

2 August 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR : General Counsel
Director of Security

FROM : S.D. Breckinridge

SUBJECT : HSCA Request of 20 July 1978 -
OLC-78-2728

1. Attached is correspondence from the DDO focal point on the HSCA investigation, responding to Question #2 of reference. It states that there are and have been no agreements (at least not as described in the HSCA request) between CIA and the FBI, or other government agencies, that pertain to the Agency's responsibilities to report on U.S. citizens abroad who contact Communist embassies or officials. It also states that current legislation forbids such reporting.

2. Attached are copies of papers collected by O/IG during the Rockefeller Commission's inquiry; I recall that there was a 1966 agreement, which is not in these papers. In any event they do not seem to contain a specific provision such as is envisioned in the report. It is possible that interpretations of NSCID and DCID provisions resulted in routine reporting of such contacts, although there were no agreements, per se, for such action. Since the promulgation of Executive Orders 11905 and 12036 there have been limitations on reporting on U.S. persons, which may affect past practice. However, this office is not in a position to provide an Agency position on this issue.

3. It is requested that you coordinate with the DDO in preparing an answer to an Agency response to the HSCA question.


S.D. Breckinridge

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FROM: CHIEF, FOREIGN RESOURCES DIVISION

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH THE FBI

1. ATTACHED HERewith IS THE SUBSTANCE OF A LETTER FROM FBI HQS TO ITS EIGHT FIELD OFFICES IN CITIES WHERE FR BASES ARE LOCATED. THIS LETTER IS AIMED AT CLARIFYING A NUMBER OF BASIC FACTS REGARDING THE MISSION OF DDO IN GENERAL AND FR DIVISION ACTIVITIES IN THE USA IN PARTICULAR, AND IT SPELLS OUT IN SOME DETAIL OUR AGREED INTERPRETATION OF SOME OF THE HISTORICALLY MORE TROUBLESOME ASPECTS OF THE

1966 AGREEMENT.

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2. WE WERE ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED WITH THE OPENING PARAGRAPHS OF THE LETTER WHICH EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT FR IS CARRYING OUT A U.S. GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT IN ITS RECRUITMENT OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, AND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THE USA WITH FULL BUREAU CONCURRENCE. ANOTHER BASIC POINT WHICH THE LETTER MAKES IS THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE GUIDELINES (1966 AGREEMENT) IS TO PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, NOT ENABLE THE BUREAU TO MONITOR OUR OPERATIONS.

3. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION INVOLVED IN DRAFTING THIS LETTER, BUT NO REAL STICKY DIFFERENCES AROSE. WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO GIVE ADDRESSEES SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AS BACKGROUND FOR ANY TALKS YOU MAY HAVE ON THESE SUBJECTS WITH YOUR FIELD OFFICE CONTACTS. THESE ARE SET OUT BELOW:

A. PAGE 2, LAST PARAGRAPH: ON THE QUESTION OF WHAT FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE OF "PRESUMED INTEREST" TO THE BUREAU; WE AGREED THAT THIS CATEGORY CHANGED WITH WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AND THAT FR WOULD SIMPLY USE A COMMON SENSE JUDGMENT TO MAKE ITS CASE BY CASE DETERMINATION. WE AGREED THAT TRYING TO BROADEN OR LIMIT THE CATEGORY BY

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FURTHER DEFINITION WAS NOT PRACTICAL.

B. PAGE 3, TOP PARAGRAPH: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CRITERION OF OVERLAP AND/OR CONFLICT IS USED THERE THE SAME AS IN THE '66 AGREEMENT PARAGRAPH TWO CONCERNING BUREAU CONCURRENCE FOR RECRUITMENT APPROACHES.

C. PAGE 3, BOTTOM PARAGRAPH: ALTHOUGH WE ARE REQUIRED ON TO KEEP FBI APPRISED OF INFORMATION RELATING TO ITS COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND INTERNAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES, WE CONCURRED IN THIS REQUEST FOR MORE DETAILED AND TIMELY REPORTING ON CERTAIN CASES SINCE WE CONSIDERED THE DETAIL ASKED FOR TO BE OF DEMONSTRABLE CI VALUE AND TIME LIMITS TO BE REASONABLE. THE BUREAU WAS COMPLETELY AMENABLE TO LIMITING SUCH REQUIREMENTS TO CASES WHEREIN THEIR STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES WERE CLEARLY INVOLVED, AND WE WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED THE ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE FIELD OFFICES AND THE FBI TO WORK OUT THE LOCAL HANDLING OF ALL OTHER CASES, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THE "PRIOR NOTICE" REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH THREE OF '66 AGREEMENT. (NOTE THAT THIS ENTIRE PORTION OF THE LETTER INVOLVED TARGETS WHICH ARE HISTORICALLY AS WELL AS PRACTICALLY, IN THE BUREAU)

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"COUNTERINTELLIGENCE TERRITORY". IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE BUREAU HAS ALREADY AGREED TO PROVIDE US WITH CERTAIN TYPES OF OPERATIONAL INFORMATION IN EXCESS OF ANY EXISTING AGREEMENT, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED INITIALLY FAVORABLE REACTION TO PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS IN THE FUTURE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS REPORTING AGREEMENT WILL CAUSE YOU ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS, BUT IF IT SHOULD BE BROADENED OR INTERPRETED IN A WAY THAT YOU CONSIDER UNREASONABLE OR BURDENSOME, PLEASE ADVISE AND WE WILL TRY TO HAVE THE CRITERIA DEFINED MORE CLEARLY.

D. PAGE 4, BOTTOM PARAGRAPH: WE HAD CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT. THE BUREAU FELT THAT IN SOME INSTANCES WE WERE "STRETCHING" THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS INTO THE FIRST STAGES OF RECRUITMENT, AND IN SOME OTHERS WE WERE MOVING INTO RECRUITMENT WITHOUT FORMALLY SEEKING BUREAU CONCURRENCE AND COORDINATION. GOOD FAITH BEING PRESUMED, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT OUR PROBLEM WAS BOTH SEMANTIC AND ONE OF DEFINITION. THE BUREAU INSISTS, AND WE RECOGNIZE, THAT CONCURRENCE IN OUR PROCEEDING WITH ASSESSMENT CANNOT BE INTERPRETED AS CONCURRENCE TO MOVE BEYOND ASSESSMENT. THEY EXPLAIN THAT THEY

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OFTEN CONCUR IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF TARGETS IN WHOM THEY HAVE A VE
 ACTIVE "RECRUITMENT INTEREST" WITH BUREAU SOURCES IN TOUCH, ETC.
 HENCE, BEFORE THE AGENCY MOVES INTO THE ACTUAL RECRUITMENT OPERA
 THE BUREAU NEEDS SPECIFIC NOTICE IN ORDER TO ASSESS ITS OWN COUN
 INTELLIGENCE OR INTERNAL SECURITY EQUITIES AND MAKE A DECISION.

THE DEFINITIONS OF "ASSESSMENT" AND "RECRUITMENT" IN THE LE
 SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER; THE ONLY POSSIBLE AREA OF CONFUSI
 WOULD SEEM TO BE IN THE "PROCESS" OF RECRUITMENT. A SIMPLIFIED
 COMMON SENSE BREAKDOWN WOULD BE THAT ASSESSMENT IS THE OBTAINING
 AND ANALYZING OF INFORMATION CONCERNING A TARGET INDIVIDUAL TO E
 US TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT IT IS DESIRABLE AND/OR FEASIBLE T
 MOUNT A RECRUITMENT APPROACH; IF OUR ASSESSMENT IS AFFIRMATIVE,
 THEN MOVE INTO THE RECRUITMENT PHASE - PRIOR TO WHICH MOVE WE MU
 SEEK BUREAU CONCURRENCE AND COORDINATION.

WE INTERPRET MANIPULATION OF A TARGET VIA SOCIAL CONTACTS,
 MANY CASES BY OVERT, LEGAL, NONCOMPROMISING BUSINESS ARRANGEME
 TO BE PART OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS; THAT IS, AN ATTEMPT TO OBT
 INFORMATION REGARDING HIS VULNERABILITY, STRENGTH, IDEOLOGY,

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ASPIRATIONS, ETC., ALL OF WHICH ARE PERTINENT TO OUR DECISION TO OR NOT GO" FOR A RECRUITMENT APPROACH. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE INTERPRET A COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS IN ANY WAY COVERT OR QUASI-LEGAL OR IS A PLANNED STEPPING STONE TO THE PLANNED INTRODUCTION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST, TO BE PART OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS, TO REQUIRE PRIOR BUREAU CONCURRENCE.

E. PAGE 4, BOTTOM PARAGRAPH: BASES WILL NOTE THAT WE AGREED TO CONSIDER AGENTS RECRUITED IN THE U.S. WHO REMAIN HERE-SAME AS AGENTS RECRUITED ABROAD WHO COME HERE FOR TOURS OR VISITS. ALTHOUGH ONLY THE LATTER ARE SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT, WE FELT IMPLICITLY IT INCLUDED THE FORMER. WE FEEL THAT OUR EQUITIES ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY THE VERY SPECIFIC TERMINOLOGY OF PARAGRAPHS FIVE AND SIX OF THE 1966 AGREEMENT. NOTE ALSO THAT ALTHOUGH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX OF THE 1966 AGREEMENT ARE ALL-ENCOMPASSING, WE ARE IN PRACTICE CONCERNED ONLY WITH THOSE AGENTS, OPERATIONS AND SOURCES WHO HAVE REAL OR POTENTIAL CONTACT OR CAPABILITY IN THE FIELDS OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND/OR INTERNAL SECURITY; THAT IS, WHO ARE OF KNOWN OR PRESUMED INTEREST TO THE

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BUREAU. IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US, HOWEVER, TO BE METICULOUS IN DETERMINATION OF "PRESUMED" INTEREST AND TO LEAN TOWARDS THAT PRESUMPTION WHEREVER THERE IS ANY DOUBT

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