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MEMO SAC (134-1082)

9/17/65

RE: PETER ANTHONY VIETCHER
PSI - MINUTEMEN

PSI was contacted on 9/14/65 and stated he had just returned from California where he had attended a Ranger's convention. He said the convention was not well attended but he learned nothing there to confirm his suspicion that the mailing list for the Ranger's Association was used to obtain names for the Minutemen list.

He said he found on his return a letter postmarked 8/21/65 in Kansas City, Mo., containing a "Special Bulletin" dated 8/10/65 which concerned ROBERT B. DePUGH's court fight relative to his arrest in Missouri and threatened contempt of court charges there. This bulletin reprinted some newspaper articles dealing with that matter. DePUGH's comments then indicated he believed he would be found guilty but public opinion was in his favor and his organization is behind him. He pointed out the recent problems in running the organization since records are missing or hidden but he asked all members to bear with him. He also pointed out the need for money for defense of himself and the need for extra security, expansion of the organization, and more training.

PSI received a second letter postmarked in Decatur, Ill., on 9/11/65. This letter contained only a copy of "On Target" dated 9/1/65. This is primarily concerning DePUGH's legal problems and goes into to a lesser extent "leftist" infiltration in government.

Since these items would appear to be of no value, they will not be maintained, UAC.

PSI volunteered to attempt to join Minutemen for the purpose of trying to learn if there is a group of same in the West Palm Beach area and, if so, the leadership and membership of the group. On 9/17/65 PSI furnished a copy of a letter he had written to ROBERT DePUGH in which he stated he had received literature from DePugh and was interested in his group and said he would like to know more about; the dues, meeting nights etc.. This was sent 9/16/65. Writer will maintain contact with PSI for developments from this letter.

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