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ATTN : Director, Domestic Contact Service
Deputy Director, DCS

Chief, Houston Office

Bill Wood, Agent for Jim Garrison, Making
Inquiries in Dallas

1. [Paul Rothornel], Security Officer for Hunt Oil Company, advised Jim Moore that he had been visited recently by a Bill Wood who was making investigations in Dallas for New Orleans District Attorney, Jim Garrison. Wood was inquiring about the CIA and its operations. According to Rothornel, Bill Wood used to work for an individual named Clymer Wright, Publisher of the Houston Tribune. Rothornel said Wood went to work for Jim Garrison under the name of Bill Daxley. Rothornel also told Moore that Wood is well known in Houston and that his connection with Garrison is no secret.

2. This is the first that we have heard regarding this matter. I am sure the subject is the same William Clarence Wood, Jr., who visited the Houston Office early in 1967 volunteering his services. At that time Wood said he was Executive Vice President and Editor of the Houston Tribune Publishing Company, a local weekly paper. You may recall that we were impressed with Wood's sincerity. He volunteered that he had worked for the Agency and that his resignation had been readily accepted because he had developed a drinking problem. He also said he had not consumed a drop of alcohol for 2 1/2 years and had held several responsible jobs prior to joining the Houston Tribune. He requested a namecheck clearance which was received 3 Mar 67 followed by an "Eyes Alone" memo containing adverse information. Because of this we dropped Wood as a potential source. We have not heard from him since 7 Mar 67, the last time he volunteered his services. The Clymer Wright mentioned by Rothornel is the present publisher of the Tribune. Although we have no contact with the Tribune, the current Editor of the paper, Harold C. Pyle, is reported to be an exceptionally fine individual. He retired from the Houston Chronicle after many years with that paper and joined the Tribune as Editor.

3. Jim Moore says Rothornel has nothing more to add regarding Wood. If there is need for details regarding Wood's separation from the Tribune we believe it will be possible to obtain the information discreetly.

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