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14 February 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, ID

SUBJECTS : MAHEU, Peter Robert #234 529
MAHEU, Robert A. #111 540
(MEIER, John Herbert #517 843) 06,08
(ELLIS, Richard Allen #551 433) 06,08

1. By memorandum dated 5 February 1969 Central Cover Staff has requested an expedite QKENCHANT clearance for Peter MAHEU, a former Office of Security clerical employee, and the son of Robert A. MAHEU.

2. By memorandum dated 12 February 1969 Central Cover Staff has also requested a QKENCHANT clearance on (Richard Allen ELLIS.) 06 (ELLIS) is employed by Robert A. MAHEU and Associates as a bookkeeper in Las Vegas, Nevada.

3. Robert A. MAHEU, the owner of Robert A. MAHEU and associates, was granted a Covert Security Clearance on 30 August 1954 to permit his use by Central Cover Staff as a covert associate under Project LPHIDDEN. According to Central Cover Staff, he has been utilized since that time and the above firm is being utilized to provide cover for an agent in South America. Robert A. MAHEU and Associates is reportedly a public relations activity whose principal and perhaps only client is Howard Hughes. At one time Robert A. MAHEU was also involved in providing investigative and security protection for Hughes and his enterprise and the Agency utilized both the Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles offices of MAHEU's organization.

4. Office of Security's concern over the utilization of Robert A. MAHEU was first expressed in July 1964. (See memorandum to DDS from Charles W. Kane dated 22 July 1964).

5. On 14 July 1968 ID/1 received a request for a Covert Security Approval to permit utilization of (John Herbert MEIER) in connection with the latter's employment with Robert A. MAHEU and associates. In view of DDP policy as set forth in CSI 50-10 regarding use of employees of US private detective investigative agencies, the use of (MEIER) was discussed with Central Cover Staff; the writer was assured that the firm Robert A. MAHEU and associates, which the Agency is using for cover purposes, is no longer associated with investigative or security activities. (See Central Cover Staff memorandum for the record dated 30 July 1968). (Attorney)

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However, it appears that Robert A. MAHEU does in fact own, or is a co-owner of the Bel Air Patrol which is one of the organizations that is currently establishing security services for Howard Hughes. (See LAFO RUC dated 29 July 1968, Subject: (MEIER, John Herbert,) 06 #517 843 and the above cited Central Cover Staff memorandum).

6. This matter is being brought to your attention because of the possible interpretation that the use of Robert A. MAHEU and Associates conflicts with CSI 50-10, and the undersigned believes that the matter should be reviewed for that reason prior to ID/1's processing of the Covert Security Approval request on Peter MAHEU and (Richard Allen ELLIS) 06

7. Central Cover Staff takes the position that the use of Robert A. MAHEU and Associates does not conflict with CSI 50-10 in as much as that firm is now solely engaged in public relations activities; they believe that Robert A. MAHEU's ownership or interest in the organizations currently providing security and investigative service to Howard Hughes is irrelevant. The undersigned agrees with this position.

Ervan E. Kuhnke, Jr.
Ervan E. Kuhnke, Jr.
Acting Chief, ID/1

(Open with your own this request)
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