



January 22, 2021

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
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FOIPA Request No.: 1485587-000  
Subject: TOFTE, HANS V.

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 29 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail or fax to—Work Processing Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration  
Special Access and FOIA  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above. Please reference file number 140-HQ-10402, 105-HQ-11551 & 100-HQ-32820 in your correspondence.
- One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

- Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI’s FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state “Dispute Resolution Services.” Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:


- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit [www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records](http://www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records).
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

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## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

# CIA Aide Reports Gems Missing Following Visits by Colleagues

By Morton Mintz

Washington Post Staff Writer

An undercover investigation by the Central Intelligence Agency of one of its own high-level officials has brought the

agency another burst of bizarre publicity and serious charges about its methods of operation.

The story involves \$20,000 to \$30,000 in jewels discovered missing after a CIA visitation,

an 86-year-old woman in a state of shock and a house in a Georgetown neighborhood abounding with CIA brass.

The official, Hans V. Tofte, said last night that one CIA man, Kenneth R. Slocum, had "snooped" inside his home in an area that was "absolutely off limits" and had then reported what he found like "a good little boy."

Tofte said this was followed by a "stupid cloak and dagger raid" in which his mother-in-law had been bamboozled.

He said that all of this left him "outraged as a private citizen" and dismayed as a man with pride in the agency at its unprofessional performance.

In a separate interview, his wife Marlys shared her husband's outrage at what she called the "impertinence and ruthlessness" of the young CIA people "plowing through this house."

The account of the episode given by Tofte and his wife was backed by J. C. Chatel, a realtor who shared their anger and is now the owner of the house in question, a 3-story brick residence at 1667 35th st. nw.

But a spokesman for the CIA, Cmdr. John Moran, issued a statement defending the agency's role and saying that Slocum had seen "exposed classified documents in a private home . . . a violation of agency security regulations."

The complex story began in June when Tofte, 59, a World War II underground and commando hero, sold his house to Chatel's real estate firm, which then advertised it for rental or sale.

On July 23, Slocum, of 2811 See CIA, A10, Col. 1

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# Gems 'Missing' After CIA Visit

P st. nw., came with his wife to see about renting a basement apartment.

According to the CIA, Slocum was "not aware of Mr. Tofte's Agency affiliation" and was shown through the property by Tofte's mother-in-law, Charlotte Leister. The Toftes, however, said the couple was shown through by Melita Mollo, a saleswoman for the Chatel firm.

The CIA statement said that "Slocum noticed by chance classified agency material in one of the rooms being shown and reported this promptly to Agency security officials."

But the Toftes said that although Slocum had come to see a basement apartment he got into a third-floor area used by Tofte as a library and which was closed to everyone.

There, Tofte said, he had manuscript material for a textbook and CIA material taken home "by me for the purpose of homework." In a statement given to police last Saturday Tofte said taking papers home "is customary for executives and senior personnel, as well as employees of certain ranks and responsibilities."

The Agency's contention that Slocum discovered the CIA material by chance was countered by Mrs. Tofte, who said it was securely wrapped in a parcel preparatory to moving, and that the parcel was under a blanket that, in turn, was under a tarpaulin.

On Sunday, July 24, the CIA statement said, the Slocum couple returned to the 35th Street home with "Charles D. Speake, 4570 MacArthur blvd. nw., a security representative of this agency . . ."

"They were again admitted by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law and took custody of the classified material," the statement continued.

"Subsequently, Mr. Tofte advised a security official of this Agency that some jewelry belonging to his wife was missing.

"He was encouraged to report this immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department . . . which we understand is now investigating the reported loss. This Agency is cooperating fully with the authorities of the Seventh Precinct in this investigation."

The rebuttal made by the Toftes and Chatel includes these points:

found that the aged Mrs. Leister was alone and used "a little ruse"—pretending to be interested in the place and getting her permission to inspect it.

• Coming without a representative of the Chatel firm on the second visit and getting past the two Tofte poodles outside, the threesome got into the house.

• While one of them kept Mrs. Leister distracted with talk about the kitchen, fireplace, floors and flues, the third floor was entered—supposedly by the two men—and the papers were seized.

That night, Tofte said in his July 30 statement to police, he "was escorted to CIA headquarters at Langley and informed to some extent of the . . . action."

He said he was "taken under the supervision of Mr. Hank M. Shor." I requested to see my supervisor, Mr. Tracy Barnes, and later on the Agency's legal counsel, Mr. Lawrence Houston, in view of the bizarre circumstances surrounding the proceedings.

"I saw Mr. Barnes on Thursday, 28 July . . . I finally had a consultation with Mr. Houston on Friday . . . The latter informed me that my status as a CIA employe had now been revealed to the police.

"He did not seem to know that Mrs. Tofte of necessity and as a matter of routine, had reported the loss of her jewelry to both the police and one or more detectives of her insurance company.

"I have not made this statement before because I found it my duty to consult with CIA legal counsel prior to revealing names of people who have the details . . ."

The statement was a major element in a story about the episode broken Tuesday by Clark R. Mollenhoff in the Des Moines Register-Tribune.

The Toftes said that it was on July 25—the day after the "raid"—that they found missing not only the CIA material, but also the jewelry, which had been in a pouch in a closet on the first floor.

Mrs. Tofte said her insurance company valued the jewels at \$10,600 less than the \$30,000 at which it was appraised a decade ago. She put the present value at much more than \$30,000.

Also missing, she said, were some items, precious to her,

that had been on a mantelpiece on the first floor, and a silk purse.

Reached last night, the CIA said the Agency "didn't have anything to do with the disappearance" of the jewelry.

Mrs. Tofte ridiculed the CIA's claim that it had encouraged her husband to make a report to the police on the jewel theft.

She said she had made the report, on July 25, to Det. Reverdy C. Orm of the Seventh Precinct. His boss, Det. Lt. John Kline, said the disappearance of the jewels will be recorded as a grand larceny.

He attributed the lack of a report in police files—none had gone out over the police teletype as of last night—to confusion caused by the fact that the Tofte couple has been in the process of moving from 35th Street to Massachusetts Avenue.

Mrs. Tofte said her mother has been in a state of shock and seriously ill since the episode.

The Danish-born Tofte has been in the CIA about 16 years and is paid just under \$25,000 a year.

According to the story by Mollenhoff, of the Washington Bureau of Cowles Publications, Tofte was honored by the Danish, British and Yugoslavian governments for his feats in World War II. His ex-

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tegic Services, also in World War II, won him this Nation's Legion of Merit. In the Korean conflict he led CIA operations in Korea and Japan, according to Mollenhoff.

Mollenhoff said that Tofte had opposed the appointment of a professional CIA man to head the agency. The new CIA Director, Richard M. Helms, is a professional agency man, but Tofte said last night, "We're very good friends."

The Tofte episode comes only a few days after the CIA and particularly its new Director had come in for some other embarrassing publicity.

The other incident involved a letter to the editor, published by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, in which Helms praised an editorial in the newspaper that was critical of Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Last Friday Helms apologized publicly.

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To: SAC, WFO (65-9479)

From: Director, FBI <sup>REC-18</sup> 65-59238-1

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Consideration will be given to authorizing interview with subject upon receipt of information indicating whether data involved in case is actually classified; if so, whether it can be declassified in the event of prosecution. WFO should also determine from CIA what effect the disclosure of the information contained in the document would have on the national defense.

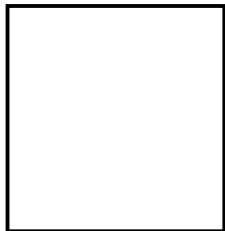
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NOTE:

Subject is a CIA employee. A document classified "Secret" was found in a former residence of subject's by the present occupant. WFO is checking with CIA for classification and declassification status of the document.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (65-9479) (P)  
HANS VILHELM TOFTE, aka  
Hans V. Tofte  
ESP-X  
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On 12/20/64, [Redacted]

[Redacted] an attorney in Washington, D. C.,  
and a [Redacted] SA GERALD T. GRIMALDI, advised  
SA GRIMALDI that while [Redacted] he dis-  
covered a document entitled [Redacted]

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[Redacted] which bore the  
classification stamp of "Secret."

[Redacted] furnished this document to SA GRIMALDI  
and stated that he believed that [Redacted]  
[Redacted] a HANS V. TOFTE was a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)  
Agent. [Redacted] stated that in the past he had burned  
other material which had [Redacted], possibly  
by TOFTE, but he had never thoroughly examined it and could  
not describe it.

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[Redacted] advised he [Redacted] some  
time in July, 1964, and that it was [Redacted] for  
a few months by [Redacted]

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[Redacted] TOFTE.

On 12/23/64, [Redacted] advised SA GRIMALDI that  
a search of [Redacted] had failed to locate any additional

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material which might have been left by TOFTE.

On 12/23/64, Mr. WILLIAM OSBORNE, Chief, Personnel Security Division, CIA, was contacted by SAs JAMES M. COADY and [redacted]

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(U) OSBORNE, after inspecting the document, advised that questions relating to its classification of "Secret" and whether it might be declassified should be answered by Colonel J. C. KING who was in charge of the Western Hemisphere section of CIA during 1959 - 1960, and who would have been TOFTE's superior.

(U) OSBORNE stated that in regard to the document, TOFTE was in charge of the survey team [redacted]

[redacted] OSBORNE advised that the document in question would seem to relate to this survey and he added its classification of "Secret" most likely was placed on the document by TOFTE himself. OSBORNE noted that the document, [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] most likely was prepared while the survey team was in the field or shortly after its return to Washington, D. C.

OSBORNE stated that TOFTE is still employed by CIA and presently is [redacted]

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(U) He stated TOFTE has just recently assumed this position and prior thereto from 1960 had been an instructor in the training of Covert Agents. OSBORNE said that from 1957 to 1960, TOFTE had been engaged as a supervisor of clandestine operations in Latin America. In this position he had been an employee of CIA [redacted]

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OSBORNE continued that TOFTE, in his positions with CIA has held a "Top Secret" clearance.

In this regard, TOFTE in his assignments would have had access to numerous classified documents. Also, he, himself, would have prepared documents which were classified concerning his various assignments.

OSBORNE continued that CIA would have no strict control of documents classified less than "Top Secret" and there would be no way that CIA could determine if other documents utilized by TOFTE or prepared by him were missing, unless reported by TOFTE, himself.

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In this regard, CIA personnel records indicate TOFTE had prepared a document in May, 1959, at his residence which he classified "Secret" and reported he had subsequently lost it the same day. The document had related to financial and accounting procedures and the difficulties encountered in the field. It had been classified "Secret" by TOFTE as it used such terms as "deep cover agent" and "indigenous operations." It had not contained specific operational information.

TOFTE notified his superiors he had prepared this report at his residence and apparently lost it later that date while en route to a restaurant.

Concerning classification of documents, OSBORNE stated that TOFTE would have the authority to classify his reports himself and also either he or a superior would have the authority to declassify it.

OSBORNE continued that a review of TOFTE's personnel records indicate no information which would indicate he might be a security risk. Also, there were no other reports indicating TOFTE had lost or mislaid CIA documents. He said that as indicated above there is no indication in the personnel files that the document in question was missing since it most likely was prepared by TOFTE himself.

OSBORNE also noted that allegations had been made against TOFTE in the mid 1950's and he had been investigated both by CIA and the Bureau.

According to OSBORNE, CIA records indicate subject resides at 1635 Suters Lane, N. W., Washington, D. C.

OSBORNE subsequently advised on 12/23/64, that Colonel KING is presently on an Agency assignment and would not be in Washington, D. C. until 1/4/65. He stated he would make arrangements for an interview with Colonel KING for that date.

Indices of WFO indicate that TOFTE was the subject of a SGE investigation in 1955-56, (Bufile 140-10402), after allegations received that TOFTE had been employed by the East Asiatic Company in 1931-37, which was reported to be a Soviet front. Other allegations bearing on TOFTE's administrative conduct were investigated by CIA. Results of the SGE investigation available to WFO indicate investigation failed to substantiate charges made against TOFTE.

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Indices of WFO also indicate subject interviewed on 2/26/64, by a Special Agent of WFO concerning a [redacted] whom subject had known in Mason City, Iowa. *THIS Set FORTH* WFOlet to Bureau dated 2/27/64, captioned [redacted] IS-R, " [redacted] an Iowa businessman, had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy about 10/2/63.

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WFO indices also indicate that on 11/24/64, [redacted] a PSI of WFO had advised that [redacted] [redacted] These two individuals are HANS VILHELM TOFTE and [redacted] [redacted]

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The above information was furnished to the Bureau by letter dated 12/3/64, Bufile [redacted]

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In order to bring this matter to a logical conclusion, Bureau authority is requested to interview subject concerning the document in question.

WFO will also contact Colonel KING on 1/4/65, concerning the classification of this document and other information he might furnish concerning subject.

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- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Wacks

Per referral response dated 4-4-2012

REC-33 65-69238-2

BY LIAISON

Date: January 13, 1965  
To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Chief, Personnel Security Division  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: HANS WILHELM TOFFE  
ESPIONAGE - X

There is enclosed for the Central Intelligence Agency a copy of a memorandum dated January 6, 1965, at Washington, D. C. A copy of the memorandum is being sent to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley.

It is noted that the subject, an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency, previously resided in Sterling, Virginia, and, when he moved, left in his residence a document classified "Secret." It is also noted that the contents of this document would have no effect on the national defense of the United States. In addition, this document is now obsolete and of no value. In view thereof, this Bureau is taking no further action in this case unless specifically requested to do so by Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley. In the event the Central Intelligence Agency takes any action in this matter, we would appreciate being furnished the results thereof.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General

2 - WFO (65-9479)

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NOTE:

This letter is classified "Secret" because CIA has so requested in view of fact subject is a CIA employee. We have also classified the letterhead memorandum for the same reason.

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Per referral response dated 4-4-2012

Date: 1/6/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, WFO (65-9479) (P)  
SUBJECT: HANS VILHELM TOFTE, aka  
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ReWFOairtel, dated 12/30/64. Enclosed herewith  
for the Bureau are 5 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned  
as above.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] furnished the document  
and information set forth in enclosed LHM to SA GERALD T.  
GRIMALDI, [Redacted] WILLIAM OSBORNE and  
J. C. KING of CIA were interviewed by SA's JAMES M. COADY  
and [Redacted]

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As set forth in referenced airtel, WILLIAM OSBORNE  
on 12/23/64, indicated the survey team was on a CIA operation.  
However, he stated he was talking "off the cuff", and that  
he was not too familiar with the operational aspects of CIA.  
He indicated J. C. KING would be the expert in this area.  
As set forth in enclosed LHM, KING stated the survey team

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Special Agent in Charge

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In view of the information furnished by KING, it is felt that this is an administrative matter which more properly should be handled within CIA. Also it is noted that both KING and OSBORNE indicated subject has held some extremely sensitive positions with CIA, the nature of which is highly restricted. ||

KING, during interview, had stated that in view of the subject's negligence in regard to the document in question, he felt subject should be interviewed either by the Bureau or by the proper CIA employees.

If the Bureau concurs that this matter should be handled within the CIA, either WFO or the Bureau liaison should notify WILLIAM OSBORNE of this decision. WFO will upon notification return the document in question to OSBORNE.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.  
January 6, 1965

HANS VILHELM TOFTE  
ESPIONAGE - X

*informant*

On December 20, 1964, Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] an attorney in Washington, D. C., advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that while [redacted] he discovered a document entitled [redacted]

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[redacted] and which bore the classification stamp "Secret".

[redacted] furnished this document to the Special Agent and stated that he believed that [redacted] a Hans V. Tofte, was a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Agent. [redacted] stated that in the past, he had burned other material which had been left [redacted] possibly by Tofte, but he had never thoroughly examined it and could not describe it.

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[redacted] advised he [redacted] sometime in July, 1964, and that it was [redacted] a few months by [redacted]

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[redacted] Tofte.

On December 23, 1964, [redacted] advised that a search of [redacted] had failed to locate any additional material which might have been left by Tofte.

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On December 23, 1964, Mr. William Osborne, Chief, Personnel Security Division, CIA, advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after inspecting the document in question, that questions relating to its classification of "Secret" and whether it might be declassified should be answered by Colonel J. C. King, who was subject's superior during the period 1959-60. Osborne advised that Tofte is still employed by CIA and holds "Top Secret" Clearance. According to Osborne, a review of his personnel records indicates that subject was Chief of a survey team [redacted]

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[redacted] and in this position would have had authority to classify documents himself. Also, either he or his superior would have the authority to declassifiy it. Osborne continued that a review of subject's personnel records indicate no information which might reflect on his loyalty.

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According to these records, subject presently resides at [redacted]

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On January 4, 1965, Mr. J. C. King, Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Plans, CIA, advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that subject [redacted] had been in charge of a survey team [redacted]

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Concerning the classification of "Secret" of the document in question, King stated he felt that this classification was proper at that time. He said that the document, [redacted]

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[redacted] would most likely have been classified in order to restrict its dissemination to help insure that it would not be made known [redacted]

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He added that the document most likely would have been classified by the subject himself and prepared by the team either [redacted] or shortly after they returned to the United States.

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King stated that the document would not now affect the national defense of the United States and could be declassified. He indicated the document was now obsolete and of no value.

In inspecting the document in question, King stated that some of the recommendations submitted by the team had been approved and are still being carried out by the United States Government.

Concerning subject's possession of the document at his home, King advised the document most likely had been prepared so that the subject, as Chief of the team, could more properly explain the team's findings when presenting them to various officials at the Department of Defense and the United States Department of State. He theorized that the subject could have taken the graph to such a meeting and subsequently carried it home with him. He noted that while subject would have authority to take the document to his home under such circumstances, leaving this document at his former residence indicated considerable negligence.

In regard to his association with the subject, King said he had found him to be a capable and reliable staff officer, and he had no reason to doubt his loyalty. He added that subject had held positions of considerable importance at CIA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: August 10, 1966

FROM : [Redacted]

SUBJECT: HANS VILHELM TOFTE  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

This is to advise CIA employees [Redacted] and [Redacted] were polygraphed by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) concerning their involvement in the theft of jewels allegedly taken from the home of CIA employee Hans V. Tofte.

On 8/9/66, Mr. Howard Osborn, Director of Security, CIA, advised the Liaison Agent that at the instructions of Mr. Richard Helms, Director of CIA, CIA polygraphed CIA employee [Redacted], his wife, and CIA employee [Redacted].

The results of the polygraph examinations indicate that neither [Redacted] or [Redacted] have any knowledge concerning the reported theft of these jewels.

This is the case which has received considerable newspaper publicity involving an allegation by CIA employee Tofte to the effect that CIA employees had entered his residence on or about July 23, 1966, and had removed CIA classified documents from the residence. Tofte alleged subsequent to the visit by the CIA employees jewelry amounting to between twenty and thirty thousand dollars was missing from his residence. Tofte has accused CIA in the press for a "stupid cloak-and-dagger raid."

We are not becoming involved in this case from the standpoint of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property inasmuch as there is considerable doubt that the jewels were actually stolen.

**ACTION:**

For information.

[Redacted]

- 1-Mr. DeLoach
- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. [Redacted]
- 1-Liaison
- 1-Mr. Cregar

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Liaison (Papich)
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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To: SACs, WFO  
EX-102 Richmond

From: Director, FBI *REC 12 65-69258-4* 10

HANS VILHELM TOFTE, aka  
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INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

*Hans V. Tofte*

ReWFOairtel 8/3/66 concerning captioned individual,  
with copies to Richmond, under the character "Miscellaneous -  
Information Concerning."

This confirms instructions furnished to WFO that Bureau  
considers the reported unauthorized possession of classified CIA  
documents by subject to be an administrative matter to be handled  
by CIA and not one in which we should become involved. Discon-  
tinue all action concerning the classified documents.  
No action is to be taken concerning the alleged  
Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property violation.

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NOTE:

See memorandum [redacted] to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
dated 8/4/66, captioned as above, prepared by [redacted]

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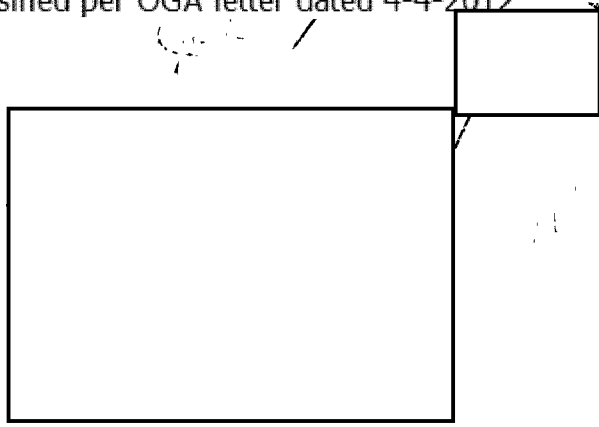
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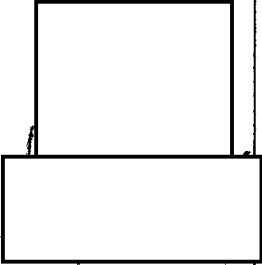
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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (62- New) (RUC)

HANS VILHELM TOFTE, aka  
Hans V. Tofte  
Employee, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(OO:RH)



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Enclosed to Richmond are two copies of an LHM concerning HANS VILHELM TOFTE.

Reference is made to WFO airtel to Bureau dated 12/30/64 entitled, "HANS VILHELM TOFTE, aka: ESPIONAGE - X (OO:WFO)" wherein one [redacted] on 12/20/64, had advised that while [redacted] he discovered a document entitled [redacted]

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[redacted] and which bore the classification "Secret." This document was furnished to the WFO by [redacted] He also said that he believed [redacted] HANS V. TOFTE, was a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Agent.

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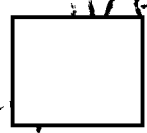
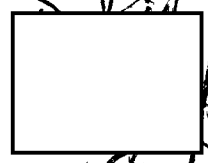
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[redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, CPD, Washington, D. C., on 8/3/66 informed SAs [redacted] and WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB that he does not believe the reported theft of jewelry from the residence of HANS V. TOFTE, 1667 35th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on 7/24/66 described in enclosed LHM, is a legitimate theft, as it appears that TOFTE caused the theft to be reported to counter CIA's possible charge against him for unauthorized possession of classified documents.

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In view of the opinion of [redacted] WFO is conducting no investigation concerning information set out in enclosed LHM.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM and two copies for Richmond.

As CIA classified documents mentioned in LHM are reported to have been removed from headquarters of CIA, Langley Virginia; Richmond is being designated as office of origin.

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AT LANGLEY, VIRGINIA UACB, will make inquiry of Personnel Security Office, CIA Headquarters, for information concerning violation by HANS VILHELM TOFTE within Bureau jurisdiction in connection with his reported unauthorized possession of CIA classified documents.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535  
August 3, 1966

Mrs HANS VILHELM TOFTE  
EMPLOYEE, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

On August 3, 1966, [redacted]  
[redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, Precinct Number Seven,  
Washington, D. C., furnished Special Agents of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation the following information:

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Approximately 11:09 p.m. on July 25, 1966,

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[redacted] telephonically  
advised the Police Department that [redacted] were  
in the process of moving to another address and that a quantity  
of jewelry was missing from a first floor closet at [redacted]  
residence. [redacted] did not know how many jewels were missing,  
or a description of the jewels or the value of the jewels.  
[redacted] stated she would come to the precinct the following day  
and make a report. [redacted] did report to the precinct on  
July 26, 1966, and gave a list of missing jewelry valued in  
excess of \$18,000. [redacted] also advised that some manuscripts  
of [redacted] were also missing.

Officers of the precinct conducted an investigation.  
They were unable to determine the manner of entry to the house.  
The jewelry was missing sometime between 8:00 a.m., on July 24,  
1966, and 11:00 p.m., July 25, 1966.

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The house [redacted] Tofte [redacted] resided in had [redacted] the building. On July 23, 1966, a [redacted] an employee of [redacted] brought a couple to look at the basement apartment. [redacted] Tofte [redacted] were not at home, but they were admitted to the residences by [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ (U) On Sunday morning, July 24, 1966, [redacted] had [redacted] jewels in [redacted] hand as [redacted] intended to take them to [redacted] new residence, but decided against this inasmuch as the safe in the new residence needed to have the combination changed. [redacted] replaced the bag of jewels on the shelf in a closet on the first floor and placed another cloth bag in front of the bag containing the jewels. Later that same evening [redacted] found the jewels missing.

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~~(S)~~ (U) Investigation determined that [redacted] and his wife [redacted] were the persons interested in renting the apartment. When they got in the building, July 23, 1966, they were informed that a third floor apartment was also available for rent. [redacted] went to look at the third floor, and while there noted a stack of "Secret" and other classified documents about twenty inches high bearing CIA name and symbol. [redacted] is a recent employee of CIA and was quite concerned over classified documents being in a house. He took a sample of the documents and reported it to the Security Office of CIA.

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~~(S)~~ (U) CIA Security Personnel agreed that [redacted] should return to the house the following day, July 24, 1966, inasmuch as they were told they could come back and again look at the apartment. [redacted] was telephoned and she informed them it would be all right to come back, that she would leave the front door open, and they could go directly into the house.

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[redacted] CIA Security Officer, accompanied [redacted] to the house. [redacted] after talking with [redacted] went to the third floor, saw the documents were still there and notified the others. They all left the building,

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but then decided to have [redacted] talk with [redacted] while [redacted] went to the third floor and obtained the documents. [redacted] was to drive the car to the front of the building, which she did and the documents were loaded into the car and taken to CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

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~~(U)~~ Investigation determined that Hans V. Tofte and [redacted] were the residents of the house and that [redacted] had a small apartment on the second floor. [redacted] was described as an elderly lady who uses a cane to walk.

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~~(U)~~ [redacted] interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] and they know nothing about the missing jewelry.

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# Memorandum

Per referral reponse dated 4-4-2012

- Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Conrad  
[Redacted]

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 8/3/66

FROM :

[Redacted]

- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - W. O. Cregar

[Redacted] Trotter  
[Redacted] Tele. Room  
[Redacted] Holmes

SUBJECT: REPORTED JEWEL THEFT BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) EMPLOYEE, HANS V. TOFTE, VALUED AT \$20,000 to \$30,000 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

This is to advise that the 8/3/66 edition of "The Washington Post" contains an article (attached) entitled "CIA Aide Reports Gems Missing Following Visits by Colleagues." Briefly, this article alleges that CIA "undercover" agents visited the home of one of its own high-level officials, Hans V. Tofte, while he was absent and removed CIA classified documents from the Tofte residence. Subsequently, Tofte discovered \$20,000 to \$30,000 worth of jewels missing from his residence and criticized CIA for a "stupid cloak and dagger raid." CIA's position in this matter is set out below.

On 8/2/66, Howard Osborn, Director of Security, CIA, advised the Liaison Agent that Tofte has been a controversial figure at CIA for many years. He is not a high-level official of that Agency.

The sequence of events leading up to the attached newspaper article, as CIA reports them, are as follows: b1 b3 per CIA

On Saturday, 7/23/66, CIA employee, [Redacted] and his wife, visited the house located at 1667 35th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., which was advertized for sale by the J. C. Chatel Realty Company. Although [Redacted] did not know this the house at this address was owned by Mr. Hans Tofte, also an employee of CIA. b1 b3 per CIA

On 7/23/66, [Redacted] were shown through the Tofte house by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law through arrangements made by the Chatel Realty Company. During the course of the visit, [Redacted] noticed by chance classified CIA material in one of the rooms being shown. He immediately reported this fact to security officials of CIA. Inasmuch as the possession of classified CIA documents in a private home constitutes a violation of a CIA security regulation, [Redacted] and [Redacted] a security representative of CIA, returned to the Tofte residence on Sunday, 7/24/66. They were again admitted by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law and thereafter took custody of approximately 4570 MAC ARTHUR BLVD, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. Enc.

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Memorandum to W. C. Sullivan

From [redacted]

RE: REPORTED JEWEL THEFT BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) EMPLOYEE, HANS V. TOFTE, VALUED AT \$20,000 to \$30,000

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mately 172 documents, one third of which were classified "Secret" and above.

On Monday, 7/25/66, Mr. Tofte made a passing reference to CIA officials that some jewelry was missing from his home. He was advised at that time that any loss of personal property is a police matter and should be reported to the Metropolitan Police Department. Again on Wednesday, 7/27/66, Tofte was more definite with CIA officials about the loss of some jewelry. At this time, he indicated the amount to be \$50,000. Tofte was again encouraged to report this immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department, which he did do on Thursday, 7/28/66.

~~(S)~~ (U) Osborn advised the Liaison Agent that Tofte has admitted he originally leaked the story of the missing jewels to a representative of the "Minneapolis Tribune" on 8/2/66. He has consistently changed the value of the missing jewels, each time lowering the value considerably. CIA is of the belief that there are no missing jewels and that the story is a fabrication on the part of Tofte to cover up the fact he violated Agency rules in bringing classified information home.

~~(S)~~ (U) On the evening of 8/2/66, Osborn advised the Liaison Agent that the Metropolitan Police Department expects to interview [redacted] and [redacted] at 7th Precinct Headquarters at 9 a.m. on 8/3/66. CIA contemplates calling Tofte in at 10 a.m. on the morning of 8/3/66 and confronting him with the fact that he did violate Agency rules in bringing classified information home. Unless Tofte has a satisfactory explanation, he will be suspended and a board of CIA officials will be convened to adjudicate his case. CIA is convinced there are no security implications connected with this matter.

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Primary jurisdiction for thefts of this nature rest with the local police department. However, our Washington Field Office is following developments in this case with the Metropolitan Police Department to determine if there is any evidence of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property.

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# CIA Aide Reports Gems Missing Following Visits by Colleagues

By Morton Mintz

Washington Post Staff Writer

An undercover investigation by the Central Intelligence Agency of one of its own high-level officials has brought the

agency another burst of bizarre publicity and serious charges about its methods of operation.

The story involves \$20,000 to \$30,000 in jewels discovered missing after a CIA visitation,

an 86-year-old woman in a state of shock and a house in a Georgetown neighborhood abounding with CIA brass.

The official, Hans V. Tofte, said last night that one CIA man, Kenneth R. Slocum, had "snooped" inside his home in an area that was "absolutely off limits" and had then reported what he found like "a good little boy."

Tofte said this was followed by a "stupid cloak and dagger raid" in which his mother-in-law had been bamboozled.

He said that all of this left him "outraged as a private citizen" and dismayed as a man with pride in the agency at its unprofessional performance.

In a separate interview, his wife Marlys shared her husband's outrage at what she called the "impertinence and ruthlessness" of the young CIA people "plowing through this house."

The account of the episode given by Tofte and his wife was backed by J. C. Chatel, a realtor who shared their anger and is now the owner of the house in question, a 3-story brick residence at 1667 35th st. nw.

But a spokesman for the CIA, Cmdr. John Moran, issued a statement defending the agency's role and saying that Slocum had seen "exposed classified documents in a private home . . . a violation of agency security regulations."

The complex story began in June when Tofte, 59, a World War II underground and commando hero, sold his house to Chatel's real estate firm, which then advertised it for rental or sale.

On July 23, Slocum, of 2811

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# Gems 'Missing' After CIA Visit

P st. nw., came with his wife to see about renting a basement apartment.

According to the CIA, Slocum was "not aware of Mr. Tofte's Agency affiliation" and was shown through the property by Tofte's mother-in-law, Charlotte Leister. The Toftes, however, said the couple was shown through by Melita Mollo, a saleswoman for the Chatel firm.

The CIA statement said that "Slocum noticed by chance classified agency material in one of the rooms being shown and reported this promptly to Agency security officials."

But the Toftes said that although Slocum had come to see a basement apartment he got into a third-floor area used by Tofte as a library and which was closed to everyone.

There, Tofte said, he had manuscript material for a textbook and CIA material taken home "by me for the purpose of homework." In a statement given to police last Saturday Tofte said taking papers home "is customary for executives and senior personnel, as well as employees of certain ranks and responsibilities."

The Agency's contention that Slocum discovered the CIA material by chance was countered by Mrs. Tofte, who said it was securely wrapped in a parcel preparatory to moving, and that the parcel was under a blanket that, in turn, was under a tarpaulin.

On Sunday, July 24, the CIA statement said, the Slocum couple returned to the 35th Street home with "Charles D. Speake, 4570 MacArthur blvd. nw., a security representative of this agency . . ."

"They were again admitted by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law and took custody of the classified material," the statement continued.

"Subsequently, Mr. Tofte advised a security official of this Agency that some jewelry belonging to his wife was missing.

"He was encouraged to report this immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department . . . which we understand is now investigating the reported loss. This Agency is cooperating fully with the authorities of the Seventh Precinct in this investigation."

The rebuttal made by the Toftes and Chatel includes these points:

found that the aged Mrs. Leister was alone and used "a little ruse"—pretending to be interested in the place and getting her permission to inspect it.

• Coming without a representative of the Chatel firm on the second visit and getting past the two Tofte poodles outside, the threesome got into the house.

• While one of them kept Mrs. Leister distracted with talk about the kitchen, fireplace, floors and flues, the third floor was entered—supposedly by the two men—and the papers were seized.

That night, Tofte said in his July 30 statement to police, he "was escorted to CIA headquarters at Langley and informed to some extent of the . . . action."

He said he was "taken under the supervision of Mr. Hank M. Shor." I requested to see my supervisor, Mr. Tracy Barnes, and later on the Agency's legal counsel, Mr. Lawrence Houston, in view of the bizarre circumstances surrounding the proceedings.

"I saw Mr. Barnes on Thursday, 28 July . . . I finally had a consultation with Mr. Houston on Friday . . . The latter informed me that my status as a CIA employe had now been revealed to the police.

"He did not seem to know that Mrs. Tofte of necessity and as a matter of routine, had reported the loss of her jewelry to both the police and one or more detectives of her insurance company.

"I have not made this statement before because I found it my duty to consult with CIA legal counsel prior to revealing names of people who have the details . . ."

The statement was a major element in a story about the episode broken Tuesday by Clark R. Mollenhoff in the Des Moines Register-Tribune.

The Toftes said that it was on July 25—the day after the "raid"—that they found missing not only the CIA material, but also the jewelry, which had been in a pouch in a closet on the first floor.

Mrs. Tofte said her insurance company valued the jewels at \$10,600 less than the \$30,000 at which it was appraised a decade ago. She put the present value at much more than \$30,000.

Also missing, she said, were some items, precious to her,

that had been on a mantelpiece on the first floor, and a silk purse.

Reached last night, the CIA said the Agency "didn't have anything to do with the disappearance" of the jewelry.

Mrs. Tofte ridiculed the CIA's claim that it had encouraged her husband to make a report to the police on the jewel theft.

She said she had made the report, on July 25, to Det. Reverdy C. Orm of the Seventh Precinct. His boss, Det. Lt. John Kline, said the disappearance of the jewels will be recorded as a grand larceny.

He attributed the lack of a report in police files—none had gone out over the police teletype as of last night—to confusion caused by the fact that the Tofte couple has been in the process of moving from 35th Street to Massachusetts Avenue.

Mrs. Tofte said her mother has been in a state of shock and seriously ill since the episode.

The Danish-born Tofte has been in the CIA about 16 years and is paid just under \$25,000 a year.

According to the story by Mollenhoff, of the Washington Bureau of Cowles Publications, Tofte was honored by the Danish, British and Yugoslavian governments for his feats in World War II. His ex-

tegic Services, also in World War II, won him this Nation's Legion of Merit. In the Korean conflict he led CIA operations in Korea and Japan, according to Mollenhoff.

Mollenhoff said that Tofte had opposed the appointment of a professional CIA man to head the agency. The new CIA Director, Richard M. Helms, is a professional agency man, but Tofte said last night, "We're very good friends."

The Tofte episode comes only a few days after the CIA and particularly its new Director had come in for some other embarrassing publicity.

The other incident involved a letter to the editor, published by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, in which Helms praised an editorial in the newspaper that was critical of Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Last Friday Helms apologized publicly.

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*Memorandum*

Per referral respons dated 4-4-2012

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
  - 1 - Mr. Rosen
  - 1 - Mr. Wick
- DATE: 8/4/66

FROM : [Redacted]

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - Liaison (Papic)
- 1 - Mr. Jones

SUBJECT: HANS VILHELM TOFTE, also known as  
ESPIONAGE - X  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

(U) We are instructing Washington Field Office (WFO) and Richmond not to become involved in security aspects of this case since it is purely an administrative matter involving Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employees and should be so determined by CIA.

(U) This matter involves the reported finding of classified CIA material in the home of Hans Tofte, a CIA official by another CIA employee, [Redacted] Tofte reportedly sold his home to a real estate firm which then advertised it for rental or sale. Before Tofte had moved out, [Redacted] not aware of Tofte's CIA affiliation, was shown through the property during which time he noticed CIA material in one of the rooms. [Redacted] reported this to his superiors and CIA personnel returned the next day when Tofte was absent from the home and recovered the CIA material.

Tofte claims he had taken the material home for the purpose of homework which is customary for executives and senior personnel. Subsequently, Tofte reported to CIA and police that some jewelry [Redacted] valued in excess of \$18,000 was missing from his home. The matter has created much internal controversy within CIA and has received considerable adverse publicity for CIA.

WFO has set forth a lead for Richmond to check with CIA to determine if there has been a security violation within our jurisdiction. As pointed out above, this is strictly an administrative squabble involving CIA personnel concerning the manner in which they control their classified material. We should not become involved in this three-ring circus which is not only an internal administrative matter in CIA but has been handled by CIA in a heavy-handed manner resulting in ridicule and scorn in the press. Consequently, we will certainly not become involved.

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In view of above, WFO was instructed to discontinue any inquiries concerning these documents and to furnish these instructions to Richmond.

ACTION:

Attached is airtel to WFO and Richmond confirming the Bureau's instructions to discontinue any action concerning the classified material.

*Sullivan*

ADDENDUM: AR:WW 8/4/66: This whole matter smells and, therefore, no inquiries should be made concerning the alleged jewelry theft, which appears to be a fabricated story, and is so closely tied in to the CIA activity that we obviously should stay clear of this entire matter in all its aspects.

If approved WFO and Richmond should be so advised in any communication going to those offices. *Outgoing*  
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*A. Rosen*

*I concur -*

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- 1-Liaison 9/14/66
- 1-Mr. Cregar

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HANS VILHELM TOFTE, aka  
ESPIONAGE - X  
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ReDuairtel to Washington Field and Richmond  
captioned as above.

For your confidential information, officials  
of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) have advised  
that subject's employment with that agency will be  
terminated on September 14, 1966.

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of subject.  
A description of subject appears on the back of the  
enclosed photograph. This photograph is being furnished  
your office for identification purposes in the event  
subject, in a moment of desperation, attempts to visit  
the Soviet Embassy. It should be noted there is no  
evidence that subject will make such a contact, but  
it is conceivable that he could make such a move following  
notification of his termination by CIA.

In the event you develop any information indicating  
subject attempts to contact or visit the Soviet Embassy,  
this information should be promptly furnished the Bureau  
in order that CIA can be notified.

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NOTE: Memorandum [redacted] to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, 9/14/66,  
reported that at the request of Mr. Helms, Director of  
CIA, a photograph was being furnished the Bureau's  
Washington Field Office for identification purposes in  
the event Tofte makes some wild move, such as visiting  
the Soviet Embassy.

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

1-Mr. DeLoach  
1-Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 14, 1966

FROM :  *W.C.S.*

1-Mr. Sullivan  
1-Mr.   
1-Liaison  
1-Mr. Cregar

SUBJECT: HANS VILHELM TOFTE  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY  
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Previous memoranda have reported that Tofte, a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) official, has alleged that CIA representatives visited his home and removed CIA classified documents from his residence. In addition, Tofte has reported jewels missing from his residence valued at a price between twenty and thirty thousand dollars. Tofte has criticized CIA in the press for this "stupid cloak-and-dagger raid."

Following press reports of this incident, Mr. Richard Helms, Director of CIA, convened a panel of senior CIA officials to examine evidence in the Tofte case and to make recommendations as to whether Tofte's employment should be terminated.

On September 13, 1966, Mr. Howard Osborn, Director of Security, CIA, confidentially advised the Liaison Agent that Tofte will be called into CIA Headquarters on September 14, 1966. On the occasion of this visit, Tofte will be advised that his employment with CIA is terminated, effective September 14, 1966. It is anticipated that Tofte will attempt to fight this termination and that there will be considerable publicity in the newspapers.

The Bureau has not become involved in this matter inasmuch as the Tofte situation appears to be an administrative squabble involving CIA personnel and the manner in which that Agency controls its classified material.

At the request of Mr. Helms, a photograph of Tofte is being furnished our Washington Field Office for identification purposes in the event Tofte, in a moment of desperation, makes some wild move, such as even visiting the Soviet Embassy.

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/10/66

FROM :

SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

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PER CIA REV. ED  
of 6/2/94

Reference is made to the highly publicized case of Hans Tofte, the former CIA employee who has been "blasting" CIA in the press and on television. Tofte was dismissed by CIA for violating Agency regulations in that he had been maintaining a large volume of classified information in his home. This material was removed from Tofte's home by CIA employees and Tofte denounced the CIA action and also implied that the Agency might have been responsible for the alleged disappearance of jewels valued at \$20,000.

James Angleton, CIA, confidentially advised the Liaison Agent on 10/7/66 that CIA officials have had several conferences for the purpose of exploring any and all legal measures which could be taken to prosecute individuals such as Tofte who are openly revealing Government secrets to the press. CIA is confronted with the situation where a discharged employee is freely discussing the Agency's business and CIA so far has no legal recourse.

Angleton stated that at the present time consideration is being given to hiring a top-flight lawyer to conduct the necessary legal research on this thorny problem. It is hoped that out of this research will come a proposal for some new legislation. At this point, CIA would confer with the White House and then make an effort to promote the passage of legislation in Congress. Angleton commented that the chances of promoting corrective legislation undoubtedly are slim, but CIA feels that a strong effort should be made and at least "build a plateau" from which they can endeavor to improve on in future sessions of Congress.

In connection with the legal research, CIA is giving considerable thought to promoting an interpretation whereby Government information would be accepted as Government property.

ACTION:

For information.

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