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Mr. David W. Belin  
Executive Director  
Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States

Dear Mr. Belin:

This is in effect a status report on responses to the requests you made in your letter of 30 January 1975 to Mr. Colby.

With regard to the 31 numbered requests, following is the status:

1. There is considerable detail on this subject contained in Annexes A, B, C, and D of Mr. Colby's report to the President of 24 December 1974 and in Appendix I of the Director's 13 January 1975 statement to the Commission. We will shortly provide you with a description of the extent and nature of the files involved in this activity.

Several of the codewords listed in your 30 January letter relate to this activity:

MHPASHA (your #13) was the original codename assigned to the activity;

MHCHAOS (your #14) was its follow-on;

MHVAPOR (your #15) was the new designator following the DCI's issuance of policy guidance on 29 August 1973.

2. A report is in preparation.

3. The "unauthorized entry" list, is now five in number--an outgrowth of our continuing review. The years involved are 1965, 1966, 1969, 1970, and 1971. Included in this are REDFACE (your #5) and SIESTA (your #3). Reports on each have been or soon will be supplied to you.

4. Summaries are being provided. The case of the two newspaper reporters is MOCKINGBIRD (your #6).

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5. Physical surveillance of the five reporters has been reported to you under CELOTEX (your #7) and MUDHEN (formerly CELOTEX II - your #8). One of three cases involving employees or ex-employees is BUTANE (your #4). All in this category has been or will soon be sent to you. Additional cases of surveillance of employees have been identified and will be reported to you.

6. This is PARAGON (your #2). A report will soon be sent.

7. This involves projects TROCTONAL and AZLINEN (Headquarters building) and ZRALIKE (NPIC). Reports will soon be submitted.

8. The Office of Security dissident monitoring activity in the Washington, D.C. area was carried out under Project MERRIMAC (your #12). The project for collecting information in other areas was called RESISTANCE. Material on both projects has been or is being provided in separate folders.

9. This item is being provided in a separate folder with the title "Security Vulnerabilities Index."

10. Three programs have been identified concerned with mail coverage of Communist countries, as follows:

New York City - SRPOINTER (your #9)

San Francisco - MKSOURDOUGH/WESTPOINTER

Hawaii - No code name assigned

One program did not involve U.S. Mail but covered surveillance of mail while in the custody of the U.S. Customs Office in New Orleans - SETTER. Another program involved intercept of mail in New York City involving one individual, a Pakistanian. The project was called SRINDIAN. Reports on these projects are being or have been submitted to you in separate folders. Also, a summary of the mail operations is being provided in a separate folder.

11. This was a very small program directed toward obtaining names of those involved in telephone exchanges, but information on message content was not sought. Material is being assembled and will be provided in a separate folder.

12. There are two programs to insert individuals into dissident groups in the U.S. for the ultimate purpose of collecting foreign intelligence overseas:

MHCHAOS - (your #14). An activity of the Counter-Intelligence Staff.

MPLODESTAR - (your #1). An activity of the East Asia Division.

Material on MPLODESTAR is being provided in a separate folder.

13. Audio surveillance is a topic of continuing research. As soon as possible we will provide a summary document. Additional details on specific cases will be available upon request.

14 and 15. Reports will be submitted shortly.

16. A short report will be submitted soon. The project dealing with foreign national physicians is called HMNIECE.

17. This is a very large requirement. Inasmuch as Appendix M was already prepared in a reasonably complete form, we are currently attempting to provide material related to pages 3 through 9 of the attachment to the Inspector General's memorandum of May 21, 1973.

18. This is a very complex question which we have divided into three parts. One summary paper covers our involvement in research on techniques for influencing human behavior and on methods of protecting Agency personnel against hostile use of drugs or "brain working" techniques. This paper will be available shortly in a separate folder. Another paper will cover the development and testing of intelligence related equipment and related research activities, including the testing of equipment to intercept conversations or electronic signals and the testing of overhead reconnaissance systems. A third paper will cover testing of equipment measuring physiological responses in human subjects. These last two papers will be submitted as soon as possible.

19. This will soon be available.

20. This is the Nosenko case. A report has been submitted.

21. At the request of our then Deputy General Counsel, Mr. John Warner, the Central Cover Staff provided alias birth certificates for a family of four. This met a request of the Department of Justice for redocumenting a witness who had testified against former District Attorney Garrison of New Orleans. The only other salient details on this were covered by the Director in his statement to the Commission on 27 January 1975.

22. Agreement was reached with you that we would provide copies of material dealing with the Watergate affair which had been turned over to the Special Prosecutor. We are in the process of supplying this material.

23. A report will be submitted shortly.

24. There are two short, separate statements pertaining to this request we will submit under the title "Vesco - Investors Overseas Service."

25. A report will soon be submitted.

26. In 1959 the Office of Security's Field Officer in Los Angeles made arrangements for an unmarried female to accompany a foreign dignitary to a dinner. She is now a happily married woman in New York City. We think these details should suffice.

27. Material will be provided under a separate cover.

28. A statement will be submitted soon.

29. This is part of the operations under question 31 and will not be commented on separately.

30. This request has been divided into two reports, one covering polygraph support to other agencies and one covering the relationship with the San Mateo County Sheriff's office. These two reports will be submitted shortly in a single folder.

31. A summary covering primarily the coordination procedures involved in this type of activity will be submitted as soon as possible. It involves inter-Agency matters and may take a bit of time.

List of Code Words

1. MPLODESTAR - See question 12
2. PARAGON - See question 6
3. SIESTA - See question 3
4. BUTANE - See question 5
5. REDFACE - See question 3
6. MOCKINGBIRD - See question 4

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7. CELEOTEX I (now CELOTEX) - See question 5
8. CELOTEX II (now MUDHEN) - See question 5
9. SRPOINTER - See question 10
10. MKSOURDOUGH - See question 10
11. MHBOUND II - MHBOUND II is a proprietary which in the instance cited was involved in a project termed TWOFOLD. A separate folder has been submitted under this designator.
12. MERRIMAC - See question 8
13. MHPASHA - See question 1
14. MHCHAOS - See question 1
15. MHVAPOR - See question 1
16. LONGSHAFT - A short report will be submitted.
17. AELADLE - This is a subject I will take up with you orally.
18. KITTENS - A report is being submitted in a separate folder.
19. ANTLERS - I will take up with you orally.
20. LPMEDLEY - A report will be submitted soon.

In a meeting between Mr. Greene and Messrs. Taylor and Brody of this Agency, some agreement was reached as to how to respond to the next to the last paragraph in your letter, and the answer is in process.

Faithfully yours,

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