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SUBJECT: WHITE, JOSEPH TIMOTHY, PFC, 492-60-2196, DPOB: 5 NOV 61, ST LOUIS. MO (U)

A. MSG, IAGPA-OP-I, 0912407 SEP 82, SAB.

1. (U) SOURCE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF HIS IDENTITY TO SUBJECT.

2. (U) ON 10_SEP.82, JOSEPH C. MERJEK Act 5 (g) (2) (D) USAR, DPOB: 26 APR 62, BOSTON, MA, COMPANY A, 2D.BATTALION, 104TH INFANTRY MASSACHUSETTS. ARMY. NATIONAL GUARD, WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS CAMPUS, ANHERST, MA, CONCERNING SUBJECT. SOURCE PROVIDED SUBSTANTIALLY JHE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (MSG PARA 3 THRU 12 3. (U) MERLINO_EIRST.MET. WHITE_ON 28_AUG-80, WHEN BOTH ARRIVED AT KEMPER MILITARY SCHOOL & COLLEGE (KMSC), BOONVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FRESHMEN (PLEBES), ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT COMPANIES. MERLINO'S-LAST CONTACT.WITH WHITE WAS ON ABOUT 26.SEP-81, TWO DAYS BEFORE WHITE DROPPED OUT OF KMSC. THROUGHOUT ACADEMIC YEAR.80-81-AND-DURING (SEP-81, MERLINO_SAW WHITE DAILY, USUALLY AT FORMATIONS, OCCASIONALLY IN CLASS, BUT MADE PERSONAL CONTACT ONLY ON ABOUT FIFTEEN OCCASIONS. THEY ALSO MET ENLEFLY AT THE AIRBORNE SCHOOL, FT BENNING, GEORGIA, IN JULY 1981. THEY WERE WELL ACQUAINTED, BUT WERE NOT CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS.

4. (C) MERLINO DID NOT KNOW OF WHITE'S FAMILY BACKGROUND OR FINAN-CIAL SITUATION, ALTHOUGH WHITE_DID_NOT_APPEAR_TO_HAVE ANY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. NOR_DID_MERLINO_KNOW_IF_WHITE_USED_NARCOTICS_OR_ABUSED ALCOHOL. WHITE WAS PHYSICALLY-HEALTHY_AND_FIT_BUT NOT_ATHLETIC. HE DID_NOT_APPEAR_TO_HAVE_ANY_DEVIANT_SEXUAL_TENDENCIES_OR_HANG-UPS, TO INCLUDETHOMOSEXUALITY. WHITE WAS REPUTED TO BE'A_MORALLY_STRAIGHT INDIVIDUAL WHO VALUED HIS.OWN HOMESTY_AND_INTEGRITY. HE WAS EXCEPT-IONALLY_BRIGHT_AND_CONSISTENTLY_EARNED_HIGH-GRADES_IN_ACADEMIC_SUB-JECTS_AND_MILITARY_SCIENCE.

5. (C) WHITE WAS ALSO A VERY SERIOUS, EXTREMELY INTENSE, AND HIGHLY IDEALISTIC PERSON., HE WAS USUALLY MILD=MANNERED, BUT WOULD GET QUITE_AGITATED=DURING SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN PAPERS HE WROTE AND DURING DISCUSSIONS IN HISTORY CLASS, HE_EARNESTLY_DEFENDED_THE MARX-IST. PHILOSOPHY OF EQUALITY. IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS HE REVEALED AN ADMIRATION FOR HOW ADDLE. HOWEVER, WHITE DID_NOT_APPEAR TO BE PRO-NAZI_OR_ANTI=SEMITIC. IN FACT, HE SEEMED=TO_BE_SYMPATHETIC_TO MIN-ORITY_GROUPS IN THE U.S., AND THEIR BID FOR EQUALITY. 6. (C) WHITE NEVER SHOWED ANY DISLOYALTY TO THE U.S., ALTHOUGH DUR-ING CONVERSATIONS HE WOULD CONSTRUCTIVELY_CRITICIZE AND CRITIQUE BOTH_AMERICAN_SOCIETY_AND THE SOVIET-GOVERNMENT. HE TALKED SERIOUSLY AS THOUGH HE HAD HIS OWN PROGRAMS FOR IMPROVING THE LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE. WHITE_NORMALLY_RESPECTED_SUPERIORS AND THEIR AUTHORITY, AS LONG AS THEY MADE SENSE TO HIM. BUT, HE WOULD BALK AT OBETING SOMEONE

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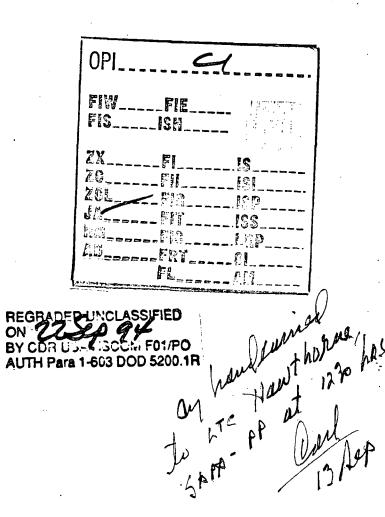
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FOR WHOM HE HAD LOST RESPECT. THIS TENDENCY LED TO AN INCIDENT AT ROTC ADVANCED CAMP AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS, IN THE SUMMER OF 81, WHEN WHITE REFUSED TO OBEY A CADET'S ORDER (NO FURTHER INFOR-MATION), AND WAS ALMOST BOARDED OUT OF THE CAMP. 7. (C) WHITE'S SERIOUSNESS, INTELLIGENCE, AND INTENSITY SEEMED

THREATENING TO SOME CADETS AT KMSC. HE_TENDED_TO_REMAIN_ALOOF FROM HIS PEERS. ON TOP OF THIS, HIS_POOR_SKIN_COMPLEXION, NERVOUS MANNER-ISMS, AND ERRATIC_DRESS (ONE DAY - NEAT, THE NEXT DAY - SHABBY) MADE WHITE THE BUTT OF DERISION AND PRANKS AT KMSC. <u>HE_WAS_OSTRA-CIZED_AND_UNIVERSALLY</u> DISLIKED. HIS PEER RATING AT ROTC ADVANCED CAMP WAS-REPORTED TO BE-LOW. 8. (C) WHITE_TRIED-HARD_TO-SUCCEED_IN_EVERYTHING_HE_DID. HOWEVER,

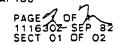
8. (c) WHITE <u>INTEDUMENT OF SUCCEED IN EVENTIFING HE DID</u>. HOWEVER, HIS SELF-ESTEEM WAS CONSTANTLY BATTERED BY THE ATTITUDES OF HIS PEERS AND A STRING OF DISAPPOINTMENTS. DURING HIS FIRST YEAR AT KMSC HE GOT INTO, SEVERAL-FIGHTS. WITH OTHER CADETS., ALSO, HIS GIRLFRIEND (NFI) BROKE-OFF THEIR RELATIONSHIP, ALLEGEDLY UNDER PRESSURE FROM HER PARENTS. (WHITE PAPERED A MYRIAD OF PICTURES OF HER ON HIS DORMITORY WALL.) WHITE DATED SELDOM, IF AT ALL. ONE OF HIS INSTRUCTORS, A CAPTAIN DAVID, REPORTEDLY GAVE WHITE A ZERO FOR TURNING IN A PAPER LATE, BUT DID NOT PENALIZE OTHERS WHO HAD DONE SO, AS SEVERELY. CPT DAVID WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO EITHER LIKED OR HATED OTHERS, AND IT SEEMED THAT HE DISLIKED WHITE INTENSELY FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. BT



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FINAL SECTION OF 02 9. (C) AFTER WHITE'S NEAR FAILURE AT ROTC ADVANCED CAMP,-HE-WAS-RE-CYCLED_AT_AIRBORNE_SCHOOL_FOR_FAILING_THE_PT_TEST, HOWEVER, HE RECOVERED AND COMPLETED THE COURSE. WHEN HE RETURNED TO KMSC IN SEP 81, HE WAS DEEPLY UPSET UPON LEARNING THAT HE WAS ONLY A CADET SERGEANT FIRST CLASS AND NOT AN OFFICER. WHITE WAS IN SOURCE'S COMPANY (SOURCE WAS A CADET MAJOR). ON ONE OCCASION, DURING LEADER-SHIP LAB, SOURCE CORRECTED WHITE WHO WAS IMPROPERLY EXECUTING THE HIGH AND LOW CRAWLS. WHITE REACTED INDIGNANTLY AT FIRST; BUT AFTER SOURCE EXPLAINED WHAT HE DID WRONG, WHITE ADJUSTED AND CONTINUED TO PERFORM. ALSO IN SEP 81, ANOTHER CADET (NFI) TOOK ONE OF WHITE'S BOOKS FROM HIS ROOM VIOLENTLY ANGRY, WHITE DRAPED TOILET WHITE'S BOOKS FROM HIS ROOM . VIOLENTLY ANGRY, WHITE DRAPED T PAPER ON THE CADET'S DORMITORY DOOR AND SET IT ON FIRE. SOURCE CAUGHT WHITE IN THE ACT OF SETTING THE BLAZE AND LAUGHING ABOUT IT. MERLINO VERBALLY CENSURED WHITE AND THREATENED TO GET HIM DISMISSED FROM KMSC. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WHITE ADVISED THAT HE WANTED TO LEAVE SCHOOL. HE WAS COUNSELED BY COLONEL JOHNNY PARKER, SCHOOL COMMANDANT. PARKER ASKED SOURCE FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION. SOURCE SYMPATHIZED WITH WHITE BUT COULD NOT RECOMMEND HIM FOR A COMMISSION IN THE US ARMY BECAUSE OF HIS APPARENT IMMATURITY. 10. (C) AROUND 26 SEP 81, BEFORE WHITE LEFT KMSC, HE TOLD SOURCE HE WAS LEAVING THE SCHOOL. WHITE SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO BE AN OFFICER, BECAUSE HE WAS "FED UP WITH THE BULLSHIT AND THE ASS-KISSING". HE ADDED THAT HE WAS GOING TO ENLIST IN THE ARMY AND BECOME "THE BEST DAWN NO HE COULD BE BY HIS COMMENTS AND HIS TONE OF VOICE DURING THIS AND OTHER CONVERSATIONS, WHITE INDICATED THAT HE WASN'T GETTING WHAT HE DESERVED FROM SOCIETY. SOURCE WISHED HIM LUCK AND NEVER SAW OR HEARD FROM HIM AGAIN. 11. (C) SOURCE WAS NOT TOTALLY SURPRISED WHEN HE READ OF WHITE'S DEFECTION TO NORTH KOREA. IT SEEMED TO FIT IN WITH HIS PERSONALITY. SOURCE GUESSED THAT WHITE'S ACTION RESULTED FROM THE CULMINATION OF HIS DISAPPOINTMENTS. WHITE-PROBABLY-BECAME-DISILLUSIONED-WITH-THE. ARMY_OR_HIS_UNIT_AND_HAD_PROBABLY_ENTERTAINED_THOUGHTS_ABOUT DEFECTING FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER, IT WAS MOST LIKELY ONE PARTICULAR INCIDENT_THAT_PROMPTED_HIM_TO_TAKE_ACTION. WHERE_ONCE_WHITE_WAS_A FAILURE_IN_U-S-_SOCIETY_HE_GAINED_NOTORIETY_AND_AN_INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE_THROUGH_HIS_DEFECTION SOURCE_BELIVED_THAT_THE_TEXT_OF THE REMARKS-ATTRIBUTED_TO-WHITE_BY_THE_GOVERNMENT_OF_NORTH_KOREA SOUNDED_LIKE_WHITE-S_WORDS_AND_MANNER_OF_SPEECH, AND_COULD_VERY_WELL HAVE_BEEN_AUTHORED-BY_WHITE, __AT, LEAST THEY PARALLELED-WHITE'S IDEALISTIC BUT NAIVE SOCIO-POLITICAL VIEWS. 12. (U) OTHER SOURCES FROM KMSC WHO KNEW WHITE BETTER OR WHO COULD CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDED: COL JOHNNY PARKER. (TEL: 816-882-5623), RICHARD J. HATCH, 2LT USAR, A NATIVE OF PENN-

SYLVANIA, WHO KNEW WHITE BETTER THAN ANYONE, CAPTAIN MICHAEL R. BASISTA, SGM JAMES MCKANE, AND MSG STEPHEN G. HINK. 13. (U)_POC<u>FOR_THIS_REPORT</u>IS_S/A_ALFRED-M___MEMOLE___FORT_DEVENS. RESIDENT_OFFICE_, AV 256-2001, (ON LEAVE 13 THRU 17 SEP 82). 14. (U) DELAY IN REPORTING AROSE FROM DIFFICULTIES IN IDENTIFYING

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