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AB Memo No. 7621
3 September 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Research Staff/OS

ATTENTION : J. R. Murphy/Paul F. Gaynor

SUBJECT : Examination of Anonymous Letter
Addressed to Mr. Helms
AB Case No. 6079

REFERENCE : Request Memorandum, 3 August 1965

1. Referenced request forwarded a copy of a type-written letter, dated "April 30, 1965", addressed to "The Editors, LIFE Magazine . . .", signed "A SPY OUT IN THE COLD" on legal size paper, with a handwritten note at the top addressed "Dick Helms", signed "Agent 701". The envelope was not included.

2. The Official Personnel Folder of [redacted] containing several typewritten letters and a small amount of cursive handwriting, and handwriting specimens of Herman Edward KIMSEY were also forwarded with the request that an examination and comparison be made to determine if either [redacted] or KIMSEY wrote the note to Mr. Helms.

3. In addition to the handwriting specimens of KIMSEY, which you submitted, numerous other specimens of his handwriting on file in TSD/AB/QDS, where he was formerly employed, were used in the examination.

4. It is our opinion that the handwritten note addressed to Mr. Helms on the questioned document was NOT written by either [redacted] or KIMSEY. There are several differences in the writing habits of both of these men and the questioned note.

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5. The handwriting in the "Helms note" exhibits some evidence as having been written by a person not as mature as ⁰³ [redacted] or KIMSEY, perhaps an adolescent. It is noted that ⁰³ [redacted] has two sons about 22 years of age and one about ⁰³ 17 years old.

6. Notwithstanding the negative finding about the handwriting, we have compared the typing in the "LIFE Magazine" letter with the typing in the several letters from [redacted] to the Agency, and it is our conclusion that the "LIFE Magazine" letter was typed on the same machine [redacted] has been using to write letters to Agency personnel. }³

7. Furthermore, there are several similarities in the construction and lay-out, phraseology, and general theme of the "LIFE Magazine" letter and ⁰³ KATONA's letters to lead to the conclusion that [redacted] typed the "LIFE Magazine" letter on his own typewriter.

8. Some of these similarities, among others, are: (1) All the paragraphs are indented five spaces in both the questioned and known letters; (2) the use of hyphenated phrases and clauses in the middle of sentences, (3) the use of "SPY OUT IN THE COLD" in at least two instances, and (4) several instances of appellations such as "701 Class of '62" or "Agent 701".

9. SUMMARY: It is our opinion that KIMSEY can be eliminated as a suspect in this matter. It is our opinion that the "LIFE Magazine" letter was typed on ⁰³ [redacted] typewriter by ⁰³ [redacted]

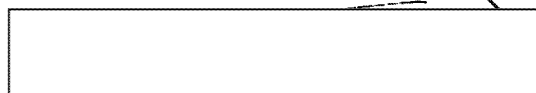
10. ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS: It is respectfully suggested that if any similar letters are received (1) the mailing envelope, which might bear additional evidence, be saved for examination with as little handling as possible, and (2) that a minimum number of persons

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handle the letter (enclosures) in order that it may be processed for latent fingerprints. The copy of the "LIFE Magazine" letter is a Xerox copy made through a screen, which indicates that it was probably produced by a Xerox System mass production printer. This leads to the speculation that many other copies might have been produced.

11. All of the documents are attached. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lon Thomas, x-2009 or x-3636.

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Chief, TSD/OA/AB

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