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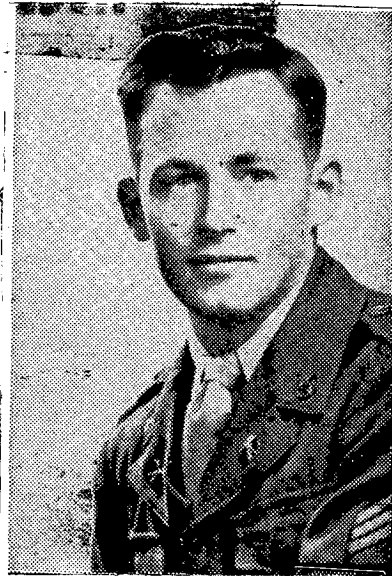
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# West Pointer Missing 3 Years And the Search Still Goes On

By RUTH REYNOLDS

THE biggest man hunt in Army annals began three years ago this month and is still going on. It concerns the disappearance of Cadet Richard C. Cox from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. The search for Cox is utilizing the skilled efforts of more investigatory forces than ever before concentrated on a missing person case.

The various criminal investigation detachments of the Army are pursuing leads which take their representatives as far afield as Germany and Korea.

Members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are following up reports in all 48 states. Policemen everywhere are familiar with the case. State police are still running down clues in New York. Few have lost hope that the case will be solved. When they can't—or won't—say. Some believe it will be soon.

The first month of 1950 at West Point, much like other Januarys before and since, was cold, mucky, snowy, and the cadets were like at dents everywhere, ready for a night out.

On this particular Saturday night of Jan. 14, the hours ran fast. One by one the cadets checked in with the Cadet in Charge of quarters at the desk in the Company Orderly Room. The CQ looked at the clock. The time was 11 P. M. Then he looked at the few blank spaces remaining in his book, each signifying a man who had not yet returned to barracks. (A cadet signs out when he goes on leave or has a DP—dinner privilege—and signs in when he returns.)

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### All the Late Ones Returned but Cox

Another 60 minutes passed. Most of the late ones puffed in, prepared for discipline. At 1 A. M. just one unauthorized blank remained—that which should have been filled by third classman Cox.

More hours passed. A pale morning sun lighted the cold gray stones of the Point. Organ music floated from the Chapel.

On Sunday morning Cox's two roommates were questioned by the Officer in Charge. They were certain their roommate was not willfully absent. They sensed something ominous in his failure to return.

"Explain, sirs," directed the Of-

ficer in Charge to Cadets Joseph Urschell, 21, and Deane Welch, 22. Between them, the two young men told a lengthy and most unusual story.

URSHELL said that, eight days before, their roommate had entertained a civilian male caller somewhere on the reservation, returning to his room about 1915 hours (7:15 P.M.). Cox had obviously had a few drinks. He fell asleep over his books. Urschell did not disturb him.

He came in at 2100, "it was the tale," Dick

he snouted. What he shouted may have been significant. But none can be certain just what it was. Welch, who went after him, thinks he asked, "Is Alice down there?" Someone else said he shouted, "Alles kaput!" (All is ended!)

If it was "Alice" instead of "Alles," who was she? Both roommates pondered that while Cox, now in bed, slept soundly. They knew that Cox was engaged to Betty Timmons, a former schoolmate from his home town, Mansfield, Ohio. He had spent many hours with Betty during the Yuletide just ended.

The roommates did not mention "Alice" to Cox next morning. Nor did he ever speak of "Alice" to them. He did tell them briefly about his visitor.

"A guy in my outfit in Germany," Cox explained. "He was a Ranger before that. We weren't close friends. He wouldn't let me out of his car before I had some drinks with him."

The fellow was a braggart, Cox observed wryly. He had been out fighting as a Ranger, about slash-

ing and emasculating German prisoners, and getting a German pregnant, then laughing her.

"A morbid guy," Cox characterized his guest.

"On the next day, sir," Urschell continued the report, "Dick's visitor was at the Point again. When Dick went out, he said he hoped to be back at 2:30. He came in at 4:30. He seemed irritated because the guy was wasting his study time. He said the fellow was eccentric and highly emotional and he hoped he wouldn't have to see him again. He said that more than once during the week."

Welch took up the story.

"Yesterday afternoon, sir, Cox and I went to the basketball game. When we started back to the Hall we parted at the east sally port. About 20 minutes later he came up to the room and said he was going to have dinner with his friend.

He sounded sort of disgusted and he'd be back about 9 or 10. He put on full dress and his gray overcoat and I said, 'So long Dick, have a good time.' Then he went out and we haven't heard from him since. We're sure there's something wrong."

The Urschell and Welch reports passed through channels to the Company Tactical Officer and the Commandant of Cadets.

Under Academy rules, the only place Cox could have had dinner with a civilian was at the Thayer Hotel on the Academy grounds. The hotel has two dining rooms with about 30 tables each and it is almost impossible for any cadet to dine there without being seen

by several friends or waiters who recognize him. But investigators could find nobody who had seen Cadet Cox the night of Jan. 14, with or without his friend.

Then did he commit a breach of discipline and leave the grounds in his friend's car?

The MP guards at the gates of the Academy said he did not—unless he was crouching in the rear seat or trunk of the car. (License numbers of incoming and outgoing cars at the Point are checked only between 11 P. M. and 6 A. M.)

NEXT came the task of checking the accuracy of the story told by Welch and Urschell.

"Oh, yes, sir," answered Cadet Peter Hains, in charge of B Company on Jan. 7. "I remember someone telephoned and said, 'Hey, fellow, do you have a Dick Cox in your company?' I said we did. He said, 'Well, look—when he comes in, tell him to come down to the hotel. Tell him George called. We knew each other in Germany. Tell him I'm a friend who wants to buy him a dinner.'

"At least," Hains hesitated, "I think he said his name was George." When Dick got the message, according to Hains, he said he had no idea who it was.

At 5:30 that afternoon, Cadet

Mauro Mauresca, the officer of the guard in Grant Hall, greeted a visitor asking for Cox. Mauresca telephoned to Cox's room.

"Did you look at this visitor?" Mauresca was asked. "Can you describe him?"

"I think so, sir," answered the cadet. "I'd say he was just under 6 feet tall and that he weighed about 185 pounds. He wore a belted trench coat, no hat. He was fair-skinned—blonde."

"Did you see Cox greet him?"

"Yes, sir. Cadet Cox came in. He hung up his coat and announced himself to me. He and this man shook hands. Cadet Cox said, 'Glad to see you.' This man kidded him about his uniform."

That night Cox signed out on a DP. That he didn't use it was obvious. He was out at 5:30 and returned at 7—too short a time to get to the Thayer, a mile away, have dinner and get back to his room. And, according to Urschell's story, although Cox told of having drinks in his friend's car he did not mention food.

The investigators found nobody who had seen Cox with his civilian friend on Jan. 8, the day when Dick hoped to return to his studies at 2:30 but didn't get back until 4:30.

His activities during the subse-

quent five days were those of his fellow cadets. After the basketball game on Jan. 14, he met his friend either by appointment or accident in the east sally port.

"I saw him there, sir," reported Cadet John Samotis. "Cadet Cox was talking to a civilian."

This civilian, according to Samotis, was dark-haired and rough looking, not blonde and fair. His trench coat was unbelted. Also, he was an inch shorter and 20 pounds lighter than the Cox visitor of Jan. 7 described by Cadet Mauresca.

The difference in the appearance of the civilian Samotis saw with Cox in the shadowed sally port on a murky evening and the visitor Mauresca saw in Grant Hall could have been due to the variation in light. Cox had left his roommates in no doubt that his visitor on Jan. 14 was the same man who had irritated him the previous weekend. However, he had never referred to his visitor as "George." He called him, "my friend." Or "that man."

In picking up his second DP at 5:45 P. M. on Jan. 14, Cox explained that he planned to find at the Thayer with "a civilian," a former Army officer. At 6 P. M. he picked up his pass in the orderly

room of Company B, 2d Regiment. He was never seen again.

**WOULD** Cox associate willingly with the type of man he had described to his roommates? His reputation and his spotless record indicated he wouldn't.

Cox was president of his class when he was graduated from the Mansfield High School. He was also a member of the National High School Honor Society, which bases election on character as well as grades.

After graduation in 1945, Cox enlisted. He served 14 months with the U. S. Occupation Forces in Germany, proved to be a model soldier, and quickly earned three hard-to-get stripes. As a sergeant, he took a competitive examination for entrance to West Point.

### Mother Helps Son Enter the Academy

While he was awaiting the result of this examination, his widowed mother, Mrs. Rupert Cox, got him an appointment to the Military Academy. This annoyed the boy, who had hoped to get into the school on his own. However, he accepted the appointment and arrived at the Point in the Fall of 1948. (He won high rating in the competitive examination.)

During his two years at the Point, Cox maintained an excellent record. He was first in his company in military aptitude, in the upper third of his class in academic standing.

*So far as anyone could learn Cox had no difficulties—military, scholastic, financial or romantic. He appeared to have had no reason to run away.*

For that matter, he hadn't equipped himself to run away. All of his personal belongings were in his room, along with his wrist watch, \$60 in cash and \$45 in checks.

Was it possible that "George" had killed him, even accidentally, or knocked him out and left him exposed to the elements somewhere in the snow on the 15,000-acre reservation?

Throughout the Monday and Tuesday after Urschell and Welch expressed their fears, cadet teams combed the area. Cox couldn't have vanished more completely had he been a puff of smoke.

Up to this point, Academy officials had been careful not to publicize the case. Cadets had gone AWOL before, and, within a few days, had returned sheepish and penitent. But no previous AWOL case had been preceded by the appearance of a character as sinister as "George."

On Jan. 17, three days after Cox's disappearance, the West Point authorities called up the Criminal Investigation Division of the First Army. State police and FBI were also called in.

Two days after that, the Point's public relations department let newspaper editors in on their secret: A 5-foot-8, 158-pound cadet, with close-cropped brown hair, had vanished. Unfortunately

was soon discovered, there was nothing distinctive about Dick Cox. He resembled dozens of other 21-year-old boys.

Cox's relatives and friends in Mansfield were as mystified as officials at the Point. They knew of no "George." He had never written to any of them about the sadist he met in Germany or told of his reunion with the man at the Academy. Why? Was the reunion too unimportant to Dick? Or was it something he preferred to forget? Or had destiny stepped in?

Mrs. Cox was inclined to think her son was a victim of amnesia.

"Something must have snapped in Dick's mind," she said. "He's a fine boy and he wouldn't worry us like this if he was thinking straight. There must have been some problem that he couldn't work out by himself and so he took this way."

Dick's brother, Rupert, and his brother-in-law, William Colby, both refused to consider the possibility that Cox had met with foul play.

"Nothing has been found to indicate it," said Colby, a Mansfield detective who had had experience in such matters. Then he added ruefully, "Neither has there been any clue that he has not."

**A** TTRACTION, brown-haired Betty Timmons, the girl who was waiting for Dick, said she'd certainly had no indication that there was anything amiss for him, either in Mansfield or at the Point.

"I've known just about everything about Dick since we started going steady in high school," said Betty. "Why, I got a letter from him just last Friday and he didn't indicate there was anything wrong."

"When he was home," Betty continued, reminiscing about the Christmas holidays, "we talked about eloping. But he said it would be better to wait and get married after he was graduated. He wanted to finish and accept his commission."

(West Point cadets are not permitted to marry.)

Betty didn't know it, but she was not the only girl Cox ever thought of. Whether there was an "Alice" or not, there was a girl in Germany.

Several days after Dick's disappearance, a letter he had written to the German girl was returned to West Point marked "addressee unknown." It was just a friendly letter in which Cox said he didn't know whether the girl would remember him or not but that he would like to correspond with her.

Perhaps "George" brought him news of that girl. Perhaps she holds the key to the mystery. When CID men tried to track her down, she could not be found.

Twelve days after the news of the disappearance was made public a railroad conductor reported that on the evening of Jan. 14 he saw a young man in gray uniform and answering Cox's description leave the train at Kingston, N. Y. Was it a West Point cadet uniform?

Who was this person? Where did he go? State police, FBI, and CID agents failed to find the answers to these questions.

CID representatives believed then, as they do now, that the mystery couldn't be solved until "George" was found. Toward this end their investigators turned to the records of the 27th Constabulary, seeking a former Army officer who had once been a Ranger, who was a braggart, possibly a sadist, possibly named "George," and possibly a friend of "Alice."

One month passed. On Feb. 14 Cadet Cox should have been dropped from the rolls for being absent without leave. But his time was extended for 30 days.

Came Dick's 22d birthday anniversary. Birthdays were always observed in the Cox family of two

boys and four girls, two of them twins. While he was in Germany, Dick telephoned to get birthday greetings from his sisters.

And so on his birthday in 1950, the family stayed close to the telephone all day and late into the evening. At last the twins, Nancy and Carolyn, broke into tears.

On March 14, the Academy authorities regretfully marked Cox AWOL.

"I am convinced it was foul play," Col. Edwin N. Howell, provost marshal, permitted himself to be quoted. "I am sure we shall not find Cadet Cox alive."

The heavy Winter snows began to melt. Many expected Cox's body to be found on the grounds. Each day, Col. Howell sent 45 to 80 men out to beat the rugged, hilly reservation in the foothills of the Catskills. Delafield Pond and Lusk Reservoir were drained and dragged. The Coxes sighed with relief when they learned nothing had been found at the Point. They clung tenaciously to the belief they would see Dick again.

"I cannot believe he's dead," de-

clared Betty Timmons. "I won't believe it."

TIPS received by the CID, the FBI, and the police were numerous, and frequently ridiculous. Yet all were carefully checked.

Cox was "seen" here, there and everywhere. Patiently, the various agencies checked—only to find that the young man "seen" was someone else.

At no time did the CID give up its hunt for "George." In the course of a year their representatives questioned 2,000 American soldiers who had been in Germany when Cox was there.

Rangers and ex-Rangers were checked, too.

The first anniversary of the cadet's disappearance came without a solution to the mystery. Dick's 23rd birthday passed without a telephone call from him. Came the second anniversary and a 24th birthday. Still, no word from Dick and no identification of "George."

Once a national magazine featuring war pictures made in Korea

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ture "looked like Dick." The CID  
at once dispatched an agent, who  
found the GI in the line not far  
from the Yalu River. The aston-  
ished young man was fingerprinted  
forthwith and it was soon estab-  
lished that he was not the missing  
cadet.

In May, 1952, another CID agent  
in Korea thought he had caught up  
with "George." He had found a  
man whose background was similar  
to that of "George." But this man  
couldn't have been at West Point  
on Jan. 7 or Jan. 14, 1950.

### Betty Waits in Mansfield

The following month Cox's class  
of 523 prepared for graduation and  
duty over the world. The CID had  
questioned each one who had  
known Cadet Cox, hoping somebody  
would remember one little thing  
which might lead to a break in the  
case. Finally, the new lieutenants  
pinned on their gold bars and many  
married. Betty Timmons waited in  
Mansfield. Her fiancé had been  
missing two years, four months and  
24 days.

In the six months that have  
passed since June Week at the  
Point, every agency has been busy  
with tips.

Hair in a cap found by the New  
York state police was checked to  
see if it matched hair left in Cox's  
brushes. The CID talked with a  
patient in a Veterans Administra-  
tion hospital who "knew a George  
who knew of Cox's disappearance."

But this George knew of Dick only  
through published details. Some-  
body "saw" Cox in a Brooklyn  
swimming pool. Others "saw" him  
in various New York hotel lobbies.

In Illinois, a man and his wife  
were certain that they had known  
Cox at a university in Ohio towards  
the end of 1950.

There was a flurry at the Point  
when a rusty, broken, six-shot,  
.38-caliber Brazilian gun was found  
on the cadet pistol range. Was it  
George's? Laboratory technicians  
of the FBI in Washington said that  
its advanced state of deterioration  
made it impossible to say when,  
or if, the weapon had been fired.

Right now the FBI has three  
reports from Ohio on which they  
have questioned Mrs. Cox.

"You just go around in circles  
and come back to the beginning  
again," she says. "There's no end  
to it."

(There was an end to it for Betty

Timmons. On Christmas Day she  
married William Broad.)

Only recently a soldier being  
processed for court-martial was  
ported that he had seen Cox several  
times at the Atlanta bus terminal.  
The CID of the Third Army went  
to work on that one.

You might think that the various  
agencies working on this mystery  
would get sick of tips resulting  
from stories about the Cox case,  
such as this one. On the contrary,  
they welcome even the publication  
of a picture of Cox. They feel that  
say just the right thing. Thus the  
case will be solved.

Lt. Col. Robert J. Murphy, in  
charge of the CID of the First  
Army at Governors Island, has  
lived with the case for the last two  
years. He sums up the investiga-  
tion this way:

"In view of the fact that the

man hasn't turned up and that we  
have no evidence to prove he is  
deceased, we must hold to the be-  
lief that he is alive.

"Apparently he has no desire to  
reveal his whereabouts. There-  
fore we will search for him until we  
arrive at a solution of his disap-  
pearance."

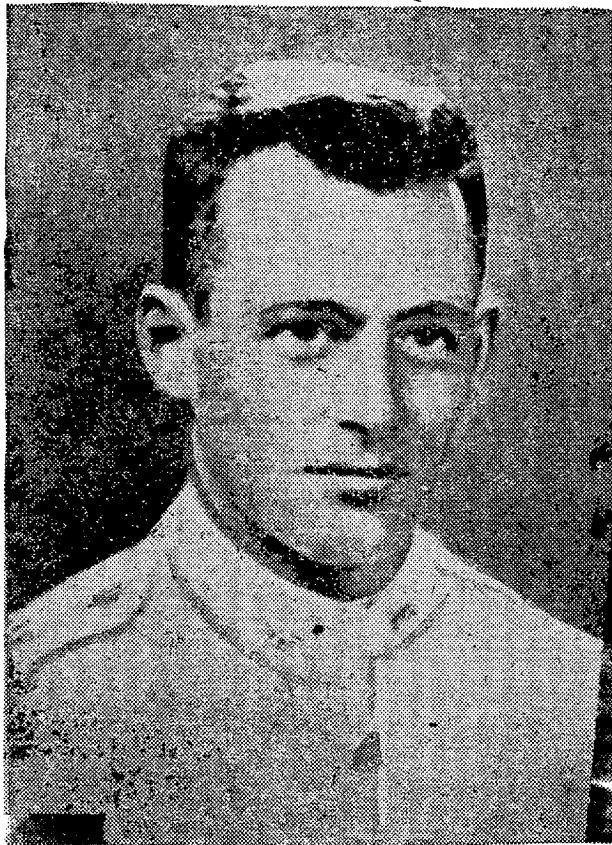
FIRST ARMY  
10TH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DETACHMENT

39 WHITMALL STREET  
NEW YORK 6, 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

SN: C-8132

Address: 554 Cook Road, Mansfield, Ohio

Race: White

Age: 22; born 25 July 1928

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: Approx. 165 lbs.

Build: Medium

Hair: Brown (crew-cut)

Eyes: Blue

Complexion: Fair

Scars & Marks: Diagonal scar on  
right elbow

Education: Graduate of Mansfield  
Senior High School, 1945



Cadet Cox and his girl friend, the former Betty Timmons, with whom he had his first steady since they were both in high school.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 9, 1956

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

*Postal 26-735  
Add'l info 7-23-56 18 min*

Dear Mrs. Cox:

*J B I-11 33 ? 275-11*

Reference is made to the missing person notice maintained in the files of our Identification Division in your behalf regarding Richard O. 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.

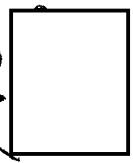
Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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advising lawyer  
Mr. Hoover and  
Subj. taken to  
Mansfield to do it*

*10/4/56*



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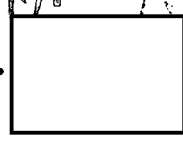
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( ) Has been located, or location is no longer desired.

(X) Is still missing.



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*As you note seven years will have elapsed Jan. 24, 1957 since my son disappeared. In this state of Ohio states that at that time he will be declared legally dead. Please keep file open*

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January 30, 1957

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Honorable J. Harry McGregor  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of January 25, 1957, regarding the case of Richard Colvin Cox.

We are continuing to maintain in our Identification Division files a missing person notice in your behalf and in behalf of Mr. Cox's mother. The Army in 1953 withdrew a request for assistance in locating him, and since then we have made no active investigation in the case.

You may wish to communicate with the Provost Marshal General's Office, Department of the Army, for any assistance that agency may be able to give since any information we have received has been referred there.

I assure you that any data of value coming to our attention will be immediately forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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J. HARRY MCGREGOR  
17TH DISTRICT, OHIO

HOME ADDRESS:  
WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO

REGIONAL REPUBLICAN WHIP  
MID-WESTERN STATES

COMMITTEE:  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1957

*lfd*

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: COX, Richard Colvin

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The above mentioned case has again been called to my attention. I am sure your files will show my interest on the case since the boy was an appointee of mine to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. On January 14, 1950, he disappeared from the Academy without a trace.

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Because of the seven year time elapse with no trace of the boy, we are attempting to do everything proper and within the law to see his widowed mother, who is the beneficiary, receives the face amount due on his National Service Life Insurance Policy, as well as any accumulated dividends.

Will you kindly advise the writer of any findings you may have made and any evidence which might be of benefit in establishing the mother's claim. Your cooperation and consideration will be sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

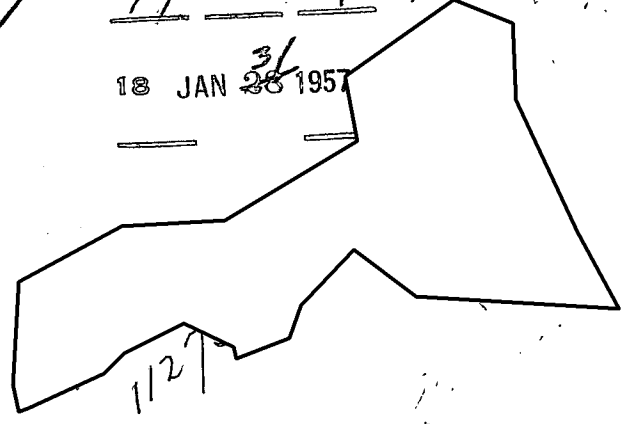
*J. Harry McGregor*  
J. Harry McGregor  
Member of Congress

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 6, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols [redacted]

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C-8132  
DESERTER, MISSING WEST POINT  
MILITARY ACADEMY CADET

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[redacted]

*J.M.*  
*3 1*  
*D. J. [unclear]*

[redacted]

For record purposes, Major Victor L. Walker, Army Information Service (code 131, extension 71747), phoned my office this morning advising Mr. McGuire that Mr. Lewis Thompson, a writer with Redbook magazine, was doing a story on Cadet Richard C. Cox who was reported missing from West Point Military Academy on January 14, 1950, and that the Army was giving assistance to Thompson but that the material to be furnished Thompson would not be ready until tomorrow, May 7. Walker advised that Thompson, in the interest of saving some time, wondered if he could come over to the FBI to discuss the Bureau's activities in this case. Walker advised that Thompson was staying at the Marriott Motel but could be reached through Walker's office. Major Walker was advised that there was very little we could be of any help on but that we would make a check and call Walker back.

This case was first thought to be one involving a missing person. It later developed into a deserter investigation when the Army officially requested Bureau assistance to locate Cox as a deserter on January 27, 1951. An extensive deserter investigation was conducted by the Bureau until January 14, 1953, when the Army withdrew its request in view of the Statute of Limitations having run against Cox. No information was developed concerning Cox' whereabouts.

A missing person stop on Cox has been in effect in the Identification Division since January 31, 1950, in order that Congressman McGregor of Ohio can be advised in the event any information is received concerning Cox.

Inasmuch as the Bureau's investigation was conducted at the request of the Army and, when the Army withdrew its request in writing, the Bureau closed its case, it is not felt any purpose would be served in having a Bureau representative discuss this case with Mr. Thompson of Redbook magazine since the Army has all information on the Cox case that we have, plus their own

cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

May 6, 1957

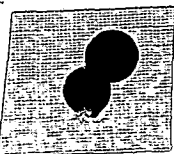
records. Accordingly, I had Mr. McGuire call Major Walker back and advise him we would be glad to talk to Thompson but it would serve no purpose inasmuch as the Army had all the details on the case and any activities of the Bureau were predicated on the Army's specific request and we withdrew from the case when the Army withdrew its request for an investigation. Accordingly, since the Army had the full file and was cooperating with Thompson, there would be nothing we could assist Thompson on. Major Walker stated he would advise Thompson. No further action is required.

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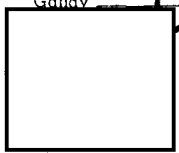
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**Teletype**



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC CLEVELAND 101700

*Blue card dated 5-13-57 mb*

RICHARD COLVIN COX, MISSING PERSON. AT 4:45 PM, MAY 9 LAST, LOUIS THOMPSON, A WRITER FOR REDBOOK MAGAZINE, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [REDACTED] FROM NYC. THOMPSON ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN ASSIGNMENT TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR REDBOOK MAGAZINE CONCERNING THE CAPTIONED PERSON, A MISSING CADET FROM WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY. HE STATED HE HAD EXAMINED THE FILES ON THIS CASE AT THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND HAD CONTACTED THE BUREAU FOR INFO. HE STATED THE BUREAU INFORMED HIM THAT THE FBI HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE CASE ABOUT 1953, TURNING OVER THE RESULTS OF BUREAU INVESTIGATION TO THE ARMY CID. THOMPSON STATED HE DESIRED TO FLY TO CLEVELAND ON MAY 12, 1957 TO INTERVIEW SA [REDACTED] AND THEN PROCEED TO MANSFIELD, OHIO, TO INTERVIEW OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MISSING CADET'S FAMILY. SA [REDACTED] COURTEOUSLY INFORMED THOMPSON THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO DISCUSS THE CASE, WHICH HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION. THOMPSON STATED HE WAS AWARE OF THAT, BUT WAS DESIROUS OF INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IN ANY EVENT. SA [REDACTED] WILL CONTINUE TO COURTEOUSLY REFUSE TO DISCUSS THE CASE WITH THOMPSON. ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION.

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Mr. Rosen

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Mr. Trotter

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (79-47)  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

RICHARD COLVIN COX <sup>YR</sup>  
Army Serial Number C-8182  
Deserter Matter  
MISSING PERSON

No investigation desired to locate Cox as deserter based on information furnished by [redacted] Noted Bureau teletype of 1-14-53 instructed New York, origin, to discontinue investigation inasmuch as Army had withdrawn request for further Bureau assistance as statute of limitations had run.

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After Bureau interest with regard to [redacted] has been secured, information he furnished concerning Cox should be given local Army authorities for their information and any action they may deem appropriate.

1-New York (79-100)

NOTE: [redacted] in custody New Orleans, charged with violation of ITSMV. [redacted] has been described as a

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[redacted] to have been in contact with Subject Cox over a period of years, to have lived with him in Phoenix and to have written him under alias of [redacted] General Delivery, [redacted] Cox is a West Point Cadet who disappeared from the United States Military Academy on 1-14-50. The case has received very extensive publicity. We closed our deserter investigation on 1-14-53 as noted in the outgoing. Missing person stops are on file in Ident and Congressman J. Harry McGregor desires to be advised when Cox located.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (79-47)  
RE: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C-8132  
FUDE  
OO: New York

*Changer*  
*COX*

[redacted] was, presently in custody of USM, New Orleans, on violation of [redacted] USC, has been interviewed extensively in connection with case entitled [redacted]

[redacted] which information has been furnished by teletype to the Bureau and interested offices. Investigation has been conducted by the Los Angeles office based upon this information but to date it has not been verified. [redacted] has been described as [redacted]

[redacted] and has told many lies about himself to individuals in California, according to investigation conducted by Los Angeles. [redacted]

During the course of interviews concerning [redacted] mentioned [redacted] RICHARD COX, who had deserted the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, several years ago, having met him in

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (79-108)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
- 1 - San Francisco (Info)
- 3 - New Orleans (79-47) (88-2166) (26-20664)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Hollywood, Calif. at a [ ] 1952 or 1953. He stated that he again saw COX in November, 1957 and left California

[ ] COX 2/3/58 [ ] Dallas, Texas, where COX [ ] where he had [ ] stated that in November, 1957, COX had some jewelry he wanted to fence and that just before Christmas, 1957, [ ] returned to Los Angeles and looked up COLE in an effort to find a fence. He was unable to locate a fence who could handle this jewelry.

On 2/13/58, [ ] was interviewed by SAC R. J. ABBATICCHIO and SA PAUL R. ALKER concerning [ ] Several photographs of individuals in uniform, including that of RICHARD COLVIN COX, were exhibited to [ ] He was advised that he had been in the Army with one of these persons and should recognize him. He viewed the photographs and stated he was not in the Army with any of them. He selected the photograph of RICHARD COLVIN COX and stated that he is identical with the RICHARD COX known to him.

During interview of 2/14/58 by SAs ALKER and EDWARD M. DAVIS, [ ] was advised that [ ] 1952 or 1953 but believed he [ ] He then, without any prompting of any kind, furnished the following story:

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As [redacted] he met COX in a [redacted] [redacted] in New York City. [redacted] COX was a cadet at West Point and [redacted] estimated it to have been almost [redacted]. He recalled that the weather was very cold and it must have been mid winter. He saw COX several times during the next [redacted]. He estimates he saw COX about [redacted] Academy, but on [redacted] West Point [redacted]. He remarked that he did not see COX often because COX [redacted] Academy. On one occasion [redacted] COX at the Academy, [redacted] West Point. [redacted] states that he did not stay [redacted] although he believes he might have [redacted]

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[redacted] states that COX, in addition to being [redacted] [redacted] had a serious problem which he did not know how to cope with and sought [redacted] advice. He stated this problem was that COX had brought back from Germany [redacted]. He stated COX told him there was another individual involved who had already taken his half but [redacted] does not know who this person was. He stated he saw him on one occasion while he, [redacted] was with COX but did not meet him and cannot describe him. [redacted] stated he made an agreement with COX to arrange for [redacted]

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[redacted] related that about [redacted] after he first met COX, [redacted] West Point and [redacted] New York City [redacted] COX [redacted] type and location unknown, at which COX [redacted] the nature of which [redacted] does not know. They then went to some [redacted] COX on an unrecalled street in NYC at about [redacted] [redacted] states COX was in full dress uniform at this time and that this is the [redacted] NYC area.

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[redacted] continued that about two or three months later COX [redacted] Ft. Worth, Tex. and that he took COX to El Paso, Tex. and then to Juarez, Mexico in an effort to get him to [redacted] He stated that COX did not

[redacted] COX.

[redacted] advised that shortly after this he re-enlisted in the U. S. Army and was stationed at [redacted] Calif. for [redacted] during which period COX resided in Phoenix, Ariz., Sacramento, Calif. and San Diego, Calif. During this period [redacted] and COX [redacted] He stated that after his [redacted] COX [redacted] Phoenix where

[redacted] Desert Inn and they had a [redacted] together. [redacted] stated he does not know the street or address of this [redacted] Desert Inn. [redacted] Phoenix, [redacted] and COX [redacted] when [redacted]

Shortly [redacted] Calif., [redacted] was [redacted] Calif. State [redacted] he went to Ft. Worth, Tex. and earned an honest living until he decided [redacted] He wrote COX in the fall of 1957 advising him he intended to get married in Jan. 1958 and COX [redacted] the latter part of Nov. [redacted] stated that he had been married three days before this and, upon telling COX, COX became very upset. He stated [redacted] COX and [redacted] COX at the airport in Dallas, Tex. on 2/3/ [redacted]

[redacted] related that he does not know where COX resides [redacted] General Delivery, [redacted] which is an alias used by COX for this purpose. He stated that COX knows how to [redacted] Ft. Worth, Tex.

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[redacted] further advised that COX resembles his photograph except that his hair is turning gray and he is, of course, older. He furnished essentially the same description as that contained in instant file.

[redacted] stated that COX [redacted] father and he assumed he was dead; that he did mention his mother and a girl friend he had before he left West Point. He stated this girl's name was [redacted] and she resided in Ohio in the same town or a nearby town to that in which COX had resided. [redacted] stated COX was very serious about this girl and indicated he would have married her if he had not left West Point. He stated she has since married and that on one occasion COX offered [redacted] He

[redacted] COX's affairs and [redacted]

It is noted that information furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] COX at West Point [redacted]

SA GERALD J. FLYNN, New York, dated 3/8/51 and it is apparent that there is considerable truth in this portion of his story at least. It is further stated that an individual giving the name [redacted] Academy and that FLYNN met an individual, believed identical with [redacted], at the Thayer Hotel, West Point. It is further noted that COX is known to have frequented a [redacted] NYC and that he was in full dress uniform when he left. It is noted that [redacted] states he always called COX [redacted]

Information copies of this communication are being furnished Los Angeles and San Francisco for use in evaluating information furnished by [redacted]

The file of the New Orleans Office reflects that the Bureau instructed discontinuance of this investigation as of 1/14/53. The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not additional investigation is desired based upon information furnished by [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (42-9429)

RE: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
 ASN C-8132  
~~FUDE~~ *Deporter matter*  
 OO: NEW YORK

On 3/1/58, [redacted] Berendo, telephonically advised that a person possibly identical with subject was employed at Bimini Bowling Alley, 122 1/2 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. She stated that he seemed to her to resemble closely the subject's description as noted in the March issue of the "Redbook Magazine." According to [redacted] the individual is known to her as [redacted] his last name being [redacted] but she did not know his first name. She furnished his description and it was noted that the details compared closely with the subject's description.

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In view of the fact that investigation in this matter was discontinued by the Bureau on 1/14/53, no investigation is being conducted by this office. The details have been furnished to the local office of CID at Fort Mac Arthur, California.

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It should be noted, however, that the name of the informant was not included in the information furnished to CID inasmuch as she requested that her name be kept confidential.

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 3/12/58

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (79-47)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C-8132  
FUDE  
(OO: New York)

Re New Orleans airtel to the Bureau dated 2/14/58  
and Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 2/19/58.

On 3/5/58 [redacted] was convicted in

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Information furnished by [redacted] has been furnished  
to G-2, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. RUC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: April 16, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (62-4408)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX,  
ASN C 8132 FUGITIVE  
DESERTER

*Not a fugitive. Bureau case closed in 1953. 0-17 to CG. fwd 4/23/58*

Enclosed herewith for laboratory examination is a newspaper article cut from the December 31, 1957, issue of the New York City "Daily News". It should be noted that on the article, page 8, is written the words "Mr. R. Cox" and on the article, page 7, are written the letters "K A".

It is requested that the laboratory compare the handwriting and printing on instant article with that of captioned subject.

It is also requested that instant article be processed for fingerprints of subject COX whose FBI # is 357 872A.

The above mentioned newspaper article was furnished to SA [redacted] by Miss ANN TOWNSON, 1725 Orrington, Evanston, Illinois, on April 15, 1958, who is a student at Northwestern University.

Miss TOWNSON furnished the following information concerning COX and the newspaper article:

On December 31, 1957, she was traveling with her mother, Mrs. ANDREW TOWNSON, Avon Road, Genesco, New York, from New York City to Mount Morris, New York, on New York Central train which departed New York City approximately 11:00 a.m. December 31, 1957. Around 12:00 noon while she was sitting in the club car she noticed a man sitting across the aisle from her who was accompanied by a woman. The man was reading a newspaper and was writing or "doodling" on it. When the man and woman left the club car, Miss TOWNSON obtained the

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newspaper he had been reading and noticed an article in the paper in which she had an interest, so she retained the newspaper. She noticed that the man had written the names Mr. Richard Cox and Mr. R.

Cox on the newspaper. Miss TOWNSON destroyed the newspaper with the exception of the article in which she had an interest.

Miss TOWNSON continued that the March issue of "Redbook Magazine" contained an article captioned "A Young Man Vanishes" and she believes that the man she saw on the train on December 31, 1957, is identical with COX.

Miss TOWNSON did not know where the man boarded or got off the train and could not describe the man's companion other than to say that she was in his age group and there was nothing peculiar or strange about her appearance.

She described the man on the train as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Mid 20's
Hair	Dark, medium length
Eyes	Dark
Height	Approximately 5'9" - 5'10" (he was sitting when under observation by Miss TOWNSON)
Weight	150 - 160 pounds
Build	Medium
Dress	Sport coat, slacks, shirt, tie (colors not known).

Miss TOWNSON did not notice any scars, marks, jewelry, or mannerisms of this man and described him generally as neat in appearance and good looking.

Also enclosed for the Bureau is the magazine article captioned "A Young Man Vanishes" from the

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March issue of "Redbook Magazine", which Miss TOWNSON furnished.

Miss TOWNSON has requested that if possible the newspaper article be returned to her. She realizes the appearance of the paper may be changed as a result of the examination. She also advised that to the best of her knowledge she is the only person other than the man on the train who has handled the newspaper article.

The above information is being furnished for the information of the Bureau, New York, and Cleveland, since it is not known whether or not COX is still being sought as a deserter or his location desired as a missing person.

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YOUR FILE NO. 62-4408  
FBI FILE NO. 79-23729-442  
LATENT CASE NO. 15256

May 5, 1958

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE: RICHARD COLVIN COX, *mk*  
ASN C 8132  
DESERTER

REFERENCE: Letter 4/16/58  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago  
SPECIMENS: A newspaper clipping  
A magazine article

No latent impressions of value developed on the submitted newspaper clipping designated as Q14 in a separate laboratory report.

Q14 and its identifying tag are enclosed. The magazine article captioned "A Young Man Vanishes" is being retained in Bufiles.

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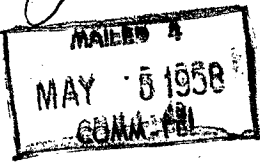
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Examination requested by: FBI, Chicago (62-4408) 4/16/58

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 4/21/58

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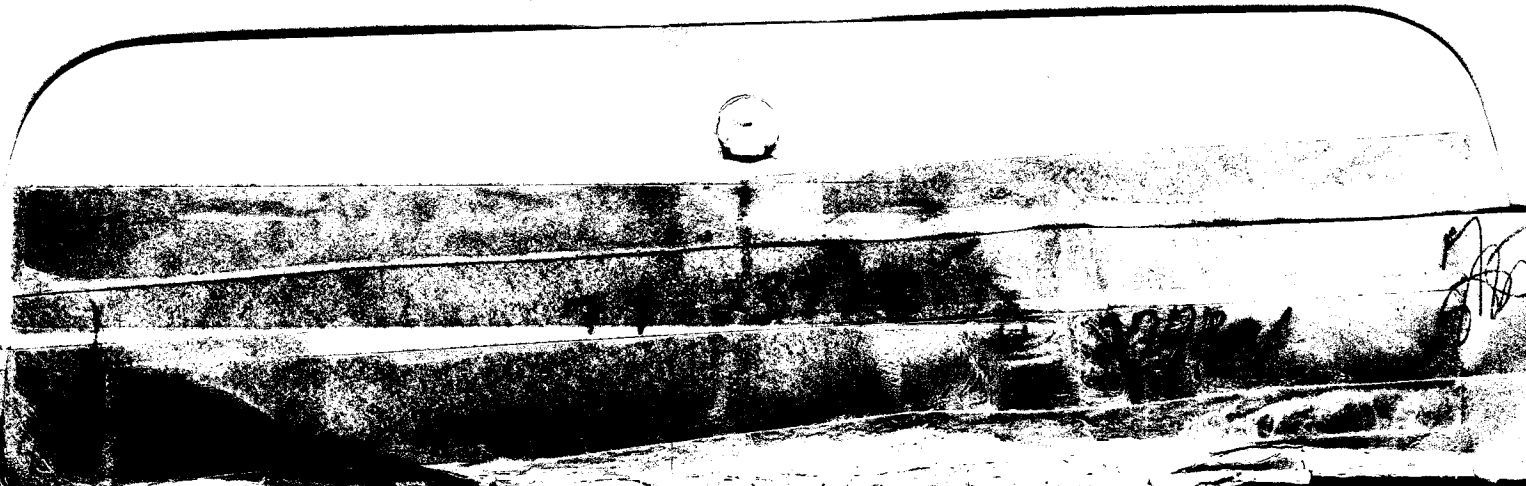
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# 32 Bow at World Deb Ball Here

By NANCY RANDOLPH  
That unique function, the International Debutante Ball, which keeps on growing in interest and importance, made its third annual appearance here last night at the Ambassador Hotel.

Thirty-two debutantes, 14 from foreign countries,—each dressed in white with a bouquet of pink flowers and silver leaves—formed a line to receive guests in the Trianon Room. Facing them, in another line, were West Point



(Bradford Bachrach foto)  
**Diana Kress**  
Represented *Arizona*

cadets, in dress uniform, and Annapolis midshipmen who served as the girls' escorts (two to a girl).

### The Grand March

Shortly before midnight each debutante, with an Army and a Navy escort and carrying the flag of her country or state, lined up for the grand march to the ballroom.

Headed by the color guard of the 7th Regiment, led by Maj. Charles West, the line ended with Sheila Ryan, a ball co-chairman, who represented the United States.

Among well-known American debutantes present: Diana Kress, representing Arizona; Hilary Paley, Long Island; Anne F. Engelhard, New Jersey; Linda Laughlin, Judith Thompson and Elizabeth Elpinstone Wing, all representing New York, and Lucinda Lee Gilmour, Virginia.

### A Princess There

In the foreign group were: Countess Elizabeth Schoenborn, from Austria; Baroness Louisa Wedell-Wedellsborg, Denmark; Susan Douglas, England; Baroness Sabina von dem Knesebeck, Germany; Her Serene Highness Princess Marguerite Esterhazy, representing Free Hungary; Countess Maja Plater-Zyberk, Free Poland, and Akiko Ohta, from Japan.

Many fashionable dinner parties preceded the ball, the largest given by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Phelps Tower. Mrs. Tower was



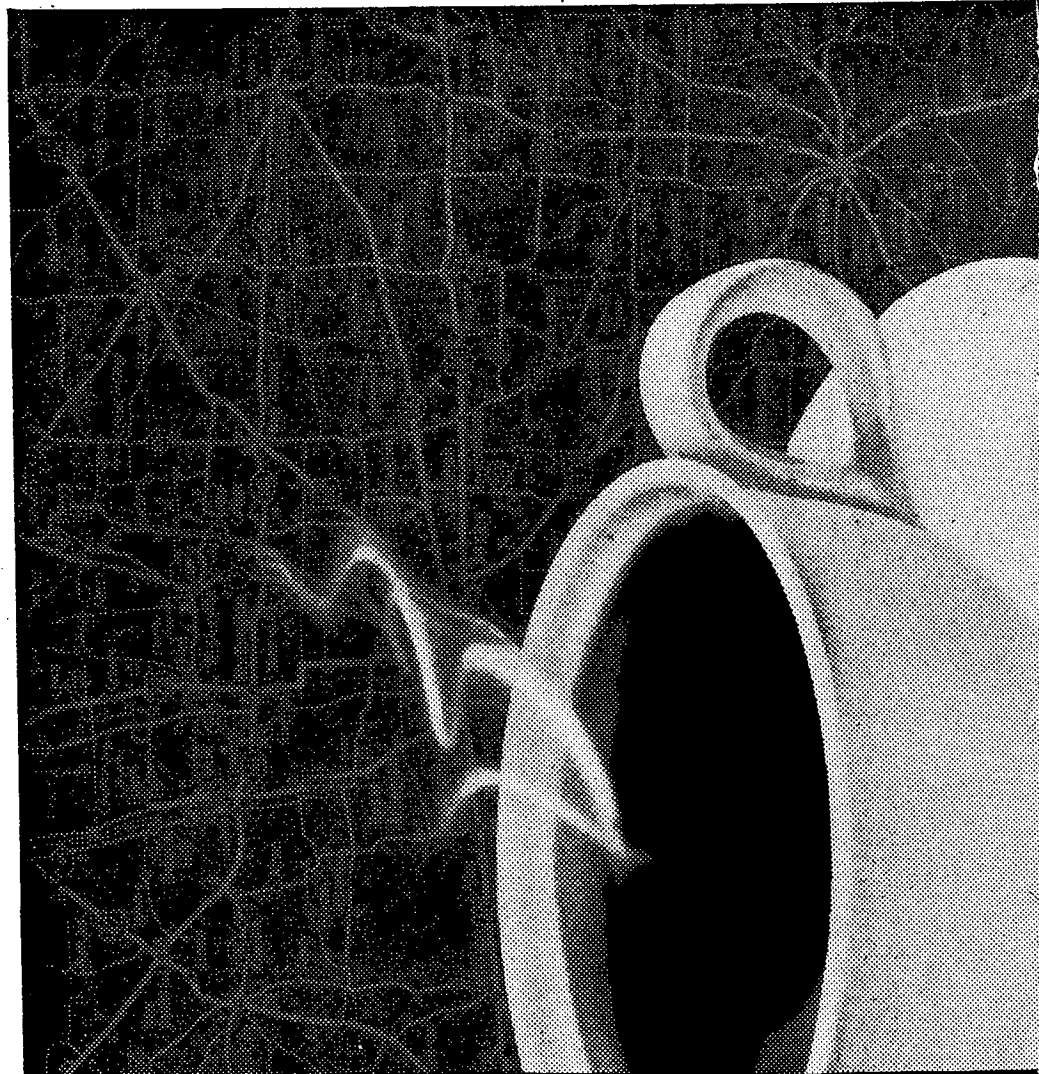
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**Lucinda Lee Gilmour (left) and Baroness Louisa Wedell-Wedellsborg—they were at the ball.**

head of the ball advisory committee. Other parties were given by: Teruo Ohta, director of the Bank of Tokyo, and Mme. Ohta (whose daughter made her bow last night); Capt. and Mrs. Edmund Ragsdale, who hosted a cocktail party at their 125 E. 57th St. apartment for Susan Douglas of England. Another

given by Mrs. Thomas M. Bancroft, Jr., chairman of the ball junior committee. The gala was a benefit to aid the research work of the Nephrosis Foundation of New York. Mrs. Diana Dodge Ryan headed the committee for the event, which was sponsored by Luft-hansa Airlines.

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Lab. # **D-277301 CJ**

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Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint** Date received: **4/21/58**

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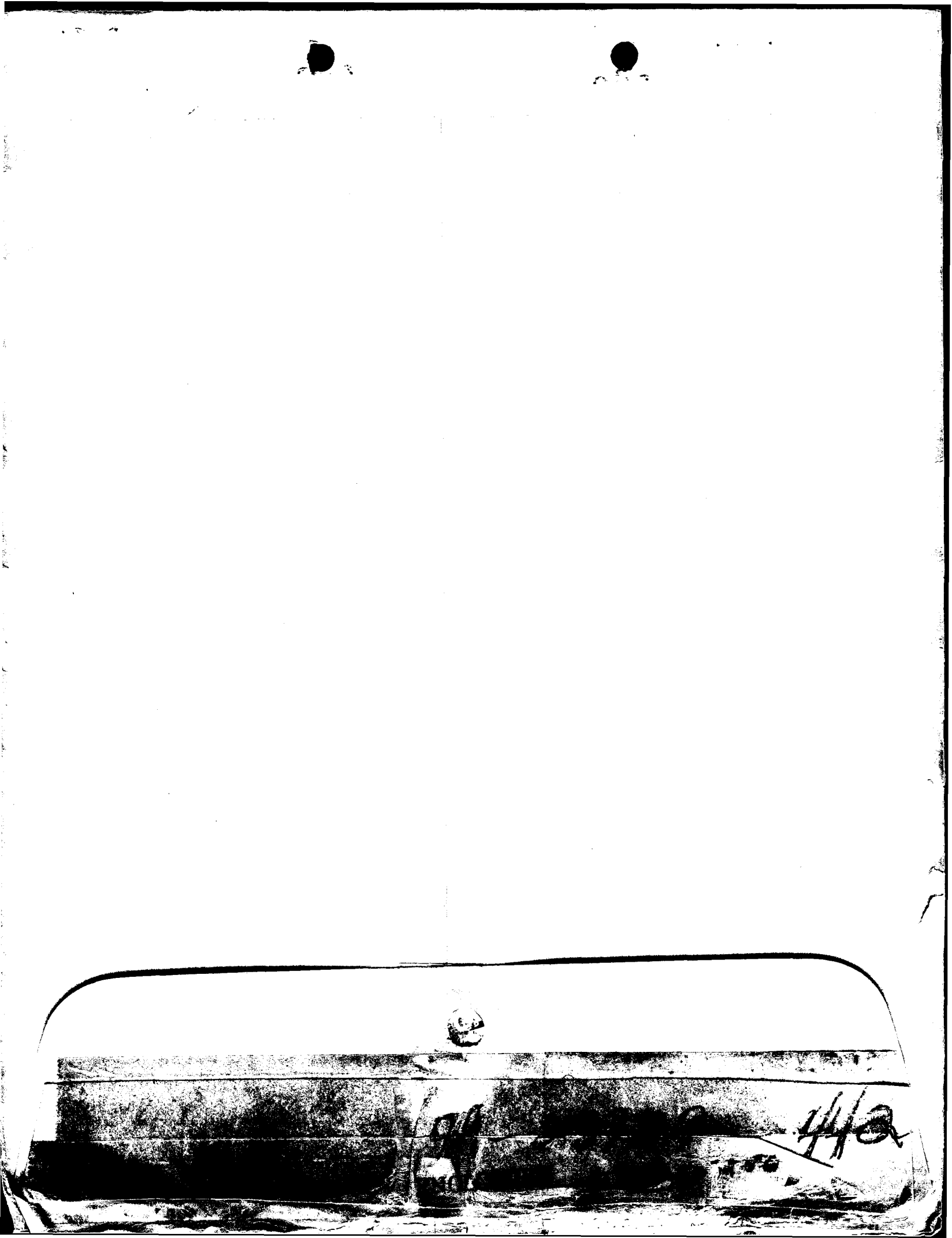
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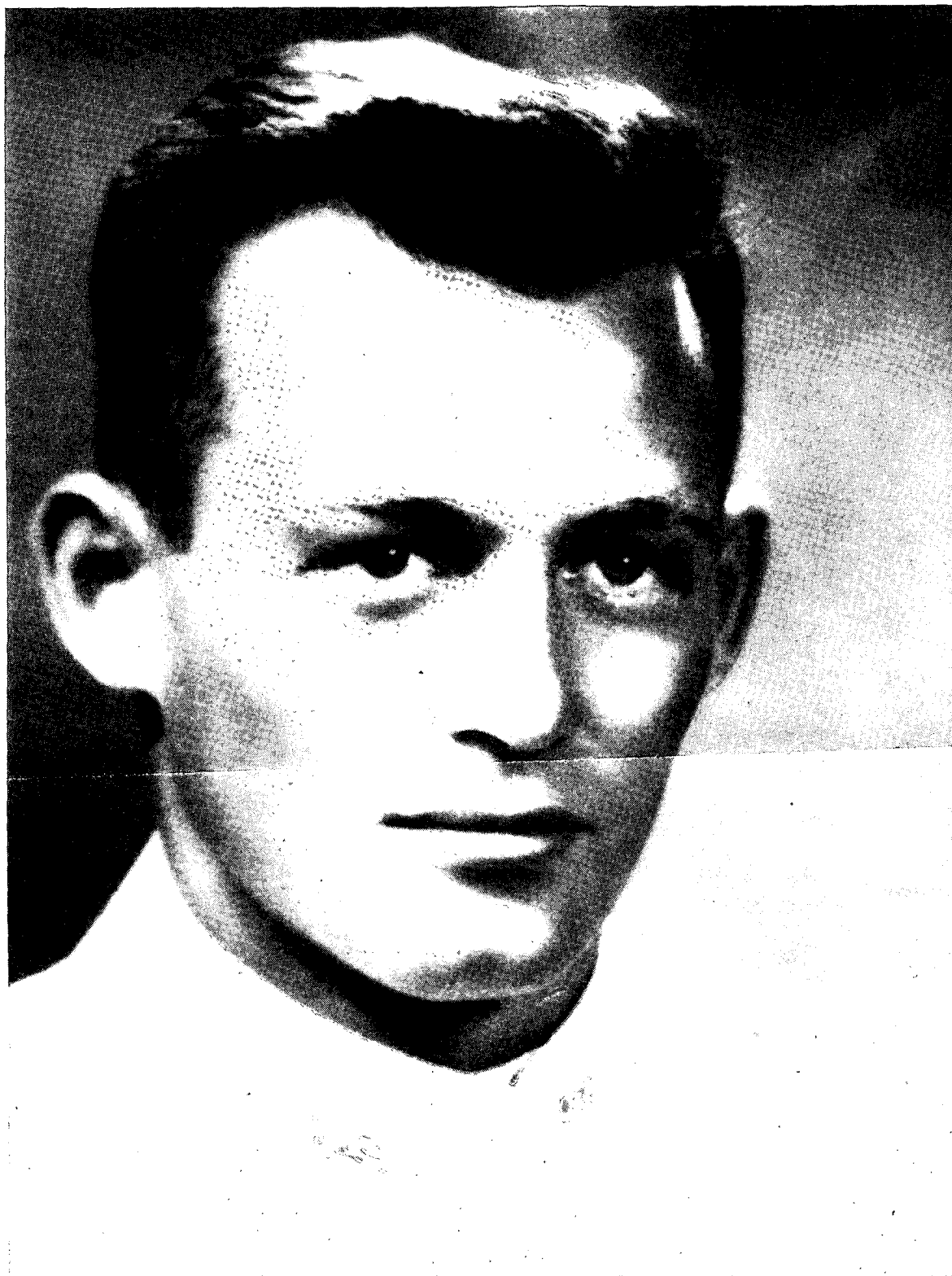




"Helen! Are you all right?"  
"You mean you were worried?" Helen said.  
"After I got over wanting to throttle you."

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**Eight years ago, bright, dependable Richard Cox disappeared from West Point without a trace. The search still goes on, while his family wonders and hopes**

# Young Man Vanishes

BY LEWIS THOMPSON AND CHARLES BOSWELL

At 10:15 on the morning of Sunday, January 15, 1950, Mrs. Minnie Colvin Cox, a 58-year-old widow, was getting ready to go to church. She was in the house she owned and occupied alone in Mansfield, Ohio.

The telephone rang. The caller was an officer of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where Mrs. Cox's son, Richard, was a cadet in his second year. "Your son is absent from the post," the officer said. "Have you heard from him?"

Mrs. Cox replied that she had not. The officer explained that Richard had signed out from his barracks on a "dinner privilege" the evening before and had not been seen since. "But don't be too alarmed," he reassured Mrs. Cox. "This sort of thing has happened before, and the cadets involved always show up. If you hear from Richard, please let us know at once."

After Mrs. Cox hung up, she recalls, she felt a strong sense of foreboding—a sense that has been sadly and poignantly borne out. The 'phone call precipitated Mrs. Cox into one of the most bizarre, inexplicable mysteries of our time: the whereabouts of Richard Cox, no trace of whom has been found to this day.

A second thought of Mrs. Cox's was to telephone one or more of her five other children (four daughters and a son), all of whom lived in Mansfield. But she did not. Mrs. Cox is a deeply religious woman, and she felt that the present crisis was a test of her faith. As she put it recently: "I wanted to be alone. I had been saying for years that, with God's help and enlightenment, no problem was too much. This was a time for me to draw on my beliefs and test them."

That afternoon, in another home in Mansfield, a girl named Betty Timmons spoke on the telephone to a West Point officer. Twenty years old, dark and pertly pretty, Betty was Dick Cox's "girl." They had not formally announced their engagement, but they had told their families and friends that they intended to get married—someday. Betty was asked by the officer if she had had any word from Dick, and she said that she had not.

Later, in the early evening, Betty drove over to the Cox house. There she sat quietly with Mrs. Cox, and they talked about Dick, speculating as to what might have happened.

By the next morning, the other Cox children knew

of their brother's disappearance. They came to see their mother and, as they look back, they declare her attitude of calm and of trust in God communicated itself to them.

The Cox children, though, were deeply dismayed. The Coxes had always been (and still are) a closely-knit family, and Dick, the youngest, had received a lavish share of their affection. All of them were at a loss as to what might have happened to Dick; as they learned the details of his disappearance, they were even further perplexed. Recently they all said in effect: "It was the beginning of something we simply couldn't understand. And as time went on, we used to ask ourselves: 'How could this have happened in *our* family?'"

Richard Colvin Cox was 11 days short of being 21-and-a-half years old when he was last seen. That was at 18 minutes past six on the night of Saturday, January 14, 1950. However, the events which appear to have significance concerning his disappearance began at West Point on the previous Saturday.

At approximately five that afternoon, the 'phone rang in the orderly room of North Barracks, which housed Company B-2, of which Cox was a member. Cadet Peter Hains answered, and as he later recalled it, the conversation went something as follows:

A male voice asked: "Hey, fellow, do you have a Dick Cox in your company?"

Hains replied: "Yeah." This curt, informal answer, the cadet has said, was in reaction to the manner in which the caller had put his question. According to Hains, the man gave an impression of extreme casualness, with "little use for ceremony or authority."

Hains went to Cox's room on the fourth floor of the barracks. Then he returned to the telephone to inform the caller that Cox was not in.

"Tell him to come on over to the hotel," the man said. Hains assumed he was referring to the Hotel Thayer, operated by the U. S. Government and located within the limits of the West Point post, immediately inside Thayer Gate. "Just tell him that George called," the voice went on. "We used to know each other in Germany. [Cox had spent two years there as an enlisted man in the Army.] I'm just up here for a little while and I'd like to get him a bite to eat." Without identify-

## Two lonely women waited years for Dick Cox



*Cadet Cox talked about quitting West Point to marry Betty Timmons (above), but decided to finish school.*

ing himself further, George hung up. Hains left a note for Cox in the orderly-room mailbox, and in a little while Cox appeared. He read the note.

"I don't know anyone named George," he said to Hains. Then, humorously, he added: "Well, I might as well get a free meal."

A quarter of an hour later, a cadet (who knew Cox) was standing outside Grant Hall, a cadet lounge and reception center located about 200 yards from North Barracks and a mile-and-a-quarter from the Thayer Hotel. The cadet saw Cox approach a man dressed in civilian clothes and greet him. The cadet says it was obvious that the two knew each other, and he has provided the only clear description of the man who presumably was the mysterious George. He was around 5' 11", weighed 185 pounds, was fair-haired, with fair complexion and a short haircut. He wore a belted "pink" coat, which looked like a trenchcoat.

At nine that night, Cox's roommates, Cadets Deane E. Welch and Joseph J. Urschel, went to their room. Cox was there, seated at his desk, his head on his arms and asleep. They did not disturb him, but a half-hour later, another cadet, carrying a camera,

walked in. He spotted Cox, who was still asleep, and snapped a picture of him, as a joke. The accompanying commotion wakened Cox. He looked up dazedly, staggered to the hall and leaned over the bannister. Then he shouted down the stairwell something which sounded like: "Who's there, is Alice down there?" At the time, some newspaper accounts, speculating on the Cox case, transformed some of these words into the German phrase: "Alles ist kaput," which means "All is finished." But Cadet Welch, who was present, was moved to inquire of Cox: "Who's Alice?"

Cox muttered a reply to the effect that she was a girl his visitor had told him about.

It was clear to Cox's roommates that he had been drinking, and they had to help get him to bed. In those few moments Cox, still in a dazed condition, told them that George had "made" him take some drinks from a bottle he had and "would not let me out of the car" until he had done so. It is probable Cox's drinking was moderate. It was well known to his family and friends that he had an extraordinarily low tolerance for alcohol and that after only two drinks he was quite likely to become ill.

The next evening, Sunday, the 8th, Cox complained to his roommates that his visitor had stayed over and had been at West Point all Sunday afternoon. Cox was annoyed, he said, that he had given the man so much time that might have been devoted to study. But Cox did not then, or ever, say who George was, where he had met him, or what his last name was. What little he did relate about George was hardly complimentary. George, he said, had been a Ranger during the war and had boasted of having emasculated German prisoners and of having hanged a pregnant girl.

On the afternoon of Saturday, the 14th, Welch and Cox attended a basketball game at the West Point field house. At the end of the game, around 4:45, the two started toward their barracks. Fifteen minutes later they separated at the East Sally-Port. Cox wanted to check on his marks, which were posted there. Welch went on, and a few minutes later another cadet who knew Cox saw him at the East Sally Port in conversation with a civilian. This witness' description of the civilian differed slightly from that of the man seen with Cox the previous week, but it was close.

Moreover, when Cox reached his room at 5:20, he told Welch that he had just been talking with the man he had seen the previous weekend and was going to have dinner with him that evening. Under West Point regulations, a cadet may dine at the Hotel Thayer, but only in the company of a visitor. To do so, he is required to wear his full-dress uniform and to sign out in the orderly-room book.

At 5:45, Cox signed out. Then he went to his room and donned his full-dress uniform. At 6:18 he



## —one still waits for him

said good-by to Welch and walked out of the barracks. That was the last ever seen of Richard Cox.

During the evening, his absence was accounted for by his having signed the orderly-room book. But when a barracks check was made at 1 A.M. and he could not be found in or near his room, the authorities were notified. In the morning they called Mrs. Cox.

Before the day was over, the Criminal Investigation Detachment (the C.I.D.) of the First Army, with headquarters on Governor's Island, New York, had stepped into the case. Thus, an inquiry was launched which, eight years later, is still open. And despite the participation of some of the most skilled investigative brains in the C.I.D. and the F.B.I. (which for more than two years took an active part), no one can do more than *guess* at a possible solution of the mystery.

Those who know the details of the Cox case, including high Army officers, cannot resist spinning unofficial theories. Yet each fails to meet a basic test: that of consistency with what is known of the life and character of Richard Cox.

The first question that arose in the minds of investigators was whether the disappearance had been voluntary. In his room, Cox had left \$85.00 and change in cash, two checks he had been given as Christmas presents, and his wrist watch. An inventory of his personal belongings showed that all his civilian clothes were in his closet, including a new blue suit he had bought while at home in Mansfield at Christmas.

If, then, Cox had wished to disappear from West Point, why had he not taken his money and his watch? And why had he not taken his new suit to change into once he was away from the Point?

Then the question of how he had left the post arose. There are three regular means of entrance and departure at West Point: Thayer, Washington and Lee Gates. Each is manned by military police, and any cadet in uniform would be stopped and denied exit, unless, of course, he had a pass. It was clear that Cox could not have walked through one of the gates.

Two possibilities existed:

He had gone by car "over the hill"—absent without leave. (Civilian automobiles, except under extraordinary circumstances, are free to travel over the entire West Point area, and MP's do not make more than a cursory examination of them.) It has been surmised that Cox left the Point in a car; if voluntarily, by crouching down on the floor of the back seat with something thrown over him, or perhaps by concealing himself in the luggage compartment; if unwillingly, in either manner, but unconscious because of drugs or a blow on the head.

Or he could have followed one of the numerous paths through the thick woods which abound on the



*Mrs. Minnie Cox cannot explain her son's disappearance, still looks out the window hoping to see him come up the walk.*

post and made his way to an outside road, there to be picked up by someone who had civilian clothes ready for him.

Most commonly a cadet goes A.W.O.L. because of his failure with the demanding regimen of West Point. This question in connection with Cox was quickly answered. He stood in the upper third of his class, and his latest marks measured up to this high standard. On the other hand, it is true that he held serious reservations about pursuing a career in the Army.

From the beginning, a key figure in the Cox case has been George. He still is. At first, investigators were hopeful that George could be identified and found. They went through Cox's papers in his room and found no clues. They talked to his roommates and other friends at the Point—and found no clue. They were satisfied that George had never registered at the Hotel Thayer. And they could find no one at the hotel—guest or employee—who recalled seeing Cox there on the night of his disappearance, either alone or with a civilian.

What was the relationship between Cox and George? Was it as casual as Cox suggested when he declared that he did not know anyone named George? Or was it more deeply rooted, perhaps conspiratorial, involving such possibilities as black-market operations in Germany, or espionage?

The C.I.D. assumed nothing and overlooked nothing. In Mansfield they talked with Cox's family and with Betty Timmons, none of whom gave any illuminating evidence. His family could not believe that Dick would voluntarily cause them prolonged, unnecessary anxiety, and they feared foul play. Betty Timmons was equally at a loss.

The C.I.D. arranged to be notified of any long-distance incoming calls received by those in Mansfield close to Dick. On the possibility that he had prepared a new identity while at home over Christmas, they inquired of the Mansfield Social Security Office whether anyone answering his description had applied for a new Social Security card. No one had. In Washington, the Social Security Office was asked to be alert to any credits that might accrue to Dick's known Social Security account. And a "stop" notice, which is still there, was placed on his fingerprints in the F.B.I. file in Washington. (Continued on page 95)



# PEOPLE IN GLASS HOUSES

When a smart blonde campaigns for an eligible bachelor,  
what chance has the old-fashioned girl who waits to be asked?

**Young Man Vanishes**



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In the West Point-New York area, investigative efforts were intensive. Dick was known to have stayed at five different hotels during visits to New York. Personnel of these hotels were interrogated and alerted. The New York Hotel Association was provided with circulars bearing Dick's picture along with his signature and description. The description read in part: "Race: White; Height: 5' 8"; Weight: Approx. 165 lbs.; Build: Medium; Hair: Brown (crew-cut); Eyes: Blue; Complexion: Fair; Scars & Marks: Diagonal scar on right elbow."

Cadet friends of Cox told C.I.D. agents that, while in New York once, he had spent an evening at a cafe on East 86th Street. The address is in the heart of the Yorkville section, the city's German-American district. In view of the German overtones in the case, the cafe was put under scrutiny. But nothing turned up there.

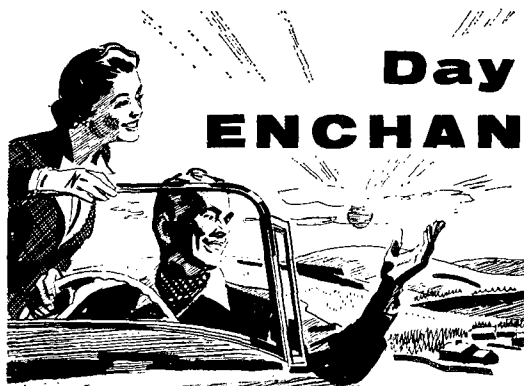
In and around West Point, it could be said almost literally that no stone was left unturned. Within hours of Dick's disappearance every building on the post was searched. Dick's papers, textbooks and writing materials were minutely examined.

Agents blanketed bars and other public places in Newburgh and other nearby towns with Dick's picture. They fanned out into the Hudson River Valley countryside, alerting hotels, restaurants and tourist cabins, all to no avail.

Within a week of Dick's disappearance a letter he had written was returned to him in the mails marked "Addressee Unknown." It had been written on December 11th to a "Rosemarie Vogel, Lichtenfels Am Main, Bavaria," and it was postmarked "West Point, N.Y., December 12, 1949." It began: "Dear Rosemarie, I don't know whether you remember me or not. . . . Today, I was looking through some of the pictures I took of Germany and noticed yours . . . and so I decided to write. . . ." And so it went, apparently the letter of one comparative stranger to another.

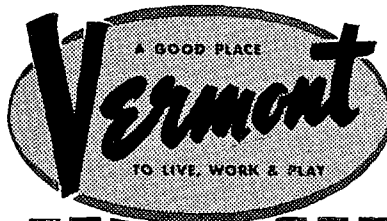
Was there any connection between George, who presumably had known Dick in Germany, and this German girl to whom Dick had written?

C.I.D. men in Germany were instructed to find Rosemarie Vogel. They did not find her, but they found her mother and, contrary to what has been printed elsewhere, Rosemarie was *not* traced to the brink of the Iron Curtain in Berlin, and she did *not* disappear behind it. Her mother, indeed, informed the C.I.D. that Rosemarie had married a sergeant in the American Army and presently was living in a small town in New York State. Agents interviewed Rosemarie at her home and were convinced that there was nothing at all sinister in the situation and



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# Peggy's BRIGHT WITH MIDOL



that there was only one explanation: Dick had thought to start a friendly correspondence with a girl he had known only slightly and who, in fact, had no recollection of him whatsoever.

Recently, in Mansfield, a REDBOOK reporter cleared up the question of why Rosemarie's picture had not been among Dick's effects at West Point. After writing the letter, he had taken a batch of pictures home with him at Christmas, and in a pile of them he had left in his room were a half-dozen of a pretty brunette, identified on the back, in his own writing, as "Rosemarie Vogel."

The "Rosemarie" incident was typical of scores of leads that have been followed—with no success. Many of them had considerably flimsier bases in fact.

On the possibility that Cox was dead, Lusk Reservoir had been dragged and Delafield Pond drained. Other waters around West Point were given similar attention.

As soon as the winter broke, early in 1950, soldiers made a foot-by-foot examination of West Point's 15,063 acres. Assisting them, a New York City Police Department helicopter hovered overhead.

Investigation of Dick's service in Germany was equally painstaking. Every man of the 700 with whom he had served in the 28th Constabulary Squadron was located, sometimes with enormous difficulty, and questioned. None could help.

Some tried and conveyed to C.I.D. agents rumors that had no basis in fact.

From whatever sources available, agents obtained group photographs taken in Germany which included Cox. These were enlarged and men who resembled the description of George were traced and interrogated.

In what may have been sheer desperation, the C.I.D. prepared lists of all military personnel who conceivably might have had contact with Cox in Germany and before he left for Germany and whose first, middle or last name was George. This, too, washed out. Moreover, the Cox circular was placed in every military installation in Germany and France, with a request for information, no matter how remote it might seem.

To one who has studied the mountainous stack of paper in the Cox file, some inevitable questions arise. All the reports, with their fantastic implications, have at the heart of them a young man from an average American family, brought up in an average American community. One wonders what *really* is behind all this. What were the forces that shaped Dick Cox? What kind of a person had he become by the night he disappeared? Recently, a REDBOOK reporter spent several days in Mansfield, talking with people who might help answer these questions.

**W**hen Dick was born, on July 25, 1928, the family was living in an 11-room house on West 3rd Street in Mansfield, a city of 40,000, lying in the heart of agricultural Richland County. The Coxes needed the 11 rooms, for with Dick's arrival, the family numbered eight.

Dick's father, Rupert Cox, Sr., conducted his own insurance business, and by all accounts he was a warm, indulgent parent. Today, in speaking of him, his children smile with affectionate remem-

brance and sift memories that reveal him as a man whose family was the center of his life. He was deaf, and when the cacophony of six children talking at once got to be too much, he simply turned off his hearing aid.

The children and their mother agree that she was the organizing, executive force in the home. Mrs. Cox is, indeed, a forceful personality. Today, at 66, she is a pretty woman, white-haired, with blue eyes that sparkle and that suggest a vitality of one much younger.

The Cox children love and respect their mother, but they are not awed by her; the relationship among them all seems open and easy. Among themselves, the Cox children maintain a strong bond. Mary, the eldest, is 41 (the others are in their thirties). Emily comes next; the eldest of her two sons is the only one of Dick's 10 nieces or nephews he ever really got to know. Rupert, Jr., called "Rupe," is the third child; he is eight years older than Dick. The Cox children who were closest to Dick are the twins, Nancy and Carolyn, both vivacious and pretty. They are three-and-a-half years older than Dick, and when he was away from home, he wrote to them more often than to the others. But he was close to all of them.

Dick's family and friends say that he grew up as a "regular, natural boy." He was bright and experienced no trouble getting through Brinkerhof grade school, John Simpson Junior High School and Mansfield Senior High School. A check of his high-school record shows that in his junior year he earned a straight B average; he had no truancy, few absences and was late only four times during the year.

In high school, Dick was president of his class in his sophomore year. He was also sports editor of the school yearbook. To his disappointment, though, Dick did not make any of the school teams. He was rather slight of build, and he was much concerned with improving his physique. He worked in the summers carrying ice and with road gangs on the highways.

In 1939, when Dick was 11, his father died. Dick felt the loss keenly. Inevitably, he turned to his mother, and for three years the two were closer than they had ever been, or would be. At 14, his dependence on her diminished consider-



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ably. This does not mean, though, that he and his mother lost contact. Rather, they seem to have proceeded on terms appropriate and healthy for a growing boy. Moreover, Dick had found a partial substitute for the father-image in his sister Emily's future husband, Bob Beard, a man, by unanimous account, of quiet strength, who works as a purchasing agent for a Mansfield steel mill.

Mr. Cox's death left the family with serious financial problems, but this knit the Coxes together even more closely. To earn pocket money, Dick got a job carrying papers and even managed to start his own bank account.

Nineteen forty-six was a big year for the Coxes. Mary was married in that year, as were Rupe and Nancy. It was the year Dick, within weeks of his 18th birthday, was graduated from high school and enlisted in the Army.

Before the marriages, the family, with the exception of Emily, who was already married, was intact in the big house on 3rd Street, and Dick was emerging into his sisters' and brother's world of young adulthood. Their recollections of him at that time agree.

Dick was easygoing and good-natured, with a lively wit, they say, but not very talkative. His mother recalls his reticence, and she remembers that she said to him in a moment of annoyance: "Young man, some day you'll be sorry you are so secretive!" One of the twins said recently, with wry good humor: "We'd all have breakfast together before church on Sunday morning, and we girls would be full of talk about our Saturday-night dates. Dick would sit there without a word. One of us would ask him whom he'd dated and where he'd gone. He'd just shrug and say: 'What's the difference?'" She added: "There wasn't much room for Dick to talk, with us three girls chattering away."

But there was no doubt that Dick went out. He was popular, and had a wide circle of young friends. Betty Timmons, a year behind him in high school, was one of them.

Now and again there was conflict between Dick, on the one hand, and his mother and sisters, on the other. Rupe and Dick, although fond of each other, followed a policy of live-and-let-live. But the girls had always felt a protectiveness toward their younger brother, and this complicated matters when Dick, as part of the process of maturing, sought to break away from family supervision. There were stormy scenes—but there was also family closeness and warmth.

**D**ick went into the Army for reasons he outlined to his family. He wanted a college education. Army service would entitle him to help from the G.I. Bill of Rights. He knew he'd have to go into the Army sometime, and he wanted a rest from study at that moment.

In September, 1946, Dick enlisted and was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for basic training. On February 4, 1947, he was shipped overseas. In Germany he was stationed, in turn, at Marburg, Bayreuth, Coburg and Schweinfurt. For part of the time he was a rifleman, which he described in a letter as "what they make a person who can't do anything else at all." The Army, though, must have

thought differently. Dick was only 19 and had been in service less than a year when he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to a Constabulary Squadron—the Army's military police.

During Dick's 10 months overseas, he wrote often to his family, particularly to his mother and the twins. He and Betty Timmons wrote to each other occasionally.

In the fall of 1947, Dick was told that, on the basis of tests taken on his entering the Army, he was eligible to apply for an "appointment from the ranks" to West Point. A few weeks later, he picked up a copy of *Stars and Stripes*, he told his mother in a letter, and had seen a picture of 17 soldiers who had passed the West Point exam "just given." Somehow, there had been a mixup in Army channels, Dick had not been notified of the exam, and he felt his chances for West Point were lost.

Dick wrote to his mother and asked if she could think of any way to help him, perhaps by intervening with her Congressman. At the same time, Dick made formal complaint to the Inspector General in Germany, hopeful of being given a special examination. Apparently, the Inspector General took Dick's complaint seriously, for Dick wrote to his mother: "That letter . . . caused a bigger stink than I ever knew and I found out today that the West Point deal is far from being dead. The regimental commander and everybody else involved all the way down really caught it." (After Dick's disappearance it was suggested that someone who may have been disciplined by the Inspector General had "taken revenge" on Dick. The C.I.D., of course, looked into the possibility and was satisfied that it had no basis in fact.)

In the meantime, Mrs. Cox had been busy, and on January 14, 1948, Representative J. Harry McGregor, of the 19th Ohio Congressional District, notified Dick of his appointment as First Alternate Appointee to West Point. Soon thereafter, the First Appointee stepped out of the picture; Dick's appointment was assured.

But in spite of his efforts to get to West Point, Dick harbored reservations about the Army as a career. For on December 30, 1947, he had written to his mother: "Whether you are a general or a private, you are still in the Army and I finally discovered that I don't like the Army or any of its principles or ways and so don't think I'll make too red hot an officer. I see now that West Point is far from being a bargain."

On the 20th of January, Dick was ordered back to the States to attend the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Newburgh. Dick entered West Point on July 1, 1948. Prior to that date, he was given several weeks' leave, which he spent in Mansfield. He came home a person different from the high-school youth who had left it. Away almost two years, he had matured and he now looked at the world—and at Betty Timmons—with the eyes of a man.

Betty, having been graduated from high school, had just completed her first year at Ohio State University. She, too, had matured intellectually and emotionally. Each now recognized the attraction, and when Dick went back East, there were emotional commitments between them.

While at Mansfield, Dick's reserva-



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tions—perhaps his fears—about West Point cropped up in conversation with his family. Mrs. Cox vividly recalls the morning Dick left. “He sat at the breakfast table,” she says, “and I thought I saw apprehension in the very set of his shoulders. I had the impulse to say ‘Dick, if you’re not sure, why don’t you give up West Point? You could stay at home, get a job and nobody would think a thing about it.’ I resisted the temptation. I felt I had no right to interfere with Dick’s life and that the decision had to be his.”

Soon Mrs. Cox had reason to believe that her misgivings were groundless, for Dick was writing optimistic letters about West Point. “I think I’ll last,” he wrote.

Dick met the challenge successfully. When the year was over, he stood in the upper third of his class—195th in a field of 605. He was proficient in mathematics, English and physical education.

At various times during that year, members of his family came to visit him (as a plebe he was not allowed to leave). They say that he was absorbed in his academic responsibilities, yet he found time to write to Betty on an average of three times a week. Betty quit Ohio State halfway through her sophomore year, returned to Mansfield and got a job. At Christmas, she went to West Point. The holiday marked another step in the deepening romance. Dick gave Betty his West Point pin (usually called a “sweetheart pin”).

**B**etty did not see Dick again until the end of his plebe year, when he had a month’s leave at home during June. In July he returned to West Point, and in August Betty spent a week of her vacation at the Hotel Thayer.

Nineteen forty-nine drew to a close with no out-of-the-ordinary happenings in the life of Dick Cox. He wrote home as usual, griped a little about West Point life, but he found time to join the cross-country team, and in November he made a trip to Michigan with it.

Dick looked forward to spending Christmas in Mansfield. About a week before the holiday, in a happy mood, he wrote his mother a long letter. He said how much it would mean to him to have his first Christmas at home in four years. His mother had made some general references to her future living arrangements, and Dick observed: “You can always live with Betty and me. Of course, that’s figuring far ahead. I’m likely to spend four or five more years in this place if I don’t start taking cognizance of the academic dept.” As usual, Dick was overly modest. His grades, in fact, had not slipped at all.

If appearances are any guide, Dick was having a full and happy time of it during this Christmas vacation—a bare two to three weeks before he vanished. He saw his family, of course, but he spent most of his time with Betty. They visited their friends, and one night they went to a sorority dance. Dick wore his full-dress uniform. He also wore it when he went to church with his mother, but except for those two occasions, he favored the new blue suit he had bought.

Betty says that she detected no change in him. They were very much in love, and they talked about when they would get married. The question arose as to whether he should quit West Point so they

could be married at once, but, Betty says, they never considered this seriously. With their friends and family there was good-natured debate as to whether it would be better to be married in the West Point Chapel when Dick was graduated, or in Mansfield.

On New Year’s Eve, the Coxes and their mates met at Carolyn and Bill Colby’s house. At one point, Dick declared that he was not at all sure he wanted to continue at West Point. The men all urged him to finish.

It looked like a Happy New Year for all—and especially for Betty and Dick. They had made plans for Betty to spend Easter weekend with Dick at West Point, and she was mulling over the idea of getting a job in New York so that they could see each other more often.

On New Year’s Day, Mrs. Cox and Betty drove Dick to Cleveland so he could catch his train. Dick said good-by to them in the car and then, carrying his bag, he walked into the station. That was the last they ever saw of him.

At the Point again, Dick plunged into the demanding routine—but grudgingly. His mind and thoughts, it is clear, were on Betty and home.

On Thursday, January 5, 1950 (two days before the first appearance of the mysterious George) he wrote to his mother, in part: “If I’d known how to say it in Russian [Russian was one of his subjects, and not his best] I’d have told one of the instructors what I thought of this place. I finally lifted my eyes about Wednesday afternoon and slowly I’m getting acclimated again. I don’t know if this place is worth the work that you have to go through here, but since everybody—except the cadets—says that it is, I guess I’ll have to stick around. I don’t think that it’s worth it, but it’s too late now to make up for what’s already been done. I’m not sad—there’s no time to be—but there’s no time to be happy either. I think I’ve just about talked myself into the idea that I don’t like a military life. I think somebody’s missing something in their make-up that does like it—and therefore preparing for it and spending three years in it after the preparing seems rather silly. But being young, I’m probably wrong again, so I’ll sit tight and study like a good little cadet for another two-and-a-half decades—or is it years? Little difference.

“Thanks, Min [an affectionate term for his mother] for being a perfect mother while I was home. You sure treat me much better than I deserve. Sorry you’ve got such good competition—not really sorry—but she is kind of nice, don’t you think? Not that anybody could think otherwise. . . .”

On Saturday, January 7th, George entered the picture. Three days later Dick wrote the last letter his mother ever received from him. He said in part: “Don’t have any idea what there is to tell about this place, but . . . I guess I can always rave about how lucky you are to get a certain daughter-in-law I’m thinking about—thinking about too much, as a matter of fact. After those years of not knowing she was alive, I finally woke up to the second-best thing that ever happened to me—the first being that I’m your son.”

In a letter to him written after the Christmas vacation, Mrs. Cox had commented that he had not glanced back at

Betty and her when they left him at the Cleveland station. He replied: “I didn’t dare. If I had, I never could have got on the train.” Then he posed a question: “What would you think if I chucked West Point? I could go to an insurance school and learn the business—and then back to Mansfield, bless it!”

Dick wrote to Betty the next day, and she received the letter on Saturday. It began with a Russian phrase which means “Dearest Lover”; its tone was as endearing as those that had gone before, and its content not at all out of the ordinary.

The next afternoon, Betty received the phone call that informed her that Dick was missing.

**F**or Dick’s family and for Betty, the weeks ahead became a barren desert of anxiety and of hope that slowly and painfully diminished. On the 11th day following the disappearance, the twins marked their 25th birthday. As usual, they gathered at their mother’s house with others of the family, but the occasion was not one of celebration. The family remembered that Dick had always made every possible effort to greet the twins on their birthday. On this one, they felt that, if he were in a position to phone them, he would. Along with a C.I.D. man who was present, they waited. The phone did not ring.

Each of those who loved Dick has contended in his own way with his disappearance, the pain of his absence and the unhappy speculation as to whether he is alive or dead. Yet it does seem that for a while, at least, Betty Timmons had a special burden to bear. Like his family, she worried terribly about Dick’s welfare. However, as time passed, Betty was faced with a dilemma. She loved Dick and looked for his return so that they could pick up their lives. But how long should she wait? And at what point did she say to herself that she must turn her back on the part of her life that had been involved with Dick?

Betty is unable to give any specific answers to these questions. “Nothing like that is cut and dried,” she said recently. “Life must go on, and gradually you realize that you have to live with the present and future and you have to turn your back on the past.”

Gradually, Betty began to date other men, and no one could deny that this was healthy and normal. Yet she did not get involved in any serious relationship, and she continued to wear Dick’s sweetheart pin. On the second anniversary of his disappearance, Betty acknowledged to a reporter that she still had the pin, but she would not pretend that she would never care for someone else. “I don’t want to be pictured as a martyr,” she said.

Eventually Betty made her decision. It was coincidental with the time that Dick’s class was graduated from West Point. During that summer, Betty met a man who had come to work in Mansfield, and at Christmas that same year she married him. Earlier she had given Dick’s pin to Mrs. Cox. Betty does not live in Mansfield now, but when she visits her parents there, she always calls on Mrs. Cox, and the two maintain an affectionate relationship.

Recently, in discussing the Cox

with a REDBOOK reporter, Betty said: "I really do not like to become involved in this all over again. At the time it happened, I co-operated as much as possible with the authorities, and now the whole thing is part of the past. I don't know what you're going to write about Dick, but I want to say this: He was a fine and wonderful man."

Now, more than eight years after the event, the mystery of Dick's disappearance has receded to a shadowy place in Betty's life. For Mrs. Cox and for the Cox children, this will never be possible.

The Cox case was a tremendous newspaper sensation at the time, and Mrs. Cox was the recipient of many public reactions. Her mail deliveries swelled. Mrs. Cox adopted an invariable rule about the letters she received; she answered none of them personally. Those which she felt there was any reason to take seriously she turned over to the C.I.D. or the F.B.I.

Sixty days after Dick disappeared, Mrs. Cox was formally notified by West Point that he had been dropped from the rolls. Soon thereafter his personal belongings were returned to her.

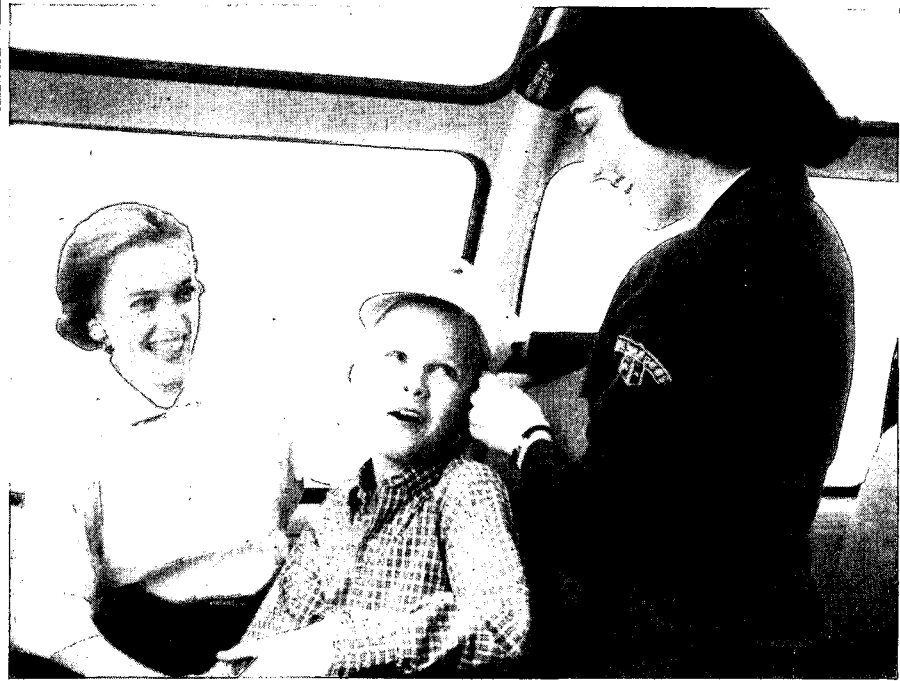
Mrs. Cox has refused to sit and weep over these mementos of her son. Every year she has given away more of them, and by now she has retained virtually nothing that might be useful to someone else.

To sit and talk with Mrs. Cox is to realize how steadfast and sustaining is her faith. Until there is proof to the contrary, she will believe that Dick is alive. "If anything had happened to Dick," she says, "I know it is not God's will or His plan. No matter where Dick is, I know that God is caring for him." She will not shut Dick out of her mind. His real qualities, she says, are timeless and indestructible.

But Mrs. Cox has felt the pain of the past eight years. "For a long time," she said recently, "whenever the doorbell rang, my heart leaped up. I always hoped that behind the closed door stood Dick." She is a sporadic sleeper, and often during the night she will get up for an hour or so. It used to be that she would look out the windows over her garden. Since Dick disappeared, she has found herself peering out a window which affords a view of the street. Perhaps, in the light of the street lamps, she will see the familiar figure of a young man walking toward the house.

In January, 1957, Dick had been missing for seven years and it was necessary for Mrs. Cox to institute proceedings to have him declared legally dead. It was a painfully disturbing experience. Over the years she has paid the premiums on a National Service Life Insurance policy Dick had taken out. She realized that the payments of the premiums might go on indefinitely, and she wrote to Washington, asking if further payments could be held in abeyance pending a solution of her son's case. She was told that this was not possible. If the premiums were not paid, the policy would lapse. She, therefore, requested that, in view of Dick's absence for seven years, he be declared legally dead and the face value of the policy be paid. At this writing, the Insurance Office is awaiting an opinion from the Army on Dick's status.

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Like their mother, the Cox children will not believe that Dick is dead. And like their mother, they do not believe that Dick willfully left West Point.

Their arguments are eloquent. It is true, they point out, that Dick expressed unhappiness with his life as a cadet, and he may well have wished to get out, although Mrs. Cox is less willing to concede this much. She declares that after his joyous Christmas vacation, it was only natural that he should undergo a "gloom period" on his return to the Point. West Point officials are inclined to agree with Mrs. Cox. It is part of the accepted routine for cadets to get "fed up," they say.

But even if Dick *did* want to leave West Point, what were his reasons? The answers are clear: He was deeply in love with Betty, and he wanted to return to Mansfield. *All he had to do was to write a simple letter of resignation, pack his clothes and get on a train.*

The evidence suggests that Dick did not leave the Point voluntarily. In confidential interviews, C.I.D. agents talked with Dick's best friend in Mansfield, who was a student at Brown University in January, 1950. This friend, Bob Gandert, declared that all Dick's conversation centered around his eventual graduation from West

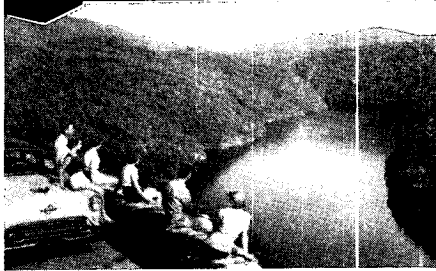
Point. His classmates consistently offered similar opinions; they simply could not believe Dick disappeared willingly.

But if Dick did not disappear voluntarily, what *did* happen to him? Here the imagination takes over. And here the speculations of the Cox family are no more authoritative than those of the C.I.D. or of those who read this article. Some of the Cox children say that "some day George will come forward and clear up the mystery." Others speculate that George "may be in an asylum, or even dead."

Army officers have *their* theories—but every theoretical solution falls apart when an attempt is made to reconcile it with the known facts about Dick Cox. Guesses about black markets and espionage seem ridiculous when measured against the influences in Dick's life, and his presumed frame of mind on January 14, 1950.


There must be, of course, facts in the mystery that can explain it, although the passage of time has not brought them to the surface. Dick Cox has been missing for more than eight years. For more than eight years the country has been faced with an unparalleled mystery—painful for those involved by love, frustrating for those charged with its solution—and always inscrutable. . . . THE END

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## People In Glass Houses



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fascinating has bought it. Someone who wears Bermuda shorts and has a hi-fi."

"Mother, please!"

"Well, why not? Honestly, aren't you awfully sick of Al Hoeffler and Mike Quinn? They keep bringing you the same candy and taking you to the same movies and saying the same things to your father and me. 'It's warm for June; it's cold for December.' Your father used to read me 'Richard II.' He made love to me in a canoe. He gave me a goldfirch for my birthday."

"Very unusual," I said calmly.

"You're unawakened," my mother accused. "That's your trouble." My mother is a disciple of Sigmund Freud, a fact which I may not have mentioned.

"Aren't you happy having me live here with you, instead of in some messy, unhealthy New York apartment?" I asked.

"No, I am not. Look at yourself. A girl in a gray flannel suit, a suburbanite. You even take your library books back on time. How a daughter of mine could turn out to be so conventional. . . ."

"He's taken down the tree house," I remarked. There was a moment's silence followed by a long ecstatic sigh. "Ahhh," breathed my mother, "he drives a Jaguar."

I looked out the window. It was *not* a Jaguar, but it was something low and outrageous and foreign. It was also white. It inched up to the curb like a snake coming into Eden—and then he got out.

To begin with, his suit was Dacron; his vest was plaid. He was skyscraper tall and built on the same pushing, aggressive lines. I just knew without ever having exchanged a word with him that he believed in interstellar flight, atomic fuel, vitamins, glass houses and free love.

"He's gorgeous," said my mother. She started for the door.

"Where are you going?" I demanded.

"Outside. To be neighborly. Old-fashioned neighborly—and you're coming, too."

"It's Saturday. I always clean drawers on Saturday."

"Compulsive," snorted my mother and she sallied forth.

I will admit to leaning out the window of my room on the second floor. I will even admit to catching a word or two of their conversation. There was something about steel and glass, something about free-standing stairways and something chilling about did he like pot roast and would he come to dinner next Saturday night? Then I saw my mother beam happily and walk back with him to the dreadful car, which she stared at with the awed fascination of a bobby-soxer. I came down to confront her in the hall.

"I heard you invite him to dinner," I accused.

"He's coming, too. I told him I had an unmarried daughter, and he said he

liked women who laid it right on the line. Isn't that cute?"

"Adorable," I said icily.

"His name is Sy Callahan. He's twenty-seven years old, unmarried and a painter. Canvases, not houses. He said he was sort of a latter-day Jackson Pollock."

I stared at her unwinkingly.

"You wouldn't know his work, Janie dear," she said sweetly. "It comes after 'September Morn.'"

"I'm sure you two will get on famously," I said and went back up the stairs to look forlornly out the window. I could see what was coming. The house would be a steel-and-glass bunker. Gone would be the katydid, the treefrogs. Lost the dandelions and clover. Remembrance of things past welled up in me. I was working myself into a fine Proustian melancholy when there was a knock at my door. It was my mother bearing fresh hot cookies.

"Have one." She perched companionably on my bed. Sadly I sampled the cookies.

"Good," I mumbled.

"Yes, I think so, too," said my mother. "Do you remember Aunt Sally's recipe? . . . the one with the pound of butter and all those eggs? . . . the one you have to roll out as thin as paper?"

"Mmm," I said with my mouth full.

"Well, this isn't it," chortled my mother. "This is a mix!"

I did not deign to answer. My mother regards mixes with the same reverence as Moses did manna. If ~~the mixes~~ frozen, condensed, capsuled, or cartoned, that thing is for her.

"I'm going to serve them for dessert the night Mr. Callahan comes," she said. "They're terribly easy to make and I'm going to be all tied up with the League of Women Voters that afternoon."

"I'm going to the movies with Al Hoeffler Saturday night," I said. "I *always* go to the movies with Al Hoeffler on Saturday night."

"Mr. Callahan's going to have an electric dishwasher," said my mother with seeming irrelevance, "and air-conditioning and radiant heat and ultraviolet ray in his bathroom. That house will practically run itself."

"I'm going to the movies with Al Hoeffler," I said—and that's exactly what I did.

**W**hen I got home, Mr. Callahan was beating my father at gin rummy while my mother stood by, plying him with the brownies meant for Mr. Hoeffler. "Thirty, right on the nose," she remarked. "You can tell time by our Janie." Then she beamed at me. "He waited to meet you," she said.

Mr. Callahan got to his feet. They were, I noted, encased in Italian shoes. He gripped my hand and held onto it. "I'm sorry you got plowed under," he said sympathetically.

"I beg your pardon?"

"Your lettuce and stuff. If I'd known it was yours, I'd have set you up with the soil bank." He grinned.

"It takes years to develop a go truck garden," I observed crisply.

"So they tell me. I'm putting putting green myself."





FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Chicago (62-4408)

Date: May 2, 1958

Re: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE  
DESERTER

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 79-23729  
Lab. No. D-277301 CJ

Examination requested by: FBI, Chicago  
Reference: Letter 4/16/58  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Remarks:

A separate report will be submitted on the results of the fingerprint examination. Specimen Q14 will be returned at that time.

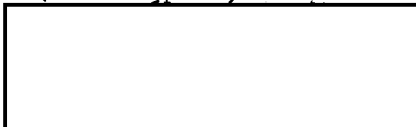
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- Rosen 1 - Cleveland (79-25) Enclosure (Lab. report)
- Tamm 1 - New York (79-108) Enclosure (Lab. report)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Chicago

Date: May 2, 1958  
FBI File No. 79-23729  
Lab. No. B-277301 CJ

Re: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C 8132 - FUGITIVE  
DESERTER

Specimens received 4/21/58

Q14 Newspaper clipping from Daily News, Tuesday, December 31, 1957,  
bearing handwritten name "Mr. R. Cox" on one side and the hand  
printed letters "KA" on reverse side.

Result of Examination:

Because of the limited nature of the questioned handwriting and hand  
printing appearing on the newspaper clipping described as Q14, a definite  
conclusion was not reached as to whether this material was written by  
RICHARD COLVIN COX, FBI-357872 A, whose signatures appear on fingerprint  
cards on file in the Identification Division of the Bureau.

Specimen Q14 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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

File # 79-23729 -433  
Lab. # D-277301 CJ

LATENT

Examination requested by: FBI, Chicago (62-4408) 4/16/58

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 4/21/58

Result of Examination:

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Examination by:

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Cox, FBI 357872A. - Quest too limited  
Sep. Report on Fst Exam.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q14 Newspaper clipping from Daily News, Tuesday, December 31, 1957,  
bearing handwritten name "Mr. R. Cox" on one side and the  
hand printed letters "KA" on reverse side.

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Mrs. C. H. Friend  
4407 Buckeye  
Luna Pier, Michigan

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Dear Mrs. Friend:

On August 6, 1959, I received your letter concerning the missing West Point cadet, Richard Cox.

It is noted that the identification tag found by a friend of your daughter's bears the name Richard Cox and the numbers 45046496. For your information the Army serial number for the missing cadet is 15355161.

For possible information pertaining to the identification tag you may wish to write The Adjutant General, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Ident FBI #357872A. Richard Cox has been missing since 1-14-50 from U. S. Military Academy West Point, New York. MP notice is still active.

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August 1959  
Mrs C. H. Friend  
4407 Buckeye  
Luna Pier, Mich

Dear Sir:

I read a story about the disappearance of Richard Cox, from West Point. My daughter has an identification tag, that was found by one of her girl friends, it has the name Richard Cox and the numbers 4,5046496 on it. This might not be anything, but I thought I would write just in case it might mean something.

Sincerely yours  
Mrs C. H. Friend  
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EX 109

# Man With a 'Morbid Streak' Lured Cadet Away 10 Years Ago

By JERRY SHEEHAN,

NEA Service.

MANSFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Who was the man who telephoned Cadet Richard Cox on a Saturday 10 years ago?

Officials at West Point would like to know. So would the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the cadet's family.

After he received the call, he went to dinner with a man known only as "George." Cadet Cox was never seen again.

His disappearance, without a single trace, has baffled authorities for the past decade. His mother in Mansfield still believes he is alive, perhaps a victim of amnesia.

## Rough Caller.

As the FBI reconstructed events leading up to Cadet Cox's disappearance, here is what happened:

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1950, Cadet Cox, then in his second year at the Point, received a caller. The man was about five-seven, 145 pounds, dark-haired and rough-looking.

A cadet standing nearby, recalled that Cadet Cox said, "You're the last person I expected to see."

Cadet Cox later told roommates that he knew "George" from his Army days in Germany. He said "George" had a "morbid streak," had bragged of committing atrocities on German prisoners and of hanging his German girl friend when she became pregnant.

## Dinner Date.

On the following Saturday, Jan. 14, Cadet Cox received another call—presumably from "George." He told roommates that he was meeting the caller for dinner at the Thayer, a restaurant-hotel within the West Point gates.

He dressed in his uniform, including gray cape overcoat, and signed out for dinner at 6:17 p.m.

He left behind his watch, civilian clothes and about \$100 in cash in his dormitory room.

No clues point to the possibility that he intended to "skip."

Cadet Cox had told roommates that he did not plan to see his visitor again because of his strange morbid streak.

When the cadet failed to

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EDITOR: ROY HOWARD

RE: RICHARD COX  
MISSING PERSONS

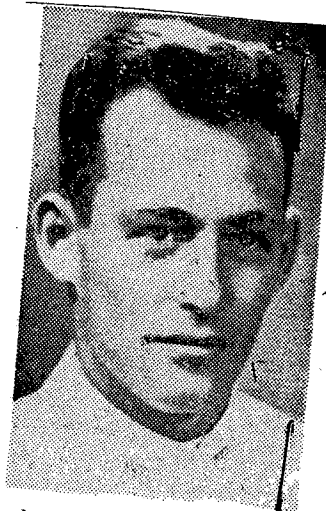
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**RICHARD COX.**

reservation was searched. But there was no sign of Cox.

The authorities listed Cox as AWOL—a technical status that permitted the FBI to move into the case.

Every cadet at West Point was queried about the disappearance.

Two thousand GIs who had served in Germany during the war also were questioned about the identity of the mysterious "George." Nobody remembered him.

Cadet Cox's high school sweetheart waited for a time, then married.

In the FBI identification bureau there is a flag on Cadet Cox's file. Incoming fingerprints are checked against it. The odds against his being found grow each day.

His mother, a widow, still hopes.

"I don't know whether he is living or not," she says, "but until I know differently, I'll believe he is."



1-25-60

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Charlotte (79-65)  
From: Director, FBI (79-23729)

RICHARD COX  
AKA HARRY COX  
ASN C-8132  
MISSING PERSON

Re CE letter 1-14-60 captioned, "Richard Cox, aka Harry Cox, ASN C 8132, Deserter Matter - Missing Person."

Charlotte is instructed to make information set forth in re CE letter available to Army authorities at local level for whatever use it may be to them.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 1/14/60

*W* FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (79-65)

SUBJECT: RICHARD <sup>C</sup>COX, Aka. Harry Cox  
ASN C-8132  
DESERTER MATTER - MISSING PERSON

(OO: New York)

*1/5/60  
call file*

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Spartanburg, S. C., Journal, 1/4/60, on Page 5, carried article by JERRY SHEEHAN, (Special to The Journal), Mansfield, Ohio, (undated), captioned: "'George Called' Who Phoned Missing Cadet 10 years Ago?" Article related to mysterious disappearance on 1/14/50 of COX from U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. Article described individual identified by COX as "GEORGE", whom he had known from his Army days in Germany, and who visited COX on 1/7/50. It quoted COX as saying that "GEORGE" had a "morbid streak", had bragged of committing atrocities on German prisoners and of hanging his German girl friend when she became pregnant. Article indicated COX was believed to be meeting "GEORGE" for dinner the night of 1/14/50 when he disappeared and stated that all efforts to identify and locate "GEORGE" had been negative.

On 1/5/60 [redacted] Spartanburg, S. C., who requested that his identity remain confidential, advised that he had served in the Army in Germany from 1945-1947 under [redacted]. He stated that in March, 1947, he returned to the U. S. aboard, he believed, the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the transport in question could be identified inasmuch [redacted]

[redacted] identified the soldier referred to as [redacted] (last name phonetic) from Columbia, S. C. He stated that

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- 2 - New York (79-108)
- 1 - Savannah (79-9)(Info)
- 1 - St. Louis (Info)
- 1 - Charlotte (79-65)

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[redacted] had been in an unknown artillery outfit in Germany and received an [redacted] from the Army at Ft. Dix, N. J., [redacted] 4/5/47. He described [redacted] of age [redacted] given in the newspaper article, that is, about 5'7", 145 lbs., dark hair and rough looking.

[redacted] stated that in either 1948 or 1949 he was in Columbia, S. C., and decided to look up [redacted]. He contacted the Sheriff's Office and was advised that [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that the picture of COX, accompanying the article, looked familiar to him, but that he could not state where or when he may have seen COX. He said that there had been three other soldiers on the transport who had been from Ohio, but he did not recall their names or whether COX might have been one of them.

[redacted] stated that he did not know whether he was doing the correct thing in making this information available, and that he did not know whether his information was pertinent. He requested that his name not be disclosed, under any circumstances, in connection with any action that the Bureau might take.

Inasmuch as the Charlotte Division has no current information indicating whether subject is still sought as a FUDE, no leads are being set out. In the event the Office of Origin or the Bureau desires investigation, it is suggested that the Identification Division be requested to search indices in an effort to identify [redacted]

In addition, it may be desirable to have Savannah, at Columbia, S. C., check records of the Sheriff's Office to identify [redacted] who, according to [redacted] [redacted] 1948 or 1949.

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Also, it may be desirable in the event subject still wanted as EUDE to have St. Louis at DDMPRC review service record on [redacted] to identify, if possible, the ship on which he returned to the United States from Germany in March, 1947. It is noted [redacted] stated he believed the name to have been SS [redacted]. In the event this ship could be identified, it then possibly could be determine where list of returning soldiers on this voyage could be obtained.

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No further action contemplated by the Charlotte Division.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 2/11/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COX, aka: Harry Cox.  
ASN C-8132  
DESERTER MATTER-MISSING PERSON

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ReCElet, 1/14/60.

Bureau previously instructed, under teletype dated 1/14/53, to discontinue investigation in captioned matter as the Army had withdrawn its request for Bureau assistance. In view of the above, all offices receiving this letter are instructed not to conduct any investigation suggested in reCElet. The Provost Marshal, First Army, Governor's Island, New York, will be notified of the information furnished by [redacted]

CE will advise if [redacted] name can be disclosed to the Army authorities in the event they conduct investigation in this matter.

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- 1 - Charlotte (79-65)
- 1 - Savannah (79-9)
- 1 - St. Louis
- 1 - New York (79-108)

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Airtel

To: Director, FBI (79-23729)

From: SAC, Charlotte (79-65)

Subject: RICHARD COX, aka. Harry Cox  
ASN C-8132  
DESERTER MATTER - MISSING PERSON

Re New York letter to Bureau, 2-11-60.

On 2-9-60 CIC Agent HERMAN RODGERS, Spartanburg, S.C., advised his Office had been requested to arrange further contact with informant in this matter. [redacted] RODGERS was furnished information set forth in Charlotte letter 1-14-60 and 1-29-60 as instructed in Buairtel to Charlotte 1-25-60.

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On 2-9-60 [redacted] Spartanburg, S.C., was contacted, and following his agreement for his identity to be revealed to CIC, arrangements were made for CIC Agent RODGERS to contact him directly.

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TO: SAC, MIAMI  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI  
RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C 8132  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReMiami 5-17-60, entitled, Richard C. Cox, Aka., Richard C. Mansfield, Deserter, no copy to New York and Bureau call to New York 5-23-60.

Department of Army advises Cox not listed as deserter and Buassint not requested.

Miami keep Bureau and New York advised of any information that subject of reairtel may be identical with Richard Colvin Cox, ASN C 8132. Furnish any pertinent information to CIC on a local level.

Information in reairtel being disseminated to CIC at the Bureau.

New York furnish information in re telephone call to Provost Marshal's Office, U. S. Military Academy, West Point and keep Bureau advised of any pertinent developments.

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NOTE: TELEPHONE CALL FROM MC ANDREWS TO EVANS NEW YORK DIVISION.

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- H. J. DeLoach*  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

*Be* FROM SAC, MIAMI /79-53/ 1P

RICHARD COLVIN COX, ASN C EIGHT ONE THREE TWO, DESERTER MATTER  
DASH MISSING PERSON. RE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO MIAMI, MAY  
TWENTY FOUR, LAST. PCI [REDACTED] ADVISED MAY TWENTY  
FOUR, LAST, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] COX. PCI PRESENTLY MAKING INQUIRIES IN [REDACTED]

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Mr. Trotter

*cc - Mr. Trotter*

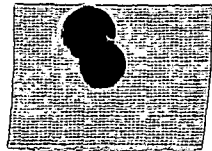
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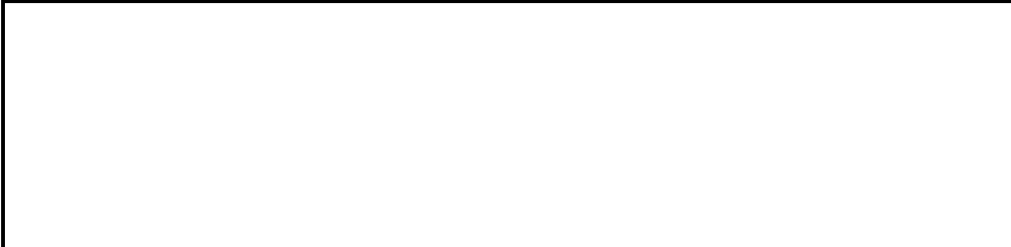
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (79-53)

RICHARD COLVIN COX  
DESERTER MATTER -  
MISSING PERSON

Re Miami teletype to Director and New York,  
5/25/60.

On 5/24/60, [redacted] a PCI  
of the Miami Office, advised SA THOMAS J. WILKES  
he was at the [redacted] an Orlando, Fla., [redacted]



PCI had [redacted]



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- 3 - Bureau (AM)
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- 2 - Tampa
- 2 - Miami (1 - [redacted])

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Special Agent in Charge

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COX [redacted]

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PCI met COX in [redacted]

[redacted]

PCI stated [redacted]

COX [redacted] would mean nothing to FBI, inso-  
far as any federal violation is concerned, and thus  
far has declined to give their identities.

PCI has [redacted]

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PCI [redacted] COX since approximately

[redacted] COX [redacted]

On 5/24/60, PCI stated he would make inquiries  
[redacted] as to COX's location.

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On 5/27/60, PCI advised he was [redacted]  
 [redacted] COX in [redacted]  
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 [redacted] PCI.

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PCI declined to identify persons he contacted to locate COX for reasons set out previously, and states he will notify FBI at once if he receives any information regarding COX.

On 5/26 and 5/27/60, ROBERT W. CARMICHAEL, Special Agent, CIC, 11th Group, Orlando, Fla., was furnished with the pertinent information in this case by SA THOMAS J. WILKES, including information obtained on 5/27/60 from PCI.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

July 14, 1960

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Colonel [redacted] USA, Retired

[redacted]  
Denver 8, Colorado

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Dear Colonel [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter dated July 3, 1960, concerning Richard Cox, a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy, who has been missing since 1950.

The interest which prompted you to furnish this information is indeed appreciated, and your observations are being passed on to the pertinent authorities.

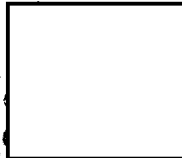
I am returning the newspaper clipping you enclosed since we have made the necessary number of copies for our purposes.

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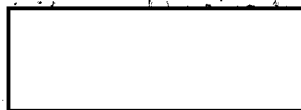
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure



NOTE: MP Richard C. Cox, aka Richard Colvin Cox, ident FBI 357 872 A. MPN active. Bu file #79-23729.



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# Memorandum

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TO : MR. TROTTER *6/2*

DATE: 7-14-60

FROM : O. C. Granger *6/11*

SUBJECT: RICHARD C. COX  
MISSING PERSON

Attached letter dated July 3, 1960, regarding captioned individual has been received from Colonel [redacted] USA, Retired, [redacted] Denver 8, Colorado.

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Colonel [redacted] said, in reading an article in "The American Weekly" newspaper supplement for July 3, 1960, concerning Director Allen Dulles of CIA, he felt there might be a connection between one [redacted] a contact of Dulles in German Intelligence prior to 1945, and a [redacted] with whom captioned individual was last seen at the time of his disappearance from West Point. Correspondent was Army Provost Marshal in New York at time Cox disappeared in 1950.

Army request for Bureau investigation of Cox as a deserter was canceled in 1953, but a missing person notice is still being maintained in behalf of his mother, FBI New York Office, and Military Police in New York City.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 - That attached letter be sent to Colonel [redacted] in reply to his letter to Bureau dated July 3, 1960. (His name has been verified in the Denver telephone directory).

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2 - That a copy of Colonel [redacted] letter and a copy of pertinent portion of newspaper article be furnished through liaison channels to CIA and Department of the Army for whatever action they deem necessary. (It is noted that only the first page of the Dulles article was received from Colonel [redacted])

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1 - Mr. Belmont (enclosures 2)

1 - Mr. Rosen (enclosures 2)

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*ENCLOSURE*  
*sent to CIA*  
*S. K. [unclear]*  
*7/14/60*  
*[initials]*

*7/13*

[Redacted]  
Denver & Colorado

3 July 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
U.S. Dept. of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25 D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

When I was Provost  
Marshal First Army Swenson  
Island New York, I coded at  
the U.S. Military Academy named  
Richard Cox Class of 1952 disappeared  
in Jan. 1950.

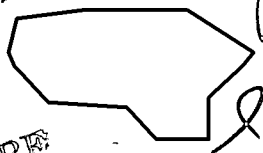
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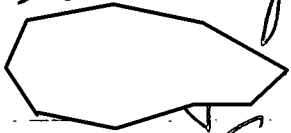
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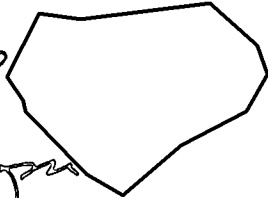
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Could this be the real   
I am passing this on to you for what it is worth but sincerely hope this may turn out to be one decent clue

Sincerely yours



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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
Denver 8, Colorado  
3 July 1960

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U. S. Dept of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25 D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

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# Chief Spy

## The story of Allen Dulles

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On his wall there is an architect's rendering of the new multimillion-dollar C. I. A. headquarters building now being erected across the Potomac in Virginia.

From this room, Allen Dulles advises the President and various government agencies on what is going on all over the world. Russia is not America's only intelligence target; it is important sometimes that we know what our friends as well as our foes, are planning.

To accomplish this, Dulles spends an amount believed to be as high as \$350,000,000 a year and employs possibly as many as 16,000 people at home and abroad. What the real figures are is a closely guarded secret known only to a few members of Congress and to top officials of the Agency itself.

Who is this man who, as critics have charged, has the power to take steps that may, as in the U-2 incident, lead us precipitately into an atomic war? And where did he obtain the experience that has led our government to trust him with huge expenditures of money and manpower "without," as the law creating his job specifically states, "regard to the provisions of law and regulations relating to the expenditure of government funds"?

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In a family such as this, it could be expected that Allen, his brother, John Foster, and his sister, Eleanor Lansing, might be attracted by the lure of serving their country abroad, as all of them eventually did.

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By then he was a family man, having married Clover Todd, daughter of a Columbia University professor, in 1920, and facing the problems of raising a family that now numbers two daughters and a son.

The State Department offered him a promotion but, unfortunately, no raise went with it. He resigned to join his brother, John, in the important Wall Street law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, using the incident to create a storm of protest about State Department salaries.

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To: Director, FBI

Date: 5/30/60

From: SAC, Miami (79-53)

Subject: RICHARD COLVIN COX, wa.

ASN C-8132

DESERTER

Bufile # 79-23729

*Pink Card  
6/15/60*

Due to the opening of the Tampa Office, the following changes in the above case have been made:

A. Location of File

- Entire file sent to Tampa herewith.
- File sent to Tampa, except one copy of the following serials.
- File retained in Miami but one copy of following serials sent to Tampa.

Report of SA \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Report of SA \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Report of SA \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

(continue description page 2 if necessary)

B. Office of Origin

- Miami
- Tampa
- Other Office as shown in file

C. Status, MM Office

- Pending
- RUC

- ① - Bureau
- 1 - Tampa (Encls. 1)
- 1 - Miami
- LOT: cac/

- 1 - New York (79-108)
- 1 - \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 - \_\_\_\_\_

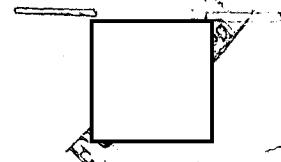
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July 21, 1960

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Anthony G, Texas

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Dear [Redacted]

On July 18, 1960, I received your letter concerning Richard Colvin Cox, the missing West Point cadet.

I regret to tell you that it will not be possible to send you a copy of this individual's fingerprints inasmuch as fingerprints from our files are available only to law enforcement agencies. If you feel that you have fingerprints which may be those of Cox, you may wish to discuss with your local police department the matter of having them forwarded to us for comparison.

I can advise you at this time that Cox's fingerprint classification is: 20 M 9 R 000 20  
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I am enclosing three items relating to fingerprint identification matters which you may like to have.

MAILED 8  
JUL 21 1960  
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (3)

NOTE: MP referred to correctly as Richard Colvin Cox since incoming gives correct FBI #357 872 A, even though middle name spelled in incoming as Calvin. Notices active in record. Not believed necessary to include "Jefferson S.3rd.St." in address. 3 encs. are: "How to Take Fingerprints," "Identification, Thirty-five Year of Fingerprint Identification," & "Fingerprint Identification."

*Cox not wanted by FBI now per [unclear]*

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- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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Anthony G, Texas  
July 11, 1960

John E. Hoover  
Director of F.B.I.  
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been studing civil criminal Identification and Investigation of finger printing for 4 years and I was wondering if you could help me in obtaining a record of finger prints of Richard Calvin Cox wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and by the First Army 10th Military Police Det. (CI) for absence with out leave. He was a cadet during his disapearence from West Point N-Y.

The reason is that I have become very interested in his case and his finger prints are a little unusual to me, to a pair that I have in my file. Will appreciate very <sup>much</sup> if you can send me a copy of his finger prints to compare them with the ones that I have here, pluse the general data. F.B.I.No.#357 872a

I am greatful for you courteous cooperation and hoping in hearing from you with great interest. Will appreciate to have any special bullintin that the Bureau might have going out, I would like to have them when ever they are out.

Respectfully yours,  
[Redacted]

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ENC, [Redacted]

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AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, DETROIT (79-45)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)-455

RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C3102  
DESERTER

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No investigation desired to locate Cox as a deserter. Army withdrew request for assistance based on running of Statute of Limitations.

Pertinent information concerning Cox should be given local Army authorities for their information and any action they may deem appropriate.

- 1 - Butte
- 1 - Cleveland (79-25)
- 1 - New York (79-108)

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- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
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- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
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Date: 8/30/60

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (79-108)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
MP

*to Fox [unclear]  
[unclear]  
FBI # 279034*

Re CV airtel to Boston, 8/23/60.

Re CV airtel advised [redacted] inmate No. [redacted] Massachusetts Correctional Institute, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, [redacted] of captioned MP, wrote a letter to captioned MP's [redacted] stating he had seen captioned MP in July, 1955. CV requested Boston to interview [redacted]

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For info of Boston and Cleveland captioned person is no longer wanted as a deserter (from West Point Military Academy) and the Bureau is not conducting investigation on the case.

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Boston discontinue investigation.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of Reairtel whose contents the Bureau may desire to disseminate to CIC, US Army, Washington, D.C.

- 3 - Bureau (79-23729) (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Boston
- 1 - Cleveland (INFO)
- 1 - New York (79-108)

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Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, BOSTON

8/23/60

SAC, CLEVELAND (79-25)

RICHARD COLVIN COX  
MISSING PERSON; FUDE

[redacted] captioned person,  
received the following letter postmarked August 1, 1960,  
at Bridgewater, Massachusetts. This letter is signed,  
[redacted]

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"NUMBER [redacted] NAME [redacted] DATE July 30, 1960

"Dear [redacted] A few lines to let you and the family know  
I would of written to you and them before this but I did  
not know the familys present addresses until I made  
inquiries from Chief of Police CLARE W. KYSER. The  
reason I am writing to you instead of [redacted] and  
[redacted] is because I feel I can explain things to you  
better. I would appreciate it a lot if you and [redacted]  
[redacted] could make some arrangement to visit me  
at a convenient date as I have a few vital things to  
discuss to you and [redacted] to complicated to discuss in this  
letter Please let me know if you or the family know  
a [redacted] Are they  
friends of DICK The last time I seen DICK I gave him  
a Birthstone ring for his Birthday July 25, 1955. You  
are [redacted] DICK you were [redacted]  
your father died in 1939. The [redacted] must  
be [redacted] must be in their late  
[redacted] When you and [redacted] visit me you can explain a few  
things to the family. I will bring these few lines to a  
finis But in conclusion I send my best wishes and kindness  
regards to you and the family I wrote to your mother  
from Pomeroy Ohio in July 1955 to the old address on  
West 3rd St. DICK must be around 32 years old now  
Regards to [redacted]

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"As ever your [redacted]

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"Address all mail to

[redacted]  
M.C.I.M. DD So. Bridgewater

- 2 - Boston
- 2 - New York (79-108)
- 1 - Cleveland

SEARCHED [redacted] INDEXED [redacted]  
SERIALIZED [redacted] FILED [redacted]  
AUG 24 1960  
FBI - NEW YORK

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Inasmuch as the letter reflects that [redacted]  
[redacted] reportedly has observed RICHARD COLVIN COX  
in 1955, it is suggested that the Boston Office interview  
[redacted] at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution,  
Bridgewater, Massachusetts, for any pertinent information  
he may have in his possession.

[redacted] Cleveland indices negative concerning [redacted]

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Date: 12/27/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AM  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)  
FROM : SAC, DETROIT (79-43)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C8132  
DESERTER

*Handwritten notes:*  
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W. D. KENNEDY, 4835 Second Ave., Detroit, has forwarded a letter to Detroit Office which reads as follows:

"RICHARD COLVIN COX, from Mansfield, Ohio, the missing cadet from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., can be located under the name [redacted] by fingerprints at the town, Chilco, Idaho, near Cour D'Alene."

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Chilco does not appear to be listed in the postal guide and the Bureau on 1/14/53, instructed that investigation of this case should be discontinued.

Butte take no action, UACB. Facts forwarded to Bureau and other offices for informative purposes.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Butte
- 1 - Cleveland (79-25)
- 1 - New York (79-103)
- 1 - Detroit

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*Handwritten:* SAC, DETROIT  
cc [unclear]

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CC - Wick

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Approved: DSK  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

2-1-61 *per Edward*

**FORMER CADET RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C 8132  
U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK  
DEserter**

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Enclosed is one copy of letter from Detroit Division of FBI dated 1-3-61 and one Photostat each of Form DD 96, Form DD 94, Form SAA 329, also one copy of letter from U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York dated 1-25-61.

Based on information furnished concerning [redacted] no record could be located in files of Identification Division of this Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit 31, Michigan  
January 3, 1961

Col. Demetre Vignovich  
CIC, U.S. Army  
Box 26  
Detroit 31, Michigan

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from one W. D. Kennedy, address 4835 Second Avenue, Detroit 1, Michigan, which reads as follows:

"Richard Colvin Cox, from Mansfield, Ohio, the missing cadet from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, can be located under the name  by fingerprints at the town, Chilco, Idaho, near Cour D'Alene."

The above is being made known to you for whatever action you deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

*D. S. Hostetter*

D. S. Hostetter  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 7, 1961

**RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C - 8132  
DESERTER**

One [redacted] who gave his address as [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of this Bureau and advised that he had located the missing West Point Cadet, Cox. He stated Cox is working at a garage half way between New Orleans, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He did not know the name of the garage. He stated he believed Cox was connected with Allied Engineers, which in turn had something to do with Eckerts. He related that Cox had been employed there for two or three years and he believes that Cox is being held by German Agents, and that he did not desert from West Point.

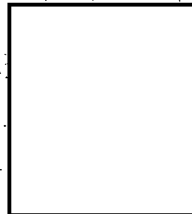
[redacted] stated that he had obtained his information from two of his contacts, [redacted] of Meridian, Mississippi, [redacted] of Nashville, Tennessee. [redacted] would not elaborate on the identity of the above individuals, nor did he furnish a Chicago address. This information is being furnished to you for any action you may deem appropriate.

NOTE: Major Fred Warrick, Department of the Army, advised SA Goodwin that he would appreciate it if any information coming to the Bureau's attention concerning Cox could be furnished Provost Marshal's Office in Washington.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1-18-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (42-0)

[Redacted]

*Richard Colvin Cox*

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*[Signature]*

SUBJECT: (FNU) COX  
DESERTER MATTER

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At 5:58 AM January 15, 1961, an individual who gave his name as [Redacted] address [Redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office, advising that he was a field agent for Mr. HOOVER and that he had located the missing West Point Cadet, (FNU) COX. He advised that COX is working at a garage half way between New Orleans, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He did not know the name of the garage but believed COX was connected with Allied Engineers, which in turn has something to do with Eckerts. He related that COX had been employed there for 2 or 3 years and he believes that COX is being held by German Agents, and further believes that COX did not desert from West Point.

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[Redacted] stated that he obtained this information from his 2 contacts, [Redacted] Meridian, Mississippi, and [Redacted] Nashville, Tennessee. He would not elaborate any further on the identity of these 2 individuals, nor would he furnish a Chicago address, saying that he traveled a lot and that he was a field agent. He was obviously calling from a Chicago telephone. He could not furnish any descriptive data regarding the subject.

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The above is for the information of the Bureau in the event such an individual can be identified with a Bureau case and Bureau assistance has been requested to locate him as a deserter.

Information copies of this letter are being furnished to the Memphis Office, which covers Nashville, where [Redacted] resides; the New Orleans Office, which covers New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and the New York Office, which covers West Point.

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- 1-New York (Info)
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*Info this memorandum see body furnished Maj. Harwick 2-7-61.*

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To: SAC, Memphis

From: Director, FBI

[redacted]  
POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION

Richard Colvin Cox

Re Chicago letter 1/18/61 captioned "(FNU) COX, DESERTER MATTER," copy to Memphis.

Memphis attempt to locate [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, and appropriately admonish for his representation as "Field Agent for Mr. Hoover."

Search of Bureau indices indicates 1949 closed case on one [redacted] Security

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Advise Bureau of contact and if identical with [redacted]

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AIRTEL

TO: EX-115 SAC, NEW YORK (79-108)  
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729) -458  
RICHARD COLVIN COX  
MISSING PERSON

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Submit information contained in reairtel in  
letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination  
to Office of Provost Marshal General.

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Date: 7/17/62

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED MAIL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (79-108)(C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
MISSING PERSON  
(OO: NY)

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Re Cleveland let to CIC group, Cleveland, Ohio,  
dated 7/10/62.

For the information of the Bureau and Boston Division,  
by communication dated 7/10/62, the Cleveland Office  
furnished the NYO with a copy of a letter prepared by [redacted]  
[redacted] who is presently incarcerated at the Massachusetts  
Correctional Institution, Bridgewater, Massachusetts. This  
letter was directed to [redacted] of  
RICHARD COLVIN COX, who was reported missing from the  
US Military Academy at West Point, NY, on 1/14/50.

The aforementioned letter read as follows:

"June 21, 1962

"Dear [redacted]

"A few lines to let you know that I did not receive  
the letter which your mother wrote to me. I was told that  
she wanted me to send her more data and details in a letter  
about Dick, I cannot do that. Because space will not allow.

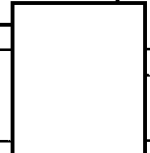
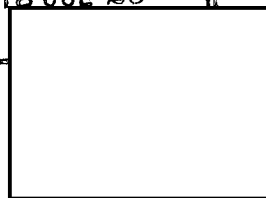
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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"Therefore I have written a 10 page statement. Facts as to what I know about [redacted] Dick's disappearance from the Military Academy in January 1950. I have names and addresses that Dick has been with since he disappeared. The last time I seen Dick was on July 25, 1954 his birthday. I can explain all about the case. He did not leave the Military Academy Voluntary. He told me that he was forced to drink a drugged whiskey which contained Hydrate Choloral (Knock out drops) The reason [redacted] has not tried to communicate with the family or tried to visit them is due to the fact that he is a [redacted] Since 1956-until the present year I have made every attempt to contact the Federal Authorities also Attoeney General. State Police Chief of police Claire Kyler of Mansfield also your [redacted] I cannot give you all the details in a letter. You can contact the Federal Authorities have them visit me. I can give them all the information about the case or you and [redacted] can come down to see me. I have a 10 page statement I cannot mail. This is to you or any one from this institution. You have nothing to lose everything to gain so its entirely up to you to cooperate with me. You can check and investigate my statement. I don't gain anything for helping you. All you do is check my statement. Dick could be in Huntington West Virginia. I have the address or in Peteboro Ontario Canada, I have The address if you care to visit me. I will be glad to cooperate in all ways. Bring [redacted] or the Federal Authorities I would be glad to talk to them. I hope to see you and [redacted] soon. Do not answer this letter as it was not sent out from the institution. Just come here to see me if your interested as ever the fellow your [redacted] wrote to at So. Bridgewater Mass.

P.S. Regards to your [redacted] hope to see you soon. The [redacted] (illegible) where he can be found."

Also for the information of the Bureau, the contents of this letter have been made available to the Cleveland field office, Region 4, 109 CIC group, Cleveland, Ohio, for appropriate action.

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In compliance with Bureau instructions regarding this matter, no additional investigation is being contemplated, and no leads are being set out for the Boston Division to interview  UCAB.

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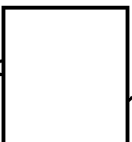
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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

DATE: 8/14/62

FROM :  SAC, NEW YORK (79-108) C

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
MISSING PERSON  
(OO: New York)

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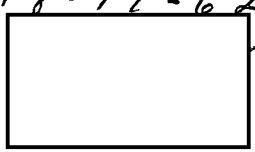
Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the  
original and five copies of a letterhead memorandum,  
dated and captioned as indicated above, which are  
being furnished for dissemination to the office of  
the Provost Marshal General.

For the information of the Bureau, the infor-  
mation contained in the enclosed letterhead memorandum  
was originally received from the Cleveland Division,  
and has been made available to the Cleveland Field  
Office, Region 4, 109 CIC group, Cleveland, Ohio.

In compliance with existing Bureau  
instructions regarding this matter no additional  
investigation is being contemplated and no leads  
have been set out for the Boston Division.

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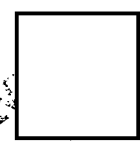
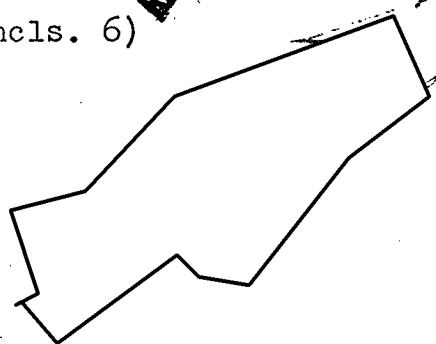
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No:

New York, New York  
August 14, 1962

Re: Richard Colvin Cox

[redacted] of Richard Colvin  
Cox, who was reported missing from the United States Military  
Academy at West Point, New York, on January 14, 1950,  
recently made available a letter prepared by [redacted]  
[redacted] who is presently incarcerated at the Massachusetts  
Correctional Institution, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

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In this letter, [redacted] indicates that he  
possesses certain information regarding Richard Colvin Cox's  
disappearance from the United States Military Academy, and  
also information concerning his possible present whereabouts.

The aforementioned letter reads as follows:

"June 21, 1962

"Dear [redacted]

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"A few lines to let you know that I did not receive  
the letter which your mother wrote to me. I was told that  
she wanted me to send her more data and details in a letter  
about Dick, I cannot do that. Because space will not allow.  
Therefore I have written a 10 page statement. Facts as to  
what I know about [redacted] Dick's disappearance from  
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The last time I seen Dick was on July 25, 1954 his birthday.  
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them is due to the fact that he [redacted] Since

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Re: Richard Colvin Cox

"1956-until the present year I have made every attempt to contact the Federal Authorities also Attoeny General. State Police Chief of police Claire Kyler of Mansfield also your [redacted] I cannot give you all the details in a letter. You can contact the Federal Authorities have them visit me. I can give them all the information about the case or you and [redacted] can come down to see me. I have a 10 page statement I cannot mail. This is to you or anyone from this institution. You have nothing to lose everything to gain so its entirely up to you to cooperate with me. You can check and investigate my statement. I don't gain anything for helping you. All you do is check my statement. Dick could be in Huntington West Virginia. I have the address or in Peteboro Ontario Canada, I have the address if you care to visit me. I will be glad to cooperate in all ways. Bring [redacted] or the Federal Authorities I would be glad to talk to them. I hope to see you and [redacted] soon. Do not answer this letter as it was not sent out from the institution. Just come her to see me if your interested as ever the fellow your mother wrote to at So. Bridgewater Mass.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

August 11, 1965

[Redacted]

Mansfield, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

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*2000 FBI # 357-872-A*

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 May 1952.

*for*

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 items at the bottom of this letter and return it to us. Unless a reply is received from you within 90 days from this date, the notice will be canceled.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*79-23729-*

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April 6, 1964

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FBI

[Redacted]

Bay City, Michigan 48708

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 30th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. He makes reference to Richard Calvin Cox, who is subject of Bufiles 79-23729. Cox is no longer wanted as a deserter (from West Point Military Academy) and any information we receive of possible assistance in connection with this still missing person, we have been disseminating to the Army. No information was located in his file as to whether or not he has been declared legally dead.

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March 30, 1964

Office of Information  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenues  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

*Richard Calvin Cox*

I recently came across a copy of the Life Magazine for April 14, 1952 which contained an interesting article written by Messrs. Herbert Breaun and Luther Conant.

The article concerned the case of Richard C. Cox, a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, who on the evening of January 14, 1950, left his North Barracks residence on the stated purpose of going to dinner at the Thayer Hotel with a mysterious friend - and, as far as I know, no one has ever been found who has ever seen him since.

~~Fourteen years and more have passed since Cadet Cox disappeared, and twelve years have passed since the article on his case appeared in the Life Magazine. And as far as I know, no direct evidence concerning his fate has ever been found in all that time.~~

The Life Magazine article of April 1952 indicated that the FBI believed that Cadet Cox was alive and living in disguise somewhere, as did the Army's CID. However, twelve more years have passed with nothing found to solve this strange case.

Though I presume that the case has long <sup>since</sup> been closed by the FBI and forgotten, I would like to assert, having fourteen years' perspective, that Cadet Cox is dead, and likely has been since the night he disappeared ~~more than fourteen~~ years ago. Of course, this is pure speculation on my part, but the fact that he has not "turned up" and no evidence found after all this time is instructive, I believe.

I would like to know if you could be so kind as to write to me and inform me whether Cadet Cox has been declared legally dead. I know that his fiance, Miss Betty Timmons, has long since married another man.

Hoping that you can be so kind as to write to me and answer my question concerning the long-missing cadet, I remain,

Very Respectfully and Sincerely Yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Bay City, Michigan 48708

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CORRESPONDENCE

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[Redacted Box]

April 27, 1965

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[Redacted]

Saint James, Minnesota

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 20, 1965, concerning the disappearance of Richard Cox in 1950.

With regard to any information which you may have in connection with this case, I suggest that you write to the Provost Marshal General, Department of the Army, Main Navy Building, Washington, D. C. 20315.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: MP ident Richard Colvin Cox, FBI # 357 872 A. MPN est'd in 1950, currently being maintained in behalf of mother, New York Office, and Army authorities altho request for Bureau inves withdrawn in 1953. Bufile #79-23729.

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St. James, Minn.  
Apr. 20, 1965.

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U. S. Dept of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.  
Mr. J. E. Hoover.

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Dear Sir:-

Although the Army has charge of the West Point disappearance of Richard Cox of 1950, I dont know where to write to them. A man with the supposed name of [redacted] was connected with the disappearance, and has been sought ever since. I have the name [redacted] or there may be a variation such as [redacted] which might be significant.

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Very truly,

[redacted signature box]

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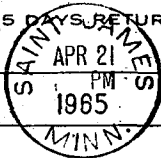
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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO



U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Washington,

Mr. J.E.H.

D. C.

Sept 20, 65

Dear Sir:

Is the case of Cadet  
Richard Colvin Cook still open?

He was supposed to have  
disappeared completely in  
January of 1950, however, no  
trace of him was ever  
found.

He is very dead & know  
exactly where his body is.  
I also know where his  
friend the police called  
[redacted] "is. I know where  
his West Point uniform is,  
also know who killed him.  
I am willing to take  
a lie detector test to  
verify that what I say

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is very true.

There is one thing you  
must do for me to give  
you this information.

If you are interested  
you can contact me at  
the below address.

Sincerely:

[Redacted]

Prison Farm Jail  
VA Beach, VA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D.C.

[Redacted]

*Pinellas Park Station  
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Date: 9/23/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (79-9) (RUC)

RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C-8132  
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*Rank's Card reported  
9-24-65*

OO: New York

Re report of SA JAMES J. ROGERS 12/18/51 at New York.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of FD-302 setting forth interview of \_\_\_\_\_ FBI No. \_\_\_\_\_ on 9/22/65. Enclosed for New York are seven copies of this 302 and for New Haven one copy of same 302.

The information set forth in enclosed 302 is being furnished to the Bureau for information, evaluation, and appropriate handling.

On 9/21/65 SA \_\_\_\_\_ was advised by W. N. GARDNER, Deputy City Sergeant, Virginia Beach, Va., that \_\_\_\_\_ inmate, City Jail, Virginia Beach, expressed a desire to talk with Agent \_\_\_\_\_ concerning a matter of importance. GARDNER also advised that \_\_\_\_\_ had written a letter dated 9/20/65 to Director, FBI, which was reviewed by the office of the City Sergeant and the following contents noted:

"Sept 20, 65

*Airtel to NF, NY  
9-28-65*

"Dear Sir:

"Is the case of Cadet Richard Colvin Cox still open?"

- 3- Bureau (Enc.-1) ENCLOSURE
- 1- New Haven (Enc.-1) (Info.)
- 2- New York (Enc.-2)
- 1- Norfolk

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Ap \_\_\_\_\_ (7) Special Agent in Charge Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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"He was supposed to have disappeared completely in January of 1950, however, no trace of him was ever found.

"He is very dead. I know exactly where his body is. I also know where his friend the police called [redacted] is. I know where his West Point uniform is. Also I know who killed him.

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"I am willing to take a lie detector test to verify that what I say is very true.

"There is one thing you must do for me to give you this information.

"If you are interested you can contact me at the below address.

"Sincerely:

/s/ [redacted]  
Princess Ann Jail  
Va. Beach, Va."

An examination of reading material in the possession of [redacted] at City Jail, Virginia Beach, Va., on 9/22/65 in an effort to determine whether information furnished by [redacted] regarding disappearance of RICHARD COLVIN COX was a result of his having read a recent magazine or newspaper article regarding this case and results thereof were negative.

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Norfolk indices in name of [redacted] reveal reference to cases captioned [redacted]

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[redacted] (refer  
to page 2 of Norfolk report of SA [redacted] 6/3/65  
re 70 case).

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It is to be noted that [redacted] has been sentenced to approximately [redacted] years in the Virginia State Penitentiary on local charges and is currently awaiting trial at Virginia Beach, Va., [redacted]. It is to be further noted that on one occasion [redacted] escaped from custody of guards while being transported from jail to court at Norfolk, Va., earlier this year but was apprehended the same day.

There is no reason to believe [redacted] is telling the truth regarding instant matter and it is possible that the information furnished by him was obtained as a result of his reading one of the numerous articles which have appeared in newspapers and magazines concerning subject's disappearance.

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Information copy to New Haven in the event further investigation is requested by the Bureau.

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Date 9/23/65

[redacted] inmate, City Jail, Virginia Beach, Virginia, was advised that this interview is being conducted in response to his request to the authorities at the jail to speak to Agent [redacted]. He was advised by Special Agent [redacted] that he did not have to furnish any information but any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he may consult an attorney or anyone else before making any statement. He was further advised that no threats, force or promises would be used to induce him to furnish any information.

[redacted] advised that the matter he wished to discuss is concerning the disappearance of a West Point cadet named RICHARD COLVIN COX in the 1950s. He stated, however, that before he furnished any information regarding this matter, he wants to receive a favor in return, namely, that the FBI use its influence to persuade the state of Connecticut to drop its detainer filed against him in connection with worthless checks cashed by [redacted] in that state.

[redacted] was immediately advised that there could be no such deal, that he could not expect and will not receive any rewards, promises or favors from the FBI in exchange for any information he may furnish and that his statement must be voluntary and made with the understanding that he will receive no favors in exchange for the information.

[redacted] stated that he understands that he cannot make a deal with the FBI but will nevertheless furnish information regarding RICHARD COLVIN COX since he [redacted] has nothing to lose by doing so.

[redacted] stated in [redacted] Connecticut, he met a man named [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) whom [redacted] further described as a white male, 40 years of age, 5' 8", 160 - 170 lbs., blond hair (graying), tattoo on right lower arm of a dagger and initials, not recalled, [redacted] stated that this meeting took place in the [redacted] Main Street,

On 9/22/65 at Virginia Beach, Virginia File # Norfolk 79-9  
New York 79-108  
 by SAs [redacted] /cak Date dictated 9/23/65

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Hartford, Connecticut, [redacted] stated that while sitting at the bar at this restaurant, he was approached by [redacted] who introduced himself and bought a round of drinks and later invited [redacted] house, which was no more than [redacted] from the restaurant. [redacted] stated he went with [redacted] to his house, where they [redacted] During this time, [redacted] brought up the subject of RICHARD COLVIN COX by stating, "Did you ever hear of RICHARD COX, the cadet who disappeared from West Point in the 1950s?" He further advised [redacted] that COX

[redacted] stated he told [redacted] at the time that he did not believe this story and [redacted] said he could prove it by showing [redacted] the uniform which COX was wearing at the time he was killed. [redacted] advised that [redacted] then obtained a military uniform, gray and red with two rows of gold buttons on the blouse from a cedar chest located in [redacted] house. [redacted] stated that he saw no identifying data on the uniform. [redacted] was told by [redacted] that COX

[redacted] also told [redacted] that COX [redacted] served together in the Army in Europe during World War II.

[redacted] stated that he could point out [redacted] house as well as the lake where COX's body was thrown and is willing to take a lie detector test regarding the information furnished above. [redacted] stated further that [redacted] employment is unknown but that he is well known at the [redacted] Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, and that he lives in [redacted] located across the street from a park within [redacted] of the restaurant. [redacted] was assigned to the [redacted] in the Army during World War II and has a large collection of [redacted] other similar paraphernalia.

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The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia
Height	6' 3"
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Education	10th grade
Marital Status	Single
Home Address	[REDACTED] Ettrick, Virginia
Military Service	None
Mother	[REDACTED] Street, Ettrick, Virginia
Father	[REDACTED] Street, Richmond, Virginia
FBI Number	[REDACTED]
Characteristics	[REDACTED]

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Sept 20, 65

Dear Sir:

Is the case of Cadet Richard Colvin Cox still open?

He was supposed to have disappeared completely in January of 1950, however, no trace of him was ever found.

He is very dead. I know exactly where his body is. I also know where his friend the police called [redacted] is. I know where his West Point uniform is, also I know who killed him.

I am willing to take a lie detector test to verify that what I say is very true.

There is on thing you must do for me to give you this information.

If you are interested you can contact me at the below address.

Sincerely:

(s)

[redacted]  
Princess Ann Jail  
Virginia Beach, Va.

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1 - [redacted] Ident Division

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To: SACs, Norfolk (79-9)  
New York

From: Director, FBI (79-23729) 463

RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C 8132  
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Reurairtel dated 9-23-65 which carries subject as a fugitive deserter.

For your information, Cox is not a Bureau fugitive and is not listed by the Department of the Army as a deserter.

You are instructed to submit information contained in your FD-302 in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the Office of the Provost Marshal General. New York should be furnished copies for dissemination to the United States Military Academy.

NOTE: Subject was a cadet, who has been missing from the U. S. Military Academy since January, 1950. A missing persons notice is currently maintained in the Bureau on behalf of subject's mother. He is not listed as a deserter from the U. S. Army at the present time.

The attached letter from [redacted] is not being acknowledged since [redacted] has been fully interviewed concerning this letter by an Agent of the Norfolk Office and information submitted in reairtel. It is noted that [redacted] has been the subject of investigation for [redacted]

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Date: 10/7/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: [redacted] DIRECTOR, FBI(79-23729)

FROM: [redacted] SAC, NORFOLK (79-9)

RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C 8132  
MISSING PERSON

*Porter card  
10-13-65*

Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau, 9/23/65, and Bureau airtel to Norfolk, 9/28/65.

Enclosed for Bureau are original and three copies of LHM re captioned matter and for New York Office are two copies of same LHM to be disseminated in accordance with reBuairtel.

*2 cc memo forwarded  
PMGO, attention Col.  
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*1 cc memo retained  
on Deserter Desk*

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*Airtel to NY  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Norfolk, Virginia

October 7, 1965

RICHARD COLVIN COX  
Army Serial Number C 8132  
MISSING PERSON

On September 21, 1965, [redacted] Deputy City  
Sergeant, Virginia Beach, Virginia, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] FBI Number [redacted] inmate of City Jail,  
Virginia Beach, expressed a desire to talk with a Special  
Agent of the FBI regarding a matter of importance.

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On September 22, 1965, [redacted] advised  
that the matter he wished to discuss concerns the disappearance  
of a West Point cadet named Richard Colvin Cox in the 1950's.  
He stated, however, that before he furnished any information  
regarding this matter, he wants to receive a favor in  
return, namely, that the FBI use its influence to persuade  
the State of Connecticut to drop its detainer filed against  
him in connection with worthless checks cashed by [redacted]  
in that state.

[redacted] was immediately advised that there could  
be no such deal, that he could not expect and will not  
receive any rewards, promises or favors from the FBI in  
exchange for any information he may furnish and that his  
statement must be voluntary and made with the understanding  
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[redacted] stated that he understands that he cannot  
make a deal with the FBI but will nevertheless furnish  
information regarding Richard Colvin Cox since he, Bragg,  
has nothing to lose by doing so.

[redacted] stated in [redacted] Connecticut, he  
met a man named [redacted] (last name unknown) whom [redacted] further  
described as a white male, forty years of age, 5 feet, 8 inches,

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160 - 170 pounds, blond hair (greying), tattoo on right lower arm of a dagger and initials, not recalled, and [redacted] stated that this meeting took place in the [redacted] Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, [redacted] stated that while sitting at the bar of this restaurant, he was approached by [redacted] who introduced himself and bought a round of drinks and later invited [redacted] house, which was no more than [redacted] from the restaurant. [redacted] stated he went with [redacted] to his house where they [redacted] During this time, [redacted] brought up the subject of Richard Colvin Cox by stating, "Did you ever hear of the Richard Cox, the cadet, who disappeared from West Point in the 1950's?" He further advised [redacted] that Cox [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he told [redacted] at the time that he did not believe this story, and [redacted] said he could prove it by showing [redacted] the uniform which Cox was wearing at the time he was killed. [redacted] advised that [redacted] then obtained a military uniform, grey and red with two rows of gold buttons on the blouse, from a cedar chest located in [redacted] house. [redacted] stated that he saw no identifying data on the uniform. [redacted] was told by [redacted] that Cox [redacted]

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[redacted] also told [redacted] that Cox [redacted] served together in the Army in Europe during World War II.

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The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	[redacted] at Richmond, Virginia
Height	6 feet, 3 inches
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Education	10th Grade
Marital Status	Single
Home Address	[redacted] Ettrick, Virginia
Military Service	none
Mother	[redacted] Ettrick, Virginia
Father	[redacted] Richmond, Virginia
FBI Number	[redacted]
Characteristics	[redacted]

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A review of the files of the Norfolk Office, FBI, discloses that [redacted] FBI Agents in [redacted]

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It is to be noted that [redacted] has been sentenced to serve [redacted] in the Virginia State Penitentiary on local charges and is currently awaiting trial at Virginia Beach, Virginia, [redacted] It is further noted

RICHARD COLVIN COX, etc.

that on one occasion [ ] escaped from custody of guards while being transported from jail to court at Norfolk, Virginia, earlier this year but was apprehended the same day.

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To: SACs, New York (79-108)  
New Haven (79-15)  
Norfolk (79-9)

From: Director, FBI (79-23729) — 465

RICHARD COLVIN COX ~~EX-117~~  
ASN C 8132  
MISSING PERSON

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Re Norfolk airtel 10-7-65 and New York airtel  
10-26-65.

Letterhead memorandum which was enclosed with  
Norfolk airtel has been disseminated to the Provost Marshal  
General's Office of the Department of the Army. That office  
has advised the Bureau that it is sending one of its Agents  
to New Haven to check out the story furnished by [redacted] to  
the Bureau after he has personally interviewed [redacted]. It  
is further requested that the Bureau take no action in  
connection with dissemination of this information to local  
authorities in Connecticut.

New Haven, New York and Norfolk should conduct no  
investigation in connection with this matter in view of the  
Army's request and the fact that they intended to check this  
matter out.

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RE: Information concerning Army investigation furnished by  
Colonel Charles E. Kelley to Goodwin, 10-28-65. Route through  
General Investigative Division before mailing.

Cox is a West Point cadet who disappeared from  
West Point in the 1950s. He is not classified as  
a deserter and is not the subject of an active  
Bureau investigation. Informant [redacted] is characterized  
in the letterhead memorandum as an individual who has  
[redacted] FBI Agents in the past. He is

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Date: 10/26/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (79-108)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C 8132  
MISSING PERSON  
(OO: NY)



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Enclosed for NH are two copies of an LHM reflecting the results of an interview of one, [redacted] by the Norfolk Division on 9/22/65, pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

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As per Bu instructions, the LHM was furnished to Lt. Colonel JULIAN LE PAGE, Provost Marshal, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY, by correspondence, dated 10/19/65.

For info of the Bu, NH, and Norfolk, a request has been received by the NYO from Lt. Commander LE PAGE to conduct investigation ~~partially~~ to prove or disprove the statements made by [redacted] concerning COX and [redacted] (LNU). Lt. Commander LE PAGE has in the past been very cooperative with the NYO in connection with investigative matters within the Bureau's jurisdiction as well as being of great assistance in liaison matters with West Point.

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It is believed by the NYO that his request should be honored and investigation conducted in connection with statements made by [redacted]

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- 2-New Haven (79-15) (Enc. 2)
- 1-Norfolk (79-9) (INFO)
- 1-New York (79-108)

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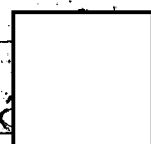
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Bu athority is requested for NH to conduct investigation to locate and interview [redacted] (LNU), if possible, in order to prove or disprove the allegations made by [redacted]

NH, if Bu authority is received, is requested to ident [redacted] (LNU) and interview him re enclosed info.

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Date: 6-29-66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (79-25) (C)  
RE: RICHARD COLVIN COX aka DICK COX  
ASN C-8132  
INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
MISSING PERSON

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Enclosed herewith for the info of the Bureau is one (1) copy of CV letter to local Army authorities, CV, Ohio, dated 6/29/66, re the above captioned and info of his possible reported appearance.

When furnishing this info to STEPHENS, he commented he has handled prior leads in this matter, but he does not know if the Army is making a continued investigation. He stated he would promptly and immediately contact his headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, (and Ft. Knox, Ky., if necessary) to apprise them of the data furnished and to determine what course of action to pursue.

As a matter of added info, Mrs. COX advised SA [redacted], on 6/28/66, that her daughter [redacted] and her husband, [redacted] first learned of this reported incident in 4/66, but did not advise her believing there was no basis to it. She learned of same at a beauty shop and not from family members. On 6/28/66, a reporter of the "News Journal," local Mansfield newspaper, contacted her re this matter and while it was not known how this reporter learned of the info, Mrs. COX confidentially advised she suspects [redacted] When Mrs. COX learned of the info and discussed it with [redacted] she then learned of [redacted] previously known the info. Upon discussing the matter,

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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it was realized that no one could recall of prior publicity re the [redacted] COX keeping his boat in the garage of the [redacted] was of the opinion there should be news publicity so the public could be informed of the current description of this man who she now believes well may be her [redacted] Mrs. COX added she wants no publicity at this time and the reporter later assured her there would be no release. The reporter interviewed [redacted] mentioned in enclosed letter and told Mrs. COX there were some minor differences in the versions as related by Mrs. COX and [redacted]

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Store located nearby.

No further action is being taken by CV and this matter remains in a closed status.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 79-25

900 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
June 29, 1966

Olin B. Stephens  
Officer in Charge  
Cleveland Field Office  
Detachment C  
12th MP Group (CI)  
1901 East 13th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

RE: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C-8132

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm the telephonic conversation between you and Special Agent [redacted] on June 28, 1966, at which time the following data was furnished to you for that action deemed appropriate and necessary.

The mother of the above captioned individual, Mrs. Minnie Cox, 175 Bennett, Mansfield, Ohio, telephone 524-7059, advised Special Agent [redacted] that she was told the following on June 23, 1966 by [redacted] Mansfield, Ohio.

Around Easter, 1966, a man entered her house without knocking and she found him in the living room. He identified himself as [redacted] and commented he once

This man said he is residing in Columbus, Ohio, and stated he would return to Mansfield the following

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Wednesday when he would again contact [redacted]  
He never made any further contact with her. This man was described as a white male, in his 30's, blond hair, blue eyes, and heavyset. He was wearing a baseball cap with the word "Coach" on same; a jacket with the word "Dick." He was driving a late model car, make unknown, but reported to be white over blue in color. The license number was not obtained. This man acted strangely and upon leaving was observed to drive to the [redacted] residence on Topaz, but it was not observed whether he entered.

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Mrs. Cox wanted to make this information known since she believes there has been no prior publicity concerning the fact her [redacted] had in fact kept a boat in the garage of the [redacted] when all resided on West 3rd Street. She does not know if this is [redacted] but commented she would like the information furnished the Army authorities for necessary inquiry, knowing the FBI is not conducting present investigation regarding this matter.

At your specific request, Mrs. Cox was advised on June 28, 1966 that this information had been furnished you and that you would be contacting her.

At your further request, she was furnished with your business and residence telephone numbers.

If we can be of further assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

Earl E. Brown  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **FBI#357 872 A**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 7, 1969

*formerly*  
Commanding Officer, Headquarters  
10th Military Police Detachment  
(Criminal Investigation)  
Department of the Army  
139 Centre Street  
New York, New York 10013

*Commanding Officer*  
Detachment E  
12th Military Police Group (CI)  
Military Ocean Terminal, Brooklyn  
Brooklyn, New York 11250

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 April 1955.

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 items at the bottom of this letter and return it to us. Unless a reply is received from you within 90 days from this date, the notice will be canceled.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

**REFERRED TO  
RECORDS BRANCH FOR**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

**MAIN FILE**

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*79-23729-*  
**NOT RECORDED**

**17 JUL 11 1969**

Check One

- Has been located, or location is no longer desired.
- Is still missing.

**51 AUG 19 1969**

*Levin D. Harris*  
Detachment E  
12th Military Police Group (CI)  
Military Ocean Terminal, Brooklyn  
Brooklyn, New York 11250

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. FBI#357 872 A

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 7, 1969

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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio 44199

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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~~ May 1952.

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 items at the bottom of this letter and return it to us. Unless a reply is received from you within 90 days from this date, the notice will be canceled.

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Director

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8 JUL 9 1969

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Has been located, or location is no longer desired.

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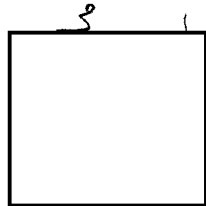
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mrs. Minnie Cox  
175 Bennett  
Mansfield, Ohio 44903



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Dear Mrs. Cox:

*7-15 a.m. (see 3)*  
*1 cu 307-822 A*

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 May 1952.

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 items at the bottom of this letter and return it to us. Unless a reply is received from you within 90 days from this date, the notice will be canceled.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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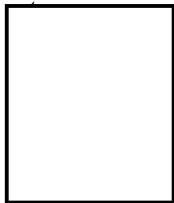
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Check One

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Is still missing.

*Posted*  
*8-5-69*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Interest in MP #13550

Case 9-16-69

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TO :

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DIRECTOR, FBI (79-23729)  
(Refer to FBI # 357 872 A)  
(ATT: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)  
SAC, NEW YORK (79-108) (C)

DATE: SEP 5 1969

FROM :

SUBJECT:

[ ]

RICHARD COLVIN COX;  
ASN C 8132  
MISSING PERSON  
(OO:NEW YORK)

*Handwritten:* 357-572-A  
g...

Re Bureau Form 1-119 to NY, 7/7/69.

On 8/28/69, Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT HULLEY, Provost Marshal, US Military Academy, West Point, NY, advised SA HUGH G. FORD that authorities at West Point do not desire a missing person notice be maintained any longer in this matter.

In view of the above the Identification Division should cancel the missing person notice.

*Handwritten:* B

SEP 16 1969

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1-New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/17/69

FROM: [redacted] SAC, NEW YORK (79-23729) (C)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD COLVIN COX  
ASN C8132  
MISSING PERSON

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ReBuairtel to Detroit dated 12/29/60.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. One copy of the LHM is being furnished to Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT HULLEY, Provost Marshals, USMA, West Point, NY.

ReBuairtel pointed that no investigation desired to locate COX as a deserter. Army withdrew request for Bureau assistance based on running of Statute of Limitations. In view of the above, the NYO will take no further action in this matter.

*2cc's PMG [unclear] 0-14  
9-29-69*

*[Handwritten signature]*

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*468 AFK*

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- 1 - New York

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56 OCT 6 1969

ON [redacted]





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
September 17, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Richard Colvin Cox  
Army Serial Number C8132  
Missing Person

It is noted Richard Colvin Cox was reported missing from the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York, on January 14, 1950.

On September 7, 1969, [redacted]

INFORMANT

[redacted] -Baldwin, New York, (Nassau County) telephonically advised the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had read an article on Page 150 of the New York Sunday News dated September 7, 1969, concerning Richard Colvin Cox. He said the article mentioned as a suspect, in this matter, an individual known only as George who was described as a Sadist who served with the Rangers during World War II. [redacted] is a construction worker and while working on the [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised that a [redacted] who, in 1952, [redacted] of the Laborers and Hod Carriers Union could possibly further identify the above individual.

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[redacted] stated in conclusion that he had reported the above facts to a major, not further identified, at West Point.

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RECOMMENDATIONS NOR CONCLUSIONS  
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OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR  
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The Current Nassau County Telephone  
Directory, the [redacted] is located at  
[redacted] Melville, New York, telephone  
number [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

[Redacted]		Date	MAY 14 1976
Bu file	79-23729	Name of Subject	RICHARD COLVIN COX
FBI #	357 872 A	Serial #	ASN C 8132
		Other Identifying #	
Prosecution dismissed		Subject Located	

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Reason and/or by whom:

City \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Action to be taken

Cancel fugitive stops for Index

Gen'l Fug       Add additional aliases

SS      I. O. # \_\_\_\_\_

Deserter STOP      Date of Fug Card \_\_\_\_\_

Ident Memo Received     Yes     No

Description

*Identified by [Redacted] 5-15-76*

*79-23729-*

*F MAY 17 1976*

*All want prev. can. 5.20.76*

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22 MAY 26 1976

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Remarks

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ADVISED RICHARD COLVIN COX NO LONGER WANTED BY THE ARMY. MAINTAIN STOP FOR DESERTER DESK AND MISSING PERSON.

SUBJECT MISSING FROM WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY SINCE 1/14/50.

*1- ENCLOSURE*

[Redacted]

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62 MAY 28 1976

*missing person since 1-14-50  
West Point Military Academy*

*memo Ident.*

MAY 14 1976

BLUE CARD POSTED

COX, Richard C.

ASN C 8132 ?

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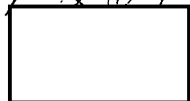
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*Sgt. Bass, FBH, advised these  
subj. are no longer wanted for  
desertion. One discharged.*

*Please handle*

*4-26-76*



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*FBI*

OUTSIDE SOURCE

June 20, 1980

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am doing research for a book on missing persons for Reader's Digest General Books. Can you tell me the current status of the case of missing Cadet Richard Cox, who vanished from West Point in 1950? Is the file still open? Is Cox considered a murder victim? Has any new evidence surfaced in the last ten years? I appreciate whatever help you can give me.

Sincerely,

*Zane Kotker*  
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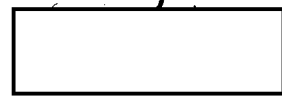
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SPY

OK: Rep 7-18-80



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July 18, 1980

**OUTSIDE SOURCE**

Mr. Zane Kotker  
45 Lyman Road  
Northampton, Massachusetts 01060

Dear Mr. Kotker:

Your letter of June 20, 1980, concerning Cadet Richard Cox, has been referred to me for acknowledgment.

With respect to any information which may appear in our Identification Division records, disclosure to a third party, such as yourself, is governed by the provisions of the Privacy Act (Public Law 93-579). Based on the contents of your letter, we have no authority to disclose any possible data in our records.

Regrettably, we can be of no assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick W. Murray  
Chief  
Fingerprint Correspondence  
Section  
Identification Division

*(Handwritten signature/initials)*

1 - Correspondence-Public Affairs Office, Room 6226, TL# 244.

NOTE: Corresp, a researcher, not entitled to info. MP has been missing since 1950. MPN was plcd in the ID files in 2/1950. Unable to determine sex of corresp; therefore, addressing as Mr. Bu file # 79-23729.

MAILED 9  
JUL 18 1980  
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- Exec AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Asst. Dir.:
- Adm. Servs. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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RETURN TO IDENT.  
MISSING PERSON FILE  
ROOM 9961

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