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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, AB

THROUGH : Chief, ID/3

FROM : Ralph E. Tobiassen

SUBJECT : GROZIER, Ross L.
#112 569

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1. Attached hereto for concurrence of the Director of Security is a memorandum to Chief WH Division indicating disapproval of a request for use of the Subject as an Ops Officer in PA-Prop activities at JMWAVE in support of Project JMWAVE.

2. In early 1960 the Subject, then a Career Agent, was proposed for conversion to staff employee, contract employee or independent contractor, by Office of Training. Tab A contains a resume of Subject's activities for this agency from 1949 to February 1960 and also indicated disapproval of use of Subject by the Deputy Director of Security of use of Subject in any of the aforementioned capacities. The DDS at that time indicated Subject would not be approved for use in any capacity where he would have access to official Agency installations. Tab B is a memorandum dated 2 March 1960 to the Office of Training indicating disapproval of use of the Subject in any capacity requiring access to official installations.

3. On 28 June 1960, (see Tab C), a Covert Security Clearance was granted to Office of Training for use of the Subject in connection with training activities with no access to Agency buildings. He was to remain in his status as Career Agent. After a review of information sent to OTR with this CSC, OTR decided not to use the Subject.

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4. On 20 July 1960, (see Tab D) a Covert Security Approval was granted to WH Division for use of the Subject in translating documents pertaining to Cuban matters and to assist WH Division by making suggestions for PP and PI purposes. This Covert Security Approval spelled out specifically that Subject was not to have access to official Agency buildings and installations and was not to engage in clandestine operational activities in the United States. It was understood at this time, that is, the summer of 1960, that the Subject was being returned to the Headquarters area in an attempt to

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where he had operated as a Career Agent. WH Division in Mexico

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5. Memoranda forwarded to Office of Training and WH Division along with the above referenced USC and CSA set forth noteworthy and derogatory information on the Subject, his wife, and several of his wife's relatives.

6. It was assumed by this office that, in concurrence with the 20 July 1960 CSA to WH Division, the Subject had indeed been transferred to the Headquarters area and was being utilized as indicated in that clearance to translate documents pertaining to Cuban matters and to assist WH Division in FP and FI matters.

7. On 25 September 1961 this office received a thermofax copy of a memorandum dated 15 September 1961 from Chief, WH Division to the Career Agents Panel requesting approval for the PCS assignment of the Subject to JMWAVE, a domestic base. This memorandum in no way indicated that Office of Security approval was requested for this move and it was assumed an appropriate request would be forthcoming..

8. On 13 October 1961 Chief, SD/2 requested from WH Personnel a list of personnel then assigned to JMWAVE who had previously been utilized under the cover of Clarence A. DePEW and Sons. This firm was the cover for certain initial phases of Project JMWAVE in the Miami area. On 19 October 1961 WH Division forwarded the requested listing. It showed that the Subject had been operating as an Operations Officer under ^{29, 24} (DEPEW cover) from 4 September 1960 to 30 August 1961. Prior to this time the Office of Security was not aware that the Subject was not in the Headquarters area being utilized as set forth in the CSA of 20 July 1960. The writer then queried WH/4/Security and Contract Personnel Division, Agents Panel, to ascertain Subject's actual status, employment category and manner of use, and to initiate such action as would be necessary to determine that Subject's use be commensurate with his security clearance. ²⁹

9. On 21 December 1961 a memorandum was received from Chief, WH Division requesting concurrence in the assignment of the Subject to JMWAVE and indicating he had been assigned PCS to JMWAVE on 20 October 1961. The writer then undertook to determine how the Subject had been assigned to JMWAVE without prior concurrence of the Office of Security and in violation of the prior restrictions as set out in the CSA granted on 20 July 1960. Eventually, by memorandum of 6 February 1962, Mr. Louis W. Armstrong, Secretary, Agents Panel, upon request, forwarded a memorandum indicating that the PCS move of the Subject to JMWAVE had been approved on 20 September 1961 by the Agents Panel, subject to proper Security clearance.

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10. Mr. Jeremiah Mullane, WH/4/Security, advised Chief, SD/2 in November of 1961 that the Subject was indeed being utilized at JMWAVE and had access to that official Agency installation. Mr. Robert Moroney, WH/4/Security advised on this date that the Subject is being treated at JMWAVE just like all the Staff Agents at that base and in fact has a desk and office space in the building.

11. It is evident that the Subject is being utilized in flagrant violation of restrictions imposed on his use by the Deputy Director of Security. In addition, the derogatory information known in this case and set forth in the concurrent memoranda (see Tab C and Tab D), is such that use of Subject in this capacity, where he is in constant association with Staff Agents and has access to the JMWAVE installation, constitutes an undue security hazard.

12. In view of the above it is recommended that the attached memorandum security disapproving Subject's present use and requesting advice as to the ultimate disposition of Subject, be forwarded to the Chief, WH Division.

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Approved - W.K. Clayton - CH/4 B. 17 Feb 62

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