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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

KIMSEY, Herman Edward

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FROM:

Jerry G. Brown  
Deputy Chief  
Security Analysis Group

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2 December 1975

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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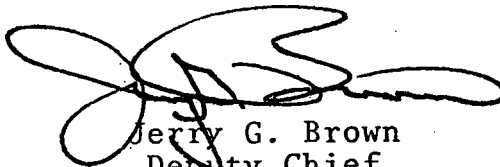
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT : KIMSEY, Herman Edward  
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1. As you are aware, the Office of Security file of Herman Edward KIMSEY contains an envelope, the contents of which show the receipt by KIMSEY of \$380,000 cash from Colonel Sheffield Edwards on 22 May 1961, which was apparently sent to Headquarters from the Khartoum Station. The envelope also contains a receipt for \$1,800, the serial numbers of which are recorded. The file does not contain an explanation for the transfer of these funds to KIMSEY.

2. After discussions with Mr. David CROWN, TSD Questioned Documents Laboratory--the assignment of KIMSEY as of 22 May 1961--on 1 December 1975 Mr. CROWN delivered to the writer the attached copies of documents from TSD/QDL files, which satisfactorily explain the transfer of the funds to KIMSEY for examination and the subsequent transfer of the money to C.V.S. ROOSEVELT on 23 August 1961.

Jerry G. Brown  
Deputy Chief  
Security Analysis Group

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6 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, TSD/C. V. S. Roosevelt

SUBJECT : Questioned Document Analysis (13920-X)

REFERENCE : Verbal request, 12 April 1961

1. In response to reference request, subject currency was compared with 3-\$50.00 notes and 14-\$100.00 notes obtained from FD/MB and known to be authentic. All are Federal Reserve Notes. The initial examination was executed in an effort to determine whether reference currency in question is authentic or counterfeit. The currency in question was independently compared in three (3) laboratories including TSD/GARB/A&R; U. S. Secret Service, Counterfeit Section; and Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Research & Development Section. The currency in question was submitted to such tests as examination of printing quality and technique; fiber analysis of paper (including mottling fiber); spectographic analysis of printing ink; scanning under infrared illumination; examination under long and short wave ultraviolet illumination; serial number check against known counterfeit files; and several tests were executed to identify known ink properties. All tests, in all three (3) laboratories were positive in result. Therefore, it is concluded, that the currency in question is authentic and genuine in every respect. A clinching factor is the widespread of material such as inks, series, dates, banks of issuance, etc., which, in all, would have necessitated many sets of printing plates, different inks and a background file of currency information and the proper use of these differences; all of which would be, not only unnecessary for a successful counterfeiter, but also expensive, time consuming, impractical and highly undesirable.

2. Reference currency, listed above, was picked, at random from a list of 1000-\$50.00 notes and 3300-\$100.00 notes. Total-\$380,000.00, U. S. Currency, all Federal Reserve Notes. The bulk lot was delivered to TSD/GARB/A&R, Rm. 202-Central Bldg., by Sheffield Edwards, C/OS, on 26 May 1961, hand carried. This entire amount was subjected to examination under the infrared scanner and both long and short wave ultraviolet light for the purpose of checking the possible existence of a secret marking system which could be used to trace and/or "follow" the currency. No such markings were found.

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3. The entire package (4300 notes) was separated into 1000-\$50.00 notes and 3300-\$100.00 notes and checked for source. The serial number and date of each was then copied with a 525 Tapewriter. A prefix numeral of 1 and 2 was arbitrarily added to the \$100.00 and \$50.00 serial numbers respectively. The 525 tape was fed into a 501 Computer where it was unscrambled and the entire list printed, by serial, in chronological, alphabetical, numerical and denominational sequence. It was observed that several large unbroken groups of both \$100.00 notes and \$50.00 notes fell into the numerical sequence in which they were printed indicating the probability that they had not been circulated beyond the level of bank release, i.e., issued to a person or company but not circulated by individual spending. These lists were forwarded to U. S. Secret Service who, in turn, forwarded them to the proper banks for a check of old records to see where and to whom the money was released. No success was realized from this exercise for the banks retained no record of such happenings. (Some of the currency was printed in 1928 and 1934.) They sometimes keep records of large transactions but for a limited time only and this system is generally confined to foreign shipments.

4. In summary - The currency is both genuine and safe to be used as no known record exists out CIA and no secret markings were found from which the currency could be traced. It can safely be disposed of by a direct, confidential exchange at the U. S. Treasury or through wide dispersal by Finance Division or a number of banks. The only identification now existing is the package itself: \$380,000.00 U. S. Currency, in 1000-\$50.00 notes and 3300-\$100.00 notes, all Federal Reserve Bank Notes.

5. During the various sorting procedures, a portion of a small Air Mail sticker was found; loosely adhering to one of the notes. This sticker has been identified as French in origin, but it is an item used extensively in Southeast Asia, British Colonies, Switzerland, France, Africa and a few Pacific Islands. It therefore has very little identification value except to verify shipment of the money by package instead of arranging a bank transfer of funds.

6. When the packages of currency were initially handled, it was noted that they smelled of mold, indicating burial or storage in a closed area in a warm, damp atmosphere. There was also an additional and recognizable odor which was similar to the odor which permeated the possessions of the Japanese who were repatriated from the main land of Asia.

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7. A study of the serial number groupings indicates that the bulk of the money was released through the Federal Reserve Banks of New York City and San Francisco, California.

8. In conclusion and in relation to possible source of the money, only qualified and tentative statements are offered as a possible background. The overall picture would seem to indicate that this currency was carefully hoarded, over the years, by a Chinese family, or families living in America, who intended it for use in old age. As most of these cannot become American citizens, they often hoard their savings in China. Because of financial insecurity of the nation and banks, it is often stored or buried on family property. The fund, one or more, was confiscated by the current government, (who may have added to it from other sources), and used for external barter or operations. The picture drawn above is suggested by the details listed above, i. e., recognizable odors of mold and Asian environment; the serial number groupings indicating release in New York City and San Francisco, California, cities with the two largest Chinese sections in the United States; the chronology of the notes indicating a lifetime saving program in cash; and the French Air Mail sticker suggesting the shipment of currency instead of the ordinary procedure of a bank transfer of funds.

9. All physical evidence, \$200,000.00 U. S. Currency, in two (2) denominations, 1000-\$50.00 notes and 3600-\$100.00 notes, itemized and individually identified by number, was transferred to G. V. S. Roosevelt, hand carried, on 23 August 1961. All currency counted twice (2) and the transfer witnessed by Charles Ryan and James O'Connor. Attached is the Air Mail sticker listed above.

HERMAN E. KIMSEY  
C/TSD/GARB/A&R

Distribution:

- 2 - Addressee
- (2) - TSD/GARB/A&R
- 1 - C/OS
- 1 - GARB/ Chrono

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See  
13980-X  
for complete report

1800.00 - 8-50's & 14-100's

Obtained 12 Apr. 61 - Returned 27 April 61 { In personal file of  
H.E. Kinsey for Bess

For the Record <sup>03</sup>

Per telecon (check) Kinsey - Hold currency  
until notified of disposal plan. Rept telecon  
Bassett / (check) disk awaiting instructions from  
AC/DP/P, R. Helms. Specifically instructed that  
no further transfers be made in order to more  
closely control records and actual currency.

30 June 1961  
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MEMORANDUM RECEIPT

23 August 1961  
DATE

TO: C.V.S. ROOSEVELT  
FROM: Herman E. Kimsey  
SUBJECT:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following:  
\$380,000.00 in U.S. Currency (3300 - \$100 bills)  
(1000 - \$50 bills) as numbered in attached  
list.

Please return \_\_\_\_\_ signed copy(ies) of this receipt :

CVS Roosevelt  
SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT