwriting was not comparable with the handprinting. However, the Laboratory noted some handwriting characteristics which were common between the [redacted] signature on the registration card and that of [redacted]

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At West Point, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM A. LAMB:

Cadet FRANK P. COLPINI, Third Classman, Company CI, United States Military Academy, advised that the Army designated him and the subject as enlisted men who had been sent to the U. S. Military Academy Prep School to prepare for entrance to the U. S. Military Academy. This was in January of 1948.

COX and COLPINI were both stationed in Europe but had not known each other until several days prior to boarding a plane to fly back to the United States. COLPINI and the subject attended the Prep School together from January, 1948, until May, 1948.

COLPINI said he was probably more closely associated with the subject than any one else at the Prep School. He and the subject often went out together when they had time off. On these occasions the subject [redacted]

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[redacted] According to COLPINI, when drinking [redacted]  
[redacted]  
BURT JONES, who also was attending the U. S. Military Academy Prep School, [redacted]  
COX .

COLPINI advised that JONES was acquainted with the subject during Prep School. JONES' last known address is 6922 Hillcrest Drive, Wadwaposa, Wisconsin.

Another associate of COX during this period was

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ED BURNS, whose present address is 13704 Graham Road, East Cleveland, Ohio. Both are now civilians.

COLPINI advised that when COX and JONES would

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COLPINI informed that COX formerly had a girl name ~~"DEE DEE"~~ (phonetic) from Newburgh. This was during the period COX was attending the Prep School. COLPINI promised to obtain the full name and address of this girl.

COLPINI never considered COX to be a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He considered COX intelligent and normal. COLPINI had no idea as to what may have caused the disappearance of COX.

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COLPINI advised he entered the U. S. Military Academy one year after COX and as a result did not closely associate with COX after his entrance into the Academy.

Cadet EDWARD J. PANCHISIN, Company M1, U. S. Military Academy, advised SA LAMB and Agent ROBERT L. RAST, Tenth CID, that he had been stationed at the U. S. Military Academy Prep School with COX but associated with him very little while there. He later was COX's roommate for a short period while at the U. S. Military Academy.

PANCHISIN said he knew COX was a [REDACTED] but could furnish no additional pertinent information concerning him.

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Cadet RICHARD T. SHEA, Class of 1952, advised that COX was to have been graduated with him, and that he had attended the U. S. Military Academy Prep School with COX. SHEA advised that both he and COX were members of the track team. In the fall of 1949, the team took a trip and COX was his bunk mate. COX was also in SHEA's Russian class at the Academy.

SHEA considered COX to be intelligent and normal in every respect. He could furnish no additional pertinent information.

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Cadet EDWARD COGGINS, Company G2, U. S. Military Academy, advised that he had dinner with Miss MARCELLA CHODACZEK at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950. COGGINS advised that at that time he did not know COX. Since then he has seen numerous pictures of the subject but could not recall having seen COX on the evening of January 14, 1950.

MARTIN MAHER, Post Office Box 170 Highland Falls and Thiels Haverstraw, New York, advised that he is a retired Army sergeant who served in the United States Army from 1896 to 1946. He advised that he often had dinner with the cadets and their girl friends at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York, and was known as "Old Soldier" at the hotel. He advised that he recalled having seen COX at the hotel but could furnish no additional information as to the specific date or whether COX was in the company of anyone else.

On May 22, 1952, SA LAMB was present at the U. S. Military Academy when Agent RAST, Tenth CID, searched the location where the Taurus pistol was found by Cadet D. A. VESSER. This pistol was found just off the Cadet Pistol Range on the United States Military Grounds. The pistol was a 6" .38 caliber revolver, apparently of Spanish make, with Taurus Brasil printed on the side. Also, there was a number which appeared to be 8679 or 3679.

Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD CORCORAN, Provost Marshal, United States Military Academy, advised that there were no officers discharged during the two week period preceding January 14, 1950.

The list of names set out below was obtained by SA LAMB from Mr. THOMAS DONALD CONKLIN, Records Management Office, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. This list contains the names of those individuals discharged from military service during the two week period preceding January 14, 1950:

CPL. (E-4) RALPH W. ROBINSON RA6289410 (M) Ord. Det  
January 6, 1950. Home address - General Delivery,  
Brady, Texas.

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FRANCIS J. STAS JR. SFC (E-6) RA 31270142 USMA Band  
January 13, 1950. Home Address - Box 168 Mine Road,  
Fort Montgomery, New York.

JOSEPH D. BEAUCHAMP SGT (E-5) RA6870914 TC Det  
January 13, 1950. Home address - 212 Main Street,  
Highland Falls, New York.

THORTON R. SAXON SGT (E-5) RA14244714 USMA January  
12, 1950 BAND. Home address - 361 NE 101 Street,  
Miami, Florida.

KENNETH G. WHITCOMB SFC (E-6) RA16225651 USMA BAND  
January 11, 1950. Home address - Route 7, Box 306,  
Battle Creek, Michigan.

LEO J. RYAN SFC (E-6) RA32315787 CE Det. January 12, 1950.  
Home address - 135 Third Street, Newburgh, New York.

EUGENE LESCHER SGT (E-5) RA6711182 Smbt Arms Det  
January 9, 1950. Home address - 26 Month St.,  
Plattsburg, New York.

NORMAN CLARK, RA13266752 CPL (E-4) January 14, 1950.  
Home address - 118 Nyack Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD J. CLAPP SGT (E-5) RA35531461 Sig Det  
January 1, 1950. Home address - 2373 Grant Avenue,  
Cuyahoga, Ohio.

GEORGE L. WRIGHT CPL (E-4) RA12024131 Med. Det.  
January 3, 1950. Home address - 11 Walnut Avenue,  
Highland Falls, New York.

ROBERT A. PERSON CPL (E-4) RA39046448 MP Det  
January 5, 1950. Home address - 880 107 Avenue,  
Oakland, California.

EUGENE LESCHER SGT (E-5) RA6711182 January 6, 1950.  
Home address - 26 Monty Street, Plattsburg, New York.

CLARENCE STEVENSON CPL (E-4) RA13131499 January 7, 1950.  
Address - 36 Elmore Street \_\_\_\_\_.

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SA LAMB obtained from Master Sergeant CHARLES K. COMER of the Adjutant's Office, Stewart Field, New York, the names of officers and enlisted men who were discharged from military service during the two week period preceding January 14, 1950. This information is set out below.

January 11, 1950 - First Lieutenant EVLRETT E. FOSTER JR., AO 678224, 4400th AB Group.

January 5, 1950 - Pvt. ROSARIO CANNITTO, AF 12107465. This man was discharged because of undesirable traits and was given an undesirable discharge.

January 17, 1950 - Second Lieutenant NORMAN I. HAMMANN, AO 944483, 4400th AB Group. There was a home address for this man, Bear Ridge Road, Pleasantville, New York.

January 4, 1950 - S.Sgt. JOHN R. BULLOCK, AF 19 301 501.

January 19, 1952 - Corporal BUCKLEY J. MARSHALL, AF 17 219 341.

Corporal JOSEPH A. SEATON, AF 15 229 004.

Sergeant HAROLD F. KOCHER, AF 13 253 703.

Sergeant ELLON C. DUNN, AF 16 239 172.

Corporal ANTHONY DE MARCO, AF 18 300 912.

Corporal WILLIAM G. MERRITT, AF 16 239 191.

Sergeant JACK R. THOMPSON, AF 16 235 374.

Sergeant HAROLD J. McGRAIL, AF 11 170 270.

S.Sgt. JACOB P. CEBULA, AF 12 004 428.

Corporal DELBERT KEENE, JR., RA 31 317 344.

Sergeant ELBERT L. DUGGINS, AF 17 224 985.

Sergeant HOBART H. YARBOROUGH, AF 14 261 014.

Corporal RICHARD L. STAMP, AF 12 112 964.

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At Highland Falls, New York

Chief CHARLES CONKLIN, Highland Falls Police Department, advised that there was a section of land between the Thayer Hotel and the Hudson River which, he believes, was never searched by anyone at the time of COX's disappearance. He said that the area starts with a cliff dropping off directly in the rear of the Hotel Thayer and extending to the Hudson River. Chief CONKLIN stated that he has searched this property on several occasions but promised to undertake a more intensive search of the area for any possible indications of assistance in determining whether or not COX may have met foul play.

Subsequently, Chief CONKLIN advised SA LAME that he had conducted a more intensive search and had not been able to find any indications that would lend any light as to the reasons for COX's disappearance.

Mr. GEORGE S. NICHOLS, President, National Bank of Highland Falls, advised that the subject never had an account at the bank.

It should be recalled that the subject signed out on the Company Departure Book for a dining privilege on January 7 and 14, 1950. COX was bound by the honor code to have dinner with the quest at the Hotel Thayer after he signed out on the dining privilege.

The individuals listed below were guests at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York, on January 7 or 14, 1950. Each was interviewed. None knew the fugitive, nor could they identify a picture of COX as anyone they could recall having seen in the Hotel Thayer on either January 7 or January 14, 1950:

Mrs. DONALD LECHEY, nee SARA BRITTON  
428 Donmanton Boulevard, Alexandria, Virginia

Mrs. JOHN PELTON, nee NICKIE BRITTON,  
Victory Apartments, Fort Benning Road,  
Columbus, Georgia.

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Mrs. LECHEY and Mrs. PELTON were interviewed at the residence of their mother, 144 Ravine Avenue, Yonkers, New York, by SA DANIEL H. LUCKING on June 19 and 20, 1952.

CYNTHIA BLAIR, Vassar College, interviewed by SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD on October 28, 1952.

PATRICIA GIBBONS, 35 Magnolia Avenue, Garden City, New York, interviewed by SA FRANK R. LONGO on June 10, 1952.

MAUREEN CONSIDINE, 28 Childs Avenue, Floral Park, New York, interviewed by SA FRANK R. LONGO on June 11, 1952.

Mrs. HARRY A. MALLON, nee RUTH A. WERNER, 72 Bay Street, Long Branch, New York, interviewed by SA FRANK R. LONGO on June 11, 1952.

Miss MARIE ESTELLE "MIMI" DE SYLVA, Apartment 1008, 33 East 43 Street, interviewed by the writer on July 14, 1952.

Miss JACKIE AIMERS, 1353 East 14 Street, Brooklyn, New York, employed David Hart, 525 Seventh Avenue, New York City, interviewed by the writer on September 10, 1952.

MARY E. COLLING, 143-06 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, New York, employed Phelps Dodge Company, 40 Wall Street, New York City, interviewed by the writer on July 3, 1952.

ELSIE P. BILLY, 14307 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, New York, employed PS23, Flushing, New York, interviewed by the writer on September 10, 1952.

Mrs. RICHARD GEORGE KOENIG, nee ANNE LEEDS DAYTON, 144-44 38 Avenue, Flushing, New York, employed Bolling Company, Inc., 480 Lexington Avenue, New York City, interviewed by the writer on the writer on October 3, 1952.

HELEN CURZIO, 1369 65 Street, Brooklyn, New York, employed Martin and Clearwater, 30 Broad Street, interviewed by the writer on September 30, 1952.

Mrs. RICHARD SEIDMAN, nee BETTY De VIRGILIO, 34-58 90 Street, Jackson Heights, employed American Can Company, 100 Park Avenue, New York City, interviewed by the writer on September 17, 1952.

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The individuals listed below were guests at the Hotel Thayer on January 7 or 14, 1950. Efforts were made to interview each of them, but investigation revealed they are living in territory covered by other divisions. Interviews with each of these individuals have previously been requested by letter.

NANCY BARTHOLD, Briarcliff Manor, New York, ascertained to be at 1457 Main Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, by SA JAMES E. GORDON on June 24, 1952.

CYNTHIA C. CLARK, Briarcliff Manor, New York, ascertained to be at 233 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts, by SA JAMES E. GORDON on June 25, 1952.

RUTH E. DICKEY, Briarcliff Manor, ascertained to be at Rodney Court Apartments, Wilmington, Delaware, by SA JAMES E. GORDON on June 25, 1952.

CYNTHIA BLAIR, Vassar College, ascertained to be at 519 Hawthorne Road, Duluth, Minnesota.

DIANA CROMELLIN, Vassar College, ascertained to be at 222 Marlboro Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

GERALDINE BOYCE, now Mrs. JAMES W. MALONEY, 177-49 Ursina Road, St. Albans, New York, ascertained to be at 605 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, Virginia, by the writer on October 1, 1952.

HARRIET COLVIN, 50 Nevans Street, Brooklyn, New York, ascertained to be located through her mother, Mrs. J. O. JOHNSON, 1615 Daniels Street, Vancouver, Washington, by the writer on September 29, 1952.

Miss NANCY BREW, 330 East 43 Street, New York City, ascertained to be at 10 Pilgrim Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut, by the writer on July 14, 1952.

CORA JEAN BORK, Barbizon Hotel, New York City, ascertained to be contacted through her father, Dr. R. L. BORK, Williston, North Dakota, by the writer on July 15, 1952.



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LILEEN BOEHM, now Mrs. NATHANIEL AMBROSE GALLAGHER, ascertained to be at 3277 Prospect Avenue, Riverside, California, by the writer on July 11, 1952.

PATRICIA DALTON, now Mrs. JAMES T. McGUIRE, ascertained to be at 38 North Williams Street, Baldwin, New York.

D. H. F. BENTZ, 25 Ocean Avenue, Larchmont, New York, registered at Hotel Thayer January 14, 1950, was not located by SA [REDACTED] Mrs. ANELLA BENTZ was ascertained to be residing at 80 Horton Street, Syosset, New York, by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] ascertained from Mrs. BENTZ that the BENTZ who had been a guest at the Hotel Thayer was undoubtedly her son, Captain HAROLD BENTZ now attending Tulane University and who resides at 2808 Palmer Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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JOYCE DELLOT, now Mrs. JOYCE HOLMAN, was ascertained to have moved from 51 Orchard Street, Walden, New York, by WILLIAM A. LAMB. Her father, CHARLES J. DELLOT, resides at 6 Hoffman Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York.

Miss NANCY DAY HASTINGS, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, was a guest at the Hotel Thayer. Mrs. GERTRUDE DAY, mother of NANCY DAY, advised that her daughter is now Mrs. LEROY HENDERSON and presently resides in Germany with her husband, a former West Pointer, Class of 1950. Lieutenant HENDERSON's Headquarters Company is 547th Engineers Sea Battalion, APO 46, Postmaster, New York. Mrs. DAY informed SA DANIEL H. LUCKING that her daughter spent almost every weekend at West Point. Her daughter and Lieutenant HENDERSON discussed the COX case many times because of their ties with West Point. Both of them have advised Mrs. DAY they had never seen or met COX. Mrs. DAY expressed doubt that her daughter could be of any assistance in this investigation.

BETTY JEAN BOOTH, 150 West 58 Street, New York City, was a guest of the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950. The address given is that of the Hotel Van Dorn. Mr. JOHN W. REYNOLDS, Room Clerk, advised the writer that there was no record of a Miss BOOTH ever having been a guest at the hotel.

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Mr. RICHARD FOULBRES, 60 West 113 Street, New York City, was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950.

Mrs. AGNES RANNEY, Resident Manager, advised that she could not locate any record for the above name. No change of address could be located at the Post Office.

Captain JOHN J. GARLAN, JR., Tenth Military Police, CID, forwarded a letter dated August 5, 1952, which is set out below:

"512 S. Brewster Ave  
Lombard, Ill

August 5, 1952

"First Army  
10th Criminal Investigation Detachment  
39 Whitehall Street  
New York 4, N.Y.

"Dear Sir,

An issue of LIFE magazine, of recent but uncertain date, has come to my attention. It contained the story of Cadet RICHARD COLVIN COX, wanted for absence without leave.

It is quite possible that this case has been closed by this time. If the man is still missing, however, I am reasonably certain that my wife and I may be able to supply some pertinent information.

I am perfectly aware of the ease with which mistakes can be made in identity, particularly from one photograph. Unless I have made such a mistake, I am positive that I have known this man to the point of being able to describe voice, mannerisms, etc. In my memory, I somehow or other associated him with my wife. Therefore, I cut out the picture, took it home to my wife (who had no inkling of the circumstances connected with the picture) and asked her if she knew him. She did. I asked her to describe him, and she described quite accurately my own impressions as well as I could remember them. In short, we are both

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"quite sure that we knew him - casually, for we can not recall a name - at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio during the period of January-September, 1950.

At that time, we were both on the faculty at the University, but we are sure that this man was not in any of our classes. Rather, we feel that he was an employee of a shop or restaurant or even, perhaps, of the University.

It seems likely that if we are correct, then you will have by now received similar letters from Oxford, Ohio. If so, or if the case has been solved, I would be interested in knowing if we have made a mistake. On the other hand, if this information is new, then we would be glad to discuss it with a representative of yours in this area."

"Very truly yours,

/s/ CURTIS SANDAGE"

The contents of the above letter was furnished to the Cincinnati and Cleveland Offices and the necessary investigation requested.

It has previously been reported that a United States Military Academy cadet cap was recovered at Mountainville, New York. This cap was previously submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory. Two enlisted men's caps belonging to the subject were also forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory.

Under date of June 11, 1952, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory advised that the human head hairs removed from the cap found at Mountainville, New York, had started to decompose from exposure to the elements and therefore were unsuitable for comparison purposes with the hairs removed from the enlisted men's caps belonging to RICHARD COLVIN COX. The Laboratory did note that there was some general similarities between the hairs found in the cadet cap and those found in the enlisted men's caps belonging to the subject.

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Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, was originally contacted on June 6, 1952, at which time he offered his assistance in attempting to develop some information as to whether or not RICHARD COLVIN COX was in New York City.

On June 13, 1952, T-1 reported the following information:

On June 6, 1952, the informant visited the following: Hempstead Park Inn, Great Neck Organ, Valley Stream Lamp-lighter.

On June 7, 1952, the informant visited the following: Riviera Cocktail Lounge, 153 West 44 Street; Terrace Cafe, 107 West 44; Silver Rail Bar, 1123 Sixth Avenue; Cafe Bernard, 110 West 52 Street; and Stanwood's, 2068 Broadway.

On June 9, 1952, the informant contacted the Riviera Cocktail Lounge, Terrace Cafe, Cork Club, 250 West 72 Street.

On June 10, 1952, the informant visited the beach adjoining Jones Beach.

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Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, a night club singer, advised that she had been an entertainer at [REDACTED] for three weeks in 1947, nine months in 1948, nine months in 1949-50, and three months in 1951-52. The informant was shown various photographs of RICHARD COLVIN COX. The informant advised that she could not recall ever having seen the subject at [REDACTED] or any other place where she has entertained.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised SA JOHN J. HAYES that he was unable to identify the photograph of the subject and did not recall him as associating with any of the characters who hang around the Times Square area or the Greenwich Village area. It should be noted that this informant claims to have a widespread knowledge of characters in both of the above mentioned areas.

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The following Confidential Informants, of unknown reliability, who have some knowledge [redacted] were unable to recognize photographs of the subject: T-4, T-5, T-6, T-7 and T-8.

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INFORMANTS

T-1

[redacted]  
[redacted] New York, contacted  
June 6, 13, 18 and 19, 1952, by the  
writer.

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T-2

[redacted]  
[redacted] New York City,  
contacted September 18, 1952, by  
the writer.

T-3

[redacted] a Potential  
Criminal Informant, contacted  
September 5, 1952, by SA JOHN J. HAYES.

T-4

[redacted] a Potential Criminal  
Informant. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
contacted by SAS JOSEPH E. ZIEL and  
[redacted] on 10/2/52.

T-5

[redacted]  
[redacted] contacted by  
SAS JOSEPH E. ZIEL and [redacted]  
[redacted] on October 1, 1952.

T-6

[redacted]  
contacted by SAS JOSEPH E. ZIEL and  
[redacted] on October 1, 1952.

T-7

[redacted]  
[redacted] contacted by  
SAS JOSEPH E. ZIEL and [redacted]  
on October 1, 1952.

T-8

[redacted]  
[redacted] contacted by  
SAS JOSEPH E. ZIEL and [redacted]  
on July 1, 1952.

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MISCELLANEOUS

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Chicago Office inasmuch as that office has previously conducted investigation in this matter.

LEADS

CLEVELAND

At East Cleveland, Ohio

Will interview ED BURNS, 13704 Graham Road, who attended the United States Military Academy Prep School with COX, to ascertain all information concerning COX, especially any knowledge that COX [REDACTED]

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Will specifically determine when BURNS last saw and heard from COX, any close associates - male or female, and any places of amusement frequented by COX.

Will also endeavor to identify "DEE DEE" (phonetic) from Newburgh, whom COX dated.

At Mansfield, Ohio

Will arrange to place mail cover on Mrs. RUPERT COX, subject's mother, and [REDACTED] subject's girl friend, over the Christmas holidays.

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MILWAUKEE

At Wadwapos, Wisconsin

Will interview BURT JONES, 6922 Hillcrest Drive, who attended the United States Military Academy Prep School with the subject, to ascertain all available information concerning COX.

JONES should be questioned concerning any knowledge he may have that COX [REDACTED]

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Will specifically determine when JONES last saw and heard from COX, any close associates - male or female, and any places of amusement frequented by COX.

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Will also endeavor to identify "DEE DEE" (phonetic) from Newburgh whom COX dated.

NEW ORLEANS

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Will interview Captain HAROLD BENTZ, 2308 Palmer Avenue, who was attending Tulane University, for any information he may have concerning COX, and whether or not he can recall the subject at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950.

NEW YORK

At West Point, New York

Will re-interview FRANK P. COLPINI, Company C1, for the identity of "DEE DEE" (phonetic) from Newburgh whom COX dated.

At Newburgh, New York

Will interview JOAN VOULWARE, 245 Grand Street, employed by Dr. PROPER, 269 Grand Street, as to whether she was a guest at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950.

At Baldwin, New York

Will interview PATRICIA DALTON, now Mrs. JAMES T. MCGUIRE, 33 North Williams Street, who was a guest at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950. (Set out by memo.)

At Poughkeepsie, New York

Will ascertain the current address of JOYCE HOLMAN, nee DELLOT, through her father, CHARLES J. DELLOT, 6 Hoffman Avenue. Will thereafter interview Mrs. JOYCE HOLMAN who was a guest at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950.  
(Set out by memo.)



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LEADS (Cont'd)

At New York, New York

Will re-contact informants listed in this report.

Will contact remaining guests at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York, on January 7 and 14, 1950.

Will consider contacting servicemen discharged at West Point and Stewart Field prior to January 14, 1950.

Will review photograph albums of STEPHEN DITKO, JR; and if no longer pertinent, will return them to Mrs. ANNA DITKO, 1337 Tennessee Avenue, Jonestown, Pennsylvania (637).

Will, upon completion of investigation, remove the stop notice on the subject at the New York City Police Department.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY, New York, 7/14/52.  
Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY, New York, 5/27/52.