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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, TSD/DD/P 3 August 1965

ATTENTION : Authentication Branch  
Mr. Jan Beck

VIA : Security Officer

FROM : Chief, Security Research Staff/OS

SUBJECT : Unknown Subject  
Author of Anonymous Letter

1. Recently the attached anonymous letter was received by the Deputy Director, Mr. HELMS. Unfortunately the envelope, which presumably the letter was delivered in was destroyed or lost. Mr. HELMS' secretary who has had occasion to observe other such questionable correspondence directed to Mr. HELMS in the past, thought it a matter for the Office of Security to investigate and if possible through specialized personnel of the Technical Services Division, attempt to analyse the handwriting as a means of possibly identifying the author.

2. This suggestion is of course quite valid, consequently after conducting certain research and discussing the matter with the Special Activities Staff/Office of Personnel, two "Surplus Employees" (701's) were considered as possibilities as the author of the aforementioned anonymous letter.

3. However, in all fairness it is to be emphasized that such tentative consideration is at this time based on purely circumstantial and coincidental factors--namely in the first instance that one individual was, according to the Special Activities Staff, an applicant for the Peace Corps about a year ago, and in the second instance that the other individual had in August 1964 used the same identifying title as that appearing on the bottom of the attachment.

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4. Those employees referred to are a Mr. Herman Edward KIMSEY who was released 20 September 1962 after his services were declared no longer required and a [redacted] who was terminated on 12 July 1962 for the same reason.

5. In seeking the assistance of your office, you will also find attached in individually named envelopes available handwriting specimens of Mr. KIMSEY and Mr. [redacted] It would be appreciated if these persons handwriting would be compared with the handwritten notation addressed to Mr. HELMS. It is of course realized that such an analysis based on the little comparative material available will prove to be difficult but your efforts and evaluations will be appreciated.

6. Since the attached handwriting specimens are originals from Security and Personnel files, we would appreciate upon completion of your need for them that they be returned to this Office.

Paul F. Gaynor

JRM/pk

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DR. COFFIN. The author, Yale's outspoken chaplain, has served in the CIA and Peace Corps. In 1961 he was jailed as a freedom rider in Alabama.

Dear Mr. [unclear]:  
Since Life has not published this item to date, I thought you might be interested in its contents.  
Yours for better cover stories  
Agent 701

April 30, 1965

The Editors,  
LIFE Magazine  
Rockefeller Center  
New York, New York

Sirs:

That caption under the photo of Dr. William S. Coffin, Jr. - to the effect that he "has served in the CIA and Peace Corps" - must have sent chills up Shriver's back.

Finding myself jobless in the wake of an internal political purge in that sacrosanct super-secret agency, I volunteered for the Peace Corps and was told very overtly by one of Sargent's top sergeants - quite understandably - that they could not afford to risk contamination with intelligence <sup>(by)</sup> connections.