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Literature received by sources in the Denver Division has been transmitted to the Bureau and to Kansas City by letter and this material is not being included in this report as this may duplicate the reporting by the Office of Origin.

Information is set out in this report which was received from PSI HENRY REGEN from DAVID PARSONS in connection with PALMER HOYT and AXEL NIELSEN. It was deemed advisable to advise Mr. NIELSEN and Mr. HOYT regarding the fact that their names had been mentioned by an individual connected with "Minutemen" (MM); Mr. NIELSEN was so advised on 2/15/65, and Mr. HOYT, upon his return to Denver, on 2/24/65. They were advised that the information would be made available to the Denver Police Department.

On 2/24/65, all information regarding individuals active in the MM organization was made available to Captain JOHN HINDES, Denver Police Department.

The sheriffs of the surrounding counties, i.e., Adams, Arapahoe and Jefferson, were advised on 2/25/65 of our interest in MM and requested to advise us of any information which came to the attention of their departments regarding this organization.

It is to be noted that copies of all of the MM reports, including this report, are made available to Secret Service, Denver.

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Report of: **JOSEPH C. LEARNED**
Date: **March 17, 1965**

Office: **DENVER**Field Office File #: **62-1494**Bureau File #: **62-107261**Title: **"MINUTEMEN"**Character: **INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)**

Synopsis:

DAVID EUGENE PARSONS, an electric troubleshooter at the Public Service Company (PSC), Denver, has been attempting to recruit individuals for "Minutemen" (MM) and has requested one source to obtain equipment, including a rifle and ammunition. PARSONS also requested the source to obtain material of the PSC regarding feeder lines that go into the Titan missile bases east of Denver and the Atomic Energy installation north of Denver. GEORGE HOWARD SULLIVAN advised he inquired about membership in MM and was interviewed by three unknown individuals. SULLIVAN states these individuals intend that MM will take over the U.S. SULLIVAN stated PARSONS told him that MM wants to organize a nucleus of ten men in the PSC. PARSONS told a source that one DAVID LUDVIGSEN recruited him into MM. PARSONS gave source material implicating HARRIS B. HILLER as member of MM. PHILLIP PETARS made statements in 8/64 that if someone would shoot the President he would send him \$100. Mrs. DANIEL KIRCHNER stated she was not a member of MM. GILBERT KNAPPMILLER states he has received material from MM but is not a member of that organization. LEROY H. WULF stated he saw nothing wrong with the ideas of MM but has never been active in MM. ROBERT WEEBOER denied he had ever been a member of MM but has received pamphlets from the organization.

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Re DAVID EUGENE PARSONS

DN T-/ advised on November 2, 1964, that DAVID EUGENE PARSONS, 10882 Mildred Drive, Northglenn, Colorado, and an electric troubleshooter for Public Service Company (PSC), is connected with the "Minutemen" (MM) organization.

PARSONS brought this source some MM literature to read and said that former Admiral ARLEIGH BURKE was the head of MM. PARSONS said that MM was an organization which would step in and defend the United States if the communists took over the U. S. Government. PARSONS indicated there were other members of the MM in the PSC working out of that particular warehouse on West 7th Avenue in Denver.

PARSONS told this source that he should make application for MM and, if he did so, to go on November 4, 1964, to a public telephone booth located at 1180 South Colorado Boulevard, next to the "Leaning Tower of Pizza" restaurant. The source was to enter the telephone booth at 8:30 P.M. and when the telephone rang the source was to answer it and identify himself, at which time an unknown individual would ask him certain questions and take his application for MM. PARSONS explained that it was necessary to be very secretive about MM in view of the fact they have been criticized by many individuals.

DN T-/ on November 22, 1964, advised that PARSONS stated he, PARSONS, had been recruited into the MM by DAVID LUDVIGSEN, a repairman in the Plants Department of the PSC. PARSONS said that LUDVIGSEN has a police record and, therefore, was able to avoid the draft. PARSONS stated he had been trying to get GEORGE SULLIVAN and JIM BAKER, both employees of the PSC, to show an interest in the MM organization. PARSONS stated that both SULLIVAN and BAKER had been instructed to go to the telephone booth, as source had been instructed to do. PARSONS stated that he himself was being advanced from a courier to a contact man in the MM organization. PARSONS stated that he had learned the group was going to be issued a kit which included an M-1 carbine rifle, a field pack and hunting knife.

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This source advised on February 5, 1965, that DAVID EUGENE PARSONS gave source an advertisement which advertised the sale of guerrilla warfare books published by Panther Publications, Department AR-1264, Post Office Box 369, Boulder, Colorado, 80201. PARSONS stated that these books are invaluable to MM.

PARSONS also gave source books entitled "American Opinion" and "The People's Pottage," written by GARET GARRETT. PARSONS also furnished source with an issue of the publication entitled "Liberty Lobby Presents LBJ" and the January 23, 1965, issue of the magazine "Human Events."

Source stated that on January 15, 1965, PARSONS gave source a list of material which source should obtain. This list is set forth below:

"Rifle.....Rifle or carbine
3 magazines
550 rds. of ammo Minimum
bayonet
pack board
2 ground cloths (ponchos)
hatchet
G.I. shovel
canteen
mess kit
compass (lensatic)
nylon rope
~~stove~~ stove or wire rack for cooking
sleeping bag
Fatigues (all clothing olive drab)
2 way radio.....channel 14.....
binoculars 7X35 are the best
hunting or commando knife
dried foods ... soups, fruits, ect... salt...
map case
pen light
protractor
ruler
maps of the following

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1. Rocky Mtn Empire...
 2. city map of Denver & suburbs
 3. "" "" " Cheyenne
 4. "" "" " Salt Lake City
 5. "" "" " Pueblo
 6. "" "" " Grand Junction
- Maps should show contours and elevations"

Source stated that on January 17, 1965, PARSONS was discussing MM with source and said that MM were very concerned about security and in connection with this matter, PARSONS said he formerly was stationed at Fitzsimons General Hospital and that FBI Agents would come out to the hospital for physical checkups. PARSONS stated that most FBI Agents are former Marines.

On February 5, 1965, DN T-2 furnished the following information about DAVID EUGENE PARSONS:

In his application for employment at the PSC dated August 24, 1960, PARSONS listed his address at that time as 1544 York Street. He was born June 28, 1934, in Battle Creek, Michigan, and has Social Security number 364-34-9599. He is 6'1" tall and weighs 172 pounds. He listed his wife as LEONA and he has three children. He listed his father as PAUL K. PARSONS, 1817 Capitol N.E., Battle Creek, Michigan. He reported that he attended three years at the Battle Creek Central High School; was a Staff Sergeant from 1952 to 1960, in the Air National Guard; and that he is a Ready Reservist as of August, 1961, with the Colorado Air National Guard. He reported from September, 1960, to October, 1961, he was called back to service. He listed employment at the Consumer Power Company, Battle Creek, from May, 1953, to June, 1960. He has PSC identification number 2569. As of September 4, 1962, he was an inside trouble man in the Electric Service Department.

On December 1, 1964, MONTAGUE C. WHITMAN, Denver Motor Vehicle Division, furnished the following information regarding DAVID EUGENE PARSONS:

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Re DAVID EUGENE PARSONS

DN T-/ advised March 1, 1965, that DAVID EUGENE PARSONS gave him an envelope which contained the following:

April, September, October, November and December, 1964, issues of "On Target."

A Letter to the Editor article appearing in the August 9, 1964, issue of the "Denver Post," signed by HARRIS B. MILLER.

A carbon copy of a letter written to the "Denver Post" dated August 1, 1964, signed by HARRIS B. MILLER, 4520 West 32nd Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

This source advised that this letter was edited and certain paragraphs removed therefrom before its appearance in the August 9 issue of the "Denver Post." Source advised that the letter written by MILLER is an attack upon the Council on Foreign Relations and its efforts to "brainwash" the American people into accepting a world government. The article is also an attack upon the United Nations in urging its expulsion from the United States.

This source advised PARSONS said he had picked up this material at "MILLER's apartment."

This source reported that during the discussions with PARSONS, PARSONS has not made any statement that the "Minutemen" (MM) were threatening violence to the U. S. Supreme Court justices; however, MM did participate in some effort in driving EARL WARREN from the Supreme Court. PARSONS has said that the Supreme Court is controlled by communists.

PARSONS said that "they" wanted the source to obtain the feeder line layouts of the Public Service Company that go into the Titan Missile bases located east of Denver. PARSONS stated that "they" also want the map of the 150,000 volt feeder line which goes into the Atomic Energy installation north of Denver.

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On January 17, 1965, SULLIVAN told this source that MM was concerned with the Government infiltrating MM organization, and that he thought MM should have a list of Justice Department personnel in this area. SULLIVAN did not say that it was a policy of MM to get the names of Justice Department employees but merely indicated that it was his idea that such a task should be begun. SULLIVAN explained that he had a store in Denver where he conducted electrical sign work and also sold Nazi war emblems and souvenirs. SULLIVAN said on one occasion men from the Alcohol Tax Unit had visited him and looked at some of the guns he had for sale. SULLIVAN also mentioned the Narcotics Division. Source is of the opinion that SULLIVAN groups all the Federal investigative agencies, such as Alcohol Tax Unit and Narcotics, with the FBI. SULLIVAN also volunteered the information that he thought a lot of the men in MM were men who had received dishonorable discharges from the service.

DN T-2 furnished on February 5, 1965, a record of SULLIVAN's employment at the PSC. The application, filled out on May 18, 1964, showed the address of 1326 Corona Street, Denver. His date of birth is January 20, 1933, at Great Falls, Montana, and he is married. His Social Security number is 517-28-4263. He is 6' tall and weighs 180 pounds. His wife is listed as ORALIA CRUZ. His father is listed as GEORGE A. SULLIVAN, 1012 - 4th Avenue, Great Falls.

Concerning his employment, he listed the following:

- March, 1956, to July, 1958
self-employed, Helena, Montana;
- August, 1958, to July, 1961
Capitol Neon Company, Helena;
- July, 1961, to December, 1961
Bonnes Electric Company, Helena;
- December, 1961, to May, 1962
Kehnee Crabtree, Fort Harrison, Montana;

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June, 1962, to May, 1965
Foothill Electric Company, Montana City, Montana;

May 19, 1964, to present
Public Service Company, Denver, Colorado

SULLIVAN is a line trouble man and has PSC identification number 4092.

The records show that he was in the U. S. Air Force from 1951 to 1953, and attended De Paul University in Chicago, Illinois, 1954 to 1956, and was in the 11th Airborne Division of the Army from February, 1950, to June, 1953. His Army serial number is RA 28-710-308. He currently holds the position of an inside trouble man for PSC.

As of January 27, 1965, he reported a new change of address from 1225 Emporia, Aurora, Colorado, to apartment #103, 250 Pearl Street, Denver.

~~He~~ advised on February 15, 1965, that on February 13, 1965, source was present during a discussion between DAVID PARSONS, SULLIVAN and other individuals. SULLIVAN made the statement that one of the three men he had met had a goatee and, in his opinion, looked like a "beatnik." SULLIVAN said these three men all appeared to be well educated.

On February 18, 1965, source advised that source, on that date, was present at a meeting, at which time SULLIVAN said he had gone to some attorney friends of his father by the names of HARRISON and BERNSTEIN and told them of his knowledge of MM. SULLIVAN related they asked him if he had signed any pledges or made any allegiance to the organization, and SULLIVAN said he told them that he had not, but that he had told them that PARSONS and a group of three men, whom he did not know, had made statements to him, SULLIVAN, to the effect that to be a "Minuteman" might involve kidnaping and murder. SULLIVAN told source he was worried about PARSONS because PARSONS is the type of person who is unreliable and would follow instructions from a leader of any particular group which he, PARSONS, supported. SULLIVAN

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Re DAVID MARENTI LUDVIGSEN

DN T- / on November 22, 1964, advised DAVID EUGENE PARSONS said that he had been recruited into the "Minutemen" (MM) by DAVID LUDVIGSEN, a Public Service Company (PSC) employee. Source said that LUDVIGSEN is a repairman in the Plants Department and resides at 1333 Moline, Aurora, Colorado. PARSONS told source that LUDVIGSEN had a police record and, therefore, was able to avoid the draft.

Source advised on February 1, 1965, that from conversations with PARSONS source is of the opinion that PARSONS was contacted to join MM by DAVID LUDVIGSEN. Source said LUDVIGSEN had never talked to source about the MM organization.

On February 15, 1965, DN T-2 advised that LUDVIGSEN is presently employed in the Electrical Appliance Department, PSC, and works the day shift, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Source stated LUDVIGSEN has been employed at the PSC since March 20, 1961. His application shows he was born November 2, 1938, at Wooden, Iowa, and presently resides at 1180 Yosemite, Denver, telephone number 364-4473. His Social Security number is 523-46-2048. He has had no military service. He was married in 1963, and is a graduate of Aurora High School, Aurora, Colorado, and attended grade school in Altura, Colorado.

On February 10, 1965, MONTAGUE C. WHITMAN, Denver Motor Vehicle Division, advised they had no record of LUDVIGSEN.

On February 15, 1965, Mrs. MARIE DIMITROFF, Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, reported that DAVID M. LUDVIGSEN has been on record with that agency since October, 1958. She reported that on May 11, 1964, DAVID MARENTI LUDVIGSEN, then residing at 15800 East 12th Avenue, Aurora, purchased a 1964 Chevrolet sedan. His wife, HELEN M. LUDVIGSEN, is listed as an employee of the Mountain States Telephone Company.

DELBERT CLARK, Denver Police Department, on February 15, 1965, furnished a criminal record on LUDVIGSEN reflecting FBI number 95054D. LUDVIGSEN was arrested June 11, 1956, by the

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Re HARRIS B. MILLER

It is reported above that DAVID EUGENE PARSONS furnished a source a carbon copy of a letter written by HARRIS B. MILLER, 4520 West 32nd Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Additional information regarding MILLER is contained in the report of SA JOSEPH C. LEARNED dated May 21, 1964, at Denver.

On March 4, 1965, a 1953 Chevrolet four-door sedan, bearing 1965 Colorado license AN 6519, was observed parked near the Croy Brothers Heating and Air Conditioning located at 202 South Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado. This automobile bore a sticker on the back window as follows: "Colorado Minutemen."

It was further noted that a whip-type aerial was connected to this automobile.

The records of the Motor Vehicle Division, Denver, reflected on March 5, 1965, that this license, AN 6519, is listed to HARRIS B. MILLER, 4520 West 32nd Avenue, Denver.

Mrs. MARIE DIMITROFF, Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, reported on March 5, 1965, the records of that agency contain no information regarding MILLER.

L. E. HASTINGS, Federal Communications Commission, Denver, advised on March 4, 1965, that HARRIS B. MILLER was issued a license on February 15, 1965, to operate the 5 volt citizens band radio and that he was assigned call letters KNE 0294. Mr. HASTINGS stated that this license permits MILLER to operate on any one of 22 assigned frequencies.

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