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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Herman Kimsey

1. On 23 July, Mrs. (Thea⁰³ Hall) advised the following regarding her call from Mr. Kimsey. Mr. Kimsey did not directly question her on activities of individuals within the Questioned Documents Section of TSD. She, however, had a strong impression that he was well informed on what was going on on a rather current basis. He appeared to be aware that Mrs. (Hall⁰³) had changed her location of employment. [As he has done in the past, he indicated that he knew that Lon Thomas was not working hard and for all intents and purposes was not doing his job. He indicated that Jan Beck was overworked because he had to carry most of the load in QDS and that he might be considering getting another job. Kimsey appeared to be concerned regarding this, as he had predicted it in the past, and he felt that if this happened, the QDS capability would be lost to TSD and the Agency.] Kimsey considers himself responsible for all the good work involved in the establishment of the QDS capability in TSD. Kimsey further reiterated that desk officers within TSD had advised him that there is no respect for QDS in TSD, that work they sent to QDS to be done usually was not done in time, thus in decision making they do not want for the QDS input.

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In addition, Kimsey stated that he had talked to people returning from Okinawa who said that at the time of Lon Thomas's TDY to Okie about a year ago, Thomas didn't do any work and would not handle their problems.)

2. Kimsey talked at length about his work, reiterating that he was in charge of security for Goldwater's campaign during his campaign. He claimed that he has recently been asked to handle security requirements for Martin Luther King's forthcoming trip to Washington, and that when the job was offered he was advised that four additional people would be required, and that he would be paid \$10 a hour for his services. He indicated that he declined this job offer because he felt that some people around Dr. King were interested in other causes. Kimsey advised that he was currently involved in selling electronic alarm systems, that they have a contract to install such a system in the new Kuwait Embassy on Connecticut Avenue. Mrs. (Hall) indicated that he was not doing this on his own, but had a friend (name not given) who is unknown in with him. Kimsey inferred that he also had a prospect for a similar job with the Belgian Embassy. Kimsey went on to say that he has close contacts with the UAR Embassy in Washington. He described the Ambassador as being a journalist by profession and that both he and his wife were born in Palistine. Kimsey apparently discussed the dichotomy of this but inferred that it was pretty common knowledge and the subject of some joking around town.

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3. Kimsey continues to be deeply involved in the Goleniewski case which was publicised in the Washington Daily News on 19 June 1965. He still thinks that this man is the son of Czar Nicholas II, and that none of this family died in the Bolshevik massacre as reported at the time. At this point, he indicated that he continues to work closely with the security people at Langley seeing them every few days on this matter. In addition, he stated that he had close liaison with the FBI. Kimsey said that a translation of some papers connected with the Anastasia case will soon be published in California, and that these papers make no reference to the fact that members of his family were killed in 1918. Eugenia Smith, who claims to be Anastasia, a woman now in her middle 60's, was said to be suing Speller & Co. over publishing of the Anastasia book. Kimsey inferred that Eugenia Smith is a nymphomaniac, has a daughter and a granddaughter who are living behind the Iron Curtain, and who are blackmailing her not to accept the identity of Anastasia. He further inferred that she has travelled quite a number of times to Europe and that recently she has had difficulty with the immigration authorities who might deport her. Her trial is due to come up in October, 1965.

4. A questioning of Mrs. ^{o3}(Hall) regarding her assessment of the personal characteristics and stability of Kimsey reflects the following. Mrs. ^{o3}(Hall) said that Kimsey, while an Agency employee, had psychiatric problems and at one time had been

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seeing a psychiatrist. She does not know further details regarding this. When he left the Agency (701), he was visibly shaken and upset, however, his basic pride and personality prevented him from showing outward ^{concern} ~~agony~~ at the decision. He instead covered up/his many references to the many other jobs that ~~he~~ had been offered to him in the Agency or made references to the fact that he was not leaving at all, but would be working as a consultant on some of the more important Agency problems. Mrs. ⁰³ (Hall) indicates that she considers him to be a paranoiac. He however alleges that he has strong loyalties to the Agency and tries to always continue the facade that he is current on matters relating to the Agency and is importantly involved in Agency activities. He continues to live at VICTORIAN Hotel in Washington, basically a very lonely person.

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