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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DD/S/PPS
SUBJECT : Herman E. Kimsey

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1. At 1840 Hours, 4 March 1959, while waiting in the lobby of my residence hotel for a friend, I received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as Mr. Davies of the District Sales Office, Braniff International Airways, Washington, D. C. This man was totally unknown to me until the phone call. He stated, in substance, that he had noticed my name on the passenger list of Flight #971, 8 March 1959, destination - Lima, Peru. He then proceeded to ask me if I would do him a small personal favor in the way of an errand. In answer to my query, he said that he had a friend in the Pan-American Union offices in Washington who had two (2) small books that he wanted to get to a South American friend in Lima and would I be kind enough to take them along for delivery in Lima. I answered that I could see no reason why I shouldn't perform this small favor and that I would be happy to do so. Several suggestions were then tossed back and forth regarding the best way to get the books to me. I told him that I was pretty much my own boss and usually dropped business in the late afternoon and went to the Y.M.C.A. for exercise, returning to work in the evenings and as the "Y" was near the Pan-American Union offices, I could easily stop and pick up the books during office hours. Davies then said he would talk to the friend again and settle the arrangement. I asked him the name of his friend and he said it is Javian Helarde, a member of the Legal & Research Division, Pan-American Union.

2. Mr. Davies then changed the subject, to a degree, and asked if I would be making this trip often in the future. I told him that my plans were not firmed up at this time and would be more developed upon my return. He said that he would be glad to arrange with "Air Line Officials" in Lima to have me "speeded" thru customs and/or make any kind of reservations for my personal convenience. I thanked him for this thought and told him to contact me at my hotel when he had made final arrangements for picking up the books.

3. At 0900 Hours, 5 March 1959, Will Potocki, SR/GE/P, was notified of this complication in travel, as he is the person most responsible for the operation which initiated the original trip. [redacted] of the same desk, is also a participant in this job and was made witting at the same time. Their only request is to be informed of developments for purposes of avoiding any clash of interests.

4. At 1400 Hours, 5 March 1959, I checked the local telephone directory, but found no name similar to Helarde. Telephone information also reported no similar name.

5. At 1500 Hours, 5 March 1959, I called Robert Cunningham, C/OS/SSD, and report this information up to date. He referred me to Gene Winters, C/DD/S/PPS, where I repeated the information. My instructions from

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Mr. (Winters)⁰³ consisted of verbal instructions to lead these people as far as they are willing to go and obtain all information possible from them.

6. At this time, 1510 Hours, 5 March 1959, the list of persons witting to this information is as follows:

- a. Lon H. Thomas, Questioned Document Analyst
TSS/GARD/A&R
- b. Richard J. Kuhn, Questioned Document Analyst
TSS/GARD/A&R
- c. Robert Cunningham, Chief, OS/SSD
- d. (Gene Winters)⁰³ Chief, DD/S/PPS
- e. [redacted] Secretary, TSS/GARD
- f. Will Potocki, DD/P/SR
- g. [redacted] DD/P/SR

The Questioned Document Analysts of A&R are necessarily witting as these books may not be made available to me until a "late hour" and will have to be processed in a short time. A situation calling for several skilled hands.

7. 0800 Hours, 6 March 1959. No further contact made.

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