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SHARPSHOOTER
Luxembourg Narcotic Lead

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 A. [redacted] 15-251 (not sent)
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1. COS, Luxembourg has provided the following information concerning an approach to a Luxembourger by a French national who desired he join a narcotics ring disposing of narcotics supplied by the Chinese Communists:

A Luxembourg citizen reported that in mid-April 1959 one Armand DELACOUR aka TELAMARIE asked him to join a ring which received large amounts of free opium from the Chinese on condition that it be smuggled into the United States. DELACOUR said that two Sicilians residing in Paris had successfully engaged in this traffic; one of whom allegedly had received 50 kilograms of free opium in Hong Kong and delivered it personally in the United States after entering via Canada. Full French documentation needed for an American visa was allegedly to be obtained for \$200.

DELACOUR's address is given as 28 rue Brard, Paris, and he is described as follows: Age 47, height 175 cms, weight 70-72 kilos, brown hair, balding, oval face, brown eyes, crooked nose, thick lips, heavy cigarette smoker. Born in Basque country. Smuggled narcotics before and after the war from North Africa. Convicted three times, the last time for theft and was last released in December 1958 (No Headquarters traces).

The Luxembourger stated his willingness to accept DELACOUR's offer if he can have American guidance. COS, Luxembourg, who interviewed him, observed that he probably knows more than he told or is involved in some deal for which he hopes to protect himself by being able to state that he is working for the Americans. COS, Luxembourg suggested an CIAHQ representative be sent to Luxembourg where he could fully interrogate the Luxembourger and assess his story.

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2. This material was furnished [redacted] since it was felt that there might be a tie in with the SHARPSHOOTER operation. [redacted] however, felt any tie in might be remote -- at least at this stage -- and saw no need for ILLIANT to handle the case. In this Headquarters structure, CIAHQ Headquarters was informed in general terms of the information cited in paragraph 1 at the same time they were informed of the SHARPSHOOTER information. At that time they suggested the Luxembourg matter be handled by CLARKSON along with the SHARPSHOOTER case. Since ILLIANT is taking over SHARPSHOOTER and will consult with CLARKSON -- representing CIAHQ interests -- when necessary, Headquarters suggests that [redacted] inform the home office of CIAHQ of this Luxembourg lead and suggest to Mr. [redacted] that CLARKSON look into it, since he may find some tie in at the lower levels of the SHARPSHOOTER net. Also

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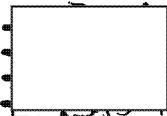
since RABNEY has seen the letterboxer and requests GDA/CB look into the case as soon as possible. suggest CLARKSON or another GDA/CB representative contact RABNEY at his earliest convenience to arrange an interview with the prospective agent.

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17 July 1959 **B**
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