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On 10/25/65 Peter Anthony Vetcher, 1825 Meadow Court, West Palm Beach, Florida, received a letter postmarked in Brunswick, Missouri, on 10/22/65. It contained a 3 page letter to "Dear Fellow Patriot" signed by Robert B. DePugh as National Coordinator for Minutemen. The letter acknowledge receipt of Vetcher's application for membership in Minutemen and assigned Identification Number A-60371 to Vetcher to be used by him in the future. The letter explained that an applicant for membership must pass certian training and testing periods to rise through the degrees of membership in Minutemen. It pointed that monthly dues must be paid and each phase of training costs a small amount to defray expenses. The letter pointed out that the applicant would be a provisional member until he passes the five basic training courses. He will then become a Junior Member and be assigned to a band or given an organizational assignment. He then must complete a training program in a specialty of some sort. Then following a written examination and a vote of fellow band members he can become a full member and can follow that with leadership courses.

On 10/26/65 Veteher received a package postmarked in Chillicothe, Missouri, on an unknown date, bearing return address of Box 172, Independence, Missouri. This package contained the following items:

- 1. "General Instructions on the Correspondence Training Program" which indicated the program was divided into 5 phases. Phase 1 was described as general aspects of underground warfare plus programs of the organization. Phase 2 deals with intelligence work. Phase 3 deals with security. Phase 4 deals with propoganda and psychological warfare and phase 5 with the theory and practice of recruiting an underground force. These instructions pointed out that each phase includes outside reading, work projects and a test to be returned for grading. On completion of that program the member will be qualified for special training. The instructions noted that phase 1 requested 2 book reports. One book to be used for that purpose was enclosed and was "Spy In The U.S." by Pawel Monat. Also included was the book "Spymaster" by Ladislas Farago, portions of which were to be required reading in the various phases of training.
- 2. Phase 1 of the training program dealing with the gathering of intelligence by observation and research and analysis and by espionage; with the keeping secure of secret information concerning Minutemen, its membership and the like; with the basic principles of an underground movement, and with propoganda. The project outlined for this phase was the briefing of two books on intelligence and espionage. Also required in this phase was the setting up of a mail drop by the trainee and the choice of a fictitious name to be used in subscribing to "left-wing literature".