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22 March 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Support Division
FROM : Chief, Investigations Branch
SUBJECT : C-25507
#112569

GIST:

The Subject, a Contract Agent, is now being considered for career agent status and a provisional covert security approval has been requested on an expedite basis to enable the Subject to sign a contract as a career agent when he comes to the United States in the latter part of March. Subject meets staff standards with the exception that his wife is a Costa Rican citizen. Recommend issuance of provisional covert security approval with full covert security approval to follow upon completion of additional investigation.

DETAILS:

1. The Subject is a native born United States citizen, who resided in Illinois from the date of his birth in 1922 to 1940 when he entered the United States Army. He served overseas with the Army and later the Air Force until his discharge in 1945. After his discharge he worked for a brief period in Sterling, Illinois until December 1945, at which time he moved to the Panama Canal Zone. He has remained outside the United States from 1945 to the present time and from 1946 to 1949 served a period of re-inlistment in the Air Force.

*- left for
6 mo. period from
July '55 to Jan '54
in Wash., D.C.*

2. According to information supplied by WH Division, Subject became a Contract Agent in June 1949 and has served continuously in that capacity up to the present time. Subject's security file reflects that he was processed for an operational clearance in July 1954 for use as an agent under Project AM [C O I] Investigation at that time consisted of RI-K checks on the Subject which produced nothing derogatory and National Agency Name Checks on the Subject which were likewise non derogatory.

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3. Additional investigation which can be performed includes coverage at DeKalb and Sterling, Illinois to cover the Subject's residences in those communities prior to 1940 and for the brief period during 1945, during which he was employed in Sterling, Illinois. In addition, name checks and RI-K checks will be brought up to date on the Subject and additional RI-K checks will be scheduled on the Subject's spouse and her relatives who are apparently residing in Costa Rica.

4. In a memorandum dated 8 March 1957 from Chief, WH Division, it was stated that the Subject is currently assigned to Cuba where he is utilized as Principal Agent on Project AM [OI] This Project is an FI operation designed to provide information on political activities (including Communist) in University circles in Havana, Cuba. Subject's activities in connection with this Project have been concerned with Communist Party penetration and his current work involves the handling of a net of agents providing coverage of Communist, leftist, revolutionary and other political activities of Havana and the student youth circles in general in Cuba. Subject's use under the requested covert security approval will be the same as in the past according to Mr. Hugh MacCAULEY, WH/3.

5. WH Division in its memorandum of 8 March 1957 was highly laudatory in its evaluation of the Subject and consider him to be an outstanding employee with strong overall qualifications. It was further pointed out that the Subject's spouse, a Costa Rican citizen, has expressed a desire to acquire United States citizenship and she plans to accompany her husband to the United States for this purpose in the near future.

6. The reason for elevating the Subject to career agent status is to reward him with more permanent status and greater benefits for the outstanding service which he has performed in the past. The Subject plans to be in Washington, D. C. at the end of March and it is desired to assign him to a contract as a career agent at that time.

7. In view of the absence of any derogatory information concerning the Subject, plus the fact that he is a native born United States citizen and taking into account his past record of outstanding service as a contract agent, it is felt that a provisional covert security approval could be issued at this time to enable the Subject's use as a career agent. The provisional covert security approval would be issued with the understanding that additional investigation was being performed and that a final decision regarding the issuance of a full covert security approval would depend on the results of said investigation. The only area wherein Subject failed to meet staff standards is in the fact that his wife and her relatives are citizens

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of Costa Rica currently residing in that country. It is felt that this is not a serious impediment in view of the proximity of Costa Rica to the United States, plus the fact that the Subject will not be functioning as a staff employee and will be operating under [redacted]

ACTION:

Recommend issuance of provisional covert security approval for Subject's use as a Career Agent as per the enclosed memorandum to CI/A


David A. Hailor

enclosure:
sent to CI/A

cc:file
HAILO:shw
26 March 1957
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