

8 September 1954

TO : Chief, Special Security Division  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Branch  
FROM : Chief, Projects Desk

SUBJECT: PHILLIPS, David Atlee  
#40696

GIST:

PP/Operations requests limited badge for one year for Subject who is to be covert associate. Division claims badge is needed so that PHILLIPS can enter buildings for "indoctrination". Subject was utilized on PBSUCCESS and it is intended that he return to South America in covert capacity. DD/P personally interested in Subject.

DETAILS:

1. Attached hereto is a limited badge request from Acting Chief/PP/Ops. This request is to allow Subject to enter Agency buildings for a period of one year. Also attached is a memorandum from DD/P dated 14 July 1954, outlining the merits of the Subject and his future covert use. Apparently the Subject performed valuable services in connection with PBSUCCESS. According to this latter memorandum, the Subject is interested in staff employment. After serving one year at Headquarters, he would be able to accept a field assignment in South America. DD/P expressed the opinion there were no serious problems in this arrangement.

2. On 7 September 1954, the writer contacted [redacted] PP/Security Officer, extension 8606, in regard to this badge request. [redacted] advised it is not contemplated that Subject will be made a Staff Employee. Instead Subject is to be a Covert Associate. According to the plans of PP/Ops, as known to [redacted] the Subject is to serve as a covert associate at Headquarters for one year for "indoctrination" in Agency systems, procedures, etc. At the end of the year he is to be sent to South America as a Covert Agent.

3. The writer advised [redacted] this was an unusual situation and presented a serious cover problem. [redacted] stated he was aware of this situation and was not in agreement with such a procedure. However, he advised there is considerable interest in this matter by DD/P. Further, Subject is now on a leave of absence and won't need a badge for approximately 20 days. [redacted] would like this office to render a decision in this matter as soon as possible in order that any problems can be straightened out immediately.

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ACTION:

It is recommended this matter be referred to the Cover Branch for an immediate study and a recommendation as to action.

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Attachments:

PP/Ops Request  
DD/P Memo

ORIGINATOR: GENTILE:mjd  
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