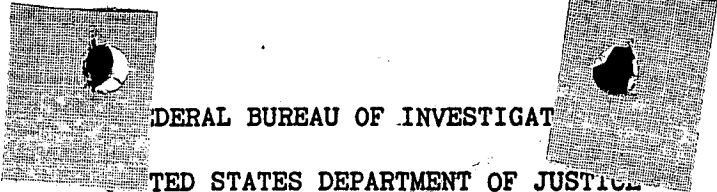


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TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa. ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: BURTON A. JONES presently residing Lafayette, Indiana and attending Purdue University.
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DETAILS: AT WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN

Mrs. EVELYN KIRCHOFF, 6922 Hillcrest Drive advised that BURTON A. JONES, her son, is presently attending Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana. She stated that he is married and living in the Federal Housing Project at Purdue and his address is F.P.H.A. 523-2 West Lafayette, Indiana.

ENCLOSURE: One copy of referenced report is being furnished the Indianapolis Office for their assistance in interviewing BURTON A. JONES.

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INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE

AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Will interview BURTON A. JONES, F.P.H.A. 523-2, West LaFayette, Indiana 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 may be a

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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.

Will interview JONES in an effort to identify "DEE DEE" (phonetic) from Newburgh whom COX dated.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY, New York, December 2, 1952.

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REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE DEC 17 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/10/52	REPORT MADE BY
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa. ASN: C-8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. F. O. JOHNSON, Vancouver, Wn. advised her daughter, HARRIET COLVIN was engaged to marry a cadet, HARRY DODGE, but married ORLIN SMITH and is now residing Lansing, Michigan. Mrs. JOHNSON is not acquainted with the subject.

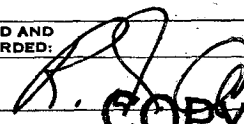
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DETAILS:

AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON:

Mrs. F. O. JOHNSON, 1615 Daniels, advised that she has never heard of the subject of this case and is certain that he is not related to her in any way. She explained that her daughter, formerly HARRIET COLVIN, while residing at New York City, had become engaged to marry a West Point Cadet, HARRY DODGE, but that this marriage did not take place. She pointed out that HARRIET, during June of 1950, had returned to Vancouver, Washington, while HARRY DODGE had returned to Texas and married another girl. Subsequently HARRIET had married a Vancouver man, ORLIN SMITH, and is now residing with him at 503 Pennsylvania, Lansing, Michigan.

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By letter dated October 28, 1952, the New York Office advise as follows:

On 1/7/50 HARRIET COLVIN, 50 Nevins Street, Brooklyn, New York was registered at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York.

On 1/7/50, the fugitive then a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York signed out in the company departure book for a dining privilege. COX was bound by the Honor Code to dine at the Hotel Thayer with a guest. COX indicated to roommates that his guest on this dining privilege was one, [redacted] who served overseas in Germany with him. COX was last seen on 1/14/50. b6 b7c

Miss V. BOESEWILL, HARRIET JUDSON, Y.W.C.A., 50 Nevins Street, Brooklyn, New York advised that Miss COLVIN moved out on 6/3/50 at which time she stated her intentions to marry. It is believed she married a cadet. There was no forwarding address in the record. The address of Miss COLVIN's mother, Mrs. J. O. JOHNSON was given as 1615 Daniels Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Seattle is requested to locate HARRIET COLVIN. She should be interviewed for any information she may have concerning COX and whether or not she can recall seeing COX at the Hotel Thayer on 1/7/50. Attention is directed to the fact that COX's middle name is COLVIN which is believed to be his mother's maiden name. Inquiries should be make to determine any existing relationship. Surep

The Detroit Office is in possession of the report of SA GERALD J. FLYNN, dated May 26, 1950, at New York in the case of RICHARD COLVIN COX, Cadet, U.S. Military Academy West Point, New York; MISSING PERSON, which fully explains instant investigation.

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THE DETROIT OFFICE:

At Lansing, Michigan:

Will interview Mrs. ORLIN SMITH, formerly HARRIET COLVIN, 503 N. Pennsylvania, as requested in the letter set out above. It is reported that Mrs. SMITH's husband is attending Michigan College at Lansing.

REFERENCE: New York letter to Seattle, dated October 28, 1952.

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TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

formerly of Scarborough, Ont., Canada, not identical with subject. absconded 4/5/52, with \$28,000 in cash, the property of his employer, the Dominion Stores, Scarborough, Ont., Canada. Present whereabouts unknown.

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DETAILS: AT TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

On November 18, 1952, the writer telephonically contacted Chief Constable W. G. MC LELLAN of the Scarborough Police Department, at which time MC LELLAN informed the writer that the photograph of the subject had been exhibited to all of the persons who had known and no identification had been made. MC LELLAN stated that he was personally satisfied that was not identical with the subject of this case.

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AT SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, CANADA

Sergeant of Detectives WILLIAM THOMPSON and the writer interviewed Chief Constable W. G. MC LELLAN at Scarborough, Ontario, on December 11, 1952. Chief Constable MC LELLAN stated that had arrived in Canada, supposedly from the United States, some time in the spring of 1950 and had obtained a position with the Dominion Stores, 3400 Danforth, Scarborough, in May, 1950. had worked his way up to the position of Bookkeeper with the Dominion Store and on April 5, 1952, he left the store shortly before closing time and absconded with \$28,000.00 in cash, the

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property of the store. The Scarborough Police Department had conducted an extensive investigation to locate [redacted] but had not been able to trace any of his background previous to his arrival in Scarborough, and had no knowledge of his present whereabouts.

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When he began his employment at the Dominion Store, he gave his age as [redacted] and his place of birth as Charles City, Iowa, on [redacted]. He also stated at the time he made his application that he spent most of his childhood in Southgate, California.

Inquiry at Charles City, Iowa, and Southgate, California was negative.

Chief MC LELLAN stated that after he had received the photographs of the subject from the Bureau, he had exhibited the photograph to all of the employees of the Dominion Store as well as to a large number of other persons who had been acquainted with [redacted]. There was no identification made of the photograph by any of the people to whom it was exhibited. All of the people contacted stated that the photograph did not even resemble [redacted].

Chief MC LELLAN stated that he was positive that [redacted] was not identical with the subject of this case.

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Chief MC LELLAN described [redacted] as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Born	[redacted] Charles City, Iowa
Height	5 ft. 5 in.
Weight	140 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Sandy with reddish tint
Face	Square-type
Complexion	Fair
Teeth	Good
Characteristics	Clean-shaven, walked with quick, small steps, mild voice
Occupation	Grocery Clerk, Bookkeeper
Criminal Record	None known except for the charge of theft standing against him at Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

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REFERENCE: Bulet to Chief Constable W. G. MC LELIAN, Scarborough Police
Department, dated 11/13/52.
Bureau Air-tel to Buffalo dated 11/28/52.
Buffalo Air-tel to Bureau dated 12/1/52.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa
ASN C-8132
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DATE: 12/23/52

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The Bureau has advised that a representative of the Department of the Army has stated that the Army does not contemplate filing charges and specifications against the subject. In view of this, the Bureau has instructed that only those leads which appear significant and which may result in the location of the subject prior to 1/14/53 should be set out. On 1/14/53 the Bureau investigation will be discontinued.

All offices receiving a copy of this letter are therefore instructed to expeditiously cover the leads outstanding in their territory in the event that significant and logical leads are developed that they may be covered by 1/14/53.

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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

December 1, 1952.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Dear Sir: Re: Richard C. COX - WANTED

1. I wish to advise that our witnesses
have been shown the photograph of the above-named
person and all state definitely he is not
 for whom we hold a warrant.

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2. Please accept my thanks for your
co-operation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

W. G. McLellan

Chief Constable.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 12/23/52

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FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa
ASN C-8132
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Re NYrep 12/2/52, which sets out remaining leads in instant case.

All auxiliary offices are being advised of the Bureau's instructions in Bulet 11/13/52 and that investigation to locate the subject must be conducted prior to 1/14/53, on which date investigation will be discontinued.

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ReBulet November 13, 1952, to W. G. McLellan,
Chief Constable, Township of Scarborough, Police Department,
Toronto, Ontario, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

This is to advise that the Bureau is in receipt of
a reply to its letter of November 13, to Constable McLellan
wherein he advises that the photographs of the captioned
subject were exhibited to all individuals who would be able
to determine if he is identical with [redacted] and
these individuals have advised that the subject is not
identical with [redacted]

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The above is furnished for your information.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK CITY

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 12/31/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/24; 12/5 8/52	REPORT MADE BY JOHN G. GROVES
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX aka Harry Cox - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JESSE GONZALES believes subject may be identical to one [redacted] who was employed as a salesman for the National Literary Magazine in 1951.

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DETAILS:

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

JESSE GONZALES, 29 Boles Avenue, advised that he had been employed by Mr. MARTIN ZANDBERGEN, Sales Manager of the National Literary Magazine. The main offices of the company are located in Terre Haute, Indiana, from September 20, 1951, to a few months ago. He stated that he took the job in Fresno and traveled East with the company in a crew. He recognized the names of the other crew members but stated that not any of them met the description of the subject. The names above were set forth in referenced report as received from Mr. ZANDBERGEN who had previously been interviewed. He stated that he did not believe that a salesman by the name of DeWEESE met the description of the subject.

He recalled, however, that one [redacted] who had joined the crew in Los Angeles and who had broken GONZALES in as a salesman had told him that he was a deserter from the Armed Forces. He did not recall whether [redacted]

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had deserted from the Army or the Marines but stated that [redacted] left the crew about a month after GONZALES started work stating that he was going to Denver. He also stated that [redacted] with GONZALES and some of the other salesmen. GONZALES stated that not any of the fellows with whom he worked in Providence, Rhode Island, met the description of subject. To the best of his recollection he described [redacted] as follows:

Age:	[redacted]
Weight:	150 to 160 lbs.
Height:	5'5"
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Sandy

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INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE

At Terre Haute, Indiana: Will ascertain from the records of the National Literary Magazine background information concerning [redacted] employed as a salesman by that company in 1951.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] made at Detroit 10/14/52.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA	DATE WHEN MADE 1-13-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-18, 19, 22, 23, 29-1952	REPORT MADE BY PHILIP L. MERCADO
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C 8132, wa. - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: COX reported seen at two Atlanta Public Libraries 12-11-52 by RICHARD MILLER and MILLER's mother, Mrs. HAROLD E. MILLER. Check of Library employees and hotels in vicinity of instant libraries failed to reflect whether individual seen was actually COX. CID records Ft. McPherson reflect COX reportedly seen at Atlanta Greyhound Bus Station December, 1951 to March, 1952.

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DETAILS Instant investigation was predicated upon receipt of information from RICHARD MILLER, 595 McAfee Street, Atlanta, Georgia, who advised December 18, 1952, that he had seen an individual greatly resembling RICHARD C. COX, the missing cadet at the Atlanta Public Library on Carnegie Way. MILLER furnished the following description of said individual reported to resemble COX:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	24 to 25
Height	5'8" to 5'9"
Weight	160 to 165 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, uncut
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dirty
Peculiarities	Heavily bearded, smelly and dirty

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Dress	Overcoat, brown pants, work shoes, sun helmet with Apalachian Trails inscribed thereon, walking stick and knapsack
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MILLER further advised that the above described individual appeared to be making notes from technical books in a manner which indicated that said individual was rather proficient at note taking and more than likely had had considerable education.

MILLER further advised that his mother, Mrs. HAROLD E. MILLER, had seen the same individual December 11, 1952, at the Anne Wallace Branch of the Atlanta Public Library and was positive that said shabby individual greatly resembled COX, a picture of whom they had seen in the April 14, 1952, issue of Life Magazine.

The following individuals, employees of the Atlanta Public Library and Anne Wallace Branch were shown a photograph of COX with negative results:

EDITH WYATT - Anne Wallace Librarian
ALMA JAMESON - Assistant Librarian, Atlanta
Public Library
Miss EUNICE COSTON - Public Service Department,
Atlanta Public Library
Mr. RANDOLPH, Maintenance, Atlanta Public
Library
Miss MARTHA ANN KENDRICK, Atlanta Public Library

The above individuals advised they were unable to furnish a good description of the bearded individual reported to be COX inasmuch as they have not been able to observe him sufficiently, particularly when his face was so heavily bearded. All the above individuals remarked that in spite of the individual's make-up, it was noticeably apparent that the individual described as COX by MILLER had "young looking" skin.

Miss KENDRICK advised that said individual asked for a book in which he was attempting to locate information concerning a Jewish philosopher MOIMONIDES.

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Mrs. RUTH THOMAS, Librarian, Anne Wallace Branch, advised that an individual heavily bearded and who was reported to be COX had come to the Anne Wallace Branch several weeks ago and had inquired if there were any New York newspapers in the Library. Mrs. THOMAS advised that said individual read through the paper rapidly as though he were looking for something and later read numerous books on psychology. Mrs. THOMAS furnished the following description of said individual reported to be COX:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30
Height	5'5"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Long black
Complexion	Dark and weathered
Build	Medium
Peculiarities	Heavy dark beard
Dress	Shabby and dirty, sun helmet with Apalachian trails inscribed thereon

Mrs. THOMAS was shown a picture of COX at which time Mrs. THOMAS advised that she was unable to positively state whether COX could be said bearded individual.

Mrs. HAROLD E. MILLER advised the writer, upon interview, that she had seen a heavily bearded individual at the Anne Wallace Library December 11, 1952, who, in her estimation could be no one but the missing cadet, RICHARD COX.

Mrs. MILLER furnished the following description of the individual she believed to be COX:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 to 30
Height	5'8" to 5'9"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, long and shabby
Complexion	Medium

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Build	Medium, Atheletic, broad shoulders
Peculiarities	Appeared not to have had a bath for 3 or 4 months; long, dark, shabby beard
Dress	Short jacket, brown pants, heavy brown shoes, sun helmet with Apalachian trails in- scribed thereon.

Mrs. MILLER further advised that she knew of a FRANK L. REDFIELD, JR., 699 Dill Avenue, S.W., whom she had overheard make remarks to the effect that he either knew or knew of COX and was reported to have said, "I don't believe he committed suicide as he was too bright, but he studied very hard and maybe cracked up."

FRANK L. REDFIELD, JR., 699 Dill Avenue, S.W. advised that he is presently a policeman with the Atlanta Police Department and attended West Point Prep School from December 1946 to December, 1947, residing both at West Point and at Stewart Field. REDFIELD advised that he knew of COX but was not personally acquainted with him and was unable to furnish any information which might lead to the location of COX. REDFIELD further advised that he was unable to recall having made said statements concerning suicide with reference to COX.

The following individuals, employees of hotels surrounding the area in which COX was reportedly seen, were interviewed and shown a photograph of COX with negative results:

N. H. PURCELL, Salvation Army, 339 Luckie Street
IRA P. WELLS, Wells Rooming House, 69 Baker
Street, N.W.

Mrs. O. L. WILLIAMS, Clerk, Abba Hotel,
72 Baker Street, N.W.

Mr. S. L. HINTON, Manager, Sidney Hotel
87 Harris Street, N.W.

ETHEL FLETCHER, Clerk, YMCA

Mrs. KAREN CASON, Clerk, Atlanta, YMCA

Miss ELLA MUSE, Clerk, Luckie Hotel, 180 Luckie St.

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It will be noted that RICHARD MILLER, after his initial report of having seen COX, made several additional calls to this office and reported seeing COX on numerous occasions. MILLER advised on one such occasion that a bearded individual was reported seen by a Mrs. A. R. HERRING, 122 North Avenue. On another occasion, MILLER advised that he had furnished additional information to CID, Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia, concerning information concerning COX.

Mrs. A. R. HERRING, Apartment 1, 122 North Avenue, advised that December 21, 1952, an individual appeared on the porch of her residence and inquired about renting an apartment in said building. HERRING advised she instructed said individual to inquire from the owner inasmuch as she had no information concerning the rental of apartments. HERRING stated the individual appeared very "peculiar" inasmuch as she noted that he was very reluctant to leave the premises after it was apparent there was no reason for him to remain. HERRING furnished the following description of said individual reported making inquiries and also reported being COX.

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	20 to 30
Height	5'8" to 5'10"
Weight	160 to 165 pounds
Build	Medium, broad shoulders
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Dark brown and shabby
Dress	Brown hat, dungarees, short coat, walking stick
Peculiarities	Individual would not look straight into face of Mrs. HERRING

Photo of COX was shown to Mrs. HERRING with negative results.

CID Investigator NORMAN STIEHL, Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia, Third Army, advised that MILLER, on numerous occasions, as many as ten times a day, has made phone calls to furnish information concerning COX to the CID. STIEHL advised that on one occasion MILLER stated that he, MILLER, had found several cats with

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their throats slit, several pairs of pants and neatly stacked empty whisky bottles in Grant Field, Georgia School of Technology. STIEHL further advised that he originally felt the information received from MILLER, at which time MILLER advised that he had seen an individual resembling COX at several libraries in Atlanta, was reliable and reasonable. However, recently the information being received from MILLER indicates that MILLER is very excited about the disappearance of COX and actually may be very unreliable.

STIEHL advised that MILLER had reportedly stated that he, MILLER, had made inquiries as to whether it was possible for a human being to maintain himself on animal blood, taking into consideration the possibility that COX might be hiding in the area of Grant Field and consuming animal blood to maintain sustenance.

STIEHL advised that a report from CID, First Army, New York, received several months ago, had reflected that COX was reportedly seen in Atlanta from approximately December, 1951, to March 17, 1952. STIEHL furnished the following signed statement from one ANTHONY F. McGOVERN, JR., PFC, U. S. Army, said statement being taken from McGOVERN by Agent JOHN J. HAYDUK, Chief, CID, First Army, New York:

"DATE: 28 August 1952

"I, ANTHONY F. McGOVERN, JR., RA 16285770, PFC,
US Army *****

.....
"On about 24 day of Nov. 1951 I was in Atlanta, Ga. near the Grayhound Bus Depot and seen the man RICHARD C. COX the second time I saw the man during the Christmas Holidays he was near the same location, during the period from Dec. to March I saw COX several times although we never talked or became friendly. The last time I seen him was March 17, 1952, in the Atlanta Bus Depot I was on my way home.

"The reason I believe the person I saw in Atlanta is RICHARD C. COX is because I usually remember a face, he carried himself as a good soldier would, my guess is that he's working at the Bus Depot or near there.

SIGNED: ANTHONY F. McGOVERN, JR.

WITNESSED BY:
JOHN J. HAYDUK, Chief, Agent,
331st MP CI Sub-Det"

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STIEHL advised that CID, Ft. McPherson, had made inquiries at the Atlanta Bus Depot in reference to COX with negative results.

Sergeants C. W. BLACKWELL and E. H. HAWKINS, Atlanta Police Department, Missing Persons Division, were advised of information being received in this office in reference to COX at which time BLACKWELL stated that he would watch for any information that might possibly lead to the whereabouts of COX and report it to this office.

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In reference to the signed statement taken from McGOVERN by First Army, CID, Agent HAYDUK at New York, it is noted that McGOVERN gave a none too logical explanation as to why he was able to recognize COX nor why he delayed in reporting having seen COX. In this respect, it will be noted that COX was reportedly seen by McGOVERN in a period from December 1951 to March 17, 1952, but said signed statement was not taken from McGOVERN until August 28, 1952. It is suggested that contact be made with First Army CID Agents to determine whether or not re-interview with McGOVERN at this time would be necessary.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JANUARY 14, 1953

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, NEW YORK

RICHARD C. COX, ASN C EIGHT ONE THREE TWO, FUDE. DISCONTINUE.
ARMY HAS WITHDRAWN REQUEST FOR FURTHER BUASSIST.

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This communication being sent by teletype in view of the large number of leads outstanding and the public interest previously shown in this matter.

Maj Mulcahy advised that Army request for assistance being withdrawn as there is no basis for filing charges and specifications against the subject to stop the running of the statute of limitations. The subject deserted on 1/14/50 from the Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

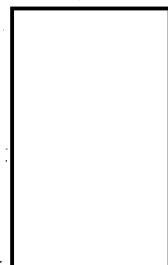
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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT INDIANAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE 1/19/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/26/52;1/6/53	REPORT MADE BY WALTER W. TROY
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa. Army Serial Number C 8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BURTON JONES, Purdue Univ., W. Lafayette, Ind., interviewed with negative results as to subject's whereabouts. JONES stated he did not know the identity of DEE DEE, girl who was dated by COX. JONES advised he has no information to the effect that subject was [redacted]

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DETAILS:

AT WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

BURTON JONES, PPHA 523-2, Purdue University, advised that he was acquainted with COX when they both attended the United States Military Academy Prep School, Newburg, New York, from about February, 1948 to May, 1948. JONES stated that he never was closely associated with the subject to the extent that they would leave the base together on liberties. He stated that he, on occasion, drank with a group of cadets at the Service Club located at the Prep School, and that COX, at times, was a member of this group. JONES stated that he observed the subject talking in an [redacted] manner, but that he did not believe that COX [redacted]

JONES advised that he did not know the identity of DEE DEE, a girl the subject allegedly dated. He stated that groups of girls from Newburg, New York, Middletown, New York, and Hackensack, New Jersey, would, on occasions, be "imported" to the Academy for dances and that possibly DEE DEE might have been

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a girl from one of those groups. JONES declared that he did not know who made the arrangements for the girls' transportation to the Academy, but he assumed it must have been through the Special Services Detachment at the Academy during that time.

JONES advised that he has not seen or heard from the subject since he, JONES, left the Academy sometime in May of 1948. He stated that he knows of no places of amusement frequented by the subject since he never left the base with COX.

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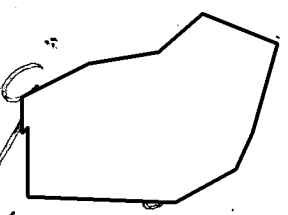
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REFERENCES: Milwaukee report of SA dated
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From Code No 48

DEAR Sir:

I writing this letter
because, I do believe that
I have a perfect plan. To be
out Cadet Richard Colvin
Cox C-8132. MISSING
14 years. AWOL. IF he alive
Make believe that his
mother will die ^{very ill} within
one month or less ^{very ill} place

photo in news paper ^{every day}
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home Enclose photo ²⁰ this letter
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Director of F.B.I.
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Washington 25,
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CASE OF

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

WANTED FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

CADET RICHARD COLVIN COX
C-8132



Signature

Richard C. Cox
Cadet, 4th Class.

DESCRIPTION

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

ENCLOSURE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-19-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-12-52; 1-8-53	REPORT MADE BY JAMES W. HAMILTON JWH
TITLE RICHARD CALVIN COX, wa ASN C - 8132 - FUGITIVE		CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER	

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Capt. HAROLD BENTZ, now residing New Orleans, La. advises he was residing Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York on or about January 14, 1950. States that subject COX unknown to him and could furnish no information of value.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Captain HAROLD BENTZ, now residing 5625 Rosemary Place, and presently attending Tulane University, advised that he returned to the United States from duty in Japan in January, 1950 and proceeded to West Point, New York. He advised that he resided intermittently in the Hotel Thayer at West Point and he was quite certain he was in that hotel on or about January 14, 1950.

Captain BENTZ advised that he had never to his knowledge seen subject COX, though, he recalled that he, BENTZ, was at West Point when this subject disappeared as he read about it in the newspaper. BENTZ stated that he could furnish no information whatever concerning subject and his whereabouts.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY dated 12-2-52 at New York.

Bulet to New York dated 12-23-52.

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SAC, DENVER (42-3689)

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ASN O-8132
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O.O. New York

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Re your letter to Denver dated January 8, 1953 and Washington Field Air-Tel dated January 12, 1953.

Mr. I. A. ISAAC, 327 North Farragut Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, advised that his son, Lt. ROBERT M. ISAAC, is presently in Germany with the U. S. Army, and that his present address is Hq. Co., 110th Infantry, APO 111, New York, New York.

Mrs. M. RILEY, 1529 Galapago Street, Denver, advised that her grandson, RICHARD ARNEY PERRY, was presently serving with the United States Army in Korea, and that his present address was unknown to her, but could be obtained from his father, Lt. Col. WILLIAM OLIVER PERRY, SR., Investigators General Department, Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C. RUC.

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SUBJECT: DESERTER FUGITIVES

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Please cancel fugitive stops placed against the individual description below and/or make changes in his record as indicated



NAME: COX, RICHARD C.

SER. NO.: ASN G 8132

FBI NO.: _____

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LOCATED BY: _____

DATE FUG. CD.: _____

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REMARKS: Army has withdrawn request for further Buassist.

Sbu] deserted 1/14/50, West Point, N. Y. Per Maj. Mulchay.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: January 29, 1953

FROM:  SAC, Cleveland (79-25)

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



Reference is made to New York letter to Bureau dated 12/23/52 advising Bureau investigation in the above matter would be discontinued 1/14/53.

Set forth below is a letter received by Detective F. BRUCE FINLAY of the Mansfield, Ohio Police Department which he received on January 19, 1953. This is being set forth for referral by the New York Division to the appropriate investigating officers. The envelope was postmarked January 17, 1953 at 6:30 PM, LaFayette, Indiana:

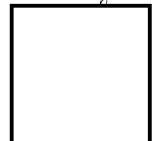
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"Chief of Detectives
Mansfield, Ohio

"Dear Sir:

"Some 4 years ago I read an article in True Detives magazine where a Lad disapeared from some college in your state I recognized the photo in same. I think you will find that lad tending Bar at the Main Tavern in this town The Magazine burnt up in my home Now the other day I hear of the Lad again over the radio.

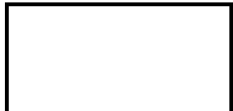
"I questioned the lad at the time I got out of him that he was from Ohio he seemed to me to have a lost memory. He answers to the name of George a while back I would call him Hello Buckeye & he would just grin & say nothing.



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"After hearing about it again I decided tell you what I know knowing you could find out in a few minutes if he is wanted or not.

"I am not looking for notoriety so do not use my name unless it necessary to do so.

"I am Sincerely

/s/"Ira L. Van Buskirk
I.S.S.H. Lafayette
Ind"

A review of the file in this case reflects the following material was forwarded the New York Division:

- 1) 40 photos of various military personnel with report of SA 4/20/50, Cleveland;
- 2) 9 photos with Cleveland letter to New York 2/10/51.

Mrs. RUPERT F. COX, 554 Cook Road, Mansfield, Ohio has requested that these items be returned to her inasmuch as they are her personal property. The New York Office is therefore requested to return the above to the Cleveland Division so they may be returned to Mrs. COX.

Inasmuch as there appears to be no significant leads outstanding in the Cleveland Division, this case is being considered RUC.

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

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photograph of subject exhibited at St. George Hotel, Bridgeport, Conn., with negative results.

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DETAILS: AT BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The photograph of RICHARD COLVIN COX was exhibited to ART REINITZ, clerk and CHARLES MADERA, porter, at the Hotel St. George, Bridgeport, Connecticut, who advised that COX had never stayed at that hotel and they stated the photograph of COX was not that of JERRY LIBBY, who has resided at the Hotel St. George for the past six months.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/25/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/18, 19, 23, 29, 31/52; 1/2, 5-7, 9, 11-13, 20/53	REPORT MADE BY ARTHUR P. DUFFY
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa. ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Cadet FRANK P. COLPINI, USMA, could not furnish any identifying data concerning "DEE DEE". "BAND BOX" not located in Orange County, NY. ANTHONY MARADAY, Proprietor, Mayflower Restaurant and daughter TERRY MARADAY unable to furnish any information concerning COX. Numerous taxi drivers who operated at USMA contacted without developing any information. Individuals seen at Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, NY on 1/10/53 not identical with the subject. Additional guests of Hotel Thayer on 1/7/50 and 1/14/50 contacted without developing any information concerning COX. Bureau investigation severed on 1/14/53.

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DETAILS:

AT HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK

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

Miss JOSEPH A. BOSCH, Owner of BOSCH'S Taxi, 8 Main Street, advised that she has had contact with practically every taxi driver in the vicinity of West Point. She qualified her statement by saying that her contacts were with taxi drivers from Highland Falls. She pointed out that cab drivers can enter the point from New York City, New Jersey and other distant points. The majority of the drivers however, work out of Highland Falls. Miss BOSCH has had many discussions with the drivers concerning the subject but nothing ever came to her attention

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which had not been printed in the press. She also made certain that any cab drivers who might have had any information of value have immediately reported this information to the Bureau or the military authorities. Miss BOSCH also explained that any taxi drivers who were caught taking liquor on to the military academy reservation would automatically lose his license to operate a taxi cab on the reservation. It was her opinion that no driver would be foolish enough to do this. Any money that a cab driver could earn carrying on this activity would be so insignificant that there would be no incentive to risk the loss of a license. Miss BOSCH explained further that the cadets at the United States Military Academy can easily obtain liquor by having their girlfriends, relatives or other acquaintances bring it to them. This would be a simple practice and would not necessitate the services of a cab driver.

The following taxi drivers employed by BOSCH'S Taxi, who were operating on January 14, 1950 were contacted and were unable to furnish any pertinent information:

ROBERT VINGA

RAYMOND COTTER

JOSEPH MAHON

CHARLES ZINT

CALWIN STEWART

WILLIAM KING

LAFAYETTE WIMAN

The following drivers who were operating on January 14, 1950 were contacted and were unable to furnish any information:

VICTOR RAPP

EDMUND LEWIS

WILLIAM GLANVILLE

SYLVESTER AJETI

ANGELO BAVARO

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The above taxi cab drivers are a represented number of taxi cab drivers and it was not deemed logical or productive to contact the remaining drivers.

AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK

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

[redacted] a former Cadet at the United States Military Academy, was previously interviewed by agents of the New York Office. [redacted] advised that he heard there was a feud between the subject and a Lieutenant [redacted] last name unknown. He claimed to have received this information from Cadets BOB ISAAC and DICK PERRY.

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HARRY ZOLDAK, Cadet Headquarters, Personnel Office, advised that the records reflected that ROBERT H. ISAAC had a forwarding address of 327 North Farragut, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and RICHARD ARNEY PERRY had a forwarding address of care of Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM OLIVER PERRY, SR., Investigator General's Office, Washington D.C.

Investigation by the Washington Field Office developed the information that RICHARD ARNEY PERRY is presently overseas and his address is Headquarters, Second Battalion, Thirty-fifth Infantry Regiment, Twenty-fifth Infantry Division, care of APO Twenty-five, Postmaster, San Francisco, California. PERRY is expected back in the United States about April, 1953.

Investigation by agents of the Denver Office reflect that Lieutenant ROBERT M. ISAAC is presently serving in Germany with the United States Army and his present address is Headquarters Company, 110th Infantry, APO 111, New York, New York.

SA LAMB obtained a photograph of [redacted] from Mr. ZOLDAK for the purpose of exhibiting it to MAURO E. MARESCA and JOHN A. SAMOTIS. However, it was ascertained that each of these former cadets have graduated from the United States Military Academy and are presently serving overseas. The photograph was returned to Mr. ZOLDAK and it was

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noted that Cadet [redacted] had voluntarily resigned from the United States Military Academy because he did not require a military career.

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Cadet FRANK P. COLPINE, Company C1, United States Military Academy, when re-contacted advised that he could not offer any further identifying data concerning "DEE DEE", a girl from Newburgh, New York whom COX dated.

Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD W. CORCORAN, Provost Marshal, United States Military Academy, advised that the bank in Scranton, Pennsylvania is the bank which solicits accounts from the cadets for the First National Bank of Scranton, Pennsylvania. No lead was set out to contact this bank.

AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

JOAN BOULWARE, who was a guest at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950 was contacted at her place of employment, 245 Grand Street. She advised that she had stayed at the Hotel Thayer at numerous times, but she could not specifically recall being there on January 14, 1950. She did not recall the subject and could furnish no pertinent information concerning him.

Lieutenant LEONARD GORDON, Postmaster, Stewart Air Force Base, and Captain ROBERT G. HOLLOE, OSI, Stewart Air Force Base, advised that there have been [redacted] on the base, but additional identifying data would be necessary to have anyone questioned [redacted] interview.

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ANTHONY MARADAY, Proprietor, Mayflower Restaurant, 251 Washington Street, and his daughter, TERRY MARADAY advised that they had heard through other cadets that COX while attending the United States Military Academy Prep School had visited the Mayflower Hotel. However, they did not recall the subject.

TERRY MARADAY related that she is presently engaged to be married

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to a cadet at the United States Military Academy. She stated that she had never had a date with COX and has never seen him in private. Miss MARADAY stated that she has seen pictures of COX, read stories and heard stories concerning the subject, however, she had no information that had not been published in the press. She could furnish nothing of any pertinent substance.

Miss PHYLLIS BOGARTUS, Balmville Road, employed by the Texas Oil Company, Beacon, New York, who was registered at the Hotel Thayer on June 7, 1950, advised that she had often registered at this hotel during 1950 while dating cadets at the United States Military Academy. She did not know the subject and could not furnish any pertinent information.

AT MAYBROOK, NEW YORK

Mrs. WILLIAM E. HOLMAN, nee JOYCE DELLOT, 302 Tower Avenue, advised SA WILLIAM A. LAMB that she often registered at the Hotel Thayer while dating cadets at the United States Military Academy. She could not recall being at the hotel on January 14, 1950 and could furnish no information concerning the subject. She did advise however, that GERTRUDE PHILLIPS, had told her that she had formerly dated COX.

GERTRUDE PHILLIPS was believed to reside on Columbia Street in Poughkeepsie, New York.

AT GOSHEN, NEW YORK

SA WILLIAM A. LAMB conducted the following investigation in an effort to locate the "Band Box", which has previously been mentioned as a place frequented by COX.

Sheriff BERT TRUESDELL, Orange County Sheriff's Office,

Mrs. MARTHA AMSTALDEN, Orange County Clerk's Office,

Miss FLORENCE ADAMS, Alcoholic Control Board for Orange County,

All of the above advised that they have no record of any establishment by the name of "Band Box".

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FRED DOWNSBOROUGH, Orange County Sheriff's Office, who has resided in the vicinity of Southfields for many years and Lieutenant JOHN E. TIERNEY, Newburgh Police Department, who has resided in the vicinity of Southfields and Newburgh all his life, each advised that they had never heard of the "Band Box".

AT WEST HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GERALD J. FLYNN:

JANE DEES. West Haverstraw, New York, was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 7, 1950.

Mr. BRYON PEARSON, Contracting Office, Haverstraw Reconstruction Home, advised that Miss DEES had formerly been employed here from June 15, 1948 to July 9, 1950. She was subsequently married but her marriage name was not ascertained. Mr. PEARSON stated that Miss DEES was born on November 28, 1925 and her home address was listed as Box 136, Europa, Mississippi. Her mother's name was listed as KATE DEES, reportedly residing in the vicinity of Fort Worth, Texas at the present time.

AT ORANGEBURG, NEW YORK

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GERALD J. FLYNN:

Mrs. CORINNE VAN NAME, nee CORINNE CORYAT, Shanks Village, was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950. She recalled having been at the Hotel Thayer in January, 1950 while dating a cadet at the United States Military Academy. To the best of her recollection she never saw the subject and does not know anyone who knew him.

AT PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK

The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS J. LYNCH:

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Mrs. NANCY PADEN, nee NANCY ADAMS, 936 Reynolds Street, was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 7, 1950. She advised that she had been a guest at the Hotel Thayer while a student in the New Paltz Teachers College, but could furnish no information concerning the subject. She advised that Cadet BOB MC GARRY, class of 1952 and who would have been in the same class as the subject, did not even know COX.

AT Poughkeepsie, New York

Mrs. ROBERT SNYDER, nee GERTRUDE FILIPOWICZ, who was also known as GERTRUDE PHILLIPS, 26 Columbia Street, advised SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD that in 1948 she met RICHARD COLVIN COX at a dance at the Stewart Air Force Base. She met COX between three and five times at such dances. This period was prior to the time COX entered the United States Military Academy and while he was attending the prep school. She never saw COX away from the base. She corresponded with the subject for a brief period, but does not today have any of the subject's letters. Mrs. SNYDER said she did not see COX after he entered the United States Military Academy and could furnish no information concerning any of the other cadets or outside friends of the subject.

AT BALDWIN, NEW YORK

The following investigation was conducted by
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Mrs. JAMES T. MC GUIRE, nee PATRICIA DALTON, 38 North Williams Street, advised that she had visited the United States Military Academy several times around the pertinent period, registering at the Hotel Thayer. She did not specifically recall being there on January 14, 1950. She has no recollection of the subject, she did recall being at the Academy shortly after the subject disappeared but could furnish no information of value.

AT MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM R. NORTON:

JOAN DALLENBACH, 441 Rice or Ruci Street, advised that she was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950.

Previous investigation at Middletown, New Jersey failed to reflect any party by the name of DALLENBACH residing there, and failed to disclose any such street address as indicated above.

A check of the city directory for Middletown, New York, failed to reflect any individual or family by the name of DALLENBACH in the city.

Acting Chief of Police RUSSELL ADGATE, Middletown, New York Police Department, advised that there was no Rice or Ruci Street located in this city. He had never heard the name of DALLENBACH.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

By letter dated November 13, 1952, the Bureau advised that a representative of the Department of Army had informed that the Army did not contemplate filing charges or specifications against RICHARD COLVIN COX on the basis of his desertion on January 14, 1950. The Bureau therefore instructed that only those leads which appear significant and which may result in the apprehension of the subject prior to January 14, 1953 should be covered inasmuch as on that latter date the Statute of Limitations will rule on the subject.

On January 11, 1953 DANIEL MURPHY advised SA JOHN J. MC MANUS that a JOHN SLATTERY and JOSEPH IORIO, all of Greenwood Lake had been in the bar of the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, about 4 p.m. on January 10, 1953. While there, a young man in a tan windbreaker and rough clothes came in and bought a drink. He had brown hair, crew cut, blue eyes and clean shaven. His hands and person were clean in contrast to his clothing. This unknown individual attempted to strike up a conversation, mentioned the COX case and wondered if COX would ever be located. MURPHY noted that when the young man paid for his drink he only had five cents left. He

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attempted to beg a quarter from MURPHY and his companions as he left.

In the Sunday News for January 11, 1953 MURPHY read the article on the missing cadet and observed a picture of RICHARD COLVIN COX. MURPHY and his two companions each agreed that there was a great resemblance between the unidentified individual and the subject, although the unidentified individual had a nose that appeared to have been broken at one time.

DICK HARRINGTON, Head Bartender, Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, advised SA [redacted] and the writer that he was on duty at 4 p.m. on January 10, 1953. Photographs of COX were exhibited to Mr. HARRINGTON but he did not remember them as being anyone who was at the bar on January 10, 1953.

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JAMES MEADE, Bartender, Hotel St. George, advised SA [redacted] and the writer that he was on duty at 4 p.m. on January 10, 1953. After reviewing the photographs of COX he stated that COX appeared to be somewhat similar but not identical with an individual who had been in the bar at 4 p.m. on January 10, 1953. He recalled the individual because he asked someone to buy him a drink and then attempted to "bum a quarter". MEADE asked this unidentified individual to leave the bar and he did.

Mr. MEADE pointed out that this fellow had a definite hook nose and not a definite uptilted nose as COX does. He stated that the unknown individual was at least six feet tall and had a thin, scrawny build. Mr. MEADE stated that he is five feet eight inches and stated that the unidentified individual was definitely taller than himself. Mr. MEADE stated he was positive that the individual that was in the bar at 4 p.m. on January 10, 1953 was not identical with the subject.

The discrepancy in the height should also be noted.

On January 12, 1953 Captain J. J. GARLAN, 10th MP, CID, advised that CID agents had interviewed BETTY SUTER, 582 3th Avenue, Brooklyn, without developing any pertinent information.

Lead to interview BETTY SUTER developed because she called Governors Island and advised that she had information. Her story was a rambling, incoherent and illogical set of statements that gave the impression of mental instability.

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The Philadelphia Office by teletype dated January 16, 1953 furnished the following information:

BENNIE MARSILLIO, USS CATOCTIN, Philadelphia Naval Base, advised that a person believed to be the subject was residing at the Hotel St. George, Congress Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. MARSILLIO advised that while traveling through New York City enroute to the Philadelphia Naval Base on the weekend of January 11, 1953 he saw a write-up on this case in the New York News and identified the person by the name of LIBBY residing at the Hotel St. George in Bridgeport, Connecticut who he believes is identical with the subject. MARSILLIO stated that LIBBY is very friendly with the daughter of the hotel owner and that he does part time work at the hotel as well as the neighboring restaurants. MARSILLIO described LIBBY as follows:

Age [REDACTED]
Height 5'8"
Weight 145 lbs.
Hair black
Complexion light, clean shaven, wears a blue suit.

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Upon receipt of the above information from the Philadelphia Office the facts were furnished to Captain J. J. GARLAN, 10th MP, CID.

HARRIET ADAMS, 47 East 67th Street, New York City was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950.

Mrs. R. E. KEMBERTON, Burmore School, 15th East 70th Street, New York, New York, advised that HARRIET DE WITT ADAMS had graduated from this school and was presently Mrs. RALPH G. NEWTON, JR., residing at Highland Lake Apartments, 605 East Marks Street, Orlando, Florida.

By letter dated January 15, 1953 the Miami Office advised that Lieutenant and Mrs. RICHARD C. NEWTON, JR., had moved from Orlando, Florida about December, 1952. They left a forwarding address of 4509 Perlita Street, Apartment B, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. NEWTON was not interviewed.

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Mr. JACK D. GABRIEL, 111 75th Street, Brooklyn, New York, employed Home Life Insurance Company, 253 Broadway, New York City, advised that he was a guest at the Hotel Thayer and at the time was visiting Cadet EUGENE C. FOGÉ. Mr. GABRIEL advised further that he had no recollection of ever meeting COX and had no recollection after reviewing COX'S picture of having seen the subject on January 14, 1950.

E. G. FOGÉ, 442 82nd Street, Brooklyn, advised he was in the United States Army from August, 1946 to June 30, 1948. He was overseas serving in Germany with the Signal Corps from January, 1947 to November, 1947. He then returned and attended the United States Military Academy Prep School from November, 1947 to June 30, 1948. He was a cadet at the United States Military Academy from July 1, 1948 to February, 1950 at which time he resigned from the United States Military Academy. Mr. FOGÉ advised that he knew the subject while they were both students at the United States Military Academy Prep School.

Mr. FOGÉ advised that he did not associate with COX. He knew the subject as a beer drinker and a regular fellow. Mr. FOGÉ stated that as far as he had observed he had never had any reason to believe the subject had any [redacted] Mr. FOGÉ could not furnish any pertinent information stating that he was quite certain that when JACK GABRIEL visited him on January 14, 1950 he was confined to quarters for disciplinary reasons. Mr. FOGÉ advised that about January 14, 1950 he had already decided to leave the United States Military Academy and stated he resigned because he desired to enter a seminary.

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DIANE CROCELLI, 417 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia, was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950. She advised an agent of the Richmond Office that she did not know the subject nor does she recall anyone ever pointing him out to her. She could furnish no pertinent information in this regard.

Mrs. JAMES W. MALONEY, nee GERALDINE BOYCE, was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 14, 1950.

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Mrs. EUGENE J. BOYCE, mother of GERALDINE, advised that Mrs. MALONEY was residing at Atascadero, California and received mail through Box 37 at the post office in that city.

By letter dated February 6, 1953 Los Angeles advised that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to contact Mrs. MALONEY prior to the date of discontinue.

GINCI DALMAS, 22 Irving Place, New York, New York was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 7, 1950. Investigation at New York City reflected that THELMA and LOUIS DALMAS had moved from 22 Irving Place on October 11, 1951 to 62-62 Woodhaven Boulevard, Rego Park, Long Island, New York.

Mr. FRANK HARVEY, Brown, Harris, Stevens Corporation, 62-60 Woodhaven Boulevard, advised that F. LOUIS DALMAS had resided at 62-62 Woodhaven Boulevard until June, 1952 at which time he moved without leaving a forwarding address.

FAITH COMMY, 210 East 77th Street, New York City, was registered at the Hotel Thayer on January 7, 1950. On August 31, 1950 Miss COMMY moved to 414 West 49th Street, New York City. On January 15, 1951 she moved to 150 West 80th Street, New York, New York.

Mr. ED MARTINEZ, Superintendent, 150 West 80th Street, advised that FAITH COMMY moved from the instant address in January, 1952. He further advised that at the time she was married and he did not know her marriage name nor would he know of any forwarding address. No forwarding address could be ascertained through the usual sources.

The following criminal informants of unknown reliability who

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[REDACTED] were re-contacted and were unable to furnish any information since last contacted:

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A stop notice was previously placed with the New York City Police Department by name, alias, description and photographic copy of the subject's fingerprints. This stop notice was removed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK.

Captain J. J. GARLAN was advised of this fact.

By letter dated January 29, 1953 the Cleveland Office furnished the contents of a letter received by Detective F. BRUCE FINLAY of the Mansfield, Ohio Police Department. The letter was contained in an envelop postmarked January 17, 1953 at 6:30 p.m. at La Fayette, Indiana. The contents of the letter are as follows:

"1/16/53

"Chief of Detectives
Mansfield, Ohio

Dear Sir:

"Some 4 years ago I read an article in True Detives magazine where a Lad disappeared from some college in your state I recognized the photo in same. I think you will find that lad tending Bar at the Main Tavern in this town The magazine burnt up in my home. Now the other day I hear of the Lad again over the radio.

"I questioned the lad at the time I got out of him that he was from Ohio he seemed to me to have a lost memory. He answers to the name of George a while back I would call him Hello Buckeye & he would just grin & say nothing.

" After hearing about it again I decided tell you what I know knowing you could find out in a few minutes if he is wanted or not.

"I am not looking for notoriety so do not use my name unless it necessary to do so.

"I am Sincerely

/s/"Ira L. Van Buskirk
I.S.S.H. Lafayette
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The registration card of RICHARD COX who was a guest of the Sloane House, Young Men's Christian Association, was returned to Mr. GEORGE CRAFT of the Sloane House, on December 23, 1952.

By teletype dated January 11, 1953 the Bureau advised that all investigation be discontinued because the Army has withdrawn the request for further Bureau assistance.

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INFORMANTS

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contacted by SA
JOSEPH E. ZIEL on December
19, 1952.

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by SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL on
December 19, 1952.

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contacted by SA JOSEPH
E. ZIEL on December 19, 1952.

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contacted by SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL
on December 19, 1952.

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contacted by SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL
on December 19, 1952.

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One copy of this report is being designated for the Cleveland Office inasmuch as the subject is listed as a missing person with the Mansfield, Ohio Police Department covered by the Cleveland Division.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ARTHUR P. DUFFY dated at New York, 12/2/52.

Bureau letter to New York dated 11/13/52.

Bureau teletype to New York dated 1/14/53.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO [] DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: March 2, 1953

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FROM [] SAC, CLEVELAND (79-25)

SUBJECT [] RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa.
ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE
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Reference is made to Cleveland letter to Director, cc New York, dated 1/29/53.

Referenced letter set forth a number of exhibits presently in the possession of the New York Office, as furnished to them by the Cleveland Office in the past. It is again requested that these exhibits be returned to the Cleveland Division so that they may be returned to Mrs. RUPERT F. COX.

In addition, set forth below is a letter received by JESSE J. SCHWAB, Chief of Police, Mansfield, Ohio. The envelope in which it was mailed was postmarked 3:30 P.M. February 16, 1953 at Eureka, Kansas. It is also mentioned that this letter was not signed, and appears to have been typed on a child's typewriter or by a child's hand printing set. The letter is set forth in full below.

"Mansfield, Ohio
City Police Department.
Mansfield, Ohio.

G.I.R.-8

"To the Police Chief.-

"Thir is a man living here in Eureka, Kansas, that looks, exactly, like Richard Cox, the missing cadet, of West Point, the man, here in Eureka, goes, by the, name of [] he works, for a baking company, in Emporia, Kansas that sell Rainbo bread.

[] looks exactly, like, the, photo, of Richard Cox, in the Kansas City Star, of Jan. 4, 1953. Wish you success."

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This letter is being set forth in the event the New York Division desires to refer the contents of same to the appropriate investigating officers in this case.

This matter remains in an RUC status in the Cleveland Division.

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REFERENCE: Air tel from Philadelphia dated 1-16-53.
New York teletype to New Haven dated 1-21-53.

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TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 3/12/53

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (79-49)

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

On 2/17/53, Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD A. BENJAMIN, Elkland, Pa., advised SA FREDERICK F. FOX that [redacted] is presently serving in the U. S. Army at Fort Campbell, Ky. In the fall of 1952, he served a week in the Tioga County Jail, Wellsboro, Pa., for desertion of wife and non-support. While in jail, he met an inmate by the name of COX who gave him a letter to mail when [redacted] was released. This letter did not contain a stamp and [redacted] brought the letter home after he was released from jail. Mrs. MABEL AVERY who rooms with the [redacted] family told their son he should not have taken the letter and that it was against prison regulations. She opened the letter which indicated that COX offered to furnish the authorities information concerning the whereabouts of a deserter from West Point if they in turn would intervene in his present predicament with the law. Mr. and Mrs. BENJAMIN were of the opinion that this letter was addressed to West Point, N. Y. Mrs. AVERY destroyed the letter after she read it. Mrs. AVERY is employed by the Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y., and rooms with the [redacted] family but at present is with her father, JAMES BUMP, Geneva, N. Y.

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Mrs. AVERY thought nothing about the letter at the time she read it until she saw the article concerning the case of Cadet RICHARD C. COX which appeared in the "New York Sunday News" on 1/11/53. She was then under the impression that the letter in question referred to the missing Cadet.

The records of the Sheriff's Office, Tioga County Court House, Wellsboro, Pa., revealed that [redacted]

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2-Louisville
2-Atlanta

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Director, FBI

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BUFFALO OFFICE
At Corning, N. Y.

Will contact Mrs. MABEL AVERY, Corning Glass Works, concerning full contents of the letter in question, to whom the letter was addressed and its disposition.

LOUISVILLE OFFICE
At Fort Campbell, Ky.

Will contact [REDACTED] concerning letter given him to mail by [REDACTED] at the Tioga County Jail in Wellsboro, Pa.

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Will secure any other information of importance reflecting on the whereabouts of Cadet COX.

ATLANTA OFFICE
At Atlanta, Ga.

Will contact [REDACTED] through the B of CI, and determine if he has any information concerning the whereabouts of Cadet COX.

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6022 N. Wilson Blvd.
Arlington 5, Va.
March 16, 1953.

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My dear Mr Hoover,

With 360° 60' 60" to chose from, I feel sure you will forgive me for being 11° off. This makes the difference of 6 hours in sidereal or "sun" time and changes a chart's direction 1/4 of the circle around. I now have it straight and correct, I hope.

Richard Cox did not return to Germany. I believe that you will find he signed for work with G.E. at Schenectady or Mansfield on the 19th of Jan. 1950 - applying on 18th.

[Redacted] had probably been transferred from the Mansfield plant to Schenectady. He was probably a former High School classmate of Cox and can be traced thru the cooperation of Mr Glynn Doederer. The Mansfield principal who kindly gave me the correct date of Cox's graduation when I asked him for it last year. Cox may have left there (Schenectady) May 13, 1951, as there was some change in his work at that-time. He has had increases in pay and promotions at whatever his work. He must have been close to home or at least in U.S. on June 5, 1952 as on that-day he had an emotional disturbance (his graduation) which showed plainly on his chart. He married May 25, 52; could have written his mother June 5 '52. If he

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left G.S. on May 13 - 51 he would
have returned to The Army June 1, '51.

Did he not write to his mother, or girl in
Germany ^{or} Miss Simmons Jan 10th, The
Tuesday after [redacted] appearance
on Sat 7th?

I will do more work on this to try
to determine the correct direction he
may have taken if he left G.S. May 13 '51.

If you cannot get a lead on him
from there - There is another possibility
for me to work on.

The exact date of his father's death
in 1939 would be a great help to me.
Am I correct with the date Sept 1st?
I couldnt verify it in The Congressional
Library as they didnt have The Mansfield
paper back that far.

There is tremendous deception in
this chart but there is no way of telling
whether it was [redacted] entirely.

Predictions are out. This is simply
a clock based ^{on} exact birth minute, ^{long +} sat.
Then the larger events of one's life follow
as angles are made to the position of
The planets to the sun and each other
as Sun-time progresses. Directions difficult.
Hope that A.W.O. will be eliminated.
for Cox. Electrical Union is communist. This
is a factor which will make me carry on
to find more if possible. Most sincerely,
Mrs. K. Alexander

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R.S. If Cox cannot be found to have signed with G.S. on the 19th, [redacted] was certainly with them and both may have signed for reenlistment together. This would have been S.W. either in an engineering division (Missouri) or airforce neighborhood of El Paso - It could be found if [redacted] left G.S. at that time. In this event they would have been separated on May 13 '51 or the outfit moved N.W. Then Cox was returned from Korea June 5 '52, and is now N.E. in Germany, possibly both of them. 8244. K.A!

This all depends, or is based on the father's death date being Sept 1, 1939. ? which gives Cox's birth time of 1.18 P.M. Standard, 2.18 P.M. Daylight Savings. You might also check a possible marriage for Cox in Germany - June 26, 1947.

There is plenty of money all around him but for some reason he needed money. [redacted] helped him financially.

If [redacted] was a former army buddy he could be found by tracing who went into electrical work from the army outfit. Difficult but possible.

The marriage date of May 25, '52 is more certain than the Germany one. However "responsibility" was at the meridian pt. of the chart on Jan 14, '50 - with deception square or 90° from himself to a pt. overseas.

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This what has [redacted] and me worried as you can
see that if [redacted] has commu desire
to use a partnership with Cox, a lot
of information could have been learned
particularly since The El Paso degree
of 106° Long. 32° Lat corresponds to that
meridian for Cox, and the exact degrees
for Moscow top a chart for West PT.
at 6.18 PM Jan 14, 1950.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

3/20/53, NY, NY

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU, ATLANTA, BUFFALO, LOUISVILLE, PHILADELPHIA

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RICHARD COLVIN COX, WA, ASN C8132, DESERTER. RE PHILADELPHIA

LET MARCH 12 LAST. DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION. BUTEL JANAUARY 14,
LAST ADVISES ARMY WITHDREW REQUEST FOR BUREAU ASSISTANCE.

BOARDMAN

3-BUREAU (79-23729) (REGULAR MAIL)
2-ATLANTA (REGULAR MAIL)
2-BUFFALO (REGULAR MAIL)
2-LOUISVILLE (REGULAR MAIL)
2-PHILADELPHIA (79-49) (REGULAR MAIL)

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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
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Approved: *L. V. ...*
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Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Mr. Price

June 29, 1953

Mr. O'Beirne

MRS. HAVEL COLEPAUGH
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Richard Cox

Mrs. Colepaugh is the mother of William Curtis Colepaugh, who was convicted as a German espionage agent in 1945 and is now serving a life sentence.

By referral from the Director's Office, Mrs. Colepaugh was interviewed on June 24, 1953, by Supervisor J. W. O'Beirne.

She claimed she had information concerning Richard C. Cox ASN-C-8132 who deserted from the West Point Military Academy on January 14, 1950. Bureau investigation seeking this subject as a deserter was discontinued on January 14, 1953, when the Army withdrew its request for further Bureau investigation inasmuch as the Statute of Limitations had run.

Mrs. Colepaugh's conversation concerning this matter did not make sense and related to events which occurred in 1937 and 1938 and was in regard to associates of her son. She rambled on about other matters and appeared to be mentally incapable of carrying on an intelligent conversation.

It is noted that she has previously been interviewed by supervisors at the Seat of Government who have had the same experience with her. She was last interviewed on December 1, 1952, at which time she requested that the Director obtain a loan for her and assist in disposing of her property which she believed was being swindled from her by unknown "un-American individuals."

Mrs. Colepaugh was tactfully escorted to the elevator and no commitments were made of any kind concerning the matters discussed. She departed saying that she intended to visit James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons to discuss the confinement of her son at Leavenworth Prison.

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- Mohr _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Sizoo _____
- Miss Gandy _____

RECOMMENDATION

To recommend that Mrs. Colepaugh, should she again visit the Bureau, be advised that it is not believed that any information she may have will be of assistance to the Bureau.

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RICHARD C. COX
ASN C-8132 - DESERTER

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Re New York let 10th instant. Enclosed here-
with is a copy of the fingerprint record of [redacted]
ASN [redacted] as contained in the Identification Division
of the Bureau under FBI No. [redacted] As a cooperative
measure you are authorized to effect the interview of
this individual to determine whether or not he may be
identical with the individual who called on the captioned
subject prior to his disappearance from the United States
Military Academy at West Point, New York.

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The Identification Division has advised that
this individual, according to information appearing on
fingerprint cards in his records is described as follows:

Born	-	[redacted]
Height	-	5'11"
Weight	-	200 pounds
Hair	-	Brown
Eyes	-	Brown
Complexion	-	Ruddy
Build	-	Heavy
Residence	-	[redacted]
(1945)	-	St. Louis, Missouri

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You should submit an investigative report
covering the results of this interview and furnish
sufficient copies of this report to the New York Division
for distribution to First Army, New York City. It will
be noted that this fingerprint record fails to reflect an
arrest on the charge of impersonation. A search of the
Bureau's indices failed to indicate an investigation of
an individual bearing this name for violation of the
impersonation statutes.

Attachment

1-cc-New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 7/10/53

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, was.
DESERTER

SA [redacted] 10th CID. has advised that [redacted] is now a civilian residing at [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri. SA [redacted] stated [redacted] could be the unknown [redacted] in instant case. He gave the following reasons for this belief.

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During [redacted] service in the U. S. Army, he was a Ranger. Later [redacted] was transferred to the Special Investigations Section of the 53 Constabulary Squadron at Schweibach, Germany, from 1946 to 1949. In such capacity [redacted] had contact with other Constabulary Squadrons. He had many friends in the 28 Constabulary Squadron, which was COX'S former outfit. As a former Ranger, [redacted] wore a Ranger patch on his shoulder during his service with the 53 Constabulary Squadron.

While in Germany about 1948 [redacted] He was acquitted of the charge. [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, date unknown. SA [redacted] has developed information that [redacted] knew that COX and RICHARD SHEA had taken examinations in Germany for admission to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. SHEA has since graduated from the USMA.

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SA [redacted] pointed out that undoubtedly [redacted] knew COX was at West Point. He generally fits the description of the unknown [redacted] and his first name is [redacted]

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SA [redacted] informed that inasmuch as [redacted] is now a civilian, the FBI was being requested to interview him. Mr. [redacted] is aware of the fact that investigation by this Bureau terminated on 1/14/53. He pointed out that his superiors desired this request to be forwarded to this Bureau.

Bureau approval is requested for agents of the St. Louis Office to interview [redacted] to determine his whereabouts on January 7 and 14, 1950 and whether or not he has any information concerning COX. If Bureau approval is given, it is requested that a copy of the identification record of [redacted] ASN [redacted] be furnished to the St. Louis and New York Offices.

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A description of [redacted] as furnished by SA [redacted] is as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	[redacted]
Height	5'9½"
Weight	225 lbs.
Build	
Hair	Dark, short
Eyes	
Complexion	Light
Remarks	Boisterous, boastful
ASN Number	[redacted]

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 9-22-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-7,8,9-53	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C-8132 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE DESERTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] presently in USA attached to 5108th ASU, MP Detachment No. 1, SLMO. Upon interview advised he knew COX in 1947 in Germany but has not seen him since. [redacted] advised that he was in Germany during January, 1950 and visited West Point, New York on one occasion only during June, 1952.

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DETAILS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Private [redacted] advised that he reenlisted in the United States Army and is presently attached to the 5108th ASU, Military Police Detachment, No. 1 at St. Louis, Missouri.

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He advised that to the best of his recollection, he first met RICHARD C. COX in about February, 1947 at Coburg, Germany at which time both he and COX were in the same regiment. He explained that he was assigned to the 53rd Constabulary Squad and COX, at that time, was assigned to the 28th or 13th Constabulary Squad. [redacted] stated that he was acquainted with COX for a period of about six months during 1947 and came in contact with COX weekly in that [redacted] was assigned to duties consisting of delivering prisoners to Coburg, Germany. He stated that he has not seen COX since 1947 and had never written to COX and had no background information concerning him.

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Private [redacted] stated further that he is aware that COX is missing or is wanted by authorities, in that he saw the photograph

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of COX as it appeared in a detective story magazine. He stated that he had never seen COX in this country and advised that he had been to West Point in New York but once in his life. On this occasion, [redacted] went to West Point in June, 1952 to visit Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM R. TUCK but was unable to get in touch with him.

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[redacted] advised he was stationed in Germany from March, 1946 to December 3, 1948. He left Brehemhaven, Germany on December 3, 1948 and arrived in New York December 17, 1948. He then returned to Brehemhaven, Germany during the first week in March, 1949 and did not leave Europe until March 17, 1952. He advised that he did have leave and furlough during the period from 1949 to 1952, but they were for one or two week durations only, and he did not leave Europe at that time.

Private [redacted] advised that he has the following Army record:

enlisted January 19, 1940 at St. Louis, Missouri, honorably discharged June 12, 1945 at St. Louis, Missouri; reenlisted January 22, 1946 at East St. Louis, Illinois, honorably discharged November 10, 1948 at Weiden, Germany; reenlisted at Weiden, Germany November 10, 1948, honorably discharged December 12, 1952 at Camp Pickett, Virginia; reenlisted July 7, 1953 at St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted] advised that he had [redacted] and stated that [redacted]

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REFERENCE New York letter to Bureau July 10, 1953

Bulet to St. Louis July 22, 1953

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TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: January 14, 1954

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (79-25)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa. [redacted]
MISSING PERSON

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Handwritten notes: 4th, 7-3-1, G.L.R.-3

RAY LA BELLE, P. O. Box 197, Radio City Station, NYC, 19, New York, contacted SA [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio, by long distance telephone from New York City about the middle of December, 1953. It is to be noted that SA [redacted] to the above captioned missing person. In this telephone conversation LA BELLE stated he had written a letter to Mrs. RUPERT F. COX, Jr., mother of RICHARD and that in her reply she had requested LA BELLE to correspond with SA [redacted] in the event he believed he had pertinent information to furnish in this matter.

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LA BELLE stated he had been employed recently at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York and that he believed he had obtained the solution to the disappearance of Cadet RICHARD COX. He further stated that he was preparing a letter setting out the information he had obtained and stated he would mail it to SA [redacted] about a week from the date of the telephone call.

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On January 6, 1954, the enclosed letter was received from LA BELLE.

Two photostatic copies of this letter are being forwarded to the New York office, the Office of Origin, in this case. Leads to interview LA BELLE are being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU

Original copy of letter received
from RAY LA BELLE, PO Box 197,
Radio City Station. NYC 19, N.Y.



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Cleveland Ohio

Dear Sir

I am the man who called you over the phone one Sunday afternoon "dec 13" and now I think that it time for me to send you this letter, and regardless of what you, maybe thinking, please read it all very carefully. Incidentally, the "Reds" release Homer Cox, does this mean that you are back, from where you started, I wonder?

Now lets talk about Cadet Richard Cox, and this is my story in parts, explaining his mysterious disappearance from W.C. academy. When I first got interest in him, I decided, that the logical thing for me to do, was to find out what sort of a young man he was, and the result all good so, I learned, that he was honest and incapable of committing any criminal act, and also that, he was proud, and possessed a high sense of "Honor", easy going, quite spoken and kepted every thing to himself. His fault, he was to naive and to much of a trusting soul, I have worked in West Point for three weeks when I was employed as a painter, I worked in the Cadets quarters, and Officers homes, you see that I must have learned some thing, and I did as you shall see later on in my story. We know that the origin of all his trouble took root in Germany itself, while he was on a tour of duty, a person, known to him, preferably a woman, in a fit of, hate and vengeance, trapped him into, signing him up, with the communist party, in what manner this was done, I will let it go for now, as I have so much to say, but I have it anytime you want to know about it, tonight I got to convince you.

Course all this happened while he was under the influence of liquor. He never suspected a thing until one night, when he went to call on this person, that she had flown the coop leaving no forward address, so that night he was not too worried, and he didn't think too much about it, and now he was trying to remember that last night together, they had gone to lots of places and had lots of fun, but this last step she had wanted him to meet some American friends of hers, they were civilians but they would have to go in the Russian sector. jokingly she had said, are you afraid that these men are spies, the war is over, no need to be afraid. he must have put on civilian clothes, and so they went and now at this very moment, he realized that, this was real serious, and he began to remember lots of faces, the house, and all these questions about himself, and now his sixth sense told him that he was in real danger, so he kept searching for the girl and went to the G. Headquarters, and he looked in the identification files to see if he could trace some of these men, he had been told that these men were American like him, and so he thought he was no coward, and he decides to cross into the Russian sector a second time and go back to that house first to see if the girl was there, and to find out more about these men. This time a German answered, the door, and he was escorted inside, where he met the master of the place, they asked him what was the object of this visit, he ask for the girl, had they seen her, they in turn took his nervousness as the result of a lovers quarrel and reassured him that she was all right as he was about to leave, one of the men handed him a card and there printed on it was his picture and complete description of himself, also attesting that he Richard had become an active member in the communist party, a look of horror showed on his face, these men realized then that the Richard got

did not want any part of their organization, and for a minute his life hung by a thread, why had he come, was he an American spy, what was he after; he told them the truth, because of the fact that he had come here the first time very drunk it was unlikely that he could remember anything he had seen or heard and if they were to hold him prisoner, it would become a very embarrassing situation, all around. because it would affect their plan. these ten men who had been seen by Richard, were the men - clues of all the Communists' agents, in all America, these were to become known as the striking force, under direct orders from Moscow, and at present, receiving, all the necessary instructions and training, pertaining to an organization of this kind. Richard was set free with a warning, to keep his trap shut, surrounding him that they could destroy him anytime they wish. Incidentally, I say that I think that I have a lead as to the identity of at least one member of this gang, as you shall see later on. So this is the way things stood with Richard, constantly followed. then he got the news that he was coming back home.

Scene number two

Why he didn't come to you, and make a clean breast of it all, I guess it because he was too proud, never realising, how serious this was. Now we find him, at West Point, where, he is happy, and the past apparently forgotten, but it was soon to catch up with him with this stranger showing up, what did he want from Richard why was he here, they wanted to make sure that he was the man they were looking for, and not the other Cox it was a casual enough meeting, as the records showed, the next visit was to get familiar with the grounds and surrounding area. also, to soften him up. and then later to get him out of West Point, Richard put up a fight, and he bluff them but he was no match, for them. so he lost the battle.

you see Sir, Richard, had become a menace to them, and thus he had to be disposed of but not in the manner one would think, a one way ride, than the victim dumped somewhere. all this was part of a plan long arranged before hand, as we shall see later on, very logically I think that this is what happened. on Jan 14 1950, this stranger called him up for the last time, telling him that they were now willing to give him back this incriminating evidence, because they realised that he would never be of any use to them, would he Richard care to join he the caller, and go to Newburgh, where everything will be settle once and for all.

Mr Colby you don't believe this possible and neither would I, but a man in panic will and thus very naively, he swallowed the bait hook and sinker.

Scene number three.

We now find Richard, waiting and alone in Newburgh, was it in a Bar or restaurant, any public place of business would ^{serve} have the same purpose because at the present he was waiting for a phone call that should tell him where to meet his tormentors, the reason for this situation is that under any circumstances did they want to be seen with him, afraid to lose him that he would have a change of heart and possibly turned them in, because of his social position, and who would believe him anyway, he would not come so they called him up and give him the address, this time he met two men, they offered him a drink, and they showed him that they had in their possession this card. and it was turned over to him one more drink and he could leave never to be bothered by them again, now for good spirits he accepted this last drink, a minute later he felt unconscious, drugged and completely in their power, he was carried out to an automobile thrown inside, so he was so place as to show just a tired of own reason and now sound asleep.

He told them off, and, even, at the cost of his career. He would go and expose them, poor kid, he put up a bold front, but he didn't have a chance. If he would have only confided in you, it was not his nature and he was proud, and he aimed at solving this problem himself, the second visit was very much the same as the first one except that now his enemies, who were already making out plans to get him out of West Point, they studied the grounds and its surroundings to see how it could be done. They were in no hurry because this was part of a plan, for a long before hand, than on January the 13, this stranger showed up, and for the first time, nodding his head, demanding that he Richard, should go with him. Richard stood his ground and bluff. And again so the same guy showed up for the last time, and succeeded in getting Richard out, under the promise, that they would give him back, the evidence they were holding against him, because they knew that he would be of no use to them, you don't believe this could be possible, and neither could I. But a man in panic will.

My next scene find Richard, waiting and alone, right now he is expecting a phone call that will tell him, where to meet his tormentors, the reason for this situation, is that under any circumstances did they want to be seen with him, would he come, of course because there was nothing else he could do. but come and get those papers that will clear him once and for all. so Richard leave, for his usual work, so that eat and mouse there was no use on him, they offered him a drink, possibly one or two at the most, what he didn't know is that his drink had been drugged, and it didn't take long that he was rendered unconscious, in this manner, he was carried to an automobile, and he was so placed inside of it that any curious would only see, a young man, tired, and apparently sleeping it off.

they drove off to the ferry, where they took the boat that took them across to Beacon, In order to find out, where their destination could have been, we must take into consideration the conditions of the weather, it was a cold winter night, in order to make this more accurate, I would like to know what time he was last seen in Newburgh, anyway I will give you an idea of what I mean, assuming that they arrive in Beacon at one o'clock A.M., and with only less than six hours away before daybreak, also taking into consideration the conditions of the road, top speed used would be of approximately 35 miles an hour, allowed only 5 hours of actual travelling time because they must have stopped along the way at least a couple times, before they reach their destination they will have to cover between 175 to 200 miles, there you have it, chances are that along the way they stopped for gas and also sent out a message by. All gram, or made a long distance call, giving the news that, everything, worked according to plan, and to proceed with plan one, that was to gather together the rest of the gang and this gang, consisted of ten men or more men. I have my reasons for saying this, so we just let it explaination go for now.

Scene number 3.

Now they have reach the end of their journey without incident Richard is still, unconscious, so the car stopped in front of a house, Richard is carried inside and thrown on a bed. he was to remain unconscious for at least three days, their trail had been well covered up, and now they had him in their power, they could dispose of him anytime they wanted, It is now January 17, 1950, exactly three days later since all this happened, it is about two o'clock in the afternoon, and Richard has finally regained consciousness, his mind still foggy and sick

from the effects of the drugg, also weak from hunger, it took him a little time to understand that he was finally trapped and at the mercy of these criminals, ever since he had brought to their house, a guard had been watching him constantly, now some food has been given to him, and while he is eating, hes thinking, what will they do with him next, we must leave him, and see what going on, in the other room, every single member of this gang is now present, and at this very moment they to are debating on the very same subject, what to do with him, these rats didnt leave nothing to chance, and it was not in their plan to killed him now, lest leave him here a prisoner all alone,

These men, had plan and conceived, and figured out to its last detail, for an armed robbery, that was to be known later as the Brinks Holiday, and now they were getting ready to put their plan in action.

Now Richard is brought into the center of the room, he looks at those faces, he remembers they were the someone whom he had met during that fateful night while he was in Germany, he was asked if he knew any of them? he said yes, but they didnt believe him, nevertheless he was told to do what they ask and he would be set free; and for the first time in his life, Richard became a man and proved to be a good soldier, because he didnt believe them, and he was making plans to escape, he knew they were here to do something big, and he aimed to find out what this was, as soon as it got dark they got ready, and with this they decided to take Richard with them, why? they knew that where they were going, there was millions, and they could use an extra man to eat it safely out, how could they be so sure of him they were armed, and he was not, it would be an easy matter for them to killed him inside the Bank, but how sure they were with him.

The strange part of it all is that this gang didn't have a leader, every important move, was always submitted for approval, and there, never was a single argument among them, they had come back to this country, to do a job, a big job, just a fraction of a plan that was to leave in its path destruction and murder, on with the story.

"Scene number 4"

As I said before, this gang is composed of ten men, it is dark and they are now ready to leave, they told Richard to get dressed that they were going, they split in two groups and Richard left with the first five, incidentally I must say that he was actually walking out with a gun in his back, and as soon as he hit the cold air, it helped him to recover completely now, not afraid, sure of himself, because he felt sure he would get at least one chance of escape, what they were going to do with him he didn't care no more, if he only knew what they were up to, a panel truck and a private automobile, as they were walking Richard's group got in the truck, the rest took the other car they rode for a while, and not a word had been said and, four pairs of eyes were watching him, they must have drove on for about, one hour, they had, ten sets of uniforms for these men as a rule, so one of them told Richard to take his coat off, and replace it with a coat, and by now they have reached the first point of their destination, and the truck is stopped waiting then the rear doors of the truck opens to let the rest of the gang in, this time they ride for about 10 minutes the car struck stop again and this time they are covering them full with, rubber masks, freakish looking things, another car, a big black limousine, is parked, nobody is in it, so it all arrange, no more than 6 men plus one side, Richard is with them.

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the other remaining four, fanned out, and came on foot. from two different directions, the big house was pulled in front of the Banks building, a quick look and the signal is given that all clear, the six men in the case walked inside, the Bank and I say that Richard was kept close to the entrance, and that sacks of money were handed to him, as you can see for yourself I am giving you the reason why he was used. it is known that a man had been seen handling a machine gun, and as they were coming out this man, making sure that the feeding magazine was off, he handed it to Richard to see if he had the guts to use it, Richard knew better, he thought that he would have to hand it back, and as he was an experienced soldier, he knew weapons, and in a matter of seconds he dismantled it, by doing this he was hoping that no innocent person would get hurt and the possibility of getting these guys arrested, but the man who had given them the weapon, forgot about him and ran out, there was two more men inside, and any second they to would be coming out, so Richard went out to and noticed he left behind this machine gun, so they left the way they had come, the whole operation was a success. and now we find them, at their hide out, Richard was again escorted to his room, still held a prisoner, he knew that his end was near and that there was no escape, if somebody could only understand the clue he had left behind, in the meantime the loot had been brought into the house, stacked away in a closet and apparently forgotten. one of them turned on the radio for the news that would tell them if any clue had been left behind, yes there was a clue. and immediately a check up of their weapons was made and they to verified this fact that the machine gun.

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was missing, one of them drew a gun to killed, the man respon-
sible, as he was given the chance to explain himself, relating
the incident between him and Richard, I dare say that in
order to save his skin he never told the truth anyway.
it was then decided to dispose of Richard right now, so the
poor kid was taken outside and killed.

Scene 5

Lets see what is going on in Boston. the justice with all
its law agencies set in motion, their forces in order
to find out who was guilty for this crime.

Also on the move, was the underworld trying their hands
at it, with O'Keefe and his gang leading in the search they
hoping to find a clue that would eventually lead them to this
gang. in this they were more lucky than the cops, and
now they were ready for a big shake down, contact was made
and a Sunday's work arrange, and a pay off followed, during
these transaction that followed, O'Keefe had a chance to see
that these men were dress in the same way as the night
of the robbery, and thus they still could not be identify
personally, before the final pay off it was requested that
he O'Keefe, should drive some miles up the road. where
there was a truck parked, and that said truck was to be
immediately disposed off, a final word, they must never
again try another shake down, and as this was said he
looked at those eyes staring at him from inside that mask
and in them he saw death.

O'Keefe and his men left first to be followed at a distance
by the other car. these were making sure that, this order
would be carried out, a flash of head lights told O'Keefe
that they were getting close to where the truck was parked.

and a few hundred yards away they saw it, and according to the instruction, they were to stop and wait until the driver of this truck was safely away inside of the other car. Now O'Keefe is taking over, and he orders two of his men to take over the truck and drive it at a certain place where it could be destroyed,

the two men climbed inside the car and immediately drove off. O'Keefe following in his own car, and lost the other car, following, and then it disappears in the dark of the night.

The two men inside the truck had about one hour of driving before they could reach their destination, and now they were patting each other back, and one saying this sure was an easy touch! touch, the one not driving looked in the rear to see a form something like a bag, so he went to see what it was, at this very moment greed was in this man's heart so he didn't say a word. so he pulled a knife out and slash the bag wide open, there he saw the dead frozen body of a young man, and you can easily guess who this was, he told his partner of this discovery and they immediately signed the other car to stop. they showed O'Keefe their discovery, as it was imperative to dispose of this body they had to change their plan where they hid it, I don't know, but as soon as this was done, they took the truck to a place where it was completely destroyed. That is almost, because I believe that you have a piece of it away way there of O'Keefe wanted another shake down, and O'Keefe, now knowing the strength of this gang didn't want any part of it.

While the other three agreed to try it again. result?

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Two of these men have been ambushed and killed while
the third one died from a heart attack so they say but to me
the truth is that he died from a fear greater than death
itself

Thus ends my story

I have received a letter from Mrs Cox in which she was
asking me

Have I got a lead? yes.

" " " a clue very possibly yes

and a plan of action yes.

I didn't tell you this, but after I called you over the phone
I wanted to go to Cleveland, when I could talk to you but
as luck would have it I stopped working thus making
it impossible to do so,

I wanted you to come here to New York for Jan 13. and
on the night of the 14 we would have reconstructed it.
there is many clues that you can follow if you only
want to listen to me

My story was made possible because irrefutable facts
definite and unimpeachable circumstantial evidence prove
that I am right and I must had to personal experience
a few years previous to these incidents I have met
a man under the most peculiar circumstances because
of this, I dare say that he could very well be the same
man who was last known to be seen with Richard
that is in W. Pittsfield

You have a big decision to make and for the sake of Mrs Cox.
I hope that it is the right one, you realize that if this was
known by too many, my life would not be worth a nickel, as for
dealing with the FBI here in New York that out, it is better that
you yourself, start this and listen to me.

I have been working this out for three long years. I have tried to see many people, they all agree that I have some thing but they are afraid to do something about it. As you must certainly know by now I have written a letter to Mr Hoover himself. in fact this was his answer I received

Thank you for your remarkable deduction and intelligent reasoning, and if in the future you should have some I want you to feel free to go at all times about my office and see Mr Boardman, I never was given the chance and now Sir I ask you do I make sense, please let's cut this red tape and really do some thing about it. Now having said enough, I must close this letter. I wish I could have done a better job of explaining myself. I thank you for being so patient and now to you and your family

A Happy New Year.

Yours truly

Ray LaBelle

telephone number

Woodside L.I. N.Y.

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Home address is

41-29 69 street

all my recurring mail is sent at my postal address. Box 197. radio city sta. N.Y. 10101.

P.S

I have but told just one third of this story and, once the rest is told I am sure that quick results may be obtained.

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TO : Director, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 2/5/54

FROM : SAC, New York (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa
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Re Cleveland let 1/14/54 forwarding to NYO photostatic copies of letter dated 1/2/54 and sent by RAY LA BELLE. At the end of this letter LA BELLE gives his address as 41-29 69 St., Woodside, L.I., N.Y.

NY let 10/27/53, captioned "RAY LA BELLE, 41-29 69 St., Queens, NY; PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTER," sets forth information from JOSEPH HUNTERA, 304 East 134 St., Bronx, NY that RAY LA BELLE is giving consideration to writing a book. LA BELLE allegedly believed that the Brinks Robbery and the disappearance of Cadet COX were related.

The LA BELLE who wrote the letter dated 1/2/54 is apparently identical with the LA BELLE mentioned by MR. HUNTERA. In view of the fact that COX case is closed in the NYO, the photostatic copies of LA BELLE's letter dated 1/2/54 will be turned over to the 10th CID, US Army after five days from the date of the letter UACB.

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Handwritten notes and signatures:
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TO : Mr. Tolson

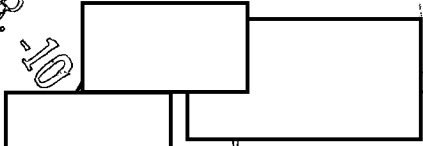
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FROM : L. B. Nichols

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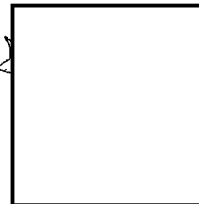


For record purposes, SAC Kelly of New York City advised my office today that he had received a telephone call from a Mr. Speis, script writer for the Robert Montgomery show, who advised he was planning a program of one hour's duration on the case of Richard C. Cox, the missing West Point cadet from Ohio. It is recalled the Bureau conducted extensive inquiry in this matter and nothing of any violation of a law within our jurisdiction was indicated and the case is closed.

Kelly was told to refer Mr. Speis to the Army.

cc - Mr. Rosen

cc - Mr. Jones



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: February 12, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: NEPTUNE PRODUCTIONS COMPANY
NEW YORK CITY
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN TELEVISION CASE OF
RICHARD C. COX, MISSING WEST POINT CADET

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By letter of February 9, 1954, to you, Joseph W. Bailey of captioned organization states they are planning a one-hour television production, on "Robert Montgomery Presents," of the Cox case. He states that their writer, Adrian Spies, intends to talk to Army, FBI, and local authorities involved, and Bailey asks permission to proceed.

No data in files is identifiable with Bailey, Spies or their company, but Robert Montgomery receives the salutation "Dear Bob" from the Director. Cox disappeared from West Point and was declared a deserter as of January 14, 1950, and Bureau assistance in locating him was requested. When the statute of limitations ran on January 14, 1953, the request was withdrawn (79-23729).

In view of our lack of relations with this company and the fact that this is the Army's matter, a letter has been prepared advising that we can neither give nor deny permission for them to proceed and can not assist them. It is for your signature.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter for your signature be sent Bailey, advising him that this is an Army matter and we can not assist them and can neither give nor deny permission for them to proceed.

Attachment sent 2-15-54



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February 15, 1954

Mr. Joseph W. Bailey
Neptune Productions Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Your letter dated February 9, 1954, has been received.

In connection with the case of Richard G. Cox, I would like to point out that this is a matter in which the Army had primary jurisdiction in view of Cox's status as a West Point Cadet. In accordance with established regulations and procedures, the Army at one time did request our assistance in locating Cox, but that request was subsequently withdrawn and we have discontinued our efforts in the case.

I regret that, in view of this, it is not possible for us to assist you in this matter. I am sure you will agree that, inasmuch as we are no longer involved in the case, we can neither grant nor deny you permission to proceed with your plans.

Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

cc - New York, with copy of incoming



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NEPTUNE PRODUCTIONS COMPANY

30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

CIRCLE 7-8300

February 9, 1954

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Mr. Louis Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

We are planning a one hour television dramatization of the case of Richard C. Cox, a cadet at West Point, who has been missing since 1950, on ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS.

It is Mr. Montgomery's intention and that of our organization to document the enormous search job that was undertaken and that may still be going on. We mean to follow within the bounds of security the step-by-step process and the wonderful and dedicated job done by so many, many people along the way.

In line with this, our writer, Mr. Adrian Spies, means to talk to Army and FBI persons involved in the case, to visit West Point and talk to the people there, to check with local police authorities and to build a generally comprehensive and accurate report of a most laudable undertaking.

Of course, it is our intention to cooperate wholly with the government authorities and we are asking for your permission to proceed at this point.

I would appreciate hearing from you about this just as soon as possible.

With kindest regards.

Cordially,

Joseph W. Bailey
Joseph W. Bailey



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 2, 1954

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Mrs. Rupert F. Cox
554 West Cook Road
Mansfield, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the missing person notice maintained in the files of our Identification Division in your behalf regarding Richard C. Cox, whom you reported missing in January, 1950.

At this time we are checking our files and will appreciate your letting us know whether the location of the above person is still desired by you. If so, the notice will, of course, be continued in file. All that will be necessary will be for you to check one of the spaces at the bottom of this letter and return it to us.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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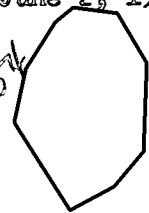
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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the missing person notice maintained in the files of our Identification Division in your behalf regarding Richard C. Cox, whom you reported missing in February, 1950.

At this time we are checking our files and will appreciate your letting us know whether the location of the above person is still desired by you. If so, the notice will, of course, be continued in file. All that will be necessary will be for you to check one of the spaces at the bottom of this letter and return it to us.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: November 16, 1954

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (79-22)

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Army Serial Number C-8132-FUGITIVE
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Lieutenant MARVIN H. TWIFORD, Security and Personnel Officer, U. S. Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, New Jersey, telephonically advised that one of the Coast Guard Men, ERNEST C. SHOTWELL, Jr., Third Class Hospital Corpsman, USCG, Cape May, had told him that he had been reading an article in the November issue of Coronet magazine relative to RICHARD COLVIN COX, a missing Cadet from West Point. SHOTWELL advised Lieutenant TWIFORD that he knew COX and had seen him in Washington, D. C. in 1952. Lieutenant TWIFORD had stated that he would make SHOTWELL available for interview.

ERNEST C. SHOTWELL, Jr. advised as follows:

His home address is 1714 Chamberlayne Road, South Boston, Virginia. He was formerly a Sergeant Medic in the USAF, when he entered the USMA in preparatory school in September, 1947, where he received instructions preparatory to taking examination for entry into West Point. He failed the Physical Aptitude Examination and did not enter West Point, and he left the prep school July 1, 1948.

While at USMA, COX was also enrolled, and the two of them were in the same company but in different platoons, he being in the first platoon and COX in the third. The two of them attended the same classes, and they occasionally went out together socially. COX finished the USMA and went on to West Point. All in all, he knew COX from September of 1947 until he left in July, 1948.

They went on weekend trips together and also on liberty together. They went to New York City, and on one occasion had dinner at the home of his uncle, Doctor JAMES T. SHOTWELL, age 80, who is a Professor of History at Columbia University.

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On another occasion, he and COX stayed at the Flanders Hotel, located between West 47 or 49th Street at

CC: New York (79-108)

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Times Square. On this occasion, he registered and COX and a third party named STEPHEN G. VUKELIC, PFC-USMC, 163 Franklin Street, Lackawanna, New York, sneaked in or might be called, "free loaders". He and COX also on occasion went to Newburgh, New York, which is approximately fifteen miles from West Point. This was while on liberty, and they would visit the Green Room in the Hotel Newburgh. They also visited Briarcliff College, Ossining, New York, where they would have dates with the co-eds. 3

With regard to COX, he stated that COX was well liked by the men in the company and that he had a favorite saying, "Wait until the circle C hits them." COX used this expression quite frequently when talking to various individuals at the prep school. There was one thing about COX that might be considered peculiar, and that was that he would never look directly at you when in conversation and would look off into space and seem to be wandering in his thoughts.

SHOTWELL advised that he was in Washington, D. C. the first week of March, 1952, and he stopped in at the Greyhound Post Restaurant, 13th and New York Avenue, where he formerly worked, to see some of his old friends. While sitting at the counter having a cup of coffee, he looked around the room and observed COX sitting at a table near the rear window. When he saw who it was, he went over to him and said, "COX." COX replied "SHOTWELL." SHOTWELL then stated, "What are you doing here? Aren't you going to the graduation?" COX, "No, I resigned from the Academy last year." COX also remarked to SHOTWELL that he was going to work in Germany for himself. COX also said that he was presently working for himself but did not say what type work he was doing nor did he indicate what type of work he contemplated doing in Germany.

In SHOTWELL's opinion, COX appeared to be startled when he came over to COX's table. COX did not appear to be friendly and did not offer to shake hands. After an elapsed period of about five minutes, COX got up and made his departure. SHOTWELL did not observe in what direction COX went or how he was traveling, and COX did not indicate where

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he had been or where he was going. SHOTWELL was of the opinion that COX had a room close by since he was only dressed in street clothes and was not wearing a hat or coat, and at that time of the year it was rather cool in Washington. When COX made his departure, he left by the cafeteria door or the door nearest to HARRY's BAR.

SHOTWELL described COX as follows when he saw him in the restaurant in March:

Age:	20-21
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	170-175 lbs.
Hair:	Medium brown
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COX, according to SHOTWELL, had not changed too much in appearance from when he last saw him while at USMA.

SHOTWELL said that he did not know that COX was reported as missing from the Academy until he read the article in Coronet magazine. He had not seen or heard from or anything about COX since he left the prep school. SHOTWELL also stated that he went to the June, 1952 graduation, COX's class, and he did not think to ask anyone about COX and no one brought up the subject of COX's disappearance. He saw COX in March, and he places the time of day at between 2 and 3 P.M. and towards the end of the first week of March.

SHOTWELL also has in his possession, and will make same available upon request, the USMA prep school year book, Pretirona, for the year 1948. This year book contains COX's picture and also photographs of the company that COX belonged to while at the prep school, along with the names and addresses of the students at USMA. RUC-

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Date: February 8, 1955
To: The Provost Marshal General
1804 Main Navy Building
18th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: RICHARD C. COX
Army Serial Number G-8132
MISSING WEST POINT CADET

Reference is made to the case of the above-named subject, formerly carried as a fugitive deserter in our files.

Inasmuch as you withdrew request for further investigative assistance in 1953, Cox is now listed with us only as a missing person, and I am, therefore, referring to you a letter received from William Duncan, prisoner number [redacted] United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. The prisoner claims knowledge of information affecting the disappearance of Cox.

I shall appreciate your notification if Cox is located through the information.

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Identical FBI #357872A. Mother and New York office to be notified. Bufile 79-23729.

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Date: November 30, 1954

To: Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Sullivan
Chief, Operations Division
Provost Marshal General's Office
Department of the Army
Room 1804, Navy Building
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: **RECORDED-41** 425
RICHARD COLVIN COX
MISSING PERSON

EX-125 Information concerning Richard Colvin Cox, G-8132, has been received by this Bureau and is being furnished herewith for your information.

Lieutenant Marvin H. Twiford, Security and Personnel Officer, U. S. Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, New Jersey, telephonically advised that one of the Coast Guard men, Ernest C. Shotwell, Jr., Third Class Hospital Corpsman, U. S. Coast Guard, Cape May, had told him that he had been reading an article in the November issue of Coronet magazine relative to Richard Colvin Cox, a missing Cadet from West Point. Shotwell advised Lieutenant Twiford that he knew Cox and had seen him in Washington, D. C. in 1952. Lieutenant Twiford made Ernest C. Shotwell, Jr., available for interview and Shotwell advised as follows:

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His home address is 1714 Chamberlayne Road, South Boston, Virginia, and he was formerly a Sergeant Medic in the U. S. Air Force. He was enrolled in the U. S. Military Academy Preparatory School from September, 1947 to July 1, 1948, where he knew Cox who was also enrolled and in the same company. Shotwell advised that he failed the physical aptitude test and did not enter West Point.

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During this enrollment, the two attended the same classes and occasionally went out together socially. They went

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February 8, 1955

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Bureau of Prisons
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Director, FBI

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WILLIAM DUNCAN
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Thank you for referring on February 2, 1955,
the letter from the above-named inmate regarding the
missing West Point cadet, apparently Richard C. Cox.

It is not our policy, of course, to conduct
active investigations unless specific Federal statutes
have been violated. Inasmuch as we are no longer
interested in the case, except to forward information
received as to the missing person's whereabouts, I am
forwarding the letter to the Provost Marshal General's
office, Department of the Army.

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notified. Bufile 79-23729.

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TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February 2, 1955

FROM : James V. Bennett, Director
Bureau of Prisons

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SUBJECT: DUNCAN, William - No.

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There is attached the letter which the above-named inmate has directed to the Attorney General through the Prisoners' Mail Box. In this, he gives information about the West Point Cadet who disappeared in 1948. This is forwarded as a matter coming under the attention of your office.

J. V. Bennett

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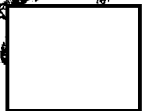
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O. From William R. Duncan
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Y PMB [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas

January 8, 1954
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To Mr. Brownell,
U.S. Attorney General

Washington D. C.
(Address)

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Dear Sir:

I am writing you this letter and it is my honest desire to help you. I hope it will also help me.

In 1948, 1949 and 1950 I lived in New York State. I was in a hospital at the time a Cadet disappeared from West Point Military Academy.

Of recent date I have given much thought to this and also have read a story of it.

I have the answer to this mystery. The man who knows of it I believe lives in N.Y. State. He is about (45) years of age. I can describe his features and if I had some person of authority to sketch his picture I can furnish the details.

I spoke to a former C.I.C. Official about such. He said it perhaps will benefit me if I am sure of my assumptions.

I would like to talk with some one whom you might designate. I know you will appreciate this.

I believe I know the man quite well. He is married and was in the Army in Germany. He has trouble with his feet although he walks alright.

He lives in N.Y. he has dark hair which he combs back.

He is a very boisterous character and smokes cigarettes. He is fond of sea food. He drinks a good amount and is a lady's man.

I truthfully believe I am right. I am almost positive. As I have said I was advised to write.

Thanking you and I remain

Sincerely

[redacted]

William R. Duncan

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ENCLOSURE

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SAC, Kansas City

March 14, 1955

Director, FBI (79-23729)

RICHARD C. COX
MISSING PERSON

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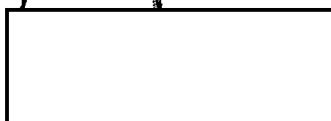
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Enclosed are two copies of a letter received in the Bureau from Robert M. Earley, number [redacted] Kansas Penitentiary at Lansing. In the letter Earley, FBI [redacted] who is serving a five to fifteen year [redacted] indicates that he has some information in the Cox case, Cox being the West Point cadet who has been missing since January, 1950. Cox was the subject of Bureau investigation as a deserter after his disappearance, but the Army withdrew their request for further assistance in 1953. A missing person notice is being maintained in Cox's record on behalf of his mother in Mansfield, Ohio, and the New York office.

You are requested to have an Agent interview Earley to determine if he has any information of value in the case, and if so, the information should be supplied to the Provost Marshal General, 1804 Main Navy Building, 18th and Constitution Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Cox's Army serial number is C-8132.

In addition, Earley asks that he be interviewed by "someone familiar with the atomic energy commission. (Regarding its security code.)" In view of this, you are requested to ascertain whether he has any information regarding a violation of the Atomic Energy Act.

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Lansing, Kansas
February 24, 1955
Thursday Evening

Mr J Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Mr. Hoover:

About a year ago I contacted the editor of Bluebook, magazine. In connection with the disappearance of West Point Cadet, Richard Cox. He, (the editor) informed me that Richard Cox's case was in the hands of the C. I. D. & F. B. I. I was instructed by him to contact one or the other of these departments.

The fact that I am being imprisoned (& was at that time) detained me, as it were. Because, other inmates get funny ideas when a member of their society starts having visits with F. B. I. agent. So, I have refrained up 'til now to do what my conscience all ways dictated.

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I would sincerely appreciate it if you could arrange to have one Bruce, from O. C., Okla. or someone close to him come here for this interview. However any agent of your department is welcome.

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I would furthermore appreciate it if you would send someone familiar with the (over)



atomic energy *code*. (Regarding its security code.)
Needless to say, I hope to hear from
you within the near future. Thanking you
I remain.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert M. Bailey
Sec. No.
Kansas Pen.
P.O. Box #2.
Lansing, Kans.

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The Baffling Cox Case

Search for Missing Cadet Revived Here

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By STAN FELDER

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Richard Colvin Cox, 22-year-old cadet who vanished from West Point five years ago—one of the most baffling disappearances in recent history—is believed to be alive and possibly in Washington, The News learned today.

Military authorities distributed pictures of the missing cadet to Washington police and other law enforcement agencies last week and asked them to keep a sharp lookout for him "because he may be in the area right now."

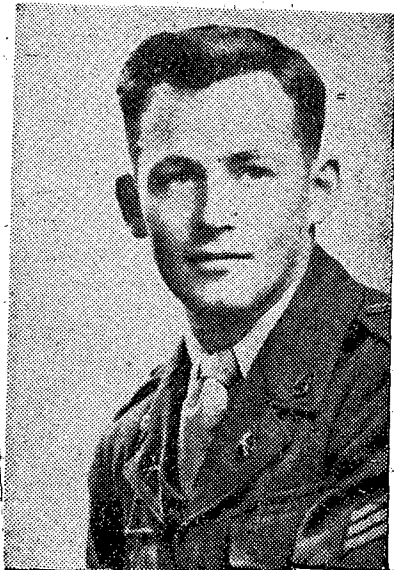
Army investigators said they received "highly important information" just last month from a "former service buddy" of Cox which led them once again to press the search.

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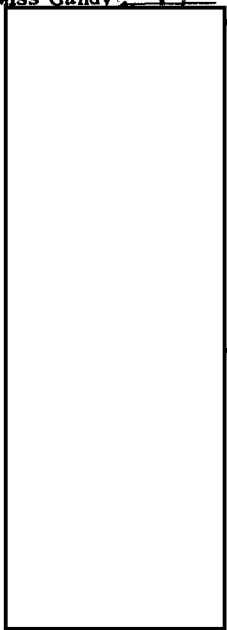
The man, whose name officers refuse to disclose, told investigators he saw and spoke to Cox, now 26 years old, at the Greyhound bus station at 11th-st and New York-av nw, nearly three years ago.

He said later he didn't think anything about meeting at the time as he didn't know Cox had been reported missing.

Last month, he said, he saw a story about Cox in a pocket magazine and put "two and two together." He called military police.



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'COLD'

The ~~one~~ point that stood out in his mind, he said, was that "Cox was cold and unfriendly," especially for an old friend whom he had not seen in years.

Army officials said the conversation went something like this.

The man: "Cox . . . you are Dick Cox."

Cox: "Yes, how are you?"

The man: "Fine. Say, why aren't you at West Point?"

Cox: "I resigned."

The man: "What are you doing now?"

Cox: "Nothing. I think I'm going to go back to Germany."

The man said the rest of the conversation, which lasted only five minutes, was "small talk" about the "weather and things like that."

MYSTERY

Cadet Cox's disappearance from West Point presents a tantalizing mystery.

It began with the appearance of a sinister young man in a trench coat, known only as "George." He turned up at the Academy one January afternoon in 1950, inquiring for Cadet Cox.

The cadet left the Academy grounds with his friend that afternoon and on at least two subsequent evenings that week.

He told his fellow cadets that "George" was a former soldier he had known when he was in the Army in Germany during the war.

He mentioned, in an off-hand way, that George had a "morbid" streak in him. He said "George" told him that he emasculated several ~~Cox~~ ~~men~~ during the war and hanged a

~~Common~~ girl when she told him she was bearing his child.

"George" was seen on one other occasion on the Academy grounds, apparently waiting for a chance encounter with the cadet.

Then, on a Saturday night at 6:17, Cadet Cox signed the check-out register. That was the last time he was seen.

Fellow cadets, police, the FBI and Army's criminal investigation division launched a search for him which lasted for months.

NO TRACE

Not a clue turned up.

Cox was in relatively "good spirits" when he left the Point that night, his roommate and friends said. He talked about things he had to do when he returned.

The foul-play theory was the only one investigators had to work on. They felt if he wanted to desert, he would have taken two civilian suits he had in his locker.

Altho he seemed to dislike "George," he apparently was not in fear of him, investigators said, and the fact that nobody was ever found has kept hopes for his safety alive.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 4/4/55

FROM : [REDACTED] SAC, KANSAS CITY (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD C. COX
MISSING PERSON

Rebulet to KC dated 3/14/55.

On March 22, 1955, ROBERT MILLER EARLEY, inmate [REDACTED] Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, was interviewed at this prison. He said that over a year ago, he was reading a Red Book or a Blue Book Magazine, and he read the story of the disappearance of RICHARD COX from the U. S. Military Academy. He said he saw COX's photograph in this magazine, and he recognized this photograph as being of a young man he saw on a Greyhound bus in 1945. He said this young man got on the bus late one night about 100 miles east of Portland, Oregon, and rode to Portland. EARLEY said he also was travelling on this bus, and as they rode along in the dark, he began a conversation with the young man, but did not learn his name, his destination, background, occupation, or activities. EARLEY said he did not get a good look at the young man, as when the lights in the bus were turned on in Portland, the young man got off the bus and disappeared in the bus station.

EARLEY said that in about 1946, he was hitch-hiking in Oklahoma, and caught a ride from Muskogee, Oklahoma to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, with some man. He did not learn the man's name, address, destination, occupation, background, and did not remember his description or the make of auto in which they rode. During the ride EARLEY said that this man had told him that he had heard that the people who had set off the atom bomb in New Mexico had not been successful in setting it off the first time they tried. He said that this man told him that on the second attempt, the people had placed the atom bomb out in the sun, and the hot sunlight had set off the atom bomb.

EARLEY said he had no information regarding these two incidents other than that related above.

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EARLEY said that while he was working in a logging camp at West Fir, Oregon, in 1951, he had an accident, was hit in the head, lost his memory, and many things are hazy in his mind-occurrences before and after 1951. He said that he sometimes has a "funny feeling" in his head.

[redacted] of known reliability, said on March 22, 1955, that he was acquainted with [redacted] and that [redacted] RUC.

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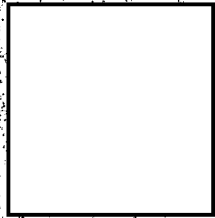
RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa
ASN C-8132
DESKETER

Reference is made to your letter dated April 4, 1955.

The identification record of Richard Colvin Cox, FBI #357 872 A, reflects no active wanted notices. The missing person notice designating that your office and the subject's mother be notified is still in effect.

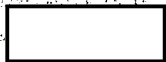
If the Army authorities desire a wanted notice placed in the Identification Division they should so advise the Bureau.

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TO: [Redacted] Director, FBI (79-23729)
 FROM: [Redacted] ATT: Identification Division
 SAC, New York (79-108)
 SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa *ndi*
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The captioned case was closed by report dated 2/25/53 upon the expiration of the Statute of Limitations. The case is still being actively investigated however, by the Tenth CID of the First Army. Recently, SA WILLIAM FLEMING of the Tenth CID, desired to know whether or not the wanted notice placed with the Identification Division on COX was still effective.

It is requested that the NYO be advised whether or not a wanted notice is on file in favor of the Army authorities.

It will be recalled that COX was a former Cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, who has been missing since 1/14/50. He has FBI #357872A.

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They Vanished

Cadet Gone After Visit from a Pal

IT IS HARD to think of a more model boy than this. He was a third classman at West Point, led his class in military aptitude and was well up near the top in his studies. Before that, he had been a model soldier in the occupation forces in Germany, and previously had been an honor student and athlete in high school. His family were understandably proud of him as was his "girl back home," whom he was to marry on graduation day.

Then—he vanished.

Other things began to come out. There was the blonde German waitress to whom he had written. But when it came time to trace her, agents found she had disappeared too—behind the Iron Curtain. And there was the sadistic ex-Ranger, the man in the trench coat.

By **NORMAN MILLER** and **JOSEPH CARTER**

Who was the man in the trench coat?

Many people would passionately like to have the answer to that question even though it is not, of course, the important question. But it would help to explain some very curious contradictions.

IT MIGHT explain, for example, the relations between a "model" American sergeant and a beautiful blonde and amorous German waitress now assumed to be in the Russian sector of Berlin.

It might explain the rela-



He was just under six feet tall, about 133 pounds, wore a belted trench coat, no hat.

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relationship between a "model" West Point cadet and an unsavory civilian who boasted of having hanged a German girl because she committed the inconvenience of becoming pregnant by him.

And it might help to answer the final enigma—what happened to the cadet in question, West Point Third Classman Richard Colvin Cox?

THAT, OF COURSE, is the main question, for Cox is a missing person.

It would be hard to think of a more model young man than Cox without making him a saint. He was the sort of son any family would be delighted to have.

Cox came from a family of two boys and four girls in the town of Mansfield, Ohio. His father, Rupert F. Cox, was an insurance man until his death in 1940. His mother then took over the business. The Coxes lived in a comfortable seven-room house in the better part of town.

DICK COX worked Summers on a farm outside the city, and during the school year he went to Mansfield High.

Cox was on the honor list throughout high school and won letters in baseball and football. His sweetheart was brown-haired Betty Timmons, the prettiest girl in school. When Cox was gradu-

ated he was president of his class and a member of the National High School Honor Society, which bases election on scholastic standing and character.

By graduation, Dick also knew what he wanted to do. He wanted to become an Army officer.

HE ENLISTED in the Army, after explaining his desires to Betty and getting her promise she would marry him the day he was commissioned.

After basic training he was assigned to the 27th Constabulary Squadron, then on occupation duty in Germany. He served first at Schweinfurt, then at Coburg. He was made a sergeant and, at Coburg, got permission to take the competitive examination for West Point. Of him his commanding officer later said:

"Cox was a good man. Friendly, intelligent, alert, sincere. And real Army."

While he was awaiting the outcome of the West Point exam his mother had gotten him an appointment to West Point and he was returned to the United States in the Summer of 1948. (He ranked high on the examination list anyway.)

BUT OTHER things had hap-

pened in Germany and two of them are worthy of note. He had met a girl whom the Criminal Investigation Division later went to great pains to trace. Her name was not disclosed, but she was beautiful, blonde, a waitress at an inn in Lichtenfels, near the Coburg army base, and she had dates every night with American soldiers.

A CID agent later traced her from Lichtenfels to Schweinfurt to Munich to Bremerhaven to Berlin. There, she had stayed in a small hotel a few blocks from the Brandenburg Gate, on the dividing line between the East and West sectors.

When the agent went to the hotel, he found he was two days late. The girl had left, gone into the East sector 48 hours before he showed up.

THIS WORRIED the authorities a good deal more than they have ever admitted. Germans—especially German women—living in West Germany do not voluntarily go into the East zone except for very pressing reasons.

So much for the women. Cox had also met a man he was to describe to friends later as "eccentric and emotional—a guy in my outfit in Germany who was always bragging about having fought with the Rangers in the war."

Cox was certainly being kind

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Cadet Disappeared After Visit by 'Pal'

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By describing this man as "eccentric and emotional" for he was also the man, he told his classmates later, who boasted of mutilating Germans with his knife and of hanging his German girl friend so it would appear she had committed suicide when it was discovered she was pregnant.

IN ANY EVENT, Cox entered West Point in the Fall of 1948. There, he did as well as he did all things. He was first in his company in military aptitude, in the top third of his class in academic standing. He was on the track squad.

In short, Cox was a "model cadet."

Then, one day, on Jan. 7, 1950, the telephone rang in the quarters of Company B, Cox's unit.

Cadet Peter Hains, charge of quarters, answered.

"DO YOU HAVE a Dick Cox in your company?" a man's voice asked. "Tell him George, who served with him in Germany, is here."

When Cox was told this, he said thoughtfully: "Well, I never thought I'd see him again."

At 5:30 that afternoon, Cadet Mauro Mauresca, officer of the guard in Grant Hall, to which visitors are steered, telephoned Cox that he had a visitor.

"HE WAS JUST under six feet tall, weighed about 185 pounds, wore a belted trench coat, no hat, was a fair-skinned blond," Mauresca described the visitor later.

Cox came to the room, Mauresca continued, shook hands with the man and said: "Glad to see you." The man "kidded" Cox about his uniform, Mauresca said, and the two went out.

Cox returned to his room about 7:30 p. m., according to his roommates, Joseph Urschel and Deane Welch, and promptly fell asleep over his books.

"I TOOK A picture of him as tattoo sounded," Urschel said, "and it startled him. He ran into the hallway and yelled something."

What Cox yelled the cadets could not agree on. Some said it was: "Is Alice down there?" (who could Alice be?) and others said it was: "Alles kaput!" ("All is lost!" in German.)

When Cox returned to his room he told his friends of having had a couple of drinks with the "morbid Ranger."

"He wouldn't let me out of the car till I had a couple of drinks," Cox said and told of the man's bragging.

THE NEXT DAY, Sunday, Cox



"He wore a full dress uniform."

by 2:30 p. m. He didn't get back until 5 and complained: "This guy is wasting a lot of my time."

Though Cox vowed he wouldn't see the man again, another cadet told investigators he'd seen Cox talking to a civilian near the East Sally Port about Jan. 10. The man wore a trench coat. That was all the description the cadet could give.

His roommates said that from the time of this man's appearance Cox began to act strangely. He would fall into fits of abstraction, staring at the wall, and slept restlessly, moaning something sounding like "Alice Cooper."

ON JAN. 14, Cox got a pass for dinner at Thayer Hall, a hotel on the grounds used by the cadets and their friends. He told Urschel and Welch he'd be back at 9:30 and at 6:18 p. m. he was walking toward Thayer. He wore a full dress uniform, which is so conspicuous someone once described it as "like carrying a lighted Christmas tree around with you," and a long gray coat.

And Cox was never seen again. He never got to the hotel, a few hundred feet away, thronged with cadets who would have recognized him. According to Military Police at the gates, the only way he could have gotten out in a car would have been to hide in the trunk.

It seems almost impossible that he could have remained on the grounds. They were searched for months by ground crews and helicopters. The ponds were drained.

AND THERE WAS not a trace of Cox.

The CID and the FBI conducted what was regarded as one of the most dogged and

intensive manhunts in history. Hundreds of agents combed Germany and more than 5,000 soldiers who had been associated in any way with Cox were interviewed.

No results.

On Feb. 23 a letter was returned to West Point—a letter written by Cox the previous December to the blonde German waitress. It was stamped "Adresse Unbekannt"—"Address Unknown."

COX HAD WRITTEN in halting German, asking if she remembered him and if she would like to write to him. It was an unemotional "I'm all right, how are things with you?" type of letter. It said it contained photographs of Cox that he hoped she would like to have. But there were no photographs.

That put the CID on the trail of the girl, a trail that disappeared behind the Iron Curtain. And it brought investigators back to the question they had first asked:

Who was the man in the trench coat?

She was no longer young, but she had not reached middle age. She was rich, nice-looking, a member of the Social Register. Her husband was rich, pleasant, a member of the Social Register. They were childless, and to get a child they made a very strange pact. Into their house moved a Russian woman of driving singleness of purpose. The wife made a will. Then she — vanished.

Read tomorrow's MIRROR for the strange story of this "missing person."

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HEADQUARTERS
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(CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)
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U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Identification Division
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

This office is conducting an investigation concerning RICHARD COLVIN COX, FBI # 357872 A, whose present whereabouts are unknown. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Wanted Notice be placed in COX's fingerprint file, and further, that this office be notified should there be any activity in COX's file. It is also requested that this office be listed as an interested party on any Missing Person Notice filed in COX's file.

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Very truly yours,

John S. Hoffman
JOHN S. HOFFMAN
1st Lt MPC
Commanding

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Aug. 11, 1955

Dear Sir:

I read lots of articles & stories in just read in regard 3 magazines, about the mystery of 'Colonel Richard C. Cox.

It got me to thinking. I heard Sam Gleason, on the other day, talking about the women spies, in all wars, he mentioned a school or training camp in Communist territory - for spying:

Well, where is what I think -

The George, with the airplane flew Cox over, he found the trail, & they wanted. (from articles George had pressure on Cox, when in his presents) behind the American lines, some place.

The George (with the airplane) came & payed some one for this thing too!! new day money, seems to speak louder than words in a lot of cases. People clam up, when they should talk:

Cox is some place, he just couldn't Namik, with no trust. I hope you find him. He seemed like he was hid from ONE

all of the articles & stories: Good luck: & Ed Gleason. Mrs. B. F. Benard. 19-237-430
Rt 2 Box 386 - He Over, Ark.

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AUG 30 1955

MTS. B. F. BENARD ARK

RICHARD COX



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

RE: RICHARD COLVIN COX
ASN O-8132

On September 8, 1955, Colonel and ~~Mrs. E. O. Davis~~ and their son, ~~Cadet E. O. Davis, Jr.~~, Quarters 21, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, telephone 5103, office extension 27122, furnished the information set out below. By way of background, Cadet Davis enlisted in the Air Force in September, 1954, with a Presidential appointment to the West Point Military Academy. He was assigned to duty as a student at the West Point Preparatory School, Stewart Air Force Base, New York. In July, 1955, he entered West Point, ranking 7th in a class of 300.

On August 1, 1955, West Point authorities advised Colonel Davis his son was AWOL. Located at the home of a brother-in-law, Cadet Davis appeared to be in poor physical condition. He had attempted suicide. Based upon limited information furnished by Cadet Davis to his brother-in-law, Colonel Davis on August 2, 1955, requested Major Moses and Colonel Davidson, of West Point, to investigate ~~Henry Goodfellow~~, a civilian employee who is professor of English at the Prep School. On September 7, 1955, Colonel Davis was advised by Colonel Wellum, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at West Point, that Goodfellow had previously been [redacted] teaching position at another school because of "passive encouragement of [redacted]

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Colonel Davis stated, with the concurrence of his son, that Goodfellow held "discussions" with various students. the main [redacted]

[redacted] Goodfellow related instances that gave the clear implication [redacted] he did not actually say so. He also spoke against religion, stating it is a result only of various complexes and customs but has no real truth.

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Arrangements had been made for Cadet Davis to return to West Point but he refused to return and apparently feared that Goodfellow would [redacted]

[redacted] Goodfellow or other Cadets. He said he did not know of any such activity.

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On one occasion when Cadet Davis was talking to Goodfellow alone, Goodfellow told him that Richard Cox had attended his discussions. Goodfellow immediately cautioned Davis to never mention this fact to anyone.

[REDACTED] Cadet Davis has submitted [REDACTED] West Point. Colonel Davis stated he is preparing a statement of facts to be presented to the Academy concerning his son's activities with Goodfellow and is securing legal advice. He also stated the Academy has not yet been advised of the activities of Cadet Davis but has only been requested to investigate Goodfellow, based on their early belief that Goodfellow was in some way responsible for their son's leaving the Academy.

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Mrs. B. F. Benard
Box 386, Route 2
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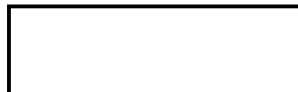
Dear Mrs. Benard:

I have received your letter of August 11, 1955,
concerning the missing West Point cadet, Richard C. Cox.

Thank you for your good wishes and for making
available your opinions in this matter. You may be interested
in knowing Mr. Cox is still listed as missing.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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FBI #357872A. In view of wide publicity given the case
believed OK to advise Cox still missing. Missing person
notice maintained for mother and for Cleveland office, wanted
notice for Army.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

(79-23729)

DATE: 9/9/55

FROM : SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C-8132
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DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729), AND SAC, NEW YORK (79-108)

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RICHARD COLVIN COX,
Army Serial No. C-8132
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Today, RICHARD SAVAGE, Chief of Police, Wickenburg, Arizona, advised that a letter addressed to the Chief of Police, West Point, New York, was placed under the door of the Pollay Electric Company, Wickenburg, Arizona. SAVAGE has no information as to who might have placed the letter under the door.

On the envelope besides the address was written "Very Important - must get to this place. Police, West Point Military Academy." On the envelope, there were reddish-brown spots.

The letter read as follows:

"About Richard C. Cox (Dick) Third Class, U.S. Military Academy, January 14. It has been one five years 1950 but I know where he is, but it will cost a life to fine him, my life. You see he is my husban. If you know what a 'red dove' means you won't under any way try to contact me. Please. He needs help so do I badly. Betty forgive him.

"Alice Lorraine

"Alles Kaput. If one would know I am writing my life would not be worth a."

On the back of the page is written, "I am wearing silver bracelet. Have wore for many years." There is a drawing of a bracelet with four sets of five, denoting stones.

[Redacted box]

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This info given to Col. Williams
US Army in full.
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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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Chief of Police SAVAGE is forwarding the letter air mail
to Chief of Police, West Point, New York.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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