



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

October 3, 2022

MR. JOHN R. GREENEWALD JR.  
SUITE 1203  
27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD  
CASTAIC, CA 91384-4520

FOIPA Request No.: 1396722-001  
Subject: NAGELL, RICHARD CASE

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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50 USC Subsection 3024(i)(1)

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518 pages were reviewed and 213 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☒ Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, another Government Agency [OGA].
- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☒ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

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 emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). 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. You may also contact 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.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures

The enclosed documents represent the first interim release of information responsive to your FOIA request. This information is being provided to you free of charge. Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main and reference entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

As previously indicated, documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning another agency. We are consulting with the other agency and are awaiting their response. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is completed.

Records that may have been 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), 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.

For your information, a search of the indices to our Central Records System reflected there were additional records potentially responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. We have attempted to obtain this material so it could be reviewed to determine whether it was responsive to your request. We were advised that the potentially responsive records were not in their expected location and could not be located after a reasonable search. Following a reasonable waiting period, another attempt was made to obtain this material. This search for the missing records also met with unsuccessful results.

## 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 Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. 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 and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is 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. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
  - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
  - b. *Reference Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (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) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **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.



## 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.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>"CHANGED" RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka Joe Cramer, Joe Kramer, Joe Krane, Robert C. [redacted] pian</b>		Report made by <b>SA DAVID J. REID</b>	Typed By: [redacted] b6 [redacted] b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - X</b>	

The title of this case is marked "Changed" to include all of the aliases which the subject has stated he has used on various occasions.

## REFERENCES

El Paso letter to Bureau dated 1/3/64 in the case captioned "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka; The State National Bank of El Paso, El Paso, Texas, 9/20/63, Bank Robbery."

Bureau letter to El Paso dated 1/16/64.

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## ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, LOS ANGELES, MIAMI, NEW YORK, ST. LOUIS, AND WASHINGTON FIELD:

One (1) copy each of a photograph of the subject.

Approved	Special Agent in Charge	[redacted]	spaces below
Copies made:		[redacted]	
5 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (REG. AM)		[redacted]	
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SEARCH SERIAL [redacted] 1954 FBI-LOS ANGELES

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LOS ANGELES:

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Interview Mrs. <sup>M.</sup>FRANCES NAGELL, 856 South Catalina, <sup>apd. 104</sup> Los Angeles, the subject's mother, for any pertinent information she might have regarding the subject's sanity and his alleged involvement in Communist, Cuban, or espionage activities.

Interview subject's [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] for all pertinent information regarding subject's background, sanity and alleged Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities.

XX = Vincent J. Messing [REDACTED]

Interview FRED JOHN, [REDACTED] for all pertinent information regarding the subject's sanity and alleged Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities, keeping in mind information set out in the administrative pages regarding FRED JOHN.

Contact logical sources acquainted with Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities to determine if the subject was ever involved in any such activities in the Los Angeles area, giving particular attention to the subject's possible connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (Subject had publications containing stamp of FPCC, P. O. Box 26251, Los Angeles 26, California, in possession when arrested on 9/20/63 in El Paso), his alleged Communist Party membership and his alleged knowledge of various Communist Party members, agents, couriers and their activities.

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Review records regarding bank account of the subject at Security First National Bank, Wilshire and Virgil Branch, Los Angeles, to develop data regarding his financial dealings.

Ascertain through FRED JOHN, mentioned above, and other contacts of subject identified by the Los Angeles Office, the location of other bank accounts of the subject and review same in an attempt to further develop data regarding the subject's financial dealings.

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**Bank Account**

Security First National Bank,  
Wilshire and Virgil Branch,  
Los Angeles, California (date  
not known)

**Languages spoken**

Subject claims to speak Russian,  
Japanese and Spanish fluently  
(as of September 21, 1963)

**United States**

**Passport**

C526729

**Address to notify  
in case of  
emergency**

3751 6th Street, Los Angeles,  
California (appeared on driver's  
license as of January 24, 1963)

**Character refer-  
ences**

Miss ELIZABETH B. CAMPBELL, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Mrs. IRENE TEMPLETON, 48 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
KENNETH A. ZELLER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Dr. HARRY E. PRATT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
WAYNE HALLAR, [REDACTED]

**Credit references**

WILLIAM SLOANE HOUSE (YMCA),  
West 34th Street, New York,  
New York (August 23, 1950);  
Times Square Hotel, West 43rd  
Street, New York, New York  
(August 23, 1950); Mrs. NANCY  
TURNER, [REDACTED]

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**Automobile**

[REDACTED]  
1957 Ford hardtop, black and  
white, bearing California  
license MYU 890 (in possession  
of this automobile when interviewed  
January 24, 1963, in Miami, Florida)

(Title) Richard Case Nagell

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(File No.) [REDACTED]

1. One photograph of RICHARD CASE NAGELL (taken 9-21-63) See Ser. 1. (2-11-64)

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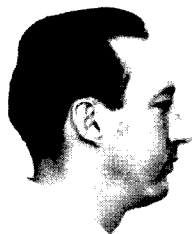
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To Be Returned Yes ☐  
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Richard Case Naglee  
(taken 9-21-63)

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RICHARD C. NAGELL



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (RUC)  
RE : RICHARD CASE MAGELL, aka.  
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OO: El Paso.

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Rerep SA DAVID J. REID dated 2/4/64, at El Paso, and the BR case concerning same subject.

In connection with the ER case, [REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence in Los Angeles on 2/3/64. At that time, she stated ~~subject~~ had never exhibited any political interest, never mentioned communism or the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or Cuba. Once in the summer of 1963 subject was made about something unrecalled and jokingly said he was thinking of going to Russia, but [REDACTED] was certain this was said in jest.

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It appears well established that subject is a mental case who has in recent years made various complaints to several FBI offices, including stories that he has been involved in some way in espionage. Without exception, these stories have been uncorroborated by facts.

This office does not think that further investigation of this matter as an espionage case is warranted and UACB considers this case RUC.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)  
RE: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka.  
ESP - X

OO: EL PASO

ReBulet to El Paso dated 1/16/64, El Paso letters to Director dated 1/29/64, report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso dated 2/4/64 and Los Angeles airtel to Director dated 2/20/64.

Noted that referenced Bulet requested the investigation in this matter and that referenced report dated 2/4/64 contains the information available to the El Paso Office regarding the subject, except for information pertaining to articles and papers that the subject had in his possession at the time of his arrest in El Paso, Texas, on a bank robbery charge on 9/20/63.

Noted that the Bureau did not have in its possession a copy of referenced report at the time that it requested investigation in this matter.

In view of the statement contained in referenced Los Angeles airtel to the effect that Los Angeles Office was conducting no further investigation in this matter, UACB, the Bureau is requested to advise the Los Angeles and El Paso offices as to the further action desired by the Bureau in regard to the espionage investigation regarding NAGELL.

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For the information of the Bureau, a report setting out information regarding the material and papers that the subject had in his possession at the time of his arrest cannot be submitted until the results of the examinations by the Laboratory requested in El Paso letters to the Director dated 1/29/64, have been furnished the El Paso Office.

SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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Date: 2/27/64

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

FROM: Director, FBI

RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
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ReLAairtel 2/20/64.

In view of interest displayed by the Assistant United States Attorney, El Paso, in this case, leads set out in El Paso 2/4/64 report should be immediately covered and results submitted in report.

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On 3/3/, 4/64 at El Paso, Texas File # EP [Redacted]

by SA DAVID J. REID [Redacted] Date dictated 3/4/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 4, 1964

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A review was made of (1) material contained in the files of the El Paso Office of the FBI, [redacted]

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*amended p. 2 + 17 per EP (A+) to Dir.*

6-11-64 [redacted]

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Date: 3/4/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [ ]

FROM: SAC, EL PASO [ ] (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka.  
Joe Cramer, Joe Kramer,  
Joe Crane, Robert C. Nolan  
ESPIONAGE - X

OO: EL PASO

Re report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso  
dated 2/4/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau and offices listed  
below is one copy each of two FD 302's dated 3/4/64.  
Two copies each are being designated for the Los Angeles  
Office.

3-Bureau [ ] (REGAM) (Encls. 2)

2-Albuquerque (Encls. 2) (REGAM)

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2-Charlotte (Encls. 2) (REGAM)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>EL PASO</b>	DATE <b>3/11/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/3 - 3/11/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>SA JAMES H. HOOSE, JR.</b>	TYPED BY
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - X</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA DAVID J. REID,  
2/4/64 at El Paso

Los Angeles airtel 2/20/64

Buairtel 2/27/64

El Paso airtel 3/4/64  
EL PASO AIRTEL 5-15-64

## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

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At the time subject's brother, LOUIS (NAGELL) was interviewed he exhibited a slip of paper which he had written the name of AUSA MORTON. I he had phoned MORTON in January, 1964, and told him that his brother was crazy. He also expressed concern about the bank robbery trial of his brother. I told MORTON laughed and told him not to worry.

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1 - Los Angeles [ ]

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## Notations

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In regard to reElPasoaairtel of 3/4/64 it is being pointed out that the names under Los Angeles Area and the majority of names, etc. under Unidentified Areas refer to police characters, political figures, newspaper reporters, second and third rate bars and night clubs in the Los Angeles area. This conglomeration of miscellaneous information is typical of the collection of documents usually brought in to Field Offices by "nut" complainants.

Medical records attest to subject's mental instability. His family considers him to be mentally disturbed. He is presently undergoing mental tests as ordered by the USFC in El Paso.

In view of this the multitude of leads suggested by papers in subject's possession were not completely covered by the Los Angeles Office.

#### INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source used in the body of this report and T symbols were used only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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to SA WILLIAM R. WHITE  
3/6/64

to SA WHITE, 3/3/64

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JAMES H. HOOSE, JR.

Office: LOS ANGELES

Date: ~~March 11, 1964~~Field Office File #: Bureau File #: b3  
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Title: RICHARD CASE NAGELL

Character: ESPIONAGE - X

Synopsis: Mother, brother,  of RICHARD NAGELL all consider him to be mentally disturbed. No indication NAGELL involved in espionage, Communist Party or "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" activity. NAGELL told his brother he had been to Cuba and once jokingly told  he was thinking of going to Russia. Information concerning NAGELL's bank accounts set forth. SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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DETAILS

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RICHARD C. NAGELL)

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On February 3, 1964, [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SAs JAMES H. HOOSE, JR. and JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL at her residence at [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] She believes NAGELL's mother resides in the Los Angeles area but she does not know the mother's address and has never met her. She repeatedly asked NAGELL to introduce her to his mother but he always refused to do so.

[REDACTED] stated NAGELL never exhibited any political interest, never mentioned communism or the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" or Cuba. Once in the summer of 1963 NAGELL was mad about something unrecalled and jokingly said he was thinking of going to Russia but [REDACTED] is certain this was said in jest.

[REDACTED] <sup>g</sup> is of the opinion there is something mentally wrong with NAGELL. He would fly into violent rages without apparent reason. She pointed out that her television set has a split plastic case and stated NAGELL hit the set with his fist once while angry and this resulted in this damage.

Although NAGELL did not [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On March 6, 1964, [REDACTED] stated to SA HOOSE that she never knew NAGELL to be involved in espionage in any manner. She further commented that they were always in financial difficulty [REDACTED] in the United States.

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[REDACTED] ~~She stated she has never heard of~~  
~~FRED JOHN.~~

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable [REDACTED]



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Mrs. FRANCES M. NAGELL, nee Frances Kaufman  
(mother of RICHARD C. NAGELL)

On March 5, 1964, Mrs. FRANCES NAGELL furnished the following information to SAs JAMES H. HOOSE, JR. and PHILIP J. REILLY at her residence at 856 South Catalina Avenue, apartment 104, Los Angeles:

Mrs. NAGELL stated that for many years and for various reasons, none of which relate to this case, there has been dissension in the family. However, until the time that RICHARD NAGELL was in the airplane crash they had gotten along well together. Since the crash there has been a marked change in RICHARD NAGELL and Mrs. NAGELL is certain her son has some form of mental trouble.

She saw RICHARD in Chicago, Illinois, in 1954 and she moved to Los Angeles in May of 1955. It was then seven years before she heard directly from him or saw him. She ran into RICHARD by chance on the street in Los Angeles, saw that he needed help and thereafter tried to give him both moral and financial assistance.

Mrs. NAGELL gave her son \$1000 on one occasion and much smaller amounts on other occasions. He never expressed appreciation for this help. RICHARD never seemed to have enough money. She does not know if he had a bank account or not.

Mrs. NAGELL was trying to locate RICHARD after he had disappeared for several days. She knew he could often be found at The Happy Rabbit, a beer joint at 2709 West 6th Street, Los Angeles. She went there and found RICHARD and he flew into an uncontrollable rage because she had gone inside this bar, claiming it was no place for a decent woman. Mrs. NAGELL stated it is really not that bad a place. She became definitely convinced after this incident there was something seriously wrong with her son. But even prior to this time she observed RICHARD became extremely angry over nothing, and he would cry without explaining what was troubling him.

After above mentioned incident RICHARD again would have nothing to do with her. She kept track of him through her other son, LOUIS, who is a year and a half older than RICHARD. Mrs. NAGELL was in a way happy to have the boys get together after years of estrangement. She described LOUIS as being an [redacted] She thought since [redacted] had serious problems they might be able to help each other. LOUIS has told her, however, that he was never able to straighten out RICHARD.

~~Mrs. NAGELL has never heard of FRED JOHN.~~

She stated that RICHARD never discussed communism, never mentioned Cuba or the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" or gave

any indication he was in any manner involved in espionage.

On March 9, 1964, Mrs. NAGELL informed SA HOOSE that she wanted to point out that RICHARD had never physically abused her, that the abuse was always vocal. She also mentioned that she herself has been under psychiatric care for several years and she doesn't think her problem has yet been eliminated.

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable with Mrs. FRANCES NAGELL.

LOUIS KAUFMAN, true name LOUIS NAGELL  
(brother of RICHARD C. NAGELL)

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On March 5, 1964, LOUIS KAUFMAN furnished the following information to SAs JAMES H. HOOSE, JR. and PHILIP J. REILLY at his residence at [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED]

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RICHARD was an officer in intelligence while LOUIS [REDACTED] and RICHARD didn't want to have much contact with LOUIS. However when their mother told RICHARD that LOUIS [REDACTED]

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and also discovered that RICHARD was the one who needed help. LOUIS frequently saw RICHARD in 1962 and until about August of 1963 when RICHARD left the Los Angeles area.

LOUIS considers RICHARD to be mentally disturbed. He recalled an afternoon when both were at The Happy Rabbit and the newspapers carried an account of the burglary of the local armory. RICHARD told LOUIS he had pulled the burglary and had some machine guns in his car parked on the street near the beer joint. LOUIS immediately said he would like to see the machine guns and the two of them walked out to the car. LOUIS saw no guns and upon asking RICHARD where they were the latter replied he didn't know what LOUIS was talking about. RICHARD said he had no recollection of telling LOUIS anything about guns or burglarizing any armory. In addition to this LOUIS said that RICHARD was usually in a state of deep depression. RICHARD complained about [REDACTED] his employment problems.

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RICHARD never spoke in favor of communism but he did say that he thought the American government should do more for him in view of his army service. He never mentioned Russia. When RICHARD returned from Mexico City in 1962 he told LOUIS he had

~~that he had~~ gone to Cuba from Mexico. He gave no reason for having made this trip. LOUIS has no information indicating RICHARD was ever involved in espionage. He never heard RICHARD mention the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

LOUIS does not know if RICHARD had a bank account, he does know RICHARD usually was broke. ~~LOUIS has never heard of FRED JOHN.~~

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable with LOUIS KAUFMAN.

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FREDERICK HOWARD JOHN  
(friend of RICHARD C. NAGELL)

FRED JOHN furnished the following information to SA JAMES H. HOOSE, JR. on March 9, 1964:

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JOHN resides [redacted]  
[redacted]

He has known RICHARD NAGELL for about one year. He met him through BILL LYNN of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control at The Happy Rabbit. JOHN does not know any members of NAGELL's family nor does he know of any other close friends of NAGELL.

NAGELL left Los Angeles the first or second week of September, 1963. Just before leaving he told JOHN he would be traveling and asked him to share his Post Office box so he could forward on the government disability checks which he receives monthly. He also asked JOHN to mail him an almanac whenever it was convenient as he liked to refer to the almanac from time to time as a general source of information. JOHN complied with both requests. Near the end of each month JOHN has sent the checks to NAGELL at a Post Office box in El Paso, Texas. He also sent him an almanac with a yellow cover as he recalls it. JOHN did not mark or alter this almanac in any way.

JOHN recently received a form letter from a hospital in Missouri informing him he had been named as a correspondent authorized to communicate with RICHARD NAGELL. JOHN has received no indication that NAGELL is in any sort of trouble, and he wondered what was behind the hospital letter.

JOHN has never heard anything about his receiving four reels of microfilm or any personal papers should NAGELL die. JOHN does not have a key to any safety deposit box and does not know if NAGELL does or does not have a safety deposit box. JOHN has heard NAGELL mention his sister but knows nothing concerning any Japanese gas mask or anything else stored with her which is to be turned over to him upon NAGELL's death.

About a month or two after NAGELL left Los Angeles he wrote to JOHN, probably just on one occasion, and that concerned paying the rent on the joint postal box.

JOHN is of the opinion NAGELL is a paranoiac in that he is depressed at the manner [redacted] has treated him and the manner in which the local, State and Federal governments have treated him. JOHN definitely considers NAGELL to be mentally disturbed. b6 b7C

JOHN has never heard NAGELL speak in favor of communism or Cuba. He has never heard of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." JOHN has no indication NAGELL was ever involved in espionage.

NAGELL never had much money, just his income from driving a Yellow Cab and from his disability check. JOHN does not know if NAGELL had a bank account.

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable with FRED JOHN.

#### BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

On March 5, 1964, LA T-1, whose information may not be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, stated RICHARD C. NAGELL had [redacted] b7D

LA T-1 recalls NAGELL vividly as he [redacted] b7D

LA T-1 thinks [redacted] b7D

On March 9, 1964, LA T-2, whose information may not be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum,

stated [REDACTED]

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b7DINFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS AND  
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On March 9, 1964, SA WILLIAM J. MC CAULEY was advised by the following they had no information concerning RICHARD NAGELL:

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LA T-3, who is [REDACTED]

LA T-4 and LA T-5, who are [REDACTED]

There is no information of substance in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifying NAGELL with any Communist Party, Cuban or espionage activity.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Los Angeles, California  
March 11, 1964

Title RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka

Character ESPIONAGE - X

Reference Report of SA JAMES H. HOOSE, JR.  
dated as above at Los Angeles

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 3-6-64

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To: SAC, Los Angeles  
2 - New Haven  
2 - WFO

From: Director, FBI [redacted]

RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
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Interviews with following persons and contacts with following organizations should not be made without prior Bureau authority.

Los Angeles - Edward E. Elliott; Edward R. Roybal; Frank Malley; R. K. Heathman; Lee B. Camp; Medical Aid to Cuba Committee; Mrs. Melitta del Villar; Dr. Louis I. Miller; Sidney Gluck; Helen Travis; Simon Lazurus; Dorothy Healy; George E. Brown, Jr.; Fair Play for Cuba Committee; Reverend Stephen H. Fritchman; Thomas H. Kuchel; ACLU.

New York - A. Doak Barnett; Kenneth B. Keating.

WFO - Georgi M. Kornienko; Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (Embassy); John S. Gleason, Jr.; Samuel Rose.

With respect to interviews of other individuals and contacts with other organizations set forth in reairtel, if your indices indicate these persons or organizations are controversial, submit facts to Bureau prior to interview along with your recommendations. In the event interviews are indicated with any of the individuals or organizations listed above, submit recommendations to Bureau.

Assure investigation in this case meets deadline set by El Paso.

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Date: 3/10/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.  
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1 - Denver (Info.) (REG. AM)  
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3/12/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (RUC)  
RE: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka.  
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Re El Paso airtel 3/10/64.

Los Angeles Office indices failed to reflect any persons named in FD-302's enclosed with El Paso airtel of 3/4/64 having been engaged in espionage.

In regard to the list of names captioned [REDACTED] on Page 17 of FD-302 dated 3/4/64 Item 4 [REDACTED] both of Los Angeles [REDACTED] They do not know others listed and Los Angeles [REDACTED] indices negative on subject. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have never heard of subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, WFO [REDACTED] (P)

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka  
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Re: Airtel to Bureau 3/4/64, and enclosures of two  
FD 302's dated 3/4/64. Butel 3/6/64.

Each office receiving copies of above airtel was  
requested to review its particular section for names set out  
therein, as well as the section beginning on page eleven entitled  
'Unidentified Areas', set out in one of the FD 302's.

With the exception of ANITA L. EHRMAN, the Bureau  
advised by airtel 3/6/64, WFO should not interview any of the  
persons set forth under Washington, D. C. area of referenced  
FD 302 without Bureau authority. WFO does not feel interviews  
are necessary with any of these individuals.

One copy furnished NY for information and assistance.

ANITA L. EHRMAN 7/30/63, Washington, D. C.

Indices of WFO reflect following re one EHRMAN.

The "Evening Star", a Washington, D. C. daily news-  
paper, dated 7/30/63, contained following article on page B4.

"WOMAN REPORTER FOUND DEAD IN APARTMENT"

"Police this morning were investigating the death of  
Miss ANITA L. EHRMAN, a 28 year old reporter, whose body was  
found about 4:20 p.m. yesterday in her apartment at 1100 Sixth  
Street, S. W."

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From: Director, FBI [redacted]

RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
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ReEPairtel 3-10-64.

11 It is noted that Assistant U. S. Attorney Morris H. Raney advised that information developed during instant investigation would be of no value to him in bank robbery case involving subject. In view thereof and since investigation to date has not disclosed subversive activity on part of subject but has indicated he is mentally unstable, additional inquiries in this Espionage - X case should not be made with exception of leads set out in reairtel [redacted] and indices checks. (The results these leads should be incorporated in reports in the bank robbery matter as well as the Espionage - X case.) In addition, it is desired that the New York Office continue its efforts to ascertain whether information of security significance is contained in the subject's trunk located in his sister's home. It is also desired that Los Angeles interview Jack Miyaki to ascertain if he has any information indicating subversive activity on subject's part. Results these leads should be reported only under the Espionage - X character.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] HUC  
RE: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka.  
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JOHN ROBERTO MIYAKI (JACK MIYAKI) stated on 3/23/64 he and his wife, CAROLINE MIYAKI, reside at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Los Angeles Office indices negative on both. MIYAKI did not recognize name or photograph of subject. When further descriptive data was furnished MIYAKI he recalled he had met subject on one occasion about a year ago at "The Happy Rabbit," a beer joint at 2709 West 6th Street, Los Angeles.

*NAGELL*  
Subject told MIYAKI he either was or had been a Yellow Cab driver, that he had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIYAKI said he possibly told subject he worked [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] California, but cannot recall having told subject anything else. MIYAKI stated he thinks

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subject left the bar at the same time he did which may account for subject having MIYAKI's license number. MIYAKI drives a [REDACTED] license

[REDACTED] (California DMV verifies this license is for this car.) MIYAKI said he [REDACTED]

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<sup>Harold</sup>  
MIYAKI of the opinion he and ~~subject~~ only con-  
versed about ten or fifteen minutes on this one occasion  
and he has no information apart from above concerning ~~subject~~.

<sup>Harold</sup>  
*There is no information in the file of the Los Angeles  
Office of the FBI identifiable with JOHN (JACK) MIYAKI  
or Caroline Miyaki.*

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM : EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)  
RE : RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
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OO: EL PASO

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Re WFO airtel to the Director dated March 13, 1964, Los Angeles airtel to the Director dated March 23, 1964, New York letter to Director dated March 24, 1964 and El Paso airtel to the Director dated April 29, 1964.

Trial by jury for the subject commenced on May 4, 1964 and on May 6, 1964 a verdict of guilty on both counts of bank robbery was returned in the United States District Court, El Paso. The subject is currently awaiting sentence.

The Los Angeles and New York Offices and Legat, Mexico, are requested to submit reports covering the results of all investigation conducted by them in this matter.

The attention of the Los Angeles and New York Offices is called to referenced WFO airtel, which set out the information possibly pertaining to matters originating in

- 4 - Bureau [REDACTED] (REGISTERED AIR MAIL)  
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2 - Miami [REDACTED] (REG. AM)  
2 - New York [REDACTED] (REG. AM)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Reporting Office <b>EL PASO</b>	Office of Origin <b>EL PASO</b>	Date <b>6/9/64</b>	Investigative Period <b>1/27/64 - 6/1/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.</b>		Report made by <b>SA DAVID J. REID</b>	Typed By: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - X</b>	

Synopsis:

### REFERENCES

Report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso dated  
2/4/64;

El Paso letter to Director dated 3/10/64;

Bureau letter to El Paso dated 3/17/64.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

The material which the subject had in his possession at the time of his arrest on September 20, 1963, included a small spiral notebook. The notebook contained many names and

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Date: 6/11/64

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.  
Joe Cramer, Joe Kramer,  
Joe Crane, Robert C. Nolan  
ESPIONAGE - X

OO: EL PASO

Re El Paso airtel to Director dated 3/4/64,  
which enclosed one copy each of two FD-302's dated  
3/4/64, for the below listed offices.

3-Bureau [REDACTED] (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-Albuquerque (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-Baltimore [REDACTED] (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
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 2-Denver (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-Los Angeles [REDACTED] (Enc. 4) (REG.AM)  
 2-Kansas City [REDACTED] (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-Miami [REDACTED] (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-New Haven (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-New York [REDACTED] (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-Omaha (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-Philadelphia (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-San Antonio (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-San Francisco (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-Washington Field [REDACTED] (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-El Paso [REDACTED]

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Corrected amended pages  
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES H. HOOSE, JR.</b>	TYPED BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 20px;"></div>	
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - X</b>		

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA DAVID J. REID dated 2/4/64 at El Paso.  
 Los Angeles airtel, 2/20/64.  
 Bureau airtel, 2/27/64.  
 El Paso airtel, 3/4/64.  
 Los Angeles airtel, 3/23/64.  
 El Paso airtel, 5/15/64.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

At the time subject's brother, LOUIS KAUFMAN (NAGELL) was interviewed he exhibited a slip of paper upon which he had written the name of Assistant U. S. Attorney MORTON. LOUIS said he had phoned MORTON in January, 1964, and told him that his brother was crazy. He also expressed concern to MORTON about the bank robbery trial of his brother. LOUIS stated MORTON laughed and told him not to worry.

In regard to referenced El Paso airtel of 3/4/64, it is being pointed out that the names under Los Angeles Area and

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>EL PASO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>EL PASO</b>	DATE <b>7/24/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/15-17/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA DAVID J. REID</b>	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - X</b>	

## REFERENCES:

El Paso airtel to Director dated March 6, 1964.

Legat, Tokyo, letter to Director dated March 24, 1964.

Report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso dated June 9, 1964.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Referenced Legat, Tokyo, letter to Director contains the results of an interview [REDACTED]

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2/28/64

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE HAGELL, aka  
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OO: El Paso

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Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 2/18/64; Baltimore teletype to Bureau and WFO, 2/23/64.

Major FRANK BUCHANAN, Chief of the Student Evaluation Section, Office of the School Secretary, U. S. Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, advised SA JAMES E. BARRETT on 2/27/64 that limited available school records reflect subject's attendance at this school from 5/9/55 to 8/12/55 when he successfully completed the Officers Investigations Course. Major BUCHANAN advised from memory that this course was the basic CIC Officers Agent Course which covered some classified hours of instruction but the majority of the instruction consisted of routine investigative procedure to include conduct of background investigations, surveillance matters, etc.

Col. RICHARD H. HERRICK, CO, USACRY, Fort Holabird, made available subject's [REDACTED] which was reviewed on 2/27-28/64 by SA BARRETT. This file reflects HAGELL was the subject of a favorable National Agency Check completed by G-2 on 11/3/51 in connection with his application for attendance at the Officers Candidate School. He was then a Pfc, ASN 12113891. He was also the subject of a favorable background investigation completed by G-2 on 6/22/54 and the result of this investigation was clearance and approval for assignment and duty with the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC), U. S. Army, on 12/27/54. He was subsequently granted a

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2 - WFO (100-3-11-114)  
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"Top Secret" clearance on 9/22/55 for his assignment with CIC. He was then a Captain, ASN 02028346. He was disapproved for retention in CIC and his "Top Secret" clearance revoked on 4/22/53 in view of an investigation being conducted by the Office of the Inspector General (IG), Department of the Army (DA).

Subject's G-2 file reflects an extensive investigation was conducted in 1953 in Japan and the United States by the IG's office, based upon his letter dated 1/5/53 to the IG, DA, Washington, D.C., alleging misconduct on the part of other military personnel in the U. S. Army, Japan. He charged personal injustices, incompetence, corruption, mismanagement, mal-administration and lack of opportunity to present fully all matters relative to his complaints. He also alleged that Efficiency/Progress Reports submitted by him concerning other military personnel had been altered and changed by superior officers.

Subject's file reflects that G-2 was aware of the IG investigation in 1953 but took no part in same although NAGELL was subsequently disapproved by G-2 for retention in CIC and his clearance revoked as noted above.

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For information of El Paso, referenced Baltimore teletype requested Washington Field to review records of the IG, DA, Pentagon, for full details concerning the 1953 investigation.

Copies of this airtel furnished for information and assistance of Washington Field in view of leads set forth in referenced teletype.

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka

(OO:EL PASO)

Re Bureau Routing Slip dated 11/18/68, and WFO letter to the Bureau dated 12/27/68.

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The file references at USAIRM, Fort Holabird, Maryland, were made available and reviewed by SA BARRETT during the period 1/14 - 15/69. Four of the file references were found to be not identical with captioned subject. File number [redacted] concerns RICHARD CASE NAGELL, born 8/5/30 in New York. This file contains no pertinent information in addition to that set forth during previous review of the file by Baltimore on 2/27 - 28/64, results of which were set forth in Baltimore airtel to Bureau dated 2/28/64, in caption "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka, ESP - X, OO:EP", copies of Baltimore airtel were furnished to El Paso and WFO.

Enclosed for information of Los Angeles and New York are copies of Baltimore airtel to Bureau dated 2/28/64, referred to above.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - El Paso [redacted] (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Los Angeles [redacted] (Encl. 1)(Info)(REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - New York [redacted] (Encl. 1)(Info)(REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - WFO [redacted] (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Baltimore [redacted]

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## RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ By Telephone 5/22/70 date \_\_\_\_\_ Written Communication \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Information concerning:

*RICHARD CASE NAGELL*

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation☐ from informants☐ from complainants or other sourcesInformation furnished to: *Sgt. A. L. TRADER, INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LAPD 624-5711 x 4151*

Number of items disseminated: \_\_\_\_\_

## Remarks:

Trader advised Nagell appeared at LAPD and indicated he worked for Military intelligence and FBI and would say no more. He desired to know if local files had any info. re Nagell. Info. furnished re. Nagell's military service and ~~that~~ that he had been treated by VA for service connected injuries incl. psychiatric problems.

*Indices reflected cases which appear I**44-799x**47-6706x**91-4006x*b3  
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Special Agent

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☒ See below *attached*

Subject's name and aliases

RICHARD CASE NABELL  
R. C. NABELL

Character of case

Complainant

RICHARD CASE NABELL

Complaint received

☒ Personal

☐ Telephonic

Date *4:30* Time *11/13/70*

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

*W. J. Simon*

Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build <i>J</i>	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

*C is a P with subj. P. advised that he was unemployed and did not have a home address or phone # is possible. C. stated that he came to FBI office to set up an appointment for next week. C. advised that he had been imprisoned by the East German Republic and recently, P & he had been approached by a foreign power. C. wants to discuss this with FBI but did not have time. This date C. initially appeared & talked to her and a National & was well dressed in a business suit. However C. started talking about acquaintance with Turner, Garrison & Cook in Hamburg. I don't desire further contact with C. he can be reached @ the address. No appointment was made at time of interview.*

Action Recommended

*W. J. Simon*  
(Agent)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (RUC)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
[REDACTED]  
OO: Dallas

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Re reports of SA DAVID J. REID dated 12/20/63 and 1/30/64, captioned as reports of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso, and 6/9/64 in the case captioned "RICHARD CASE NAGELL" aka, ESPIONAGE - X, Bureau File [REDACTED]

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each, and for Dallas is one copy each of the following 16 communications:

Referenced report, dated 12/20/63.

Referenced report, dated 1/30/64.

Letter of WILLIAM R. MARTIN, dated 6/20/67.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 6/30/67.

Letter of WILLIAM R. MARTIN, dated 9/11/67.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 11/21/68.

Letter of WILLIAM R. MARTIN, dated 11/23/68.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 6/18/75.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 32) (RM)
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- 2 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enc. 16) (RM)
- ② - Los Angeles
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Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 6/21/75.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 6/23/75.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 6/29/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 6/30/75.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 7/5/75.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 7/7/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 7/9/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 7/16/75.

Enclosed 7/16/75 letter is addressed to the Assistant Director in Charge of the Los Angeles Office by RICHARD C. NAGELL. In the letter, NAGELL makes reference to the two referenced reports of the El Paso Office, dated 12/20/63 and 1/30/64 (enclosed) wherein NAGELL is mentioned and which apparently had been obtained from the FBI by Professor RICHARD H. POPKIN, Department of Philosophy, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California..

In his 7/16/75 letter, NAGELL complained that he had "never authorized the FBI to release any information about me to any private individual or non-official organization."

In addition, NAGELL complained these two El Paso reports in question contained incorrect information about him. He closed his letter by stating "I trust that this will clear up any question concerning the matter that conceivably might be raised in the future".

The writer of instant letter, now assigned to the Los Angeles Office, prepared the El Paso reports in question and well remembers encounters with NAGELL in El Paso, Texas.

The synopsis of referenced report, dated 2/4/64, reads as follows:

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-- Background: Subject entered U.S. Army 8/5/48 and honorably discharged as Captain 10/29/59. Received many campaign awards during Korean conflict. Sole survivor airplane crash 11/28/54, suffered facial disfigurement and given psychiatric examination. Subject claimed he was released from employment by State Beverage Department, Los Angeles, California, 6/8/62, having been accused of taking \$20,000 bribe. Subject refused furnish police details of his shooting by unidentified assailant on 7/16/62 and subsequently filed Civil Rights complaint against police. In September, 1962, subject advised U.S. Embassy, Mexico City, he had been approached for recruiting in Mexico City, refused to elaborate, did not desire to return to U.S., was "bitter, disgusted, disillusioned and disaffected." Said if he did go to some other country it would cost U.S. millions, was "through being a good citizen" and thought he had gotten a "dirty deal all around." Advised FBI in New York City on 11/16/62 he wanted to expose Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in California. Advised FBI in Jacksonville, Florida on 12/15/62 he had been approached shortly before in Washington, D.C., by individual believed to be working for Soviets; contacted [REDACTED] for instructions, was sent to Miami, Florida, by his Soviet contact and said he believed he was actually working for Soviets. Subject's condition diagnosed at Veterans Administration Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida, in January, 1963, as "chronic brain syndrome associated with brain trauma with behavioral reaction characterized by passive, aggressive and paranoid features." Asked FBI in Miami on 1/24/63 if his Cuban or Russian sources gave him a pistol and microfilm would he be permitted to return same to his contact so he could be of further use to U.S. Government. Claimed to be constantly under surveillance. Advised FBI in Los Angeles on 4/19/63 he had [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. Subject's condition diagnosed by Veterans Administration, Los Angeles, on 6/4/63 as "depression, tearful, nervous, rigid. Would only utter words [REDACTED]"

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Attempted Bank Robbery: Subject arrested 9/20/63 in El Paso, Texas, on charge of attempting to rob State National Bank, El Paso, same date in violation Section 2113, Title 18, U.S. Code. Slashed wrist night of 9/20/63, felt he needed psychiatric treatment, highly emotional when interviewed, given to spells of crying, stated unable to get on feet since discharge from U.S. Army. Cell mate said subject apparently became member Communist Party during confused period after discharge, decided everything was against him in Los Angeles and made arrangements with Communist Party in Los Angeles to pick up visa and passport from contact in El Paso and eventually end up in Czechoslovakia. Subject reportedly attempted suicide three times enroute to El Paso but lost nerve. Advised FBI in El Paso on 1/6/64 he was instructed by agent of foreign government in September, 1963, to comply with agreement made in May, 1963, to participate in criminal offense against United States or be exposed to FBI, which caused subject to act as he did on 9/20/63. Subject ordered sent to Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, on 1/24/64, by U.S. District Court, El Paso, for 30-day period to undergo psychiatric examination. Alleged Connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD: Subsequent to President's assassination, subject claimed acquaintance with OSWALD [REDACTED]

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	Description and Identification
<u>Record:</u> Set out. <u>SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.</u>	

Referenced report dated 6/7/64 contains information obtained from his military record, beginning on page 49. Information is set out therein regarding his health status.

In view of the information set out above, it would seem that NAGELL's appearance before the Church Committee, as suggested in the POPKIN letter, dated 6/18/75, could prove to be embarrassing for that Committee.

No further action is being taken in this matter by the Los Angeles Office.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>"CHANGED" RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka Joe Cramer, Joe Krane, Joe Krane, Robert C. Nolan</b>		Report made by <b>SA DAVID J. REID</b>	Typed By: <b>jcs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - X</b>	

The title of this case is marked "Changed" to include all of the aliases which the subject has stated he has used on various occasions.

## REFERENCES

El Paso letter to Bureau dated 1/3/64 in the case captioned "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka; The State National Bank of El Paso, El Paso, Texas, 9/20/63, Bank Robbery."

Bureau letter to El Paso dated 1/16/64.

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## ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, LOS ANGELES, MIAMI, NEW YORK, ST. LOUIS, AND WASHINGTON FIELD:

One (1) copy each of a photograph of the subject.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The attention of the Bureau is called to the report of SA EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY at El Paso dated 1/17/64 in the case captioned "UNSUB; RICHARD CASE NAGELL - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS," Bufile 44-24340. The subject of this Espionage investigation is the victim in the above mentioned Civil Rights investigation.

In addition, NAGELL is the subject of the case captioned "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka; The State National Bank of El Paso, El Paso, Texas, 9/20/63, BANK ROBBERY," Bufile 91-18339.

The attention of all offices is called to the fact that the Assistant United States Attorney in El Paso, Texas, has expressed concern in regard to a notebook found in the subject's possession at the time of his arrest on a bank robbery charge in El Paso on 9/20/63, which indicates the possibility that the subject may have been engaged in espionage activity in the past. The AUSA has said that it appears as though the subject intends to act as his own attorney in court and may take the stand in his own behalf and utilize the contents of this notebook in connection with his defense. The subject's explanation for the attempted robbery is contained on pages 44 through 46, wherein he talks about being forced to commit acts against the United States by a representative of a foreign government.

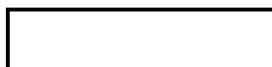
IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE AUSA IS DESIROUS THAT THE INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ESPIONAGE CASE REGARDING THE SUBJECT BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 1, 1964, PRIOR TO THE TRIAL OF THE SUBJECT IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN EL PASO ON THE BANK ROBBERY CHARGE.

A supplementary report covering the material found in the possession of the subject at the time of his arrest in El Paso on a bank robbery charge on 9/20/64 will be submitted upon the receipt from the FBI Laboratory of film previously submitted by the El Paso Office to the Laboratory to be developed.

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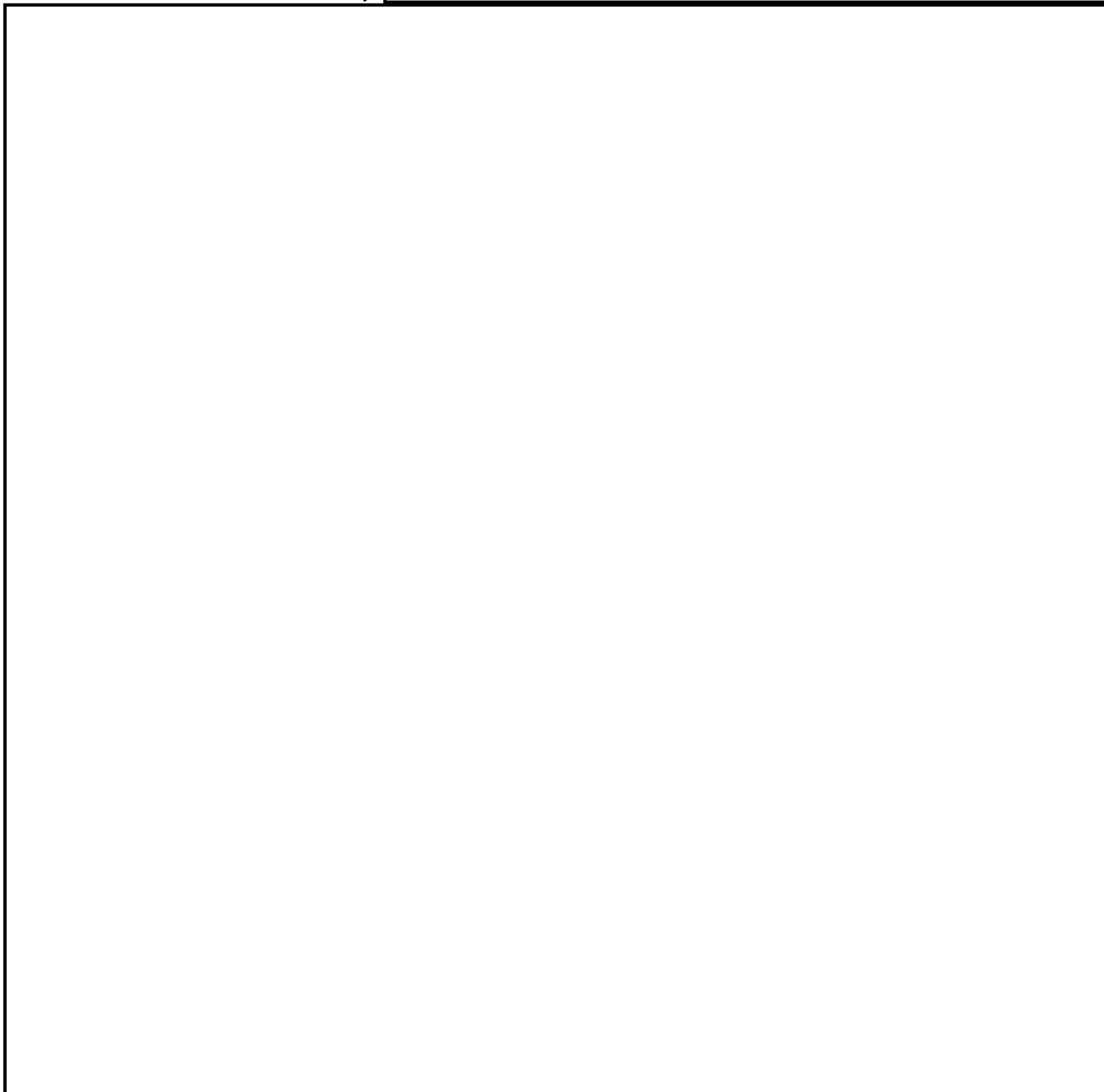


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For information Los Angeles Office, FRED JOHN mentioned above, may be the "close friend" referred to by the subject in the first paragraph on page 27. Noted a man

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by the name of FRED JOHNS is mentioned on page 48 as being the person who is supposed to obtain some material belonging to the subject in case of the subject's death.

The interviews and record checks set out in the body of this report were conducted by the following Special Agents and Investigative Clerks:

Pages 3 and 17, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, by IC NOEL L. BAKER

Page 3, EP T-1, by SA ROY J. MC DONALD

Page 4, Captain CHARLES STANLEY, Los Angeles Police Department, by SA A. K. LAW

Pages 6 and 19, Subject on 12/15/62, by SAs GEORGE H. MURPHY and WILLIAM P. KITTEL.

Pages 6, 7, and 21 EP T-2, by SA JAMES J. O'DONNELL

Page 7, Subject on 7/30/62, by SAs H. L. GRIFFIN and E. I. TUGGEY

Page 10, Subject on 9/28/62, by SA HENRY C. JOHNSON

Pages 15 and 18, Subject on 11/16/62 and 11/28/62, by SA JOHN DENNIS O'CONNELL

Page 25, Subject on 1/24/63 by SAs WILLIAM D. NEUMANN and PETER J. NERO

Page 27, Subject on 4/19/63, by SA ROBERT H. MATHESON, JR.

Page 29, EP T-3, by SA ROBERT H. MATHESON, JR.

Page 30, AUSA THOMAS R. SHERIDAN, Los Angeles, California, by SA LOGAN J. LANE.

Page 30, Subject on 9/20/63 by SAs THOMAS B. WHITE, JR. and HARREL LEON DAVIS.

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Page 32, AUSA FREDERICK J. MORTON and USC HENRY C. CLIFTON, by SA THOMAS B. WHITE

Page 32, Subject on 9/21/63 by SA THOMAS B. WHITE, JR. and SAC HERBERT E. HOXIE

Page 37, Staff Sergeant (E-6) PHILIP J. DALY, by SA HOWARD W. RILEY

Page 40, AUSA FREDERICK J. MORTON, by SA EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY

Page 42, [REDACTED], by SA ROBERT S. GAST II

Page 46, Mrs. FRANCES NAGELL, by SAC HERBERT E. HOXIE

Page 47, AUSA FREDERICK J. MORTON, by SA THOMAS B. WHITE, JR.

Page 49, Subject on 12/19/63, by SAs HAROLD H. BOYCE and THOMAS B. WHITE, JR.

Page 49, Subject on 1/2/64, by SA THOMAS B. WHITE and [REDACTED] US Secret Service, El Paso

Page 49, [REDACTED] US Secret Service, El Paso, on 1/23/64 by SA DAVID J. REID

Page 50 AUSA FREDERICK J. MORTON, by SA THOMAS B. WHITE, JR.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source used in the body of this report and T symbols were used only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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The sources referred to in the Thumbnail sketch  
of the FPCC [REDACTED]

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LEADS

DALLAS:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

Contact appropriate sources in an effort to ascertain if the subject ever had any contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD [REDACTED] or ever engaged in any Communist, Cuban, or espionage activities in the Dallas area.

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JACKSONVILLE:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:

Contact logical sources acquainted with Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities to determine if the subject was ever involved in any such activities in the Jacksonville area during the latter part of 1962 and the early part of 1963, or at any other time.

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LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Interview Mrs. FRANCES NAGELL, 856 South Catalina, Los Angeles, the subject's mother, for any pertinent information she might have regarding the subject's sanity and his alleged involvement in Communist, Cuban, or espionage activities.

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Interview subject's [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] for all pertinent information regarding subject's background, sanity and alleged Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities.

Interview FRED JOHN, [REDACTED] for all pertinent information regarding the subject's sanity and alleged Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities, keeping in mind information set out in the administrative pages regarding FRED JOHN.

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Contact logical sources acquainted with Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities to determine if the subject was ever involved in any such activities in the Los Angeles area, giving particular attention to the subject's possible connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (Subject had publications containing stamp of FPCC, P. O. Box 26251, Los Angeles 26, California, in possession when arrested on 9/20/63 in El Paso), his alleged Communist Party membership and his alleged knowledge of various Communist Party members, agents, couriers and their activities.

Review records regarding bank account of the subject at Security First National Bank, Wilshire and Virgil Branch, Los Angeles, to develop data regarding his financial dealings.

Ascertain through FRED JOHN, mentioned above, and other contacts of subject identified by the Los Angeles Office, the location of other bank accounts of the subject and review same in an attempt to further develop data regarding the subject's financial dealings.

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MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Contact logical sources acquainted with Communist, Cuban and espionage activities to determine if the subject was ever involved in any such activities in the Miami area during the early part of 1963, or at any other time.

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Contact appropriate sources in an effort to ascertain if the subject was engaged in any Communist, Cuban or espionage activities in the New York area.

Interview subject's sister, Mrs. ELEANORE GAMBERT,

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telephone [REDACTED] for pertinent information regarding subject's background and activities, including her alleged possession of property belonging to the subject (see pages 44 and 48) and his alleged involvement in Communist, Cuban and espionage activities.

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ST. LOUIS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Review the complete medical record of RICHARD CASE NAGELL, ASN 12 115 891, at the Military Personnel Records Center and report all information pertaining to his sanity. Ascertain identity of person to be subpoenaed to produce this medical record.

In reviewing subject's Army record, obtain a complete description of subject's prior military service, including reported training in counterespionage school, and, if necessary, set out appropriate leads to secure further details in this connection.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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Contact headquarters of the military intelligence agencies of the United States Government in Washington, D. C., to ascertain if the subject, under any of the names used by him, is known to these agencies or if he has ever worked with or for any of the agencies in any capacity.

Contact appropriate sources in an effort to ascertain if the subject has ever been engaged in any Communist, Cuban or espionage activities in the Washington, D. C., area.

Review files of Passport and Visa Section, U. S. Department of State, regarding the issuance of U. S. Passport #C526729 to the subject and the use by the subject of this passport.

EL PASO:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS:

Contact logical sources in an effort to ascertain if the subject has ever been engaged in any Communist, Cuban or espionage activities in the El Paso area.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA DAVID J. REID  
Date: February 4, 1964

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Title: RICHARD CASE NAGELL

Character: ESPIONAGE - X

Synopsis: Background: Subject entered U.S. Army 8/5/48 and honorably discharged as Captain 10/29/59. Received many campaign awards during Korean conflict. Sole survivor airplane crash 11/28/54, suffered facial disfigurement and given psychiatric examination. Subject claimed he was released from employment by State Beverage Department, Los Angeles, California, 6/8/62, having been accused of taking \$20,000 bribe. Subject refused furnish police details of his shooting by unidentified assailant on 7/16/62 and subsequently filed Civil Rights complaint against police. In September, 1962, subject advised U. S. Embassy, Mexico City, he had been approached for recruiting in Mexico City, refused to elaborate, did not desire to return to U. S., was "bitter, disgusted, disillusioned and disaffected." Said if he did go to some other country it would cost U. S. millions, was "through being a good citizen" and thought he had gotten a "dirty deal all around." Advised FBI in New York City on 11/16/62 he wanted to expose Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in California. Advised FBI in Jacksonville, Fla. on 12/15/62 he had been approached shortly before in Washington, D. C., by individual believed to be working for Soviets; contacted  for instructions, was sent to Miami, Fla., by his Soviet contact and said he believed he was actually working for Soviets. Subject's condition diagnosed at VA Hospital, Bay Pines, Fla., in January, 1963, as "chronic brain syndrome associated with brain trauma with behavioral reaction characterized by passive, aggressive and paranoid features." Asked FBI in Miami on 1/24/63 if his

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Cuban or Russian sources gave him a pistol and microfilm, would he be permitted to return same to his contact so he could be of further use to U. S. Government. Claimed to be constantly under surveillance. Advised FBI in Los Angeles on 4/19/63 he had taken [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Subject's condition diagnosed by VA, Los Angeles, on 6/4/63 as "depression, tearful, nervous, rigid. Would only utter words [REDACTED] Attempted Bank Robbery: Subject arrested 9/20/63 in El Paso, Texas, on charge of attempting to rob State National Bank, El Paso, same date in violation Section 2113, Title 18, USC. Slashed wrist night of 9/20/63, felt he needed psychiatric treatment, highly emotional when interviewed, given to spells of crying, stated unable to get on feet since discharge from U. S. Army. Cell mate said subject apparently became member Communist Party during confused period after discharge, decided everything was against him in Los Angeles and made arrangements with Communist Party in Los Angeles to pick up visa and passport from contact in El Paso and eventually end up in Czechoslovakia. Subject reportedly attempted suicide three times enroute to El Paso but lost nerve. Advised FBI in El Paso on 1/6/64 he was instructed by agent of foreign government in September, 1963, to comply with agreement made in May, 1963, to participate in criminal offense against United States or be exposed to FBI, which caused subject to act as he did on 9/20/63. Subject ordered sent to Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, on 1/24/64, by USDC, El Paso, for 30-day period to undergo psychiatric examination. Alleged Connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD: Subsequent to President's assassination, subject claimed acquaintance with OSWALD [REDACTED]

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	Description
<u>and Identification Record:</u> Set out. <u>SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.</u>	

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DETAILS:      AT EL PASO, TEXAS:

Investigation in this matter is based on statements made by the subject subsequent to his arrest in El Paso, Texas, on September 20, 1963, on a bank robbery charge. Subject hinted that he might have been attempting to go to Cuba and that he really did not have the intention of robbing the State National Bank but committed the act due to the direction he had taken toward going to Cuba. A notebook which the subject had on his person when arrested made reference to Medical Aid to Cuba. Fair Play for Cuba Committee,  and other information.

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The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the afore-mentioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the fall of 1962 and was filled by VINCENT "TED" LEE, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed LEE has followed a course of entertaining and accepting the cooperation of many other organizations including the CP and the SWP when he has felt it would be to his personal benefit as well as the FPCC's. However, LEE has indicated to this source he has no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. LEE feels the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations, but not support the Cuban revolution per se.

The CP and the SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND

##### August 5, 1948

A review on October 17, 1963, of the Military Service Records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Serial Number 12 115 891, enlisted in the United States Army on August 5, 1948.

##### November 28, 1954 to April 8, 1955

On September 30, 1963, EP T-1 furnished the following information regarding RICHARD CASE NAGELL:

The subject underwent treatment at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. as a result of an airplane crash on November 28, 1954, in which the subject was involved. The subject was the sole survivor of this crash. The subject



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was admitted to Bolling Air Force Base Hospital in Washington, D. C. in a comotose condition. When examined by a doctor on March 17, 1955, at Walter Reed Hospital, the subject was conscious, confused and hostile, complaining of a pain in his head. The subject was depressed and expressed the wish that he had died in the crash. Subject had facial disfigurement as a result of the crash. The subject was suspicious of questions asked him. When subject was examined on April 8, 1955, the hostility had disappeared and his suspicions had been lessened. His responses at that time were regarded as normal.

In 1960 the subject's sister, Mrs. GAMBERT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] indicated that the subject could then be contacted through Post Office Box 76121, Sanford Station, Los Angeles, California. She indicated that the subject had been discharged from the United States Army in November, 1959. She also indicated that the subject still complained of head injuries and when he was tired he had a twitch in one eye as well as some loss of mobility in his other eye.

When contacted on September 30, 1963, EP T-1 was

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The above information as furnished by EP T-1 can be made available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The identity of the person to be subpoenaed [REDACTED]

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April, 1956

In April, 1956, Captain CHARLES STANLEY, Administrative Vice Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, advised that one RICHARD C. NAGELL had questioned

two of his officers at a Japanese restaurant which they were checking in regard to well known Oriental gamblers. When the officers refused to answer NAGELL's questions, NAGELL displayed a card purporting to be an identification card of Counter-Intelligence. Nothing of value was obtained by NAGELL.

October 29, 1959

A review on October 17, 1963, of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that RICHARD CASE NAGELL, serial number 02 028 346, was honorably discharged from the United States Army as a Captain at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on October 29, 1959, by reason of unqualified resignation.

After having enlisted in the United States Army on August 5, 1948, with serial number 12 115 891, NAGELL was honorably discharged on the first occasion on August 1, 1951, as a Sergeant at Fort Benning, Georgia, to accept a commission in the United States Army Officers' Reserve Corps. NAGELL was appointed and commissioned a Second Lieutenant on August 2, 1951, under serial number 02 028 346, and entered on active duty on the same date at Fort Benning, Georgia. While serving on active duty as an officer, he was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Officers' Reserve Corps on November 14, 1952.

The service records indicated that NAGELL served in the United Nations Summer-Fall Campaign in Korea, the Second Korean Winter Campaign in Korea, the Korean Summer-Fall Campaign in 1952, the Third Korean Winter Campaign in 1953, and the United States Summer-Fall Campaign in 1953. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with one Silver Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Expert Infantry Badge, the Parachute Glider Badge, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to superior, and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

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December 14, 1959

On December 15, 1962, the subject advised Special Agents of the FBI at Jacksonville, Florida, that he began his employment with the State Beverage Department in Los Angeles, California, on December 14, 1959.

March 28, 1962 and May 14, 1962

On September 23, 1963, EP T-2 made available the

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May 31, 1962

The FBI Identification Record of RICHARD CASE NAGELL, FBI number 631 219 E, dated September 21, 1963, contains the information that the subject was arrested by the Los Angeles, California, Police Department on May 31, 1962, on a drunk charge. No disposition is shown on the record.

June 8, 1962

On December 15, 1962, the subject advised Special Agents of the FBI in Jacksonville, Florida, that in June, 1962, he was accused of taking a \$20,000 bribe by the State Beverage Department, Los Angeles, California, and was released from his employment on June 8, 1962, for refusing to answer questions. The subject said he talked to the FBI in Los Angeles regarding the possibility of his dismissal being a violation of his civil rights.

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July 16, 1962 to July 23, 1962

On September 23, 1963, EP T-2 made available the

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July 30, 1962

On July 30, 1962, the subject advised Special Agents of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI that he was residing at 4037 Leeward Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and that he was on suspension from the Alcoholic and Beverage Control (ABC), State of California. He stated that on April 1, 1961, he transferred from the Department of Employment to the ABC and had been employed since that time as a Special Agent, until his suspension on June 8, 1962.

NAGELL stated that on May 30, 1962, he [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] and, as a result of this, the police were called and he was arrested for being drunk. NAGELL claims he was not drunk and that the Los Angeles Police Department was "rousting him." NAGELL was able to make bond the same night and the next morning went to Internal Affairs, Los Angeles Police Department, because he was mad at the previous night's treatment and made some general complaints to them about Los Angeles Police personnel. NAGELL stated that he did not make any specific complaints and told Internal Affairs he would contact them at a later date to furnish them more detailed information.

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NAGELL advised that he then went to his superiors and advised them of what had happened. As a result of all of this, NAGELL stated he was placed on suspension on June 8, 1962, on charges of creating a disturbance for being drunk

and making allegations to the Los Angeles Police Department, which he later stated were not true.

NAGELL stated that he is presently unemployed, awaiting a hearing on his suspension. He stated that he hopes to be reinstated so he can clear his name and then he will resign his position. NAGELL advised that on the evening of July 16, 1962, he was returning from Oxnard, California. He noticed an automobile on two occasions behind him, and at about 8:00 PM stopped his car on the highway near Malibu, California. Two men from the car jumped into his car. They were dressed in business suits, and he thought at first they were police officers. One of the men asked him where his gun was, and he told the man it was locked in the glove compartment. He gave this man the key to his glove compartment, and while the man was opening the compartment, NAGELL took his gun from his waist. The man struggled with NAGELL for the gun and four shots were fired, one hitting NAGELL in the chest. The man said that if NAGELL had not grabbed for the gun he would not have been shot.

NAGELL advised that these men drove him to a medical center in Malibu, California, and left him. NAGELL stated that he then drove himself back to Los Angeles, California, and ended up at the Veterans Hospital, Sawtell, California. NAGELL stated that he is sure now that the men were not police officers. He stated that he does not know who shot him or why he was shot.

As a result of the shooting, detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department came to the hospital to question him. He stated that he did not like their attitude and refused to tell them any details. The investigating officers impounded his 1957 Ford and also took all of his personal belongings he had with him at the time, including his driver's license, Social Security card, and Selective Service Registration. NAGELL stated that on July 25, 1962, he received a money order from a relative, and because he had no identification was unable to cash it. He advised that he has a quick temper and that this situation made him "hot under the collar." For this reason he contacted the FBI,

complaining that his civil rights had been violated in hopes that the FBI would contact the Los Angeles Police and facilitate the return of his property. Later, on the same day of July 25, 1962, the Police Department did return all of his property except the automobile, which was returned on July 26, 1962.

Mr. NAGELL stated that in retrospect he believes that the Police Department did have a right to take the above items in line with their investigation. He stated that if it would be possible, he would like to rescind his original complaint. Mr. NAGELL declined to furnish a signed statement.

The following article appeared in the Santa Monica Outlook of July 18, 1962:

"Police Probe Mystery Shooting of Detective

"West Los Angeles police today are investigating the strange shooting of RICHARD C. NAGELL, 32, former investigative officer for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

"NAGELL, in satisfactory condition in Veterans' Hospital in West Los Angeles with a bullet wound in the chest, isn't talking, according to police.

"Officer JIM MAXWELL said he received a call Monday from NAGELL asking that the California Central Investigative and Identification Bureau be notified that he had been shot. Then NAGELL hung up.

"A few moments later, a second call came in from a witness who said that a man suffering from a bullet wound had driven up to him and asked for directions to a hospital.

"At the Veterans' Hospital, officers found:

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"NAGELL being treated for wounds from a bullet which had penetrated into his chest and out his back.

"Powder burns and a hole in NAGELL's shirt.

"A .32-caliber bullet embedded in the back of the driver's seat of NAGELL's car.

"A dent in the roof and a hole in the upholstery in NAGELL's car, which were caused by a second bullet, officers believed.

"NAGELL would say only that his wound was not self-inflicted, officers said.

"Detectives are continuing to investigate all possibilities of the case."

September 28, 1962 and October 1, 1962

On September 28, 1962, the subject appeared of his own volition at the American Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico, and volunteered the following information:

Although he declined to furnish a local residence address for himself in Mexico City, he stated he could be contacted through a friend named ARTHUR GREENSTEIN, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], whom he said he contacts every day. He also exhibited his Tourist Card Number 152087, which listed his address as 4037 Leeward Avenue, Los Angeles, California. This card showed that it had been issued at Los Angeles on August 17, 1962, and that NAGELL had entered Mexico through Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, on August 24, 1962. The card also reflected that he established his identification by exhibiting United States Passport Number C526729.

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He related that he had formerly been employed by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of California as a Special Investigator. He stated that as a result of his investigation of some large cafes and bars in the Los Angeles area, one of which he named as the Mauna Loa, and some controversy which he had had with

officers of the Los Angeles Police Department during the course of his investigations, he had been suspended on June 8, 1962, and later, on June 22, 1962, had been dismissed.

He mentioned that on July 15, 1962, "while making a meet" between Malibu and Oxnard, he had been shot in the chest. In connection with this latter incident, he exhibited a brief newspaper clipping which mentioned that he had refused completely to identify his assailants or furnish information which would assist the police in identifying and locating the person or persons involved.

He stated further that on August 6, 1962, he had withdrawn his request for a hearing so that he could get the money which he alleged was due him from the State of California, consisting of \$800.00 retirement contributions and \$300.00 for unused accumulated leave.

He stated that he felt he had been "let down" by the United States Government, both in the United States and during the time he had been in Mexico. He stated that representatives of the United States Government could have assisted him in obtaining his money from the State of California, but were only interested in soliciting from him information concerning hoodlums and other lawless elements, for the giving of which information he "could get his head blown off." He stated that he felt he had been let down by the United States Government in Mexico because nothing had been done by the Embassy in regard to his requests to have it assist him in collecting this money, which he alleged was due him from the State of California. He said that he himself had sent letters to California asking for payment of this money.

By way of further background, he claimed to have served in the United States Army from August 5, 1948, (then 18 years old) until October 29, 1959, and had held the rank of Captain between the ages of 22 and 29. He stated that he had received an honorable discharge and had been wounded



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three times in the Korean War. He stated that he made the major mistake of his life when he did not re-enlist and continue in the Army. Besides combat duty in the Infantry, he worked as an Investigator in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

He mentioned that he spoke Japanese fluently and had been [REDACTED]

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He stated that he thought he had been approached here in Mexico City for recruiting, but although asked specifically in this regard, refused to state by whom or for what or on behalf of what country. He stated that one job of this sort would be in New York. He volunteered in so many words that he fully realized that what he was saying could be used against him in any court or prosecution. He stated that he had almost made up his mind definitely that he would leave Mexico, but that he would not go back to the United States. He stated that he did not care to return to the United States. He stated that so far he had "done nothing inimical to the United States." He stated that he was completely "disaffected," and that he knew the full significance of that term. He also stated that he was "bitter, disgusted, disillusioned and disaffected." One thing, he said, that he could say was that if he did go to some other country, it would cost the United States millions. He stated that he was "through being a good citizen" and thought he had gotten a "dirty deal all around."

He was told to go to the Protection Section in regard to any problems in Mexico as an American citizen. He stated that he had been to the Protection Section and would not go there again, and that the way he was feeling, he would not go back to the United States. He said that he had nothing to go back for, and that his dismissal record would prevent him from getting a good job anywhere in the United States. He mentioned that the only job he had ever worked at was that of an investigator.

He also mentioned that the Veterans Affairs Attache in the American Embassy had his military record in connection with a request he had previously made to attend Mexico City College on the G.I. Bill, but to do that he would have to enroll first and pay tuition himself which he could not do in view of his financial straits.

He stated at first that he was behind in his hotel bill, but later indicated that he had been keeping his hotel charges paid. He also mentioned that he had previously obtained a small loan from the American Benevolent Society, which he had since repaid.

In regard to finances, he stated that he was receiving \$150.00 disability pension a month because of wounds received in the Korean hostilities during which he was wounded three times.

He stated that he had come to the Embassy to state his side in case something should happen and was told that the statements he was making would be made a matter of record with the Embassy. He was advised not to do anything he might regret, to which he replied, "What have I to lose?" He stated that unless he received the \$1,100.00 soon, that the State of California owed him, he was going to some other country, and that it would not be the United States, but he refused to say what for or what the country might be, even though specifically questioned as to whether he had in mind Russia or Cuba. He said he wanted to have the Embassy know how he felt, but added, "I'm not going to lay my head down on the chopping block."

It was noted that he was very tense, nervous, agitated and antagonistic throughout this interview.

On October 1, 1962, this same individual reappeared at the American Embassy and wanted to know what had been done in regard to his case. When asked what he meant by this, he stated he meant in regard to getting the State of California to pay him the money due him. He was told that at his

request, he had been permitted to make statements on the previous occasion for the purpose of having those statements made of record with the Embassy and he was assured that this was being done. However, he was told that for any assistance in regard to his financial situation in Mexico, he should contact the Protection and Welfare Section to see if that section could be of any assistance. At first he stated he would not visit the Protection Section again, but on leaving he stated he was going there and also asked what section of the Embassy he should contact to renounce his United States citizenship.

A short time later on October 1, 1962, he did contact the Protection and Welfare Section, where he was advised that the section could not intercede for him in the collection of his alleged debt from the State of California.

Shortly thereafter, he appeared in the Passport and Citizenship Section, where he refused to give his name but asked what the penalty would be for going to an Iron Curtain country and what effect it would have on his citizenship. He was advised that such an action would be a violation of Federal law.

NAGELL also on October 1, 1962, appeared in the Office of Veterans Affairs, American Embassy, Mexico City, and stated that he was withdrawing his request for G.I. educational benefits as a Korean veteran.

A short time later on October 1, 1962, he left with the Embassy a copy of his letter of August 7, 1962, to the State of California Personnel Board, which, for the purpose of further background, is set out in its entirety as follows:

"August 7, 1962

"State Personnel Board  
"801 Capitol Avenue  
"Sacramento, California

"Gentlemen:

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"I hereby withdraw my appeal of the punitive action taken against me for dismissal by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. I withdraw my request for a hearing in this matter by the State Personnel Board.

"I hereby state that the sole reason for this withdrawal of my appeal and request for a hearing is because of my financial situation. Continued, and what I consider to be unjustified, postponements of my hearing have created a situation in which I cannot afford to meet my daily living expenses until August 30, 1962, the most recent date given to me as the date of my hearing. Also, I am unable to obtain employment in Los Angeles because of the stigma attached to my dismissal.

"Previously, I had hoped to remove such stigma by showing at the hearing that my dismissal was not only improper, but that the alleged reasons for my dismissal were exaggerated, distorted, and untrue, and the result of vindictiveness on the part of certain senior members of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control after it came to their attention that I intended to disclose to the State Attorney General's Office adverse information pertaining to corruption within said Department and the liquor industry here in Southern California.

"I request that my retirement contributions and reimbursement for unused leave be forwarded to me at the below listed address as soon as practical.

"Yours truly,

"/s/ RICHARD C. NAGELL

"RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
"Box 76121, Sanford Station  
"Los Angeles 5, California"

November 16, 1962

On November 16, 1962, the subject advised Special Agents of the New York City Office of the FBI that he was

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a Special Investigator for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), State of California, Los Angeles, California, and had been dismissed in June, 1962, for his failure to answer questions pertaining to allegations he made concerning corruption within that organization.

NAGELL stated he was presently residing with his sister, ELEANOR GAMBERT, [REDACTED]  
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and was attempting to obtain employment in the New York area. NAGELL advised his present objective was to have the California ABC exposed, and he was willing to furnish "court room testimony" that would result in the prosecution of many Los Angeles hoodlums and their attorneys, who have acted as go-betweens in securing alcoholic beverage licenses through payoffs.

NAGELL advised that he was shot in July, 1962, as a result of his refusal to "lay off" the Mauna-Loa investigation; however, he declined to disclose the details concerning the actual shooting.

NAGELL stated he had furnished some information to the State of California investigators assigned to the California Attorney General's Office; however, nothing was accomplished through this.

NAGELL appeared overwrought and obsessed with a desire to expose the ABC, and, as a result, clear his name. He stated this situation has caused a separation between himself [REDACTED]  
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NAGELL advised he had spoken with SA "DICK" RICHARDS of the Los Angeles Office on three or four occasions; however, he had given limited information to him, due to personal circumstances at the time. He requested that apologies be conveyed to SA RICHARDS for not "going all the way" on revealing all he knew concerning individuals in whom SA RICHARDS expressed an interest.

The following information was presented by NAGELL to the interviewing Special Agent on two typewritten sheets:

"As of the aforementioned date, and prior thereto, responsible authorities of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control were aware of the foregoing information. The two agents who handled special ownership investigations in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area (consisting of 3500 licensees) were OWEN J. MC CARD, a hanger-on and close friend of WILLIAM G. BONELLI, former Director of SBE, and myself. During the course of my investigations I received pressure from both MC CARD and certain superiors to fluff off on certain investigations, and to press others - depending on the licensee or who the hoodlums were in back of the business concerned. This I did not do. In my opinion this resulted directly in my dismissal from the department, regardless of what other ostensible reasons were tendered. It is a fact that I was shot as a result of one of my investigations even though it could have been avoided by myself. Certain reports of investigations which I turned in were not forwarded thru proper channels; some of them were destroyed; I was pulled off of some investigations before their completion (which were not reassigned); certain licensees were notified that I was investigating them; and I was aware of bribes being offered in quite a few instances. Some of the attorneys who acted as go-betweens in these affairs were as follows:

"Murray Choitner  
Paul Angelillo  
Michael Flynn  
Nate Snyder  
Harry Weiss  
a Mr. Hall  
Carl Sturzenacker  
Goodwin J Knight

"Los Angeles:

"Following is a partial list of persons who are not qualified to hold alcoholic beverage licenses, but who in fact owned businesses, partly or completely, which were licensed (or which were in the process of being licensed) as of August 21, 1962.

"Morris Bort  
Mickey Cohen  
Martin Cusimano

Rudy Cleye  
Sam Cuda  
Louis Dragna

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"Herman Duboff  
Sam Hollock  
Johnny LaGuardia  
Harry Nishimoto  
Joe Sica  
Fujiko Thomas  
Benson Wong

Carlo Fiorentino  
Mickey Koomer  
Joe Neil  
Fred Sica  
Nick Simponis  
Oscar Wakefield  
Esther Wright

"Following is a partial list of licensed premises (or premises in the process of being licensed) whose businesses were owned, partly or completely, by unqualified persons, or in which such persons held a controlling interest, as of August 21, 1962.

"Beverly Hilton Hotel  
Black Orchid  
Carlo's Little Italy  
Dorando's Pizza House  
Figer 8  
Imperial Gardens  
Jerry Lewis'  
Mama Lion  
Moulin Rouge  
New Ginza  
Sherry's  
The Abbey

Black Bear Cafe  
Blarney Castle  
Date Room  
El Rancho  
Harold's 901 Club  
It Club  
The Largo  
Mauna-Loa  
My Place  
Papa Lion  
TJ's Cafe  
The Annex"

November 28, 1962

On November 28, 1962, the subject contacted the New York City Office of the FBI and advised as follows:

The subject stated that he believed that the Superior Court of Los Angeles County did not give him a fair chance to be heard when it granted

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and, in fact, did appear during preliminary hearings and actually entered a cross-complaint but it was his understanding

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that the actual trial would not take place until December next. He stated that he left California in August, 1962, and went to Mexico, where he remained until October 28, 1962. He claimed that [REDACTED] attorney knew this and apparently brought the case on prematurely so that he would be deprived of his day in court.

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NAGELL claimed that he has written a protest to the court [REDACTED] claiming he was deprived of his right to be heard and to have a jury trial. He stated that he is consulting the Legal Aid Society and the Veterans Administration concerning this matter since his Army pension is his only current income.

December 15, 1962

On December 15, 1962, the subject advised Special Agents of the FBI in Jacksonville, Florida, that he had served as a captain in the U. S. Army and had been involved in intelligence investigations for the CIC for approximately seven years. He said he served in Japan for most of his period of time [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He advised that during 1957 and 1958 he became acquainted in Japan with one Doctor CHAKAO FUJISAWI, a professor of Political Science at Tokyo, Japan, University. He said this person was a member of the Cabinet Research Office (CRO), a rightist organization. He said this person is presently in the United States, place unknown and deems him detrimental to the safety of the internal security of the United States. He said in either 1958 or 1959 he directed an anonymous letter to the FBI in Washington, D. C. relative to the above information concerning FUJISAWI. He stated he was discharged honorably from the U. S. Army on October 29, 1959, and subsequently became employed on December 14, 1959 by the State Beverage Department in Los Angeles, California. He said in June, 1962, he was accused of taking a \$20,000 bribe by the State Beverage Department and was released from his employment on June 8, 1962, for refusing to answer questions. He stated he talked to the FBI in Los Angeles regarding the possibility of his dismissal being a violation of his civil rights.



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NAGELL advised that he went to Washington, D. C. where he resided until recently. He stated while in Washington, D. C. he had been approached by an individual whom he felt was either a Special Agent of the FBI or a Soviet Espionage Agent. He said he met this person in a bar in Washington, D. C., located at 811 14th Street NW, Washington, D. C. He said this person talked of Domestic Intelligence and also talked of giving him an intelligence assignment. He said the more he thought this matter over he was positive that this individual works for the Soviets.

He said that in September, 1962, he was invited to attend a reception at the Russian Embassy. He could not identify the individual who invited him to the reception. He advised that he [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] used the name of JOE CRAMER or KRAMER during this contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said he told them of the above information and wanted some advice as to whether to go through with such an assignment. He said he was to meet this individual who was to give him the assignment at the above-mentioned bar on 14th Street, and in order to be recognized, he was to place three nickels on the bar in line with a dime placed directly over the middle nickel. He said [REDACTED] told him that since this matter involved [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he should refer this information to the FBI.

He stated he went to the above bar and there was contacted by the same person and was told to go to Miami, Florida, to a bar and wear a red sweater, where he would be contacted relative to an assignment.

It is to be noted that during the entire interview with NAGELL, he was noted to be in an inebriated condition and was very vague in answering questions. He was unable to identify by name any of the individuals he discussed and was also unable to furnish a physical description of any of these individuals. In addition to being slightly inebriated he also gave the impression to the interviewing agents of being mentally unbalanced.

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NAGELL stated he is presently residing at the Holiday Inn, Jacksonville, Florida, and would be there for the next few days. He said he is presently driving a 1959 Ford which bears California license MYU 890. He said he has no living relatives except [redacted]

[redacted] and his sister, ELEANORE GAMBERT, [redacted]  
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NAGELL advised that he believes in connection with his contacts that he is actually working for the Soviets. He could furnish no information as to a specific assignment given him other than that he was to go to Miami and sit in a bar which he is unable to identify and wait to be contacted by a Soviet Agent. He said he spoke Japanese and Russian fluently and is well versed in the Spanish language. He said he was shot in June, 1962, but refused to discuss any of the incidents surrounding the shooting. He said his auto has several bullet holes in it. He furnished a photograph of himself.

On December 17, 1962 efforts were made to locate NAGELL for reinterview; however, it was determined that he had checked out of the motel and left no forwarding address.

December 20, 1962 to January 22, 1963

On November 25, 1963, EP T-2 made available [redacted]

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The above mentioned clinical record from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Bay Pines, Florida, can only be made available upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The identity of the person to be subpoenaed is

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January 24, 1963

On January 24, 1963, the subject was contacted by Special Agents of the Miami, Florida, Office of the FBI at Northeast First Avenue and Fifth Street, Miami, at which time he stated that his name was JOE KRAMER. He was sitting in his 1957 Ford hardtop, black and white in color, bearing California license MYU 890.

Subject was very reluctant to furnish any information but identified himself as RICHARD CASE NAGELL, a former Special Agent for the Liquor Control Office, State of California, Los Angeles Office, and a former Captain in the United States Army with experience in intelligence work with the CIC.

Subject stated he wished to be advised if he was given a pistol with a silencer and possibly some microfilm by sources - Cuban, Russian or both - from Mexico City through a Cuban in Miami - if he would be permitted to return these items to his contact so he could be of further use to the United States Government. Subject stated he did not want to cooperate fully with the United States Government or anyone else. He gave the impression that he was better at determining what the enemy is up to than the agencies regularly handling these matters, except the FBI. He stated the FBI is the only agency that has treated him well.

Subject stated within the next few days the individual with the gun would contact him and he would immediately contact the FBI, provided the gun could be returned to him in time to make the delivery to whomever he had to deliver it. When pressed for details subject was very evasive and vague.

No promises were made to the subject and the espionage statutes and the registration act together with other laws were explained to him and he acknowledged he was fully aware of their provisions.

Subject stated he was discharged from the Liquor Control authority in California under false charges of accepting bribes. Immediately thereafter, he left for Mexico because he was disgusted with the United States. In August or September, 1962, he met a man from Maryland in Mexico City who introduced him to individuals whom he believed may have been soviet agents. He refused to give descriptions, names or other details. When questioned on specific points he became mysteriously evasive.

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Subject claimed he had the names of all Americans involved in activities against the United States in a safe deposit box, the key to which he gave to a close friend in the event of his death.

When subject was questioned concerning the details of possible microfilm he might deliver, he stated that maybe there would not be any microfilm, and that was a conclusion on his part that microfilm would be delivered with the pistol. He also stated he did not know what the gun would be used for but since he was not stupid he thought it might be used to kill someone with. Subject tore off the corner of a \$10.00 bill and offered it to the interviewing agents to be used as identification in contacting him when he would later call the FBI for a meeting. He suggested that the corner of the \$10.00 bill be shown to a bartender in a bar that he would name and then a waiter could let him know that a friend wanted to see him. The agent stated this would be unnecessary and he agreed to call the office January 25, 1963.

Subject was highly critical of the operations of the [redacted] but trusted the FBI and claimed he had contacts with FBI Agents in Mexico City, Los Angeles and Jacksonville.

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Subject furnished his driver's license which gave his address as Box 76121 Sanford Station, Los Angeles, California. His date of birth on the license is August 5, 1938 and the address to notify in the event of emergency was 3751 6th Street, Los Angeles, California.

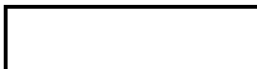
Late in the interview, subject reluctantly furnished his temporary address in Miami which is Room 303, Holiday Inn, 2500 Brickell Avenue.

Subject stated he is constantly under surveillance, that he has not been under the care of a psychiatrist and that he might return to Mexico City.

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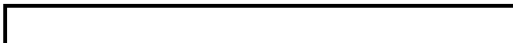
On April 19, 1963, the subject contacted the Los Angeles, California Office of the FBI and furnished the following information to a Special Agent of that Office:

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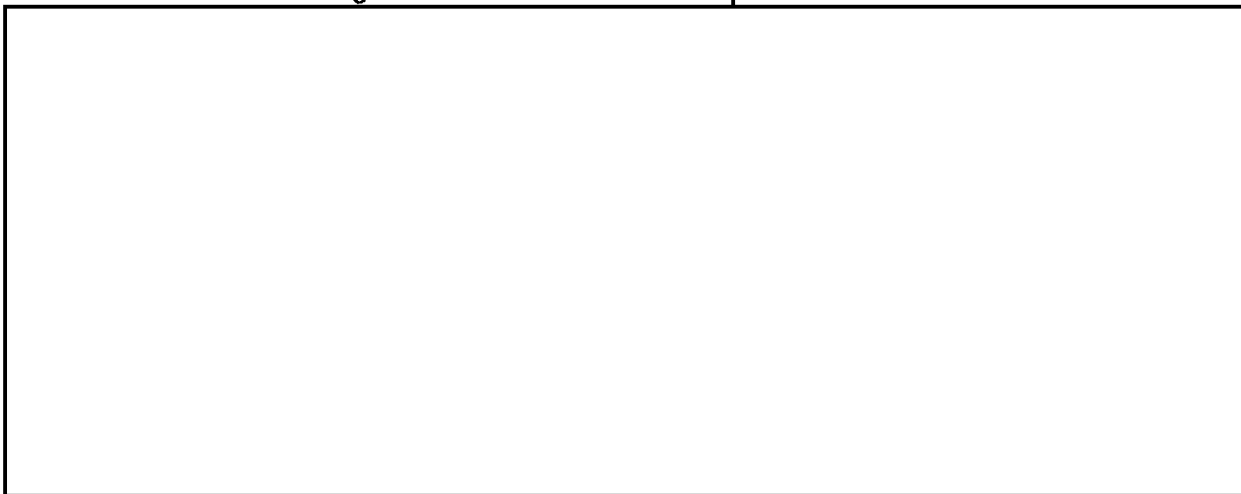


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The subject stated that he



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Subject said that he is unemployed and has no funds to hire an attorney. He said that he went to the Legal Aid Society and California Bar Association to obtain an attorney but neither would furnish counsel.

At this point in the interview, the subject became emotional and quite rude. He said that the Judge cannot order him to hire an attorney if he does not want one and to do so is a violation of his civil rights. He raved on that he was well aware of the law and demanded that the FBI investigate the judge involved.

Subject was informed of the provisions of the Civil Rights Statutes and told that he should discuss this case with the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, if not satisfied.

The subject then left the office with no further comment about the matter. He mentioned as he was leaving that if he did not get a job in the near future, he was going to "blow the lid off" concerning Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles County District Attorney and the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

It is noted that subject at first refused to give his address. He then stated that he had lived in Mexico City, D.F. until about 30 days ago. He then gave his Los Angeles

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address as Post Office Box 75801, Sanford Station, Los Angeles.  
He then said he lived at 610 South Oxford Street, Los Angeles 45.

June 4, 1963 and August 14, 1963

On September 23, 1963, EP T-3 advised that the

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The above information can be made available only  
upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The identity of  
the person to be subpoenaed

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August 23, 1963

On August 23, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS R. SHERIDAN, Los Angeles, California, advised that one RICHARD C. NAGELL had been employed as a taxi cab driver in Beverly Hills, California, during recent weeks and claimed to have formerly been an officer in the CIC Division of the United States Army. Mr. SHERIDAN said NAGELL had claimed recently to Special Agents of the Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, and to Mr. SHERIDAN that he, NAGELL, had carried messages to various persons in the Beverly Hills area, including JOHN BEBER,  and others connected with the Friar's Club in Beverly Hills. Mr. SHERIDAN indicated that much of the information NAGELL had furnished could also be found in newspapers and other publications, except information which could not be proved or disproved, such as NAGELL's carrying of messages. Mr. SHERIDAN indicated that he was skeptical of the reliability of NAGELL.

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ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY AND AFTERMATH

An individual identified by material in his possession as ROBERT CASE NAGELL was brought to the El Paso Office of the FBI at 4:55 PM on September 20, 1963 by Patrolmen W. L. WESTFALL and JAMES S. BUNDREN, El Paso Police Department. At that time NAGELL was advised that he was suspected of a felony crime within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI, that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law against him, and that he had a right to consult an attorney. No threats or promises were made by anyone to secure a statement from NAGELL.

NAGELL requested permission to telephonically contact an attorney in Los Angeles, California, at about 5:00 PM. This request was immediately granted, upon which NAGELL stated, "No, I don't want to call that shyster." He then asked the time on the west coast and on the east coast.

Although refusing to directly discuss the attempted hold up of the State National Bank, El Paso, NAGELL stated that he had fired two shots in the bank "to keep anyone from following me." He stated that he was an excellent shot, and



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the fact that he had fired the two shots into the ceiling proved he had not been trying to hit anyone. He stated that he was certain that "all of my problems have been solved for a long time, and now I won't have to go to Cuba." This statement was not further explained. When requested to explain this statement, NAGELL refused, stating "I can see this is going to be a frame, which is to be expected in our capitalistic system."

When asked for his motive in attempting to hold up the bank, NAGELL stated that he was unhappy with the American judicial system, because he had attempted, through judicial procedures, to get to see [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and the California court had not executed an order in keeping with his request.

NAGELL advised that he had been living in Mexico until a short time ago.

In regard to his Army career, NAGELL stated that he had resigned his commission as a Captain, effective October 29, 1959. He said that at the time he resigned he was on the list for promotion to Major. He further advised that he entered the U. S. Army on August 5, 1948 at Albany, New York. He said he was drawing 60% compensation from the government and had been declared disabled to the extent of 63%.

He advised that he had been assigned Enlisted Army Serial Number RA 12115891, Officers' Serial Numbers 02028346 and 01438346. He stated that the last serial number had been assigned to him when he had been assigned to counter-intelligence. He advised that he had been trained in the Army Counterintelligence School. He said that he had been assigned to Field Operations Intelligence and had taught interrogation.

In addition, NAGELL stated that he had been wounded on three separate occasions in connection with his service in the Korean campaign, and he had received three purple hearts. Continuing he advised that he received a battle field commission.

On September 21, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney FREDERICK J. MORTON was furnished the facts of the case involving the attempted robbery of the State National Bank of El Paso, on September 20, 1963, and Mr. MORTON then authorized the filing of a complaint charging the subject with bank robbery.

On September 21, 1963, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner HENRY C. CLIFTON, El Paso, Texas, charging NAGELL with violation of Section 2113, Title 18, United States Code, in that NAGELL did on September 20, 1963, at El Paso, Texas, enter the State National Bank of El Paso, a bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, organized and operated under the laws of the United States, and make a felonious attempt by force and violence and putting in fear by use of a .45 caliber revolver, one PATSY CLYDINE GORDON, an employee of the said bank to take a thing of value, to wit, Travelers Cheques, which were in the care and custody and controlled by the said bank.

The subject waived hearing and stated that he did not desire to be represented by an attorney. Commissioner CLIFTON set bond in the amount of \$25,000, in lieu of which the subject was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal and placed in the El Paso County Jail.

On September 21, 1963, RICHARD CASE NAGELL was interviewed at the El Paso County Jail subsequent to a hearing before U. S. Commissioner HENRY C. CLIFTON, El Paso, Texas, at which hearing the charges of bank robbery filed against him were read to him by the United States Commissioner and at which time he was advised of his right to counsel.

NAGELL was again advised as to the identity of the Special Agents of the FBI who were desirous of interviewing him and was told that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised that he had the right to consult an attorney and that no threats or promises would be made to him to induce him to make a statement.

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In the presence of El Paso Police Department Detective THOMAS F. MC CONNELL, JR. and his partner, NAGELL stated that he desired to talk to Special Agents of the FBI. He stated that he did not desire to talk in the presence of anyone else and Detective MC CONNELL and his partner then departed.

NAGELL started off his conversation by saying that when he had appeared before the US Commissioner just prior to this interview, that he had "pled not guilty" since he did not know what else to do. He stated that he did not desire to be represented by an attorney and that he did not care what happened to him. He exhibited his left wrist, the inside of which was covered with a great number of superficial wounds to the skin. He stated that the night before while he was in the El Paso City Jail he had used a piece of tin in an attempt to cut his wrists. He said he had lost about a pint of blood.

He stated that when he entered the State National Bank of El Paso on the afternoon of September 20, 1963, that he would not have taken any money. He said that to the best of his recollection he had been in El Paso for several days and had made an attempt to find a former war buddy of his named JOSE C. IBARRA, who formerly resided at

He stated that he had made inquiry at this address, but IBARRA had moved and he was not able to find out where he had gone. He said that he had known IBARRA in 1948 and 1949 when both of them were Sergeants in the Army. Continuing, he advised that he had driven to El Paso from San Diego, California. NAGELL stated that he had not eaten in three days because he did not feel like doing so. When asked if he desired food he stated that he was afraid that it would make him sick if he attempted to eat.

NAGELL stated that he wanted to point out that he had in the past received psychiatric treatment and that in 1955 he had been hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Hospital as a result of the crash of an Air Force B-25. He advised that he had been the sole survivor of this crash and had spent a considerable length of time in the hospital. He advised

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that Doctor EDWIN A. WEINSTEIN, a civilian doctor assigned to the Neuropsychiatric Center at Walter Reed Hospital had treated him and had a considerable amount of information as to his mental condition. Continuing, he advised that he did not think that he was crazy, but that he felt that he needed psychiatric attention and advice because of the fact that he was highly emotional and at times he could not remember what he was saying or where he was for short periods. He stated that he had requested admission to the psychiatric ward at the Veterans' Hospital, Brentwood, Los Angeles, California, however, he was not granted admission and he stated that to the best of his recollection he made this request in May or June of 1963. He pointed out that all of his medical records could be obtained at the Veterans Administration Regional Office, 1380 South Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

He further advised that he had been hospitalized at the Veterans' Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida, from December 20, 1962 until January, 1963, at which time he was discharged against medical advice. He stated that he had been confined in this hospital as a result of "spells" that he had been having and that he was in the hospital for observation.

NAGELL was highly emotional, was given to spells of crying, and stated that he had not been able to get his feet on the ground since his discharge from the United States Army in 1959. In this connection, he stated that [REDACTED] and that he had resigned his commission as a Captain in the United States Army since [REDACTED] with his being assigned to the Infantry. He said that he had resigned the commission and that [REDACTED]

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He stated that he had been employed by the Alcoholic and Beverage Control in California, but had lost his job in 1962. He said that he had not worked since then and actually was not able to do any kind of work because of the time he had spent in the Army. He stated that the only job that he was prepared for was that of an investigator since he had learned this as a Counter-Intelligence Corps representative

of the U. S. Army. He stated that he had been shot through the chest in 1962 in Los Angeles, California, but that the shooting was a result of a private matter and he did not care to discuss it further.

He stated that lately he had been too upset to be even considered for a job and then intimated that he had gone into the State National Bank "so that they would take him back in the hospital." He stated that he was not in the bank to get any money and that he fired the shots to keep anyone from following him. He said that he had used the names of JOE KRANE and ROBERT C. NOLAN and advised that he had used the name of NOLAN while in the Military Intelligence.

NAGELL further advised that he had been suffering from a headache for several days and stated that he had been taking some kind of pills that were furnished to him by the Veterans' Administration, but that he was out of these pills and did not know what they were. He requested an aspirin, which was obtained for him. In response to a question as to whether or not he desired to see a doctor, he stated that he did not.

In the September 21, 1963, issue of the El Paso Times, an article appeared on page 1-A entitled "Veteran Tries Daring Bank Robbery." The article contained a sub-caption "Fires Two Shots As Clerk Flees From Counter." The article states, "A 34-year-old battle-scarred Korean war hero, armed with a .45 Colt, made a daring but unsuccessful attempt to rob the State National Bank about 4:30 PM Friday, firing two shots as he ran out of the crowded bank.

"Detectives and FBI Agents going through the suspect's suitcase found photostatic copies of numerous certificates and commendations showing he had acquired an outstanding military record in 11 years of service with the U. S. Army in Korea. A photostat showed he had been honorably discharged from the Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey, October, 1959, with the rank of Captain.

"Other military papers found in NAGELL's suitcase showed he had been awarded the Purple Heart three times for

wounds received in battle with the enemy in Korea. Other papers also disclosed he had been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious and outstanding service in Korea.

"Speaking to FBI Agents and other officers NAGELL admitted he had entered the Army as a buck private and was in line for promotion to major when he was given his honorable discharge. He told agents he spoke Russian, Japanese and Spanish fluently.

"His Army papers disclosed NAGELL had graduated with honors from the Army Military Intelligence School, from a special leader's course, and had served in the counter intelligence corps (CIC). He had records showing he had been given top secret security clearance on September 22, 1950."

The September 22, 1963, issue of the El Paso Times contains an article on page 1-A entitled "NAGELL Pleads Not Guilty." According to the article, "City jailers reported NAGELL has refused to eat his meals since he was booked in jail. They also reported the prisoner attempted to cut his wrists in his City Jail cell Friday night by using a tin can converted to an ash tray.

"After he was turned over to the custody of Sheriff BOB BAILEY, jailers were instructed to maintain a close watch on the prisoner and stop him from making any attempts on his life.

The September 26, 1963, issue of the El Paso Times contains an article on page 7-A entitled "NAGELL To Take Sanity Test at La Tuna." According to the article, "Former Army Captain RICHARD CASE NAGELL, 34, charged with bank robbery in an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the State National Bank, will be taken to La Tuna Correctional Institution Thursday for a sanity test.

"He will be examined by Dr. R. J. BENNETT on the motion of Assistant U. S. District Attorney FRED MORTON, who obtained an order authorizing the check up from U. S. District Judge R. E. THOMASON.

"MORTON said the preliminary investigation indicated that a psychiatric examination would be necessary before the government could proceed further in the case. The investigation showed that NAGELL was the sole survivor of a military plane crash, that since his discharge he had visited several FBI offices offering "highly secret" counterintelligence information, and earlier this year had been under psychiatric care in Florida for a month."

On September 27, 1963, Staff Sergeant (E-6) PHILIP J. DALY, US Army,  presently assigned to the 4th Enlisted Student Battery, School Support Command, Fort Bliss, Texas, stated that he served in the same detachment in Tokyo, Japan, with RICHARD CASE NAGELL, the 441st CIC, during the spring of 1958, from approximately February to May, when he (DALY) returned to the United States. He has had no contact with NAGELL since that time.

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There was only a normal acquaintance between a Captain (NAGELL) and a Master Sergeant (DALY) during this period of time.

DALY first met NAGELL on a temporary duty trip to Sendai, in northern Japan, where NAGELL had been sent to replace the Operations Officer. NAGELL stated at that time that he was being shunted into a corner.

DALY next met NAGELL about a month later in Fort Drake, Tokyo.

All enlisted men of the 441st CIC Detachment thought that NAGELL was slightly unbalanced, and was not a normal officer. The reputation among the enlisted men was to stay away from NAGELL.

The November 4, 1963, issue of the El Paso Herald-Post contained an article on page 1 entitled "Holdup-Suspect 'Fires' Lawyer." According to the article, "RICHARD CASE NAGELL charged in U. S. District Court with an attempt to hold up the State National Bank told the Court today he did not attempt to hold up the bank."

"'I had a motive for doing what I did,' NAGELL told Federal Judge R. E. THOMASON. 'But my motive was not to hold up the bank. I do not intend to disclose my motive at this time.'

"NAGELL, 33, told Judge THOMASON that he is a veteran of the Korean War, that he was injured three times, and that 'I am a 64 per cent disabled veteran.'

"The accused man was before the court on a petition filed by his own hand for a writ of habeas corpus, claiming he was being held prisoner illegally.

"NAGELL asked Judge THOMASON to discharge Attorney JAMES HAMMOND, who had been appointed by the court to represent NAGELL. Judge THOMASON granted the request, after telling NAGELL that Mr. HAMMOND is considered an able, conscientious member of El Paso Bar. NAGELL had refused to talk to Mr. HAMMOND before the hearing opened.

"The matter of whether NAGELL would consent to undergo psychiatric treatment was discussed, and NAGELL said he would be willing to go to La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution, and that:

"'I will obey all their rules but I will not cooperate for any psychiatric examination except an examination conducted by a psychiatrist for the Veterans Administration.'

" Judge THOMASON said he would name a psychiatrist from William Beaumont Army Hospital to examine NAGELL. The Judge said he would appoint another attorney to represent NAGELL."

On November 18, 1963, the subject filed a writ of habeas corpus in the United States District Court in El Paso. NAGELL requested interview with a Special Agent of the FBI. On interview, NAGELL furnished the following signed statement:

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"El Paso, Texas

"I, Richard Case Nagell, do hereby make the following



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free and voluntary statement to Edward Joseph Murphy and George E. Aiken, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They have advised me that the information furnished herein may be used in court. No threats, promises or force of any kind was used to get me to make this statement.

"I was born in Greenwich, N.Y. on August 5, 1930.

"I was arrested on September 20, 1963, in El Paso, Texas. On September 21, 1963, I was arraigned before the United States Commissioner in El Paso, Texas, on a charge of bank robbery, at which time I entered a plea of not guilty and was bound over for indictment by the Federal Grand Jury. Bail was set at \$25,000. On September 21, 1963 I was incarcerated in the El Paso County jail, where I since have been and am presently confined.

"On September 24, 1963, the United States District Court ordered that I be given a psychiatric examination to determine my mental competency to stand trial, and that if determined necessary by the examining psychiatrist, to conduct such examination, to be committed to the Federal Correctional Institution, La Tuna, Texas, for a period not exceeding two weeks.

"On November 4, 1963, the court nullified that part of the aforesaid order, pertaining to the commitment, and re-ordered that I be committed to Beaumont Army Hospital, El Paso, Texas, for said psychiatric examination.

"On September 24, 1963 and again on November 4, 1963, the U.S. District Court ordered that further prosecutive action against me, be deferred until such time as the Court is in receipt of the results of said psychiatric examination.

"As of this date I have not received the aforementioned psychiatric examination nor have I been committed to either of the aforementioned institutions for such examination, nor have I been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury.

"I believe that an unnecessary and undue delay has occurred in bringing me to trial, as a result of my reluctance

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to participate in a psychiatric consultation and/or examination. I believe that this is a violation of my right to a speedy trial as guaranteed to me by Amendment 6 of the Constitution.

"In relation to the foregoing statement, I believe that I, as an accused person, am not required by law to emit any statement or to answer any questions, whatsoever, to any person, whomsoever, including a psychiatrist, psychologist, or physiologist, nor that I am required by law to participate in any examination, test or activity, verbal, written or otherwise, if I do not so elect. To be coerced to do so, is a violation of my rights under Amendment 5 of the Constitution.

"An attempt has been made to indirectly coerce me to incriminate myself, by a court appointed psychiatrist known to me as Doctor Bennett, in that he queried me as to my motive for committing the alleged offense and stated to me that if I did not give him such information, I was being uncooperative, and that I might have to be sent to Springfield Medical Center, if I did not cooperate with him.

"I further believe that I am being coerced into taking psychiatric examination and/or consultation by the resulting undue delay in bringing me to trial.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and 3 other pages, and it is true and correct.

"/s/ Richard Case Nagell

"Witness:

"/s/ Edward Joseph Murphy, Special Agent FBI, El Paso, Texas,  
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"/s/ George E. Aiken, Jr Special Agent, F.B.I, El Paso, Texas  
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On November 19, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney FREDERICK J. MORTON, El Paso, advised that there is no validity to subject's allegation inasmuch as Title 18, Section 4244, U. S. Code, states that upon a motion by the United States

Attorney, the defense attorney, or upon its own motion, the court shall cause the accused to be examined as to his mental condition where it is felt that he may be presently insane or otherwise mentally incompetent as to be unable to understand the proceedings against him or to properly assist in his own defense. Assistant U. S. Attorney MORTON advised that according to this Statute, the examination can be made with or without the consent of the accused. Assistant U. S. Attorney MORTON stated that the subject has constantly refused to cooperate with psychiatrists and has refused to even speak to them, and that this refusal on his part has held up any possible psychiatric examination, necessitating postponing further action.

The subject, who is still incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail, sent the following note to SA THOMAS B. WHITE, JR. of the El Paso Office of the FBI, which reads as follows:

"Mr. White -

"When one's actions are motivated by an ideological conviction, he cannot deviate from his pursued path simply because society may censure it as wrong. But when he becomes disillusioned with such ideology, and an existing situation so dictates, he must initiate immediate corrective action as befits circumstance and as best he knows how.

"I have always acted from a principal of love for my country, and this same principle actuated my conduct of September 20th, however inappropriate or incomprehensible it may appear.

"/s/ Richard C. Nagell"

The December 10, 1963, issue of the El Paso Times contained an article on pages 1 and 3-A entitled "Says Bank Holdup Try 'Patriotic'." According to the article, NAGELL had submitted several handwritten petitions to the Judge of the United States District Court in El Paso. The article states, "In one petition, dated December 5, he wrote, 'I have

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always acted from a principle of love for my country and this same principle actuated my conduct on September 20, 1963, however inappropriate or incomprehensible it may appear. God and I, and also the FBI, know that I am not guilty.'

"NAGELL is accused of pulling a gun on a teller at the bank. When the teller fled, NAGELL is alleged to have fired two shots into the bank ceiling.

"NAGELL had previously indicated he might submit to examination by a psychiatrist at William Beaumont General Hospital. But at the hearing it was brought out he refused to do so now.

"Judge THOMASON then overruled his motion for a writ and asked that NAGELL's case be taken before a Federal Grand Jury. Previously the judge had ordered that all prosecution be deferred until an examination report on NAGELL's mental competency was obtained.

"The judge said NAGELL's argument on the bond 'more thoroughly convinces the court you need psychiatric help.'

"When NAGELL was returned to the jail, he would not tell reporters why he entered the bank. As in the past he said he would not disclose his motive.

"FRED MORTON, Assistant U. S. District Attorney, said Monday afternoon that the case will probably be taken before a U. S. Grand Jury in January in San Antonio."

On [REDACTED] was contacted and interviewed [REDACTED] after he contacted the El Paso Office of the FBI and specifically requested that he be interviewed regarding RICHARD CASE NAGELL. At the time of the interview, NAGELL was incarcerated at the El Paso County Jail as a Federal prisoner for the crime of bank robbery.

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[redacted] stated that since [redacted] he has become quite friendly with RICHARD CASE NAGELL. He stated that NAGELL was a very mixed-up individual, but that he [redacted]

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[redacted] He went on to say that NAGELL [redacted] had told him why he attempted to hold up the State National Bank of El Paso, Texas. NAGELL told [redacted] after his release from the United States Army, he drifted from job to job and became more and more mentally confused as to his political, religious, and economic allegiances. During this confused period, NAGELL apparently became a member of the Communist Party of the United States and told [redacted] he did some minor work for this organization prior to his trip to El Paso. NAGELL also explained [redacted]

[redacted] During this period of his life, NAGELL told [redacted] he lived in the Los Angeles, California, area.

NAGELL explained [redacted] that he came to El Paso, Texas, after making a decision that everything was against him in Los Angeles and that he should attempt to leave the United States for a Communist country in Europe. In line with this decision to leave the United States, NAGELL made a contact with the Communist Party in Los Angeles, and arranged to meet a courier or contact man for the Party in El Paso, Texas. This contact man was allegedly to have a visa and passport for NAGELL so that he might leave the United States and eventually end up in Czechoslovakia. NAGELL then left the Los Angeles area and drove to El Paso, Texas. He told [redacted] that during this trip, he stopped by the side of the road on at least three occasions and attempted suicide with a pistol which was in his possession. He explained [redacted] however, that he did not have the guts to do it and just let things drift along. After arriving in El Paso, Texas, NAGELL said that he got a hotel room and again attempted suicide with the revolver. He again did not have the nerve to "pull the trigger" and decided that the best way to commit suicide would be by leaving the hotel and having a "shoot-out" with

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a policeman. He left the hotel room, got in his car, and proceeded down the streets of El Paso looking for a policeman who looked like he would shoot it out with him. NAGELL told [REDACTED] that he did not see a patrolman, however, and decided that he would enter the State National Bank of El Paso and cause a big ruckus because he knew that a policeman was in the building guarding a Treasury Department money display. NAGELL entered the bank and fired two shots into a wall and then left the bank, fully expecting to be shot down by a passing policeman. However, he escaped to his car, which was parked in an alley, and gave up peaceably when arrested by the policeman who was guarding the money display in the bank. NAGELL told [REDACTED] that his robbery of the bank was purely a suicide attempt and that he had no intention of robbing the bank for any monetary gain.

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In addition to the Communist activities mentioned above, [REDACTED] NAGELL told him of a number of rolls of microfilm which contained names, meeting places, and other activities of the Communist Party, which were in his possession. NAGELL explained that these microfilms were hidden in a gas mask (Japanese type) which was located at his sister's house in New York City. He went on to say that these microfilm are hidden in the salve container which is afixed to the gas mask. NAGELL also explained [REDACTED] that he had not given this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation because he felt they would indict him as a spy and put him in jail for life.

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On January 6, 1964, the subject furnished the following signed statement:

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"El Paso, Texas

"I, Richard Case Nagell, do hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Edward Joseph Murphy and Lawrence W. Gorman, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They have advised me that I do not have to make any statement and

that any statement that I do make may be used against me in a court of law. They have advised me that I may have an attorney if I desire. No threats, promises, force, or inducements of any kind have been used to get me to furnish this statement.

"I was born on August 5, 1930 at Greenwich, New York.

"The following statement is relative to the motive which actuated my conduct on September 20, 1963.

"In September 1962, while I was in Mexico City a representative of a foreign government proposed to me that I participate in an act; Such act being a criminal offense and inimical to the best interests of the United States. At that time I refused such proposal. In May, 1963, another representative of the same foreign government made the same proposal to me. At that time I agreed to such a proposal.

"In Sept. 1963, I was informed by an American, known to me as an agent of the same foreign government, that arrangements for my participation in the aforementioned act were completed. At this time I refused the aforesaid proposal.

"Approximately one week later I was instructed by this same person to either participate as previously agreed or derogatory information pertaining to me would be disclosed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Thereupon I agreed to follow the instructions of this person, although I did not intend to do so. This existing situation actuated my conduct of September 20, 1963, for which I was arrested and am presently charged.

"I did not actually attempt to rob any bank. I thought that my arrest would provide an immediate, though temporary solution to the problem with which I was confronted.

"I am not guilty as charged.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and two other pages, and which I have initialed, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"/s/ Richard Case Nagell

"Witness:

"/s/ Edward Joseph Murphy, Special Agent FBI, El Paso, Texas,  
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"/s/ Lawrence W. Gorman, Special Agent FBI, El Paso, Texas  
1/6/64"

On January 15, 1964, Mrs. FRANCES NAGELL, 856 South Catalina, Los Angeles, California, telephonically advised a Special Agent of the El Paso Office of the FBI that she was the mother of the subject and that she had heard on the evening before about the bank robbery charge filed against the subject.

She stated that she last saw the subject in August, 1963, at which time subject indicated he wanted nothing to do with his relatives and no interference with his private life. She commented that her son had had a brilliant career in the military service up until the time of the plane crash near Washington, D. C. following which he was unconscious for three weeks in the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. Upon his recuperation from those injuries, he underwent a complete personality change.

On January 24, 1964, the subject was arraigned before the United States District Court in El Paso in connection with the two-count indictment returned January 8, 1964, in San Antonio, Texas, charging NAGELL with bank robbery. Assistant United States Attorney FREDERICK J. MORTON filed a motion before the U. S. District Court under Section 4244, Title 18, United States Code, to have the subject committed for psychiatric treatment. U. S. District Judge HOMER THORNBERRY granted the motion and ordered the subject committed to the



Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, for a period of 30 days for the purpose of psychiatric examination. The subject advised the court that he would not cooperate with the psychiatrists at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners at Springfield.

While being removed from the United States District Court House in El Paso, Texas, enroute to the El Paso County Jail on January 24, 1964, and while in the custody of the Deputy United States Marshals, the subject accused the Assistant United States Attorney of violating his constitutional rights. This accusation was a repetition of numerous accusations which the subject had previously made against the Assistant United States Attorney, according to Assistant U. S. Attorney MORTON.

On January 24, 1964, Assistant United States Attorney FREDERICK J. MORTON, El Paso, advised that he had received information on a confidential basis a short while before to the effect that there was a man incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail under a Federal charge of attempted bank robbery by the name of RICHARD CASE NAGELL who was a Communist and who was about to defect to Russia when arrested. Mr. MORTON related that the story was generally that NAGELL, a retired Army Captain who served with distinction in the Korean War in combat and with CIC, became embittered with the United States and our form of government partially due to the alleged denial

He allegedly turned over secret material to Soviet agents while in the Military Service. He was supposed to obtain a passport to Russia here in El Paso from a Communist agent but was so distraught over the possibility of never again seeing [redacted] that he considered suicide or some other drastic means of preventing his defecting that he went in a bank in El Paso, asked for \$100.00 in cashier's cheques, pulled a gun which caused the teller to run, and fired two shots high into the wall and fled. At the time of his arrest, he called the policeman a "capitalistic s.o.b." and has stated that what he did was done out of "love for country." Other than that he has made no statements concerning the bank robbery except to say that he did not

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intend to take any money. He has refused to talk to a psychiatrist and fired two court appointed attorneys. His court room appearances have convinced all that he is intelligent and competent mentally but extremely confused and disturbed. He files motions and writs almost daily, which are well written and lawyer like.

At the time of his arrest, September 20, 1963, a notebook was taken from him containing what purport to be various codes, [REDACTED] FBI agents' names, Soviet and other Communist embassy addresses and names, and the addresses of various other people and organizations, including the Los Angeles address of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." NAGELL has supposedly recently received a 1963 Information Please almanac with a scrambled message. Mention is made of this in the notebook.

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NAGELL is supposed to have located at the address of his sister, Mrs. ELEANORE GAMBERT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a trunk in which a Japanese gas mask is contained. In the salve box of this mask are supposedly 4 rolls of microfilm containing the names of various Communist Party members, agents, couriers, their activities, etc. A man by the name of FRED JOHN (BENJO), [REDACTED] is supposed to get these things from NAGELL's sister in the event of NAGELL's death. The sister supposedly knows nothing of the contents and is not a Communist. NAGELL recently wrote a letter to this Mr. JOHN in California mentioning the almanac bit. Mr. MORTON said he rejected an offer of a deal for information purportedly furnished by NAGELL to the FBI regarding Communists in exchange for favorable consideration made through NAGELL's prior court appointed attorney on the basis that the information was of no value. Mr. MORTON's confidential source told him that NAGELL's prior contacts with the FBI were not revealing because they were made by him solely to determine what the FBI knew of him.

ALLEGED CONNECTION WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On December 19, 1963, the subject advised Special Agents of the El Paso Office of the FBI that "for the record" he would like to say that his association with LEE HARVEY OSWALD was purely social and that he had met OSWALD in Mexico City and in Texas. NAGELL refused to comment further regarding this matter.

On January 2, 1964, the subject advised a Secret Service Agent and a Special Agent of the FBI in El Paso, Texas, that he had been acquainted with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Subject further pointed out that OSWALD was having [REDACTED] The subject stated that he knew "certain things" in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. He said he wanted to let the Secret Service know that someone like OSWALD was in that area, however, he knew nothing of OSWALD's intention to assassinate the President. The subject stated that the requests made by prisoners in the El Paso County Jail for interviews were at times honored and at other times they were not.

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The above interview was conducted with the subject in response to a request made by this subject to be interviewed by a Secret Service Agent. The Secret Service Agent was introduced to NAGELL and he attempted to interview NAGELL, however, NAGELL stated that the information he originally desired to report to the Secret Service was "too late now."

On January 23, 1964, an Agent of the United States Secret Service, El Paso, Texas, advised that an Agent of the United States Secret Service in Dallas, Texas, had displayed a photograph of the subject to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] LEE HARVEY OSWALD, on January 18, 1964. This photograph was taken of the subject on September 21, 1963, at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. [REDACTED] carefully

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examined the photograph and then stated that she did not know the individual who appeared in the photograph and had never seen him before. [REDACTED] was advised of the name and aliases of the subject and she stated that she did not know anyone by any of those names.

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On January 24, 1964, while the subject was being removed from the United States Court House in El Paso to the El Paso County Jail for incarceration and while in custody of the Deputy U. S. Marshals, the subject made wild accusations to newspaper reporters, accusing the FBI of not attempting to prevent the assassination of President KENNEDY and stating that the FBI had questioned him regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD. These statements were made by the subject in a shouting manner on the elevator enroute to the El Paso County Jail and within earshot of the newspaper reporters, according to AUSA MORTON.

#### DESCRIPTION

The following descriptive information regarding RICHARD CASE NAGELL was obtained through interviews with NAGELL and his acquaintances, observation, and record checks:

Names	RICHARD CASE NAGELL, also known as Joe Cramer, Joe Kramer, Joe Krane, Robert C. Nolan
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date and place of birth	August 5, 1930, Greenwich, New York
Height	6'2"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Reddish-brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars and marks	Left eye slants downward toward outside; 2" vertical scar in front of left ear; half circle shape scar commencing in left eyebrow and extending down to cheek

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**Parents**

LOUIS NAGELL, born Norway,  
deceased; FRANCES KAUFMAN  
NAGELL, born United States,  
856 South Catalina, Los Angeles,  
California (January 15, 1964),  
resided 22 First Street, Troy,  
New York as of August 5, 1948

**Brother**

LOUIS NAGELL, [REDACTED]

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**Sisters**

Mrs. ELEANORE GAMBERT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mrs. NORMAN LE BEAUF, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Stepsister**

ELEANORE HOPPER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Uncle**

HOBART KAUFMAN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Residence**

Box 75801, Sanford Station,  
Los Angeles 5, California

**Social Security No.** 104-24-8340

**Army Serial No.** RA 12115891 (Enlisted)  
02 028 346 (Officer)  
01 438 346 (Officer)

**Army Service Record:** August 5, 1948, Private, resigned  
as Captain, October 29, 1959,  
Fort Dix, New Jersey

**Service Decorations:** Bronze Star; Purple Heart (two  
clusters)

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**Education**

Hackett Junior High and  
Albany High School, Albany,  
New York, graduated 1948,  
two years of college while in  
service

**Employment**

New York Central Railroad,  
July, 1948, to August 4, 1948,  
Albany, New York;  
December 14, 1959 to June 8, 1962,  
State Beverage Department, Los  
Angeles, California;  
As of August, 1963, cab driver,  
Beverly Hills, California

**Residences since  
January 1, 1937**

January 1, 1937 to December, 1941,  
Route 1, Glen Falls, New York;  
December, 1941 to June, 1948,  
140 New Scotland Avenue,  
Albany, New York;  
July, 1948 to August, 1948,  
304 Madison Avenue, Albany,  
New York;  
8222 Ankener Avenue, Elmhurst,  
Long Island, New York (as of  
August 1, 1951);  
1533A "B" Street, Fort Dix,  
New Jersey (as of December, 1959);  
P. O. Box 76121, Sanford Station,  
Los Angeles, California (as of  
1960 and as of August 20, 1962);

**Residences**  
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4037 Leeward Avenue, Los Angeles, California (as of July and September, 1962); Mexico City, D. F., Mexico (subject claimed this residence from August, 1962 to October 28, 1962. On a subsequent occasion, subject claimed this residence for a period lasting until about March 15, 1963); Washington, D. C. (subject claimed this residence during period subsequent to June, 1962, and prior to December, 1962; 8225 Grand Avenue, Elmhurst, Queens, Long Island, New York (as of November 15, 1962, and again on December 7, 1962); Holiday Inn, Jacksonville, Florida (temporary residence as of December 15, 1962); Room 303, Holiday Inn, 2500 Brickell Avenue, Miami, Florida (temporary residence as of January 24, 1963); 610 South Oxford Street, Los Angeles, California (as of April 19, 1963); Box 75801, Sanford Station, Los Angeles, California (as of July 26, 1963); 3751 6th Street, Los Angeles, California (no date given); 2830<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> West Boulevard, Los Angeles, California (no date given); 2712 Saturn Street, Los Angeles 19, California (no date given); 20245 Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, California (no date given).

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Records of the Division of Motor Vehicles, Los Angeles, California, reflect 1957 Ford sedan with 1963 California license LVZ 076, vehicle identification number C7LT138540, registered to RICHARD C. NAGELL, Box 76121, Sanford Station, Los Angeles, California, in December, 1962 or January, 1963. 1963 California license OCZ 155 for identical vehicle registered to RICHARD C. NAGELL, Box 75801, Sanford Station, Los Angeles, in February or March, 1963 (in possession of this vehicle when arrested in El Paso on September 20, 1963)

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

The following is the FBI Identification Record for RICHARD CASE NAGELL under FBI number 631 219 E, dated October 3, 1963:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	Richard Case Nagell RA 12 115 891	8-5-48 Albany NY		
Camp Holabird Baltimore MD	Richard C. Nagell #--	FP 1-27-54		
PD Los Angeles Calif	Richard Case Nagell #LA 616 479-N	5-31-62	drk	
USM El Paso, Texas	Richard Case Nagell #2248-A	9-21-63	Sect #2313 bank rob	





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

202 U. S. Court House

El Paso, Texas 79901

February 4, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.  
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Re Report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso, Texas,  
dated February 4, 1964.

EP T-1 through EP T-3, contacts with whom have been  
insufficient to judge the reliability of their information, are in  
a position to [REDACTED]

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The sources used to characterize the Fair Play for  
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Date

Robert C. Nolan

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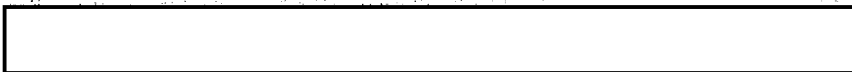
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RE REPORT SA DAVID J. REID DATED TWO FOUR SIXTY DASH  
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INFORMANT CONTACTS AND INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT'S SISTER,  
 ELEANORE GAMBERT, DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION INDICATING SUBJECT'S  
 INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNIST, CUBAN AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

GAMBERT ADVISED SUBJECT HAS METAL TYPE FOOTLOCKER  
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FROM: SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka.  
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Joe Crane, Robert C. Nolan  
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OO: EL PASO

Re report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso  
dated 2/4/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau and offices listed  
below is one copy each of two FD 302's dated 3/4/64.  
Two copies each are being designated for the Los Angeles  
Office.

3-Bureau [REDACTED] (REGAM) (Encls. 2)  
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2-Philadelphia (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-San Antonio (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-San Francisco (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
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For information all offices subject arrested on bank robbery charge in El Paso, Texas, on 9/20/63 and is currently undergoing examination at Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, to determine his competency to stand trial. Results of this examination expected to be reported in U. S. District Court, El Paso, on or about 3/26/64 and if found competent, subject will stand trial shortly thereafter.

Background: Subject entered U. S. Army 8/5/48 and honorably discharged as Captain 10/29/59. Received many campaign awards during Korean conflict. Sole survivor airplane crash 11/28/54, suffered facial disfigurement and given psychiatric examination. Subject claimed he was released from employment by State Beverage Department, Los Angeles, California, 6/8/62, having been accused of taking \$20,000 bribe. Subject refused furnish police details of his shooting by unidentified assailant on 7/16/62 and subsequently filed Civil Rights complaint against police. In September, 1962, subject advised U. S. Embassy, Mexico City, he had been approached for recruiting in Mexico City, refused to elaborate, did not desire to return to U. S., was "bitter, disgusted, disillusioned and disaffected." Said if he did go to some other country it would cost U. S. millions, was "through being a good citizen" and thought he had gotten a "dirty deal all around." Advised FBI in New York City on 11/16/62 he wanted to expose Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in California. Advised FBI in Jacksonville, Fla. on 12/15/62 he had been approached shortly before in Washington, D. C., by individual believed to be working for Soviets; contacted [REDACTED] for instructions, was sent to Miami, Fla., by his Soviet contact and said he believed he was actually working for Soviets. Subject's condition diagnosed at VA hospital, Bay Pines, Fla., in January, 1963, as "chronic brain syndrome associated with brain trauma with behavioral reaction characterized by passive, aggressive and paranoid features." Asked FBI in Miami on 1/24/63 if his Cuban or Russian sources gave him a pistol and microfilm, would he be permitted to return same to his contact so he could be of further use to U. S. Government. Claimed to be constantly under surveillance. Advised FBI in Los Angeles

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on 4/19/63 he had taken [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subject's condition diagnosed by VA, Los Angeles, on 6/4/63 as "depression, tearful, nervous, rigid. Would only utter words [REDACTED]

Attempted Bank Robbery: Subject arrested 9/20/63 in El Paso, Texas, on charge of attempting to rob State National Bank, El Paso, same date in violation Section 2113, Title 18, U.S. Code. Slashed wrist night of 9/20/63, felt he needed psychiatric treatment, highly emotional when interviewed, given to spells of crying, stated unable to get on feet since discharge from U. S. Army. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] subject apparently became member. Communist Party during confused period after discharge, decided everything was against him in Los Angeles and made arrangements with Communist Party in Los Angeles to pick up visa and passport from contact in El Paso and eventually end up in Czechoslovakia. Subject reportedly attempted suicide three times enroute to El Paso but lost nerve. Advised FBI in El Paso on 1/6/64 he was instructed by agent of foreign government in September, 1963, to comply with agreement made in May, 1963, to participate in criminal offense against United States or be exposed to FBI, which caused subject to act as he did on 9/20/63. Subject ordered sent to Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, on 1/24/64, by U. S. District Court, El Paso, for 30-day period to undergo psychiatric examination. Alleged Connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD: Subsequent to President's assassination, subject claimed acquaintance with OSWALD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] disclaimed any knowledge of subject.

Subject had numerous papers and other material in his possession at time of arrest on 9/20/64 and information from some of these papers has been set out in enclosed FD-302's.

In addition, subject had a complete photographing and developing kit in his possession when arrested, centered around a Minolto-16, 16 mm. still camera. (A miniature camera).

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Subject also had about 10 items of pro-communist literature in his possession when arrested, including such writings as "The Crime Against Cuba" by CORLISS LAMONT, and "Verdict First, Trial After" which defends DOROTHY HEALY, the West Coast Communist. Some of these items of literature were stamped "Fair Play For Cuba Committee, P.O. Box 26251, Los Angeles 26, Calif."

Noted papers in subject's possession reflect subject attended Army Language School (Japanese) and Army Intelligence School in middle 1950's and was possibly engaged in intelligence work for a period of time in Korea and Japan. Some of the papers in his possession contained oriental names which the subject possibly obtained while overseas in the U. S. Army.

Noted subject claimed to have used name of JOE CRAMER or KRAMER [REDACTED] He also claimed to have used names of JOE KRANE and ROBERT C. NOLAN, the latter being used while in Military Intelligence.

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The AUSA, El Paso, has expressed a concern that subject might take stand in U. S. District Court, El Paso, and make claim that he had been engaged in espionage activities on behalf of U. S. Government on various occasions and that his attempted robbery of a bank in El Paso on 9/20/63 was linked in with these espionage activities. As a result, the Bureau instructed that this investigation be conducted.

All offices are requested to submit report on results of investigation to reach El Paso by 3/30/64, prior to the bank robbery trial of the subject.

The following is a partial description of subject:

Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	8/5/30
POB	Greenwich, New York
Height	6'2"
Weight	180
Complexion	Light

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Build	Medium
Hair	Reddish Brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars & Marks	Left eye slants downward toward outside. 2" vertical scar in front of left eye; half circle shape scar commencing in left eyebrow and extending down to cheek

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Copies of photo of subject being forwarded by separate communication to those offices not already in possession of same.

LEADS

ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO:

1. Review information set out in enclosed FD 302's for information pertaining to their respective Divisions. (Note one FD 302 has an area breakdown beginning with Baltimore, Maryland area. Each office should review its particular section, as well as the section beginning on page 11 entitled "Unidentified Areas." The other FD 302 has no area breakdown and should be completely reviewed by each office).

2. Check pertinent names and places through indices.

3. Contact logical informants, acquainted with Communist, Cuban and espionage activities regarding subject and pertinent names and places, mentioned above.

4. Unless reasons exist to the contrary, interview persons mentioned in FD 302's in an effort to develop any information regarding Communist, Cuban or espionage



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activities on part of subject.

5. Cover any other additional leads deemed advisable as developed through the course of this investigation.

The following are additional leads for specific offices:

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Check records of Bank of America, P.O. Box 191, listed as credit reference by subject on one occasion, to develop data regarding his financial dealings.

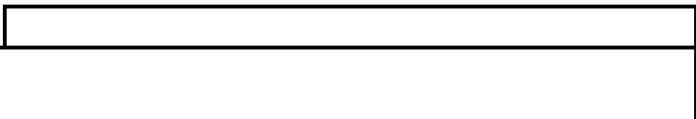
AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Check records of Commercial Credit Company, 476 Park Avenue, listed as credit reference by subject on one occasion, to develop data regarding his financial dealings.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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listed on page 2, and interview these individuals re any pertinent information they may have regarding Communist, Cuban or espionage activities on the part of the subject.

SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AND ATTEMPTED ARMED BANK ROBBERY.

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Date: 3/4/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka.  
Joe Cramer, Joe Kramer,  
Joe Crane, Robert C. Nolan  
ESPIONAGE - X

OO: EL PASO

Re report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso  
dated 2/4/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau and offices listed  
below is one copy each of two FD 302's dated 3/4/64.  
Two copies each are being designated for the Los Angeles  
Office.

3-Bureau [REDACTED] (REGAM) (Encls. 2)  
2-Albuquerque (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Baltimore [REDACTED] (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Boston (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Charlotte (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Denver (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Los Angeles [REDACTED] (Encls. 4) (REGAM)  
2-Kansas City [REDACTED] (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Miami [REDACTED] (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-New Haven (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
② New York [REDACTED] (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Omaha (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Philadelphia (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-San Antonio (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-San Francisco (Encls. 2) (REGAM)  
2-Washington Field [REDACTED] (REGAM) (Encls. 2)  
2-El Paso [REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/9/64

Eleanore Gambert was contacted at her home located [redacted] on February 28, 1964, by Special Agents Thomas J. Dowling and Benjamin P. Grogan, who identified themselves to her as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She was told that the Special Agents wished to talk to her about her brother, Richard Case Nagell; that she would not have to speak with the interviewing agents; that anything she might say could be used in court; and that she had a right to counsel before making any statement. Mrs. Gambert advised that she had no objection to being interviewed and that she would cooperate in any way possible.

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She advised that her brother, Richard Case Nagell, last resided with her in her home for a 5 or 6 week period which ended just prior to Christmas, 1962. While in New York, he was for the most part unemployed and seeking a position. She noted that he did obtain a position as a store detective but that this lasted for only several days when he decided that this was not the type of investigative work he wanted to do.

When questioned as to whether or not she knew of any activity on the part of her brother which could have been of a subversive nature, she stated that she knew of no such activity; that she did not believe her brother capable of taking part in such activity; and that if she ever became aware that he was engaging at any time in such activity she would have nothing to do with him. At this point she noted that approximately a month prior to the interview she had received several letters that were returned to her from El Paso, Texas, which she had written to her brother, indicating that he was no longer at the El Paso County Jail. She subsequently received a letter from her brother indicating that he was at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri. She noted that she answered this letter immediately, but has not as yet heard from her

On 2/28/64 at [redacted] File # NY [redacted] -7  
by SAS BENJAMIN P. GROGAN<sup>VIA</sup> and  
THOMAS J. DOWLING : [redacted] Date dictated 3/5/64

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brother. She stated that she expected to hear from her brother immediately after he received her letter and the fact that she has not heard has made her uneasy. She noted that she offered, if permitted, to visit him, and that she hoped to ascertain as a result of this visit, the reason he attempted to rob a bank in El Paso, Texas, on September 20, 1963. She advised that she has had no reason to believe that her brother is not responsible for his actions, and she noted that in one letter he wrote to her that the bank robbery attempt was a pre-meditated action on his part. She advised that her brother has been in a depressed state of mind ever since he had been accused of taking a bribe and fired from his position with the California State Liquor Authority. She noted that she believed, as her brother claims, that this purported bribe was set up to remove her brother from his position with the California State Liquor Authority because of his honesty and failure to handle investigations as instructed by superiors.

When questioned as to whether or not her brother, Richard Case Nagell, maintains any type of property at her residence, she advised that he does maintain a military type metal foot locker, and that he has maintained it at her residence since his discharge from the United States Army. She noted that as this foot locker is her brother's property, she is not aware of its contents, although she believes it contains mementoes of his military service, including his medals and a complete uniform. She advised that she does not even know whether or not the foot locker is open or locked.

It is noted that during the course of the interview of Eleanore Gambert, her husband, Louis Gambert was present.

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Date: 3/10/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.  
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OO: EL PASO

5 - Bureau (REG. AM)  
1 - Albuquerque (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Baltimore [REDACTED] (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Boston (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Charlotte (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Dallas (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Denver (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Jacksonville (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Kansas City [REDACTED] (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Los Angeles (Info.) (REG. AM) [REDACTED]  
1 - Miami [REDACTED] (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - New Haven (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - New York [REDACTED] (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Omaha (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Philadelphia (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - San Antonio (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - San Francisco (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - St. Louis [REDACTED] (Info.) (REG. AM)  
1 - Washington Field [REDACTED] (Info.) (REG. AM)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Re report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso dated 2/4/64, Los Angeles airtel to Director dated 2/20/64 and El Paso airtels to Director dated 3/4/64, 3/5/64 and 3/6/64.

AUSA MORRIS H. RANEY, El Paso, Texas, advised SA THOMAS B. WHITE, JR. on March 9, and March 10, 1964 that he had taken over the prosecution of RICHARD CASE NAGELL in the Bank Robbery case, replacing AUSA FREDERICK J. MORTON. He also stated that NAGELL's trial on the Bank Robbery charge had been set for the week of March 30, 1964, in El Paso.

Mr. RANEY further advised that his approach to the prosecution of this case is along the following lines:

1. Prove the identity of NAGELL as the person in the bank in question on the afternoon of September 20, 1963.

2. Prove that NAGELL was the one who approached the teller's window, pushed the gun through the window and made the statement that this was a real gun.

3. Prove that NAGELL fired two shots from the gun over the teller's cage and into the wall behind the teller's cage, fled from the bank and was apprehended as he attempted to flee in his 1957 Ford by a police officer on duty at the bank.

Mr. RANEY further stated that the possibility RICHARD CASE NAGELL may try to create a scene by the use of extraneous matter obtained from various notebooks and other material in his possession at the time of his arrest in an attempt to cloud the issue and defend himself against the charge of Bank Robbery is not a matter of concern to Mr. RANEY. Mr. RANEY advised he does not feel that the information developed in connection with the investigation of the possible ESPIONAGE activities of NAGELL has any bearing on the Bank Robbery matter and is of no value to him. He did indicate, however, that he would like to obtain the following:

1. A certificate from the custodian of personnel <sup>employment</sup> records of  FBI and military intelligence agencies to the effect that a search had been made of the

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personnel records of these agencies regarding NAGELL with negative results. As far as the military intelligence agencies are concerned, Mr. RANEY is interested in the period of time subsequent to NAGELL's discharge from the United States Army on October 29, 1959. (These certificates should meet the requirements of Rule 27 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure for introduction in a United States District Court)

2. In addition, Mr. RANEY requested that [redacted] contacted to ascertain if the names listed in one of the notebooks of NAGELL under the heading [redacted] refer to persons who have actually been employed [redacted]. If so employed, Mr. RANEY is desirous of having these persons interviewed regarding their connections with NAGELL. (Noted these names are listed on Page 17 of the FD-302 dated March 4, 1964 at El Paso, sent as an enclosure to referenced El Paso airtel to Director dated March 4, 1964. In addition, the name [redacted] is listed on Page 2 of this FD-302). If these persons have never been employed [redacted] Mr. RANEY requested that a proper certificate be obtained from the custodian of personnel records [redacted] showing that a search was made with negative results regarding these persons.

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In view of the above, the El Paso Office does not feel that a complete ESPIONAGE investigation regarding NAGELL is warranted, keeping in mind the following statement, which is contained in referenced Los Angeles airtel:

"It appears well established that subject is a mental case who has in recent years made various complaints to several FBI Offices, including stories that he has been involved in some way in espionage. Without exception, these stories have been uncorroborated by facts."

The El Paso Office is of the opinion that pertinent names listed in the two FD-302s submitted as enclosures to referenced El Paso airtel to the Director dated March 4, 1964, and in El Paso

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airtel to the Director dated March 6, 1964, as well as the names appearing in the letterhead memorandum enclosed with the last mentioned El Paso airtel, should be checked through the indices by the Bureau and the offices conducting investigation in this matter to insure that none of these persons has been known to have been engaged in any espionage activities. These indices checks should be expedited and the El Paso Office advised of the results of these checks.

With the exception of Washington Field, all offices are requested to discontinue all investigation in this matter with the exception of the above-mentioned indices checks, UACB.

Information copies of this airtel are being sent to the designated offices in view of the investigation being conducted by those offices in this matter.

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#### WASHINGTON FIELD:

Contact the Headquarters [ ] and the Headquarters of Military Intelligence of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and conduct the investigation as requested above by the AUSA, El Paso. Note AUSA is only interested in possible employment of NAGELL by these agencies.

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(WASHINGTON FIELD is requested to expedite its investigation in this matter in view of the pending trial of the subject during the week of March 30, 1964.)

#### REQUESTS OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to furnish the El Paso Office a certificate, referred to above, as to the non-employment of RICHARD CASE NAGELL by the FBI. (This certificate is to be made available to the AUSA, El Paso).



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Check through indices the names set out in the below listed communications:

El Paso airtel to Director dated 3/4/64. (Names are contained in two FD-302s enclosed with this airtel).

El Paso airtel to Director dated 3/6/64. (Names are contained in the airtel and in the letterhead memorandum enclosed to the airtel).

Extra copies of this airtel are being furnished to the Bureau for forwarding to Legats Tokyo and Mexico City.

Bureau's attention is again directed to paragraph set out above requesting all offices to discontinue all investigation in this matter with the exception of the above-mentioned indices checks, UACB.

The Bureau is requested to expedite any decision made in this matter contrary to that of the El Paso Office.

SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, WFO [REDACTED] (P)

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka  
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ReFAirtel to Bureau 3/4/64, and enclosures of two  
FD 302's dated 3/4/64. Butel 3/6/64.

Each office receiving copies of above airtel was  
requested to review its particular section for names set out  
therein, as well as the section beginning on page eleven entitled  
"Unidentified Areas", set out in one of the FD 302's.

With the exception of ANITA L. EHRMAN, the Bureau  
advised by airtel 3/6/64, WFO should not interview any of the  
persons set forth under Washington, D. C. area of referenced  
FD 302 without Bureau authority. WFO does not feel interviews  
are necessary with any of these individuals.

One copy furnished NY for information and assistance.

ANITA L. EHRMAN 7/30/63, Washington, D. C.

Indices of WFO reflect following re one EHRMAN.

The "Evening Star", a Washington, D. C. daily news-  
paper, dated 7/30/63, contained following article on page B4.

"WOMAN REPORTER FOUND DEAD IN APARTMENT

"Police this morning were investigating the death of  
Miss ANITA L. EHRMAN, a 28 year old reporter, whose body was  
found about 4:20 p.m. yesterday in her apartment at 1100 Sixth  
Street, S. W.

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2 - El Paso [REDACTED] (AM) (RM)  
① - New York [REDACTED] (RM)  
1 - WFO [REDACTED]

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"District homicide detectives said an autopsy would be performed.

"The body was found by WILBUR A. CLAFIN, the building engineer, who investigated after Miss EHRMAN had not been seen for several days.

"She was a former United Nations Correspondent for the Hearst Headline Service in New York and worked for the Washington Post until recently. She joined that paper in January.

"Miss EHRMAN was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK L. EHRMAN of Armonk, New York. Her father is a partner in Lehman Brothers in New York and a director of Continental Air Lines, Incorporated."

In regards to another investigation, SA JAMES A. SCHMITZ made inquiry at the Metropolitan Police Department (Homicide Squad) on 8/14/63, and ascertained that EHRMAN had died of natural causes.

It would appear the following individuals listed under "Unidentified Areas" of referenced FD 302 are identical with listed individuals set forth under Los Angeles, California area.

CONNIE HAGMAN-[REDACTED]-page 13 with CONNIE HAGMAN-page 4 and 6. b6  
FRANKIE POTTER-[REDACTED]-page 12 with FRANKIE POTTER-page 6. b7C  
VAUGHN SNIPES-[REDACTED]-page 13 with VAUGHN SNIPES-page 6.  
ARMANDO HERRERA-[REDACTED]-page 13 with AMANDO HERRERA-page 6.  
NATALIE CADY-[REDACTED]-page 13 with NATALIE CADY-page 6.  
MOON VILLAGE-[REDACTED]-page 14 with MOON VILLAGE-page 6.  
CHUCK MEIGHEN-[REDACTED]-page 12 with CHUCK MEIGHEN-page 2 of second FD 302.

From Los Angeles area telephone directories available to WFO, it would appear the majority of names mentioned in the section "Unidentified Areas" are residents of the Los Angeles area. WFO is not setting forth specific leads to LA in regard to all of these individuals inasmuch as that office in re/airtel was requested to review this same section entitled "Unidentified Areas".

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Due to fact it appears none of the individuals set forth in referenced airtel reside in Washington, D. C. area, logical informants were not contacted. It will be noted these informants have previously been contacted in regard to subject and same has been reported.

Indices of WFO are negative on all individuals mentioned in "Unidentified Areas" of referenced FD 302 with the exception of the following individuals who may be identical. Where this information was received from other offices and those offices also received copies of referenced FD 302, this information is not being reported by WFO as the other interested offices have also been requested to check the name and places through its office indices.

NELSON C. DRUMMOND

NY refer to your file [ ] captioned "NELSON CORNELIOUS DRUMMOND, aka, ESP - R."

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HELEN MAXINE LEVI TRAVIS  
ROBERT C. TRAVIS (HUOB)

LA refer to your file "HELEN MAXINE LEVI TRAVIS" (100-47932) and "ROBERT CARROLL TRAVIS" (100-33496).

Dr. JOHN R. LECHNER  
Executive Director - American Educational League

LA refer to your file 100-1746. report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND dated 6/22/43, at LA. File [ ] report of SA RICHARD L. CROMWELL dated 3/30/43, at LA.

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NY refer to report of SA FRANCIS I. LUNDQUIST dated 4/27/62, NY file [ ] which reflects on 12/15/60. NY T-15 advised one [ ]

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PICKWICK BOOKSTORE

LA refer to your file 100-14106, captioned "ALBERT KEENE, ESP-R". Your letter to Bureau dated 8/27/63, refers to Pickwick Bookstore.

TOMMY TUCKER, BAIL BOND AGENCY  
FRANK SICA  
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LA refer to report of SA LANFORD L. BLANTON dated 3/28/62, at Los Angeles, California, captioned "FRANK HELL HICKS, etc., ITSP; FRAUD BY WIRE; MAIL FRAUD."

The above report contains the following information that may help to identify the above individuals mentioned in referenced EPairtel.

Page B, Cover Page, of above report refers to an interview with JOSEPH DE VANON of CID in Los Angeles (Criminal Investigation Detachment). This individual may be identical [REDACTED] as set forth in referenced EP FD 302, page 17.

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Page seven refers to a FRANK SICA. This individual may be identical with FRANK SICA, page twelve of referenced EP FD 302.

Page nine refers to one TOMMY TUCKER. This individual may be identical with TOMMY TUCKER set forth in referenced EP FD 302, on page 17.

HARRY MORITO NISHIMOTO

LA refer to your file 49-1514 captioned "SOUTHWEST PRODUCE COMPANY, HARRY NISHIMOTO, PRESIDENT, ET AL, NBA. See page 18 of referenced EP FD 302.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. 1. The names [REDACTED]  
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2. LA requested to contact Criminal Investigation Detachment (CID), Los Angeles, and determine if these individuals are employed with CID [REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON FIELD

[REDACTED] AT WASHINGTON, D. C. A request has been made [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for information regarding the individuals listed above under lead for LA. When this information is received, it will be immediately reported.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
**AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF AWARDS**

DATE

14 February 1963

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1	MEDAL OF HONOR	13	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	25	WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
2	DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS	14	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL CLASP	26	ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL WITH GERMANY CLASP
3	DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL	15	DISTINGUISHED UNIT EMBLEM	27	ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL WITH JAPAN CLASP
4	SILVER STAR	16	MERITORIOUS UNIT EMBLEM	28	MEDAL FOR HUMANE ACTION
5	LEGION OF MERIT	17	MEDAL FOR MERIT	29	KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL
6	DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS	18	MEDAL OF FREEDOM	30	NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
7	SOLDIER'S MEDAL	19	WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS SERVICE MEDAL	31	ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL
8	BRONZE STAR MEDAL	20	ARMY OF OCCUPATION OF GERMANY MEDAL	32	COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE
9	LETTER "V" DEVICE	21	AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	33	EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE
10	AIR MEDAL	22	AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	34	MEDICAL BADGE
11	COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT	23	ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL	35	OAK LEAF CLUSTER
12	PURPLE HEART	24	EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	36	SERVICE STAR
				37	BRONZE ARROWHEAD
				38	GOLD STAR LABEL BUTTON
				39	PATRIOTIC CIVILIAN SERVICE LABEL BUTTON
				40	FRENCH FOURRAGERE
				41	BELGIAN FOURRAGERE
				42	NETHERLANDS ORANGE LANYARD
				43	PHILIPPINE DEFENSE RIBBON
				44	PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON
				45	PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE RIBBON
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REMARKS

Mr. Richard C. Nagell  
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Elmhurst 73, Long Island,  
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REMARKS

Mr. Richard C. Nagell  
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Elmhurst 73, Long Island,  
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TO : Director, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka  
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Re El Paso airtel to Director, 3/4/64.

PAUL SHAW, Security Officer, U.S. Army Support Command, 2800 South 20th Street, Philadelphia 1, Pa., advised this Command receives communications from individuals who are seeking to claim service medals and also from persons who wish to buy military clothing by mail. He advised his records fail to reflect any communications from subject; however, the Officer in Charge of issuing service medals may have additional records which may reflect communication with the subject.

Lieutenant Colonel PAUL A. LOOMIS, Officer in Charge, Medal Disbursing Section, U.S. Army Support Command, advised his files reflect a request from RICHARD C. NAGELL, 8225 Grand Avenue, Elmhurst 73, Long Island, N.Y., dated 2/14/63, requesting the authorization for issuance of awards. Colonel LOOMIS made available a copy of this request. Copies of this request are being furnished the Bureau, El Paso, and New York.

A review of Philadelphia Indices fails to reflect any investigation conducted by Philadelphia Division regarding individuals and names listed under "Unidentified Areas" in referenced report.

New York conduct appropriate investigation at 8225 Grand Avenue, Elmhurst 73, Long Island, N.Y., regarding subject.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>THOMAS J. DOWLING</b>	TYPED BY <b>kgm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - X</b>	

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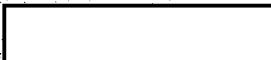
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NY tel to Bureau and SAC, El Paso, dated  
2/29/64.  
El Paso airtel to Bureau, dated 3/4/64

INFORMANTS

The confidential sources contacted with negative results concerning the captioned individual on 2/27 and 28/64, who are described in the enclosed report as being familiar with certain phases of Cuban activities and/or Communist activities in the NYC area, are identified as follows:

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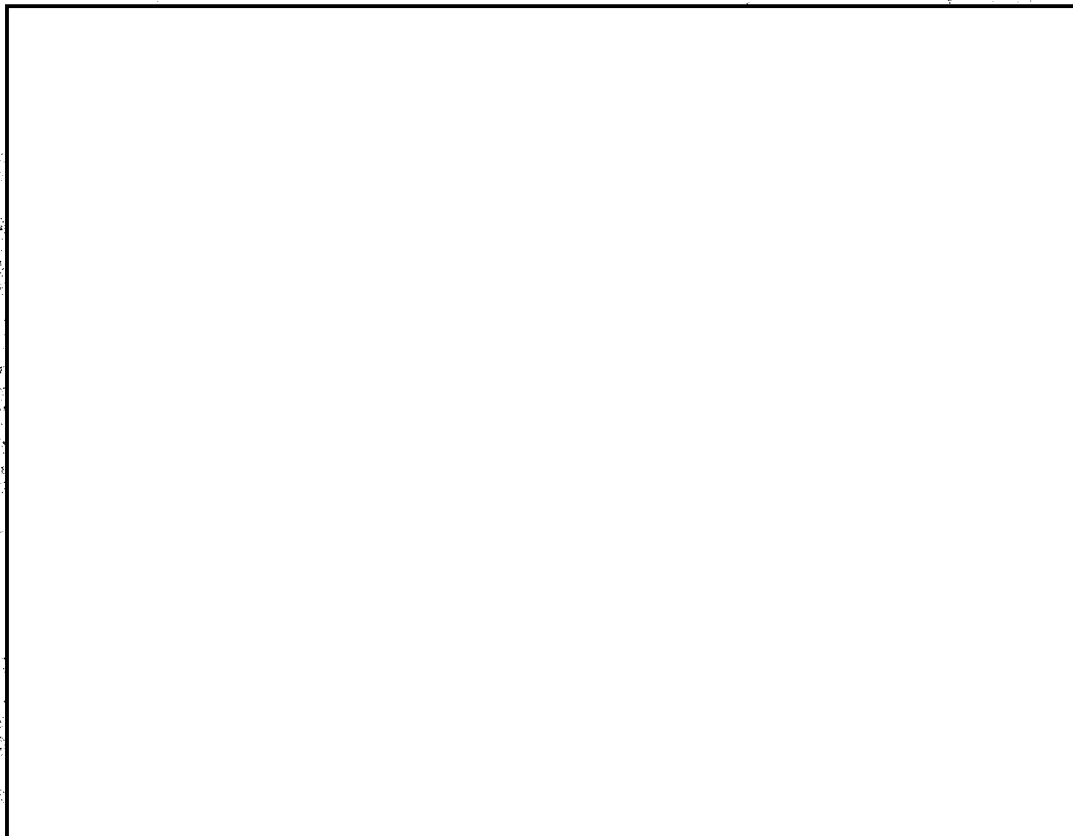
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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will conduct investigation  
outlined in re El Paso airtel, 3/4/64.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

Report of:

THOMAS J. DOWLING

Office: New York, New York

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Field Office File No.:

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Title:

RICHARD CASE MAGELL

Character:

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Synopsis:

Confidential informants familiar with certain phases [redacted] in the NYC area, when contacted during February, 1964, advised that the subject is unknown to them. Subject's sister, Mrs. ELEANORE GARNETT, when interviewed on 2/28/64, advised that subject last stayed at her home during the latter part of 1962. She indicated that she knows of no subversive activity on the part of the subject, and stated further that she would have nothing to do with him if she ever found out he had ever been involved in such activities. She advised subject maintains a metal-type foot locker at her residence, and has maintained it at her home for a number of years. She noted that she does not know the contents of this foot locker nor is she even aware of whether it is opened or locked.

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From: Director, FBI [redacted]

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL

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ReEPairtel 3-10-64.

It is noted that Assistant U. S. Attorney Morris H. Raney advised that information developed during instant investigation would be of no value to him in bank robbery case involving subject. In view thereof and since investigation to date has not disclosed subversive activity on part of subject but has indicated he is mentally unstable, additional inquiries in this Espionage - X case should not be made with exception of leads set out in reairtel [redacted] and indices checks. (The results these leads should be incorporated in reports in the bank robbery matter as well as the Espionage - X case.) In addition, it is desired that the New York Office continue its efforts to ascertain whether information of security significance is contained in the subject's trunk located in his sister's home. It is also desired that Los Angeles interview Jack Miyaki to ascertain if he has any information indicating subversive activity on subject's part. Results these leads should be reported only under the Espionage - X character.

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Airtel to SAC, El Paso  
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El Paso should not furnish office of U. S. Attorney  
results of investigation in Espionage - X case.

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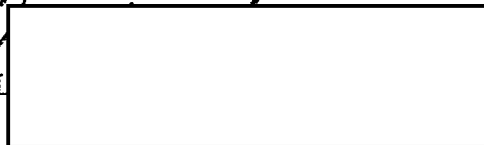
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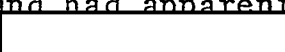
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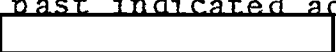
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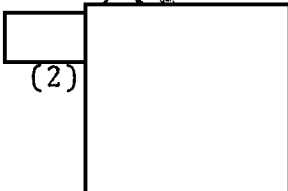
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On 3/17/64, at 11:15 a.m., Supervisor RAY WANNALL, of the SOG, called concerning the captioned case and made reference to our teletype of 2/29/64. He also commented upon the fact that the subject was under arrest in connection with a bank robbery charge and had apparently indicated he had a notebook in which were the names  indicating some connection with medical relief for Cuba. b3 b7E

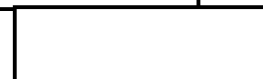
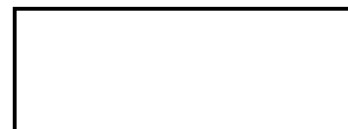
NY teletype made reference to a foot locker belonging to subject in the possession of his sister, who was interviewed by the NYO. In view of the security ramifications of this case and recognizing that much of the information furnished by subject could be false, MR. WANNALL requested that we consider approaching the sister or exploring the possibilities of determining the contents of the locker, considering the possibility that the subject would make such available. WANNALL noted that the subject had in the past indicated acquaintanceship with OSWALD. However, an interview  has not borne this out. He also stated that at this time it is his understanding that subject has "clammed" up and is not receptive to talking. b6 b7C

The above was brought to the attention of Supervisor KAVANAGH.

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL aka  
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Re El Paso airtels to the Bureau 3/4/64 and 3/10/64; WFO airtel to Bureau 3/13/64; Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau 3/16/64; NY teletype to Bureau 2/29/64 and report of SA THOMAS J. DOWLING dated 3/17/64, at NY.

It is noted that the referenced Philadelphia airtel instructed the NYO to conduct investigation at [redacted] It is noted that subject's sister, ELEANORE GAMBERT, resides at this address and has been interviewed concerning the subject.

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Referenced WFO airtel directed the NYO to a reference pertaining to a STEVE ROBERTS it being noted that this name appeared under the caption "Unidentified Areas," in FD 302 dated 3/4/64 which accompanied the referenced El Paso airtel dated 3/4/64. It is noted that the files of the NYO indicate that ROBERT BRUCE TABER when interviewed by SAS of the FBI on 3/19/62, admitted that he had been the Founder and Executive Secretary of the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC). During the course of this interview he identified STEVE ROBERTS as the individual who became the west coast area representative of the FPCC. TABER stated he believed ROBERTS to be associated with the SWP as he impressed him as a Marxist who was opposed to the CP. [redacted] on 12/15/60, advised that STEVE ROBERTS was then a member of the SWP in Los Angeles, California.

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The files of the NYO of the FBI contain no information deemed to be pertinent to this investigation

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identifiable with the following which were found listed in papers owned by the subject as set forth in an FD 302 which accompanied the referenced El Paso airtel dated 3/4/64:

Nite and Day Restaurant  
Liborio Restaurant  
HANS L. MEYER  
MBI Export and Import Ltd.  
HOWARD T. WICKERT  
Suzanne's Restaurant

It is noted that GILBERT OFFENHARTZ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is being left to the discretion of the office of origin as to whether or not GILBERT OFFENHARTZ should be interviewed for his knowledge of the captioned individual.

With regard to A. DOAK BARNETT the Library of the NYO contains a book written by this individual entitled "Communist China and Asia" published by Harper Brothers for the Council on Foreign Relations. In this book BARNETT calls for the admission of Red China to the UN. The fly leaf of this book contains the following information:

"A. DOAK BARNETT, a graduate of Yale University, one time officer in the US Marine Corp, and a former member of the State Department, has written extensively on China for the Institute of Current World Affairs, the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service and the American University's Field Staff. He has contributed many

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articles to leading periodicals and is also the author of "Communist Economic Strategy; The Rise of Mainland China" (National Planning Association, 1959). In preparation of "Communist China and Asia" he had the advice of an expert study group at the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. BARNETT is now on the staff of the Ford Foundation."

DIRECTOR, FBI

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
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ReBualrtel, 3/17/64.

ELEANORE GAMBERT recontacted by SA THOMAS J. DOWLING of the NYO on 3/20/64. The contents of subject's trunk being held at her home were tactfully discussed. She indicated again that she does not know what the exact contents of this trunk are; that this trunk has been maintained by the subject in her home for about ten years; that she had no objection to examining the trunk in order to ascertain its contents, but that she would have to request the subject's permission before doing so. She indicated that in asking permission she would have to give him a reason as to why she wished to examine the trunk and she, therefore, requested as to whether or not she could advise her brother that the FBI was interested in ascertaining the contents. She noted that in any event, she could take no action for several weeks inasmuch as she was leaving on that day on a two week vacation. She was advised that the NYO would recontact her upon her return.

The El Paso Office, UACB, is requested to ascertain whether or not subject will execute consent to search allowing the NYO to examine contents of the trunk in question.

The Bureau is requested to advise what further action if any, should be taken by the NYO.

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FROM: SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)

RE: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka.  
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ReBuairtel dated 3/17/64.

The below listed offices are requested to expedite their investigation in this matter in order that the El Paso Office will be in possession of the results of all investigation by the week of 3/30/64, it being noted that the subject is due to appear in the US District Court, El Paso, during the week of 3/30/64, to stand trial on the bank robbery charge.

Requests of the Bureau:

The Bureau is requested to forward one copy of this airtel to Legat, Tokyo, in view of the fact that Legat, Tokyo is conducting investigation in this matter.

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Director, FBI [redacted]

**RICHARD CASE NAGELL**  
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*ReNYlet 3/25/64.*

El Paso submit its recommendations concerning contact with subject for purpose of determining whether he will execute Consent to Search Waiver allowing the New York Office to examine contents of his trunk located in residence of his sister. New York Office take no further action until so instructed by the Bureau.

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SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED] (P)

RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
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OO: EL PASO

Re New York letter to Director dated 3/25/64  
and Bulet to El Paso dated 4/2/64.

Noted subject's trial in US District Court,  
El Paso, Texas, on a Bank Robbery charge has been  
postponed until the latter part of April, 1964. Subject  
has been very uncooperative in connection with the  
interviews conducted with him by the Agents of the El Paso  
Office during the past six months. Subject is prone to  
make civil rights complaints. There is a definite question  
regarding the subject's mental stability. The subject  
has reportedly attempted suicide in the past.

In view of the above, it is believed that it  
would be highly undesirable to contact the subject at  
this time to request him to execute a Consent to Search  
Waiver allowing the New York Office to examine contents  
of his trunk located in the residence of his sister.  
The El Paso Office definitely recommends against such  
action.

SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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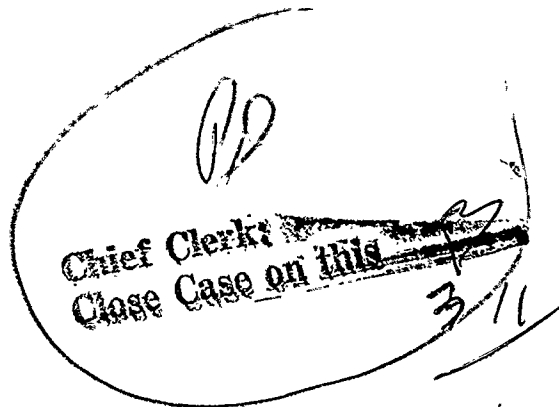
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Further action with respect to possible examination of contents of subject's trunk not desired at this time. El Paso, however, remain alert to importance of obtaining consent to search from subject and, if future events indicate subject may be agreeable, submit recommendations to Bureau.

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RE : RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
ESPIONAGE - X  
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Re WFO airtel to the Director dated March 13, 1964, Los Angeles airtel to the Director dated March 23, 1964, New York letter to Director dated March 24, 1964 and El Paso airtel to the Director dated April 29, 1964.

Trial by jury for the subject commenced on May 4, 1964 and on May 6, 1964 a verdict of guilty on both counts of bank robbery was returned in the United States District Court, El Paso. The subject is currently awaiting sentence.

The Los Angeles and New York Offices and Legat, Mexico, are requested to submit reports covering the results of all investigation conducted by them in this matter.

The attention of the Los Angeles and New York Offices is called to referenced WFO airtel, which set out the information possibly pertaining to matters originating in

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both the Los Angeles and New York Divisions. The reports submitted by these offices should include all information tending to show Communist and Cuban activities on the part of the subject, as well as espionage activities.

For information Los Angeles, pages 2 and 17 of an FD-302 previously submitted in this matter containing references [REDACTED] are being revised to delete these references in view of Bureau instructions regarding the handling of information [REDACTED] regarding these individuals. The Los Angeles Office should make no reference to these individuals in the administrative pages or the body of its report but should include the results of the [REDACTED] check on the subject.

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For information Miami, the subject sent a letter to FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., in April, 1964, making reference to a "registered letter from JOSEPH KRAMER to the FBI in September, 1963", wherein he allegedly furnished information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD. In the April, 1964, letter the subject stated, "certainly, FBI files in Washington, D. C. (or Miami, Florida, Mexico City, etc.) reflect who 'JOSEPH KRAMER' is". The indices of the Bureau and WFO have been checked with negative results regarding the letter from "JOSEPH KRAMER".

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#### MIAMI OFFICE:

Immediately check indices in an effort to locate the letter allegedly written by "JOSEPH KRAMER" to the FBI in September, 1963.

#### REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

Forward one copy of this airtel to Legat, Mexico, in order that Legat, Mexico, may be cognizant of the request set out above regarding the submission of a report.

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ReEPairtel to Bureau, 5/15/64.

NYreport of SA THOMAS J. DOWLING, dated 3/17/64,  
sets forth results of investigation conducted by NYO.

NYlet to Bureau, 3/24/64, sets forth result of indices  
check regarding certain names found in subject's possession.

No information developed by NYO which would tend  
to show Communist and/or Cuban activities on part of subject.

No further action being taken by NYO, UACB.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.</b>		Report made by <b>SA DAVID J. REID</b>	Typed By: <b>shd</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - X</b>	

Synopsis:

## REFERENCES

Report of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso dated 2/4/64;

El Paso letter to Director dated 3/10/64;

Bureau letter to El Paso dated 3/17/64.

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The material which the subject had in his possession at the time of his arrest on September 20, 1963, included a small spiral notebook. The notebook contained many names and

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1 - Los Angeles [REDACTED] (Info)			
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① - New York [REDACTED] (Info)			
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2 - El Paso [REDACTED]			

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addresses. The information in this notebook was set out in this report in the FD-302 dated March 4, 1964, which was broken down on an area basis.

A report of the FBI Laboratory dated January 8, 1964, contains the statement that the writings in the small spiral notebook were not identified with any of the material in the National Security File. ~~(S)~~ (U)

No request is being made of the subject for permission to search his trunk, currently in the possession of his sister, ELEANORE GAMBERT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in view of the subject's uncooperative and belligerent attitude in dealing with Agents of the El Paso Office and in view of a question regarding his mental stability.

Information contained in [REDACTED] letter dated April 7, 1964, copy of which was enclosed with Bureau letter to El Paso dated April 10, 1964, is not being disseminated outside the El Paso Office in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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In addition, page 2 and page 17 of the FD-302 dated March 4, 1964, pertaining to a review of material belonging to NAGELL, were revised to delete references [REDACTED]

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The translations from the Chinese, Japanese, and German languages, prepared by the Cryptanalysis - Translation Section of the FBI Laboratory from matter found in the possession of the subject at the time of his arrest in El Paso on September 20, 1963, were reviewed and were found to contain no information which appeared to be pertinent to this investigation. Therefore, these translations were not included in the body of this report.

Noted that the subject contested efficiency reports prepared regarding him in 1957 and 1958 while he was serving

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as a Captain in the United States Army in Japan. At that time, he made allegations of incompetence and mismanagement by senior officers, persecution in the form of restrictions, searches, opening of mail, and abusive interrogations, other allegations pertaining to coercion to change efficiency reports, "whitewash" investigations, and security violations, according to WFO airtel to the Director dated March 6, 1964. As a result of the allegations made by the subject, an extensive investigation was conducted by the United States Army, but no action was taken against the subject as he resigned from the Army on August 30, 1959.

The detailed information regarding this matter, which was forwarded to the El Paso Office by the St. Louis and Washington Field Offices, has not been included in the body of this report because it is voluminous and would serve no useful purpose in connection with efforts to identify espionage activities on the part of the subject.

The subject's record at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, was reviewed by IC NOEL L. BAKER.

The files of the Visa and Security Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., were caused to be checked by SA KENNETH J. HASER.

The subject's passport file at the United States Department of State was reviewed by IC CHELIS D. PATTERSON.

Major FRANK BUCHANAN and Colonel RICHARD H. MERRICK, Fort Holabird, Maryland, were interviewed by SA JAMES E. BARRETT.

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SA CHARLES M. BEALL, JR., checked the records   
 Washington, D.C., on February 20, 1964.

Record checks at the below listed agencies were conducted by the following Investigative Clerks at the Washington Field Office:

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Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.,  
by IC EUGENE M. KIRKMAN;

Washington, D.C., Credit Bureau, by IC EUGENE M.  
KIRKMAN;

Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department,  
by IC KENNETH SHAFFER;

Alexandria, Virginia, Police Department, by  
IC JOHN B. ARMSTRONG;

U.S. Park Police, by IC RICHARD A. MARCUS;

ONI, by IC JOHN B. ARMSTRONG;

OSI, by IC JIMMIE C. WHITAKER.

Subject's car was searched by SA ROBERT C. NAGELL, El Paso.

#### INFORMANTS

The following Confidential Informants were referred  
to in the body of this report as not being acquainted with  
the subject and as having no information regarding him:

#### DALLAS DIVISION

The following informants, all of whom are cognizant  
of certain Communist activities in the Dallas Division, were  
contacted [REDACTED]

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The following PSI's, who are cognizant of various  
Cuban refugee activities in the Dallas Division, were contacted

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EL PASO DIVISION

The following informants were contacted on the indicated dates by the indicated Special Agents of the El Paso Division:

[redacted] contacted by SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS on March 9, 1964;

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[redacted] contacted by SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS on March 10, 1964;

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[redacted] contacted on March 12, 1964, by SA DAVID J. REID;

[redacted] contacted on March 10 and March 2, respectively, by SA ROBERT G. ABEGGLEN.

MIAMI DIVISION

The following confidential informants acquainted with phases of [redacted] activity, Miami area, past and present, do not know subject, could furnish no information about him:

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SA ROBERT J. DWYER

SA THOMAS H. ERRION

SA PETER J. NERO

SA JOHN E. MC HUGH

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The following confidential informants acquainted with phases of [REDACTED] activity, Miami area, past and present, do not know subject, could furnish no information about him:

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INFORMANT	DATE	AGENT
[REDACTED]		SA JOHN C. MENTON
		SA JOSEPH P. MC CANN
		SA JOSEPH P. MC CANN

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

In an effort to ascertain if the subject has been engaged in any [REDACTED] activities in the Washington, D.C. area, the following informants and sources were contacted by the indicated Special Agents:

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[REDACTED] by SA F. B. GRIFFITH, JR. on 2/18/64;

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[REDACTED] by SA JOSEPH E. KELLER  
on 2/12/64;

[REDACTED] by SA CHARLES A. FERGUSON on 2/13/64;

[REDACTED] by SA EDWIN GLASS, JR. on 2/24/64;

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[REDACTED]  
(reliable, but protect identity) by SA JOHN G. GOEDTEL on 2/14/64;

[REDACTED]  
(all reliable, but protect identity) by SA DONALD HOETING on 2/14/64; ~~(U)~~

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (reliable in past, but protect identity)  
by SA JOSEPH E. SCULLY on 2/14/64. ~~(S)~~ (U)

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

The following sources acquainted [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in the Jacksonville, Florida, area advised  
SA HARLAND D. SHAW on 6/1/64, that the subject is not known  
to them and that they have no knowledge to indicate that  
subject was ever involved in any [REDACTED] activities  
in the Jacksonville area:

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This Office has no sources in connection with  
[REDACTED] activities.

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LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK DIVISIONS (INFORMATION)

Information copies are being furnished to these  
Offices in view of the investigation outstanding in the Los  
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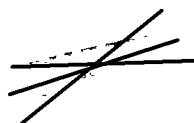
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AT EL PASO, TEXAS:

Await submission of reports in this matter by the Los Angeles and New York Divisions, as well as Legat, Mexico, and Legat, Tokyo, in order to determine if any additional investigation is warranted regarding RICHARD CASE NAGELL. ~~(U)~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Report of: SA DAVID J. REID  
Date: June 8 1964

Office: EL PASO

Field Office File No.: EP Bureau File No.: b3  
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Title: RICHARD CASE NAGELL

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Synopsis: Description of property in possession of subject when arrested in El Paso, Texas, on September 20, 1963, set out. FBI Laboratory report stated no technical indications of the use of the small spiral notebook for code or cipher purposes. Indices of FBI Offices in various parts of the country contain no information to indicate espionage activities on the part of the subject. Informants, regarding Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities in various parts of the country, had no information regarding NAGELL. Military record set out. Letter which subject allegedly wrote to the FBI in September, 1963, regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD not located. Subject found guilty on two counts of violating Section 2113, Title 18, U.S. Code, in a jury trial in U.S. District Court in El Paso, Texas, on May 6, 1964. SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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DETAILS:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS:

PROPERTY IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION

At the time of the subject's arrest in El Paso, Texas, on September 20, 1963, on a Bank Robbery charge, he had in his possession a 1957 Ford Fairlane 500, two-door model, yellow and white color, Vehicle Identification Number C7LT-138540, bearing 1963 California license plates, number LVZ 076. This automobile was examined on the same date by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was found to contain the following items:

The interior of the auto was clear except for a "Thomas Brothers Popular Atlas of Los Angeles County" and a Rand McNally Road Atlas on the front seat. On the rear seat was the employment section of the Want Ads of the Los Angeles Times, dated June 9, 1963.

A 1963 State of California auto registration form showing RICHARD C. NAGELL as the registered owner of this vehicle was found under the left sun visor.

An examination of the trunk of the 1957 Ford revealed the following articles:

One new Goodyear tire, size 7.50x14, mounted on spare rim;

A bumper type auto jack, base, and handle;

A small garden type spade, appears to be unused;

A 5 gallon "Jerry" can, painted red, empty;

A set of two 1963 California license plates. OCZ 155. It was noted that bolt marks were evident on both plates, indicating they had been mounted at one time;

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A cardboard box containing two sets of large clamp and jumper wires, and a can of motor oil;

A green metal tool box which contained the following items:

1 set of Peerless handcuffs, Serial # 229529;

1 box of 44 .38 caliber wad-cutter type ammo, reloads;

Approximately 50 loose rounds of .45 caliber automatic ammo;

An assortment of small hand tools and a length of copper wire;

A box of Kleenex - partially used;

A spiral bound composition size notebook, not used;

An English-Japanese dictionary;

A partial box of Montags stationery;

A Dobbs hat, brown color, flat crown, no size, in Holiday Inn plastic bag;

Two laundered shirts;

A pillow slip containing miscellaneous clothing items, such as undershorts, shirts, sox, pajamas;

A straw mat, rolled up.

An examination of the glove compartment of the 1957 Ford revealed the following articles:

A gasoline company roadmap of Mexico:

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Two packets of matchbook covers, less the matches, bound together with rubber bands. All were from various bars, cafes, and restaurants in the Los Angeles, California, area. One cover bore the penned notation, "Happy Rabbit, 2709 W. 6th, LA, DU 2-9979."

A pen type flashlight;

A tire pressure gauge;

A metal ballpoint pen;

Four stamped envelopes, legal size;

A short note from the Bank of America, dated August 20, 1962, addressed to RICHARD C. NAGELL, P. O. Box 76121, Stanford Station, Los Angeles, California, authorizing NAGELL to take the 1957 Ford to Mexico;

Literature from Four Continent Book Corporation, 156 5th Avenue, New York City, advertising Soviet publications available in English;

Small envelope containing a set of earrings.

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Date February 6, 1964

Some of the property in the possession of RICHARD CASE NAGELL at the time of his arrest on September 20, 1963, in El Paso, Texas, on a bank robbery charge, was turned over to the El Paso County Jail, El Paso, where NAGELL was incarcerated.

On January 27, 1964, Captain RAYMOND O'ROURKE, In Charge, El Paso County Jail, made available from the property of NAGELL a metal carrying case, 8"x8" x 8", with green top, light grey bottom and a plastic carrying handle. This carrying case was found to contain the following items:

1. A chrome Minolto - 16, 16 mm. still camera, unloaded. The camera has a 25 mm. F 3.5 Rokkor lens (fixed focus). This camera has three shutter speeds: 1/25, 1/50, and 1/200 of a second. The lens closes down to F 11. The serial # of this camera is 155524. The camera accomodates bulk loaded 16 mm. perforated film loaded in a daylight cassette which produces 20 exposures. The camera is about the size of a package of cigarettes.
2. One set of lens filters consisting of a medium yellow filter, a skylight filter and a UV filter.
3. A BC folding flash unit for M type bulbs.
4. An instruction book for the camera published by the manufacturer.
5. A loaded cassette of film, black and white, ASA 80. It appears to not have been exposed.
6. A camels hair blower and lens brush.
7. A Minolto 16 mm., 7 ounce, plastic, daylight developing tank.

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by SA's DAVID J. REID AND  
WILLARD D. WHARTON  Date dictated 1/31/64

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8. A one quart packaged Microdol Film Developer.
9. One pair of Japanese scissors.
10. One plastic film clip.
11. One Sunbeam steam iron.
12. Two blue packaged translucent plastic bags, called "Superpackes", probably used to protect camera and film from moisture.
13. Zipper leather cases for flash gun and cameras.
14. One Bausch and Lomb slide viewer (Plastic).

The following two items were inside the carrying case:

A sheet of paper with settings (separate photo taken).

A newspaper article entitled "New Developments Enhance Minolta - 16".

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Date February 4, 1964

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Captain RAYMOND O'ROURKE, In Charge of El Paso County Jail, El Paso, made available the property of RICHARD CASE NAGELL, which was in possession of the El Paso County Jail and being held for the subject. This property of the subject contained a number of publications. These publications were photographed and reviewed. The following information was contained in the publications mentioned below:

"The Crime Against Cuba" by CORLISS LAMONT.

The above mentioned publications contained a statement "WALTER LIPPMANN, Dean of American Columnists, has referred to the Kennedy Administration's support of the anti-Castro military venture in Cuba as an appalling and colossal mistake. But the abortive April invasion was worse than that. It was an outright crime against the American people, against the United Nations and against world peace....."

"Verdict First, Trial After" distributed by Constitutional Liberties Information Center, 1213 N. Highland Avenue, Number 205, Los Angeles 38, California.

"This pamphlet is about a woman who wouldn't talk and a nation which may not be free to talk unless something effective is done."

....."Why did DOROTHY HEALEY, who almost everyone knows will freely talk about her beliefs anywhere, any time, refuse to admit Communist membership before the SACB? Why did she refuse to take the witness stand at all?

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May we suggest that you read in the following pages the words of her attorney and her own words explaining this singular behavior?"

"Formosa: Fact and Fiction" by JOHN W. POWELL.

"We have run almost to the end of the blind alley down which our Chinese policy has been leading. A decision must soon be made. Either we come to our senses and start looking for a new approach or we follow the advice of the KNOWLANDS and RADFORDS and attempt to solve the dilemma by blowing up the world - and almost certainly ourselves in the process .....

We most recently got off on the wrong foot when we intervened in China's long over due revolution in an attempt to preserve an archaic despotism ripe for disposal because we mistakenly thought it best served our "interests" in China .....

"Is There a U. S. China Market?" by JULIAN SCHUMAN.

The statement was contained in the publication that copies could be ordered from JULIAN SCHUMAN, Room 925, 152 West 42nd Street, New York, New York.

According to the publication, "JULIAN SCHUMAN worked in China as a newspaperman from 1947 until the end of 1953. Before going to China, Mr. SCHUMAN studied the Chinese language in the U. S. Army during World War II and spent a year and a half after the war studying Chinese at Yale.

Upon his arrival in China, Mr. SCHUMAN worked on a Shanghai English-language daily. In 1948 and 1949 he wrote for the Chicago Sun-Times and the Denver Post and served as China correspondent for the American Broadcasting Company. From 1950 until 1953 he was associate editor of the China Monthly Review, an American-owned and edited magazine which had been founded in China in 1917."

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"Your Questions About New China" by RALPH  
LAPWOOD.

The publication describes the author as a British Missionary in China. It states that the author answers questions posed to him in Hong Kong and England after departing China.

In answer to the question "Does the individual count in New China?", the publication contains the statement "There is more care for the individual in China today than ever before. The people who were bottom dogs have found that they now have a real place, and that their work is recognized as significant for the country..."

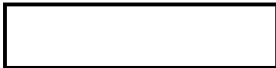
In answer to the question "Is New China a Police State?", the publication states "most of the people of China have more freedom of every kind than they ever had before, but a small proportion have less....."

In answer to the question, "Are the huge demonstrations in support of the government spontaneous?", the publication states, "I have been living for four years in a university community under the new regime, and I marched in all the processions until this past year. I would say that the mood of hope and happiness on which transient visitors to China comment is real and constant."

In answer to the question, "Would the Chinese people welcome the return of Chiang Kai-Shek?", the publication states, "The great majority of peasants have found new life and new hope through land reform. The return of the Kuomintang would mean the return of the landlords..... The statement that Chiang Kai-Shek would be welcome by any but the tiniest majority is not but wishful thinking. It must have originated from the tiny majority of dispossessed oppressors from Formosa."



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"Liberty in Chains - An Examination of the New Mc Carthyism" by D. N. PRITT.

The publication states, "On June 5, 1961, the Supreme Court of the United States of America gave two judgments which established the validity of certain provisions of the U. S. Acts commonly known as the Smith Act and the Mc Carran Act.

By these decisions, the Court dealt a heavy blow against civil liberty and the rights of the citizen in the U. S. A., and thus indirectly against such liberty and rights everywhere.

The publication goes on to analyze these two Acts and points out the effects and consequences of the above decisions.

The publication also states, "The Communist Party has, of course, declared that it will not register; no Party with any self respect could register under the Mc Carran Act ....."

"Peking Review" magazine of June 14, 1963.

This publication states that it is "a weekly magazine of Chinese News and Views". It states that it is published in China and that orders or inquiries regarding it should be directed to "Guozì Shudian, P.O. Box 399, Peking, China." The publication states that it is published in English, Spanish and French.

"People's China" Magazine Number 18 of 1955.

This publication states that it is published by the Foreign Languages Press, 26 Kuo Hui Chieh, Peking, China.

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"A Proposal Concerning the General Line of the International Communist Movement", explained as being "The letter of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in China in reply to the letter of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union of March 30, 1963." This publication was distributed by the Foreign Languages Press, Peking, China.

"Fidel Castro: May Day Speech, Che Guevara: Economic Planning in Cuba", stamped;

"Fair Play for Cuba Committee, P. O. Box 26251, Los Angeles 26, California";

"A Visit to Cuba" by I. F. STONE;

"Speech at the United Nations by Fidel Castro, General Assembly Session, September 26, 1960", distributed by Fair Play for Cuba Committee, 799 Broadway, New York 3, New York, and stamped, "Modern Book Shop, 1702 E. 4th Street, L.A. 33, AN 9-4953".

The July, 1963, Newsletter of the "Greater Los Angeles Chapter, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, P.O. Box 26251, Los Angeles 26, California".

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The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the afore-mentioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence, there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year, this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible. ~~(U)~~

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the fall of 1962, and was filled by VINCENT "TED" LEE, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed LEE has followed a course of entertaining and accepting ~~(U)~~

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the cooperation of many other organizations, including the CP and the SWP when he has felt it would be to his personal benefit as well as the FPCC's. However, LEE has indicated to this source he has no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. LEE feels the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations, but not support the Cuban revolution per se. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The CP and the SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Some of the notations listed above are contained in a small spiral notebook which was in the possession of the subject at the time of his arrest in El Paso, Texas, on September 20, 1963.

A report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory dated January 16, 1964, contained the statement that an examination of the small spiral notebook did not reveal any technical indications of its use for code or cipher purposes.

Regarding the notation, "Scramble: The New Information Please Almanac Atlas and Yearbook (1963)", which appeared in the above-mentioned small spiral notebook, the January 16, 1964, report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory states that any book of the type "Information Please Almanac Atlas and Yearbook" which contains lists and names of statistics such as occur on pages 250 and 282, 430 through 435, and 586 through 616, of the 1963 edition, lends itself to use as a source of additive keys for encrypting messages, but no categorical determination can be made with information now available that this book was so intended in this case.

The report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory dated February 27, 1964, contains the statement that an examination was made of the written material appearing in the above-mentioned photographs, taken on January 27, 1964, of papers belonging to the subject and in the possession of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and the examination did not reveal any technical indications that the written material was used for code or cipher purposes.

The indices of the Offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation covering the areas referred to in the above-mentioned papers found in the possession of the subject at the time of his arrest on September 20, 1963, with the exception of the Los Angeles and New York Offices, were checked and no information was located which would in any way implicate the subject in espionage activities.

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CONTACTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential informants acquainted with some Communist, Cuban, and espionage activities in the Dallas, Texas; Jacksonville, Florida; Miami, Florida; Washington, D.C.; and El Paso, Texas, areas, were contacted and they advised that they were not acquainted with the subject and had no pertinent information regarding him.

MILITARY RECORD

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND:

On February 27, 1964, Major FRANK BUCHANAN, Chief of the Student Evaluation Section, Office of the School Secretary, United States Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, advised that limited available school records reflected that the subject attended the above-mentioned school from May 9, 1955, to August 12, 1955, when he successfully completed the Officers Investigations Course. Major BUCHANAN advised from memory that this course was the basic CIC Officers Agents Course which covered some classified hours of instruction, but the majority of the instruction consisted of routine investigative procedure to include conduct of background investigations, surveillance matters, etc.

On February 27 and 28, 1964, Colonel RICHARD H. MERRICK, Commanding Officer, USACRF, Fort Holabird, made available the subject's G-2 file,  which was reviewed and was found to contain the following information:

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL was the subject of a Favorable National Agency Check, completed by G-2 on November 8, 1951, in connection with his application for attendance at the Officers Candidate School. At that time, he was a Private First Class, Army Serial Number 12115891. NAGELL was also the subject of a Favorable Background Investigation, completed by G-2 on June 22, 1954, which resulted in his clearance and

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approval for assignment and duty with the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC), United States Army, on December 27, 1954. NAGELL was subsequently granted a "Top Secret" clearance on September 22, 1955, for his assignment with CIC. At that time, he was a Captain, Army Serial Number 02028346. NAGELL was disapproved for retention in CIC, and his "Top Secret" clearance revoked on April 22, 1958, in view of an investigation being conducted by the Office of the Inspector General (IG), Department of the Army (DA).

NAGELL's G-2 file reflects an extensive investigation was conducted in 1958 in Japan and the United States by the IG's office, based upon his letter dated January 5, 1958, to the IG, DA, Washington, D.C., alleging misconduct on the part of other military personnel in the United States Army, Japan. NAGELL charged personal injustices, incompetence, corruption, mismanagement, mal-administration, and lack of opportunity to present fully all matters relative to his complaints. He also alleged that Efficiency/Progress Reports submitted by him concerning other military personnel had been altered and changed by superior officers.

NAGELL's file reflected that the G-2 was aware of the IG investigation in 1958, but took no part in same although NAGELL was subsequently disapproved by G-2 for retention in CIC and his clearance revoked as noted above.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

A review of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 14, 1964, developed the information that RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Serial Number 12 115 891, enlisted in the United States Army on August 5, 1948, and entered on active duty on the same date at Albany, New York. He was honorably discharged on August 1, 1951, as a Sergeant at Ft. Benning, Georgia, to accept a commission in the United States Army.

He was appointed and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army on August 2, 1951, under Serial Number 02 028 346, and entered on active duty on the same

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date at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was also appointed a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Officers Reserve Corps on November 14, 1952. He was honorably discharged on October 29, 1959, as a Captain at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, by reason of unqualified resignation in order to further his civilian education.

The service records indicated that NAGELL served in the United Nations Summer-Fall Campaign in Korea, the Second Korean Winter Campaign in Korea, the Korean Summer-Fall Campaign in 1952, the Third Korean Winter Campaign in 1953, and the United Nations Summer-Fall Campaign in 1953. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with one Silver Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Parachute Glider Badge, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Republic of Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

The service records indicated that NAGELL successfully completed the Officers Investigations Course from May 9, 1955, to August 12, 1955, at the Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Maryland; the Infantry Officer Candidate Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia, from February 18, 1951, to August 2, 1951; the Leaders Course, Eighth Infantry Division, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in 1950; the Ground General School at Ft. Riley, Kansas, from June 27, 1949, to September 2, 1949; and the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia; however, no further information pertaining to these schools was shown.

The service record contained a Clinical Abstract, dated May 5, 1955, which reflected the following information in part:

"Previous Personal History: The patient received multiple shrapnel wounds in 1951, 1952, and 1953, which were debrided with no residual effects.

"History of Present Illness: This 24-year-old white male was a passenger aboard a military aircraft when



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the plane crashed at about 2300 hours on 28 November 1954 about 3 miles west of Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland. The patient was removed from the crash in a comatose condition and taken to Bolling AFBH the following day. The accident resulted in severe trauma to the left side of the face with multiple lacerations of the face, fractured mandible, fractured zygoma, and injury to the left ear canal. These injuries were treated at Bolling AFBH until the patient was transferred to Walter Reed Army Hospital, arriving on 3 January 1955 for further evaluation and treatment. On admission, the patient was conscious and well-oriented. His chief complaint at that time was pain in the jaws...."

"Consultations: Electroencephalogram performed by the Neurology Service on 7 January 1955 showed an abnormal record with questionable focal brain damage. Oral surgery consultation on 10 January 1955 recommended repositioning of the mandibular fragments. ENT evaluation on 13 January 1955 resulted in wax being cleaned from both ear canals. Neurology examination on 7 January 1955 revealed some diffuse weakness felt to be due to weight loss and severe trauma. His gait and associated movements were normal. The only nerve damage noted was a complete 7th nerve palsy. There was a mild sensory loss over the second division of the left fifth nerve.... On 4 February 1955 he was given a diagnosis of paranoid personality; however, the final psychiatric evaluation revealed only passive-aggressive personality reaction...."

It should be noted that the service records for NAGELL contain no separate medical record; however, the above medical information is a general resume of his medical history.

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to superior, and there is no record of court-martial or absence without official leave.

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The following descriptive and background information was contained in the service records:

Date of Birth	August 5, 1930
Place of Birth	Greenwich, New York
Height	6 ft.
Weight	146 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Red
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light
Blood Group	"A"
Build	Medium
Education	Four years of high school
Military occupation	Infantry Unit Commander
Civilian occupations	Student and track repairman
Addresses	8225 Grand Avenue, Elmhurst 73, Long Island, New York (December 7, 1962); 1533a "B" Street, Fort Dix, New Jersey (December 23, 1959); 304 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York (August 5, 1948); 8222 Ankener Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York (August 1, 1951); Box 75801, Sanford Station, Los Angeles 5, California, (July 26, 1963); RFD 1, Glens Falls, New York (1935 to December, 1941); 140 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York (December, 1941 - August, 1948)

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Relatives

Mother - FRANCES NAGELL, 22 First  
Street, Troy, New York  
(August 5, 1948);

Uncle - HOBART KAUFMAN, Delaware  
Avenue, Albany, New York  
(August 5, 1948);

Sister - Mrs. E. GAMBERT, [REDACTED]

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Stepsister - ELEANORE HOPPER, [REDACTED]

Sister - Mrs. NORMAN LE BEAUF, [REDACTED]

Brother - LOUIS NAGELL, [REDACTED]

Employment

New York Central Railroad, Albany,  
New York (July, 1948, to  
August 3, 1948)

Character  
references

Miss ELIZABETH B. CAMPBELL, [REDACTED]

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Mrs. IRENE TEMPLETON, [REDACTED]

Mr. KENNETH A. ZELLER, [REDACTED]

Dr. HARRY E. PRATT, [REDACTED]

Mr. WAYNE HALLAR, [REDACTED]

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Credit references William Sloane House (YMCA), West  
34th Street, New York, New York  
(August 23, 1950);  
Times Square Hotel, West 43rd  
Street, New York, New York  
(August 23, 1950);  
Mrs. NANCY TURNER. [Redacted]

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Veterans Administration  
Claim Number C-21-377-465, VARO, Los Angeles,  
California  
Photograph None available in the service  
records  
Social Security  
Number 104-24-8340

On March 12, 1964, personnel of the Military  
Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, advised, after  
an extensive and exhaustive search of all branches of the  
service on file at this center, that they were unable to  
locate a United States Military Service Record for ROBERT C.  
NOLAN, Army Serial Number [Redacted]

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

On February 28, 1964, the records of the Office of  
Special Investigations (OSI), were checked and it was determined  
that a "Contractor Employee" type investigation was conducted  
regarding the subject by the OSI and that this matter was  
closed on December 19, 1963. There was no indication in the  
OSI file that the subject was ever employed by the OSI.

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On February 17, 1964, the subject's passport file  
at the United States Department of State was reviewed and  
was found to contain the following information:

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On July 31, 1963, at Los Angeles, California, RICHARD CASE NAGELL made application for a passport. On August 6, 1963, at Los Angeles, NAGELL was issued passport number D-576507. His proposed itinerary was Mexico, Hong Kong, and Japan. Purpose of trip was - Tourist. He expected to depart August, 1963, port of departure unknown. This passport was restricted for travel in Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam under Communist control.

Subject previously was issued passport number C-526729 on August 7, 1962, at Los Angeles, California. At the time subject indicated he was departing September, 1962, for six months to two years on a "tourist or student" trip to Japan or Mexico.

On July 9, 1963, subject signed an affidavit indicating the passport issued to him in August, 1962, had been lost or stolen. On July 31, 1963, subject signed another affidavit indicating passport still not located and loss had been reported to police.

On February 19, 1964, the files of the Visa and Security Office, United States Department of State, were searched and were found to contain no information regarding the subject other than that furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On February 20, 1964, a representative of [REDACTED] advised that the files of [REDACTED] contained no pertinent identifiable information regarding the subject.

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The subject addressed a letter to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D.C., dated April 16, 1964. The letter was received at the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. and reads as follows:

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"April 16, 1964

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"Director  
"Federal Bureau of Investigation  
"U.S. Department of Justice  
"Washington 25, D. C.

"Dear Mr. Hoover:

"This letter is being sent to you, at my insistence, through the facilities of my counsel, Mr. Gus Rallis, in order to insure that it is brought to your personal attention.

"I wish it to be understood that Mr. Rallis was appointed by the U.S. District Court, El Paso, Texas, to represent me at my forthcoming trial on a charge of violating Section 2113 (a), Title 18, U.S.C., and is not cognizant of any details pertaining to the matter discussed herein, although such matter is most relevant to my defense against the aforesaid charge.

"My purpose in writing this letter is to advise you that since it is apparent the Federal Bureau of Investigation is determined to have me convicted of this deceptive charge by withholding pertinent information from the U.S. Attorney, you, as director of the F.B.I., will not be able to relinquish at least partial responsibility for the death of President Kennedy.

"My responsibility concerning the then prospective action of Lee H. Oswald (Albert Hidell) terminated with the dispatch of the registered letter from Joseph Kramer to the F.B.I. in September\_ 1963.

"Since the information disclosed in that letter was judged to be mendacious by the F.B.I., as is quite evident, then with whom the responsibility lies for what subsequently happened in Dallas is rather obvious.

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"Certainly, F.B.I. files in Washington, D.C. (or Miami, Florida, Mexico City, etc.) reflect who 'Joseph Kramer' is. And, such information received from a known Communist who allegedly had been effective enough to penetrate several U.S. military intelligence agencies, should not have been ignored. In this respect, the efficacy of the F.B.I. is the responsibility of its director, regardless of the actions or judgement of his subordinates.

"In any event, I shall not acquiesce to sit idle and maintain silence while the F.B.I. railroads me into prison on a phony charge, simply because it cannot have me convicted of other matters.

"Very truly,

"/s/ Richard C. Nagell

"Richard C. Nagell  
"El Paso County Jail  
"El Paso, Texas

No record regarding the above-mentioned letter was located in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Offices located in Washington, D.C., or Miami, Florida. No record was located of the above-mentioned letter in the files of the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

The following agencies were contacted on the dates noted, and it was determined that there was no information contained in the files of these agencies identifiable with the subject:

Metropolitan Police Department, contacted on  
February 13, 1964;

Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department,  
contacted on February 14, 1964;

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Alexandria, Virginia, Police Department, contacted on February 18, 1964,

United States Park Police, contacted on February 13, 1964;

Washington, D.C., Credit Bureau, contacted on February 13, 1964;

Office of Naval Intelligence, contacted on February 24, 1964;

Office of Special Investigations, contacted on February 24, 1964.

AT EL PASO, TEXAS:

The subject was given a jury trial in the United States District Court in El Paso, on May 4 to May 6, 1964, and on the latter date was found guilty on both counts of Bank Robbery, in violation of Section 2113, Title 18, United States Code.

An article appearing in the May 5, 1964, issue of the El Paso Herald Post, a daily newspaper in El Paso, entitled 'Bandit Suspect 'Wanted Arrest'', contained the following statement:

"Dr. Manuel Hernandez, psychiatrist, called as defense witness for Richard Case Nagell, today spent more than an hour on the stand. He testified in his opinion the accused bank robber had a definite emotional or mental disorder when he held up the State National Bank. Nagell protested his testimony several times."

The article further stated that NAGELL "testified he sought arrest because he believed 'that might provide the solution to an unmarital problem' that beset him. He admitted



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but indicated that was not his primary problem.

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NAGELL 'took the Fifth' and refused to answer when asked by one of his attorneys, Joseph Calamia: 'Do you adhere to the Communist philosophy?

"Replying in a steady, clear voice, Nagell said: 'I decline to answer on the ground that my answer might tend to incriminate me.'"

The article further stated, "Nagell denied he had any intention of robbing the State National Bank. He said he firmly decided to do something to cause his arrest by Federal officers.

"He said he parked his car in an alley where parking was prohibited, and went to the Post Office intending to fire bullets into the ceiling. He said he mailed three letters, one containing \$500 in \$100 bills. When asked who that was sent to, he said the Federal Bureau of Investigation knows. Judge Homer Thornberry cautioned Nagell that if he would not answer a question, not to add anything beyond his refusal to answer.

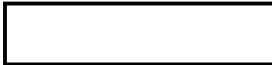
"The accused man said numerous persons were in the Post Office at the time. He said he looked at the ceiling and seeing it was rounded, he decided it was not a good place to shoot, and went out.

"'I walked away and came to this bank-I didn't know what bank it was-and went inside,' Nagell testified.

"'I looked around, and heard a man ask a woman for some Railway Express Travel Checks. I was trying to make up my mind just what to do.

"'So I went over to the same place and asked Mrs. Gordon for \$100 in travel checks, in \$10 denominations. I took out the pistol and held it up, like this--' pointing at an angle.

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"The woman asked if the gun was real, and I said it was. She moved, but I didn't see her if she ran. I turned away and fired two shots. I didn't fire over anyone's head, as some testified here. The bullets hit this close together'--measuring about two inches with his fingers.

"Nagell said the asking for the traveler's checks was merely a time stalling tactic, while he was preparing to fire the shots."

An article appeared in the May 6, 1964, issue of the El Paso Herald Post, entitled "'Bank Bandit' is Found Guilty". According to the article, after the jury in the United States District Court in El Paso found the subject guilty on two counts of attempting to rob the State National Bank on September 20, 1963, "Nagell leaped to his feet after the verdict was read and shouted the question: 'Why weren't the real issues brought out in this court?'

"Two deputy U.S. Marshals took him from the courtroom, but as he was taken away he shouted, 'They will be sometime!,' still referring to the undisclosed issues--that he never made public."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to  
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202 U.S. Court House  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
June 9, 1964

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.  
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Reference report of Special Agent DAVID J. REID  
dated June 9, 1964, at El Paso, Texas.

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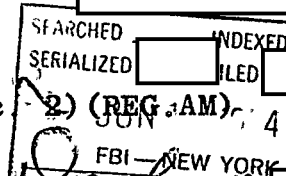
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OO: EL PASO

Re El Paso airtel to Director dated 3/4/64,  
which enclosed one copy each of two FD-302's dated  
3/4/64, for the below listed offices.

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 2-Albuquerque (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
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 2-San Francisco (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-Washington Field [REDACTED] (Enc. 2) (REG.AM)  
 2-El Paso [REDACTED]

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Enclosed for the listed offices is one copy each of revised pages 2 and 17 of the above mentioned FD-302, which was broken down on an area basis. Enclosed for Los Angeles Office are two copies of each of the revised pages.

These pages were revised to delete references [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in view of Bureau instructions regarding information [REDACTED]

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All Offices are requested to insert the revised pages in the FD-302 in question.

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