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COBB, Viola June
IRD #40431

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1. As reported in referenced report, during the interrogation and polygraph testing of COBB. Information was reported to the effect that one Diana ALEXANDRIA has reported to COBB about her associations with her friend in CIA, allegedly named Dick DANIELS.

2. It has been determined that ALEXANDRIA was in contact with an open representative of CIA named DANIELS, that ALEXANDRIA had discussions with DANIELS with reference to June COBB.

3. Mr. Forest L. DANIELS, a representative of CO in New York, was interviewed on 20 October in the office of Mr. Carroll Delaney, Executive Officer/Contacts Division, by Mr. Charles S. Phalen, Deputy Chief/Personnel Security Division, and the undersigned.

4. At the outset, Mr. DANIELS requested that Mr. Delaney remain present during the interview. Both Mr. Phalen and the undersigned agreed to this request. Mr. DANIELS was confronted with the following:

He was advised that during an interview with June COBB on 11 October, she had reported that approximately a week or ten days before she had been contacted by Diana ALEXANDRIA, which resulted in their establishing a social relationship for luncheons and dinners in the New York area.

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COBB explained that ALEXANDRIA's reason for contacting her was to learn about ALEXANDRIA's former fiancé, Yves PELLITIER.

During this association ALEXANDRIA mentioned to COBB that someone in CIA whom she sees had mentioned COBB's name to her. On one occasion only, during ALEXANDRIA's dissertation, COBB was able to pick up the name, Mr. DANIELS. COBB stated that ALEXANDRIA must have slipped because it was the only time she had mentioned the name "Mr. DANIELS at CIA" and that she was sure ALEXANDRIA did not realize this fact.

ALEXANDRIA informed COBB that sometime last winter someone had come to her apartment to question her. ALEXANDRIA said that she had earlier been questioned by a Frank O'Brien of the FBI. When questioned by Mr. O'Brien, she was asked to get in touch with Marita LORENZ which ALEXANDRIA did and became very much involved with the LORENZ family.

ALEXANDRIA continued to inform COBB that she was approached by someone from Washington, that he was with CIA. After this approach ALEXANDRIA checked with O'Brien in the FBI and had him confirm that the man contacting her was really CIA.

Later, she saw Mr. DANIELS again. During this meeting ALEXANDRIA stated that Mr. DANIELS said, "You're a pretty clever girl; you went to the Bureau to check on me." ALEXANDRIA advised that he then invited her to Washington, D. C., and she was eventually questioned. The details about this questioning was not revealed by ALEXANDRIA to COBB.

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ALEXANDRIA advised COBB that she continued to see DANIELS after this. Later, DANIELS saw her privately in Connecticut.

During all this association ALEXANDRIA stated to COBB that she had talked to DANIELS about COBB and had advised him that she would like to have COBB come and live with her in New York. DANIELS allegedly told ALEXANDRIA that this would be a good idea. Then later ALEXANDRIA told COBB, "I'm serious about your coming to stay with me. I learned today that you're 'clean' (personally) and besides I learned that you are clean in the other sense - from my friend in CIA." ALEXANDRIA further stated to COBB, "You know, the other day he told me to be very careful about what I said to you because you're walking a very tight line."

At a later meeting between ALEXANDRIA and COBB, ALEXANDRIA advised COBB that her friend in CIA had told her to be careful what she said to June COBB. ALEXANDRIA advised COBB, "You've got a left-handed compliment because my friend says that you are more of a woman than you think because you walk both sides of the street."

After this, Subject reported this information to her case officer, Mrs. Jean Pearson, WH/4. Mrs. Pearson advised Mr. [redacted] 03 C/WH/4/CI, and Mr. Donald Conners, Security/JMARC, of the above. Mrs. Pearson consulted Mr. Bob Travis, OC/Contact/Washington, as to whether or not there was anyone in New York by the name of DANIELS as information had come to her attention during an interview with another individual.

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Within 48 hours after ALEXANDRIA talked with COBB about Mr. DANIELS, COBB advised that she was contacted by ALEXANDRIA who said, "You know my friend - I never mentioned his name to anyone, not even to you," And COBB agreed that ALEXANDRIA had not mentioned her friend's name. ALEXANDRIA went on to say, "But he is very concerned. Someone called him from Washington and said that someone reported him to his superiors and he asked me (ALEXANDRIA) to whom I had mentioned his name." COBB advised that ALEXANDRIA stated that she could not believe that she had mentioned his name to anyone.

ALEXANDRIA also advised COBB that her friend in CIA had obtained a position for her in Tom Dooley's organization, Medico.

5. The above information and chronological order of events would appear to have definitely established the fact in ALEXANDRIA's mind that June COBB is in contact with personnel of CIA. It was definitely confirmed in COBB's mind that the undersigned and her case officer, Mrs. Pearson, were CIA.

6. Mr. DANIELS advised that he had first met Diana ALEXANDRIA in May 1960 as the result of a confidential FBI lead, inasmuch as Mr. DANIELS was attempting to develop information regarding Fidel Castro's life.

7. Mr. DANIELS confirmed that he has been in regular contact with ALEXANDRIA since May 1960. He has asserted that he advised ALEXANDRIA only that June COBB was "clean" and this reference to ALEXANDRIA meant only, as far as he was concerned, that COBB was physically a clean person and that she would be a good roommate for ALEXANDRIA.

8. Mr. DANIELS advised that he did question ALEXANDRIA as to whether or not she had mentioned his name to anyone.

9. It, therefore, appears that the events which have taken place have been confirmed. The degree of security implication cannot be presently determined. In other words, ALEXANDRIA's discussions with personalities unknown regarding June COBB is a big question. The possibilities of ALEXANDRIA's discussions with Cuban nationals is most likely since she is in contact with many of them in the New York area.

10. Mr. DANIELS further advised that ALEXANDRIA expects to depart New York City for San Diego during the week of 24 October. It appears that she plans to make a permanent change in her residence. Mr. DANIELS further advised that he did obtain employment for ALEXANDRIA in Medico but that she had resigned from this position during the week 17 October.

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