

9 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Inquiry from State Department Regarding any Agency Interest in Mitchell Livingston WerBell III

In answer to our inquiry to the Office of Security regarding the formulation of an answer to the State Department inquiry on WerBell, Mr. Vic White authorized a statement along the following lines on 9 January 1968:

"The Central Intelligence Agency has no professional interest in nor business contact with subject. He is, however, an individual known to us who, over a considerable period of time, has attempted to volunteer information to various officers at different locations of this Agency. It is our interpretation that his actions were primarily designed to gain access to us in order to benefit his own business undertakings. Some of his actions would lead us to believe he has somewhat of an erratic personality."

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NOTE: Mr. WerBell is mentioned in an article in True Magazine, January 1968 edition. The article is entitled "The Deadliest Salesmen" by Andrew St. George.

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