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6 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, LEOB/SRS

SUBJECT: Ltr dtd 27 Jan 68 from Thomas De BAGGIO to Mr. Herman KIMSEY

KIMSEY, Herman - #71129

The Director of Security must be cognizant of the contents of Herman KIMSEY's OS file as evidenced by memoranda over his signature of recent date, the most recent being a claim for retroactive medical compensation dated December 1967. File is attached.

GOLENIEWSKI, Michael - C #240003, Vols. I through X

Review of Vols. IX and X of the OS file on Michael GOLENIEWSKI reveals that the Director of Security is cognizant of latest developments in Subject's claims against the Agency. The latest memorandum in the file dated 3 August 1967 recommended that a final stand be taken with GOLENIEWSKI; that no further efforts be made to placate him and observed that the news media is no longer listening to his pretension to be the Crown Prince Alexi ROMANOFF. Vols. IX and X attached.

RICHARDS, Guy - #488

Guy RICHARDS is the author of IMPERIAL AGENT: THE GOLENIEWSKI-ROMANOV CASE published in November 1966. Attached is a summary of information on Guy RICHARDS prepared on 15 December 1965 at the time the Agency became aware of his forthcoming book on GOLENIEWSKI. Attached also is a memo to the DCI dtd 10 November 1966 which is an analysis of the book.

WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT - #524424 (RICHARDS, Guy)

Reference file contains a transcript of the Barry FARBER Show over Station WOR-AM, New York, on 3 May 1967 entitled "Journalists Discuss CIA NAD Espionage". RICHARDS was queried regarding his book on GOLENIEWSKI and his views on the CIA. RICHARDS' replies were critical of the Agency. Quote RICHARDS: "Now, let's take a look, for example, at the Central Intelligence Agency in the year 1967. If history were ever to be made of the great American bureaucracy, I think it quite correct to say that they would pause and pay homage to a remarkable fact, namely, that in the form of the Central Intelligence Agency, there has suddenly been created and evolved a great idea, namely, the idea of

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combining the FBI with Santa Claus with the British East India Company with Barnum & Bailey and the Ringling Bros. Circus. And before we get lost in the derision that this implies, let's take pause on two very positive possibilities. One, that this may not be such a bad idea at that. It may take its form among the great diversions."

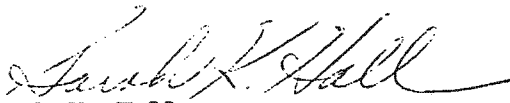
WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT - #524424 (De BAGGIO, Thomas)

Thomas De BAGGIO, editor of the WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT, a newspaper described as part of the Underground Press Syndicate, was brought to your attention in May 1967 by [redacted] CIA employee, who resides in the same apartment house as De<sup>o</sup>BAGGIO and who was concerned about meeting De BAGGIO because of the nature of the paper published by De BAGGIO. OS conducted inquiries on De BAGGIO and furnished the results to Mr. GOODWIN's office who had had a request from De BAGGIO to verify GOLENIIEWSKI's CIA employment. At the time De BAGGIO called GOODWIN's office he mentioned he knew Herman KIMSEY but had not seen him recently. GOODWIN's office gave De BAGGIO a "No comment" reply. Of interest is Mr. SAYLE's memo for the record dtd 6 June 1967 in which he speculates that Capital Hill editor for the WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT, Charles BOISE, may be identical to Carl BLOISE, new Washington correspondent for the PEOPLE's WORLD and reputed stringer for SUNDAY RAMPARTS.

Also, of note is the fact that De BAGGIO appeared on the same Barry FARBER show as noted above for Guy RICHARDS.

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OS indices are negative on SPECTRUM. (NOTE: Speculation would be that SPECTRUM may be a new name for the WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT. This could be verified.)

  
Sarah K. Hall

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20 March 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR : Office of Security  
CI/DDP

SUBJECT : Thomas De Baggio  
"Washington Independent"

1. An individual identifying himself as Thomas De Baggio of "The Washington Independent" telephoned this office on 20 March in an effort to determine if we could confirm that:

a. Col. Goleniewski had worked for the Agency which now is holding some of his belongings without which he cannot prove that he is a Romanov.

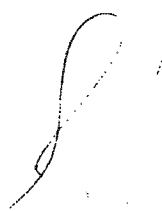
b. Herman Kinsey "former Chief of Research and Analysis for CIA" is working with Goleniewski because Kinsey knows he is Romanov."

2. De Baggio said he knows Kinsey but has not seen him recently.

3. Our answer to above was the explanation that we neither confirm nor deny published statements concerning us, whether true or false, favorable or derogatory, because of our responsibilities under the National Security Act.

4. De Baggio gave his telephone number as 532-4499. An individual of the same name and with the same phone number is listed in the directory at 6100 - 26th N. Arlington, Virginia.

5. Neither this office nor the Library has any record of De Baggio or "The Washington Independent." Any information known to addresser would be appreciated.

  
Joseph C. Goodwin  
Assistant to the Director