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ReBulet 3/12/63, in the "SASHA" case instructing WFO to contact the Office of Security, CIA, and to interview HARRY ROSITZKE, CIA, for information in his possession regarding the recruitment details and the documentation of SPENCER EUGENE ROBERTS for his services in Moscow and to ascertain the relationship in this regard of ROLAND E. DULIN and ELIZABETH KARLOW, nee RAUSCH. (S)(u)

There are attached for the Bureau seven copies of a LHM entitled "SPENCER EUGENE ROBERTS" disclosing the results of interview with ROSITZKE. Three copies of the LHM are being forwarded the New York Office. (S)(u)

BRUCE SOLIE, CIA, was present during the interviews which were conducted by SA ALEXANDER W. NEALE, JR. (S)(u)

The LHM is classified "Secret" inasmuch as CIA has afforded this classification to the "SASHA" case. (S)(u)

With further regard to ARTHUR NORMAN SHARP mentioned by HARRY ROSITZKE as a subordinate who probably met SPENCER EUGENE ROBERTS, WFO, on 4/3/50, received a telephone call from an unidentified individual who stated that ARTHUR SHARP, an employee of CIA was a homosexual; that this could be verified by contacting his associates for the previous five years, principally those with whom he had been associated in the Army. This information was furnished by letter to the Bureau on 4/3/50. (S)(u)

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On 6/1/45, Headquarters, Military District of Washington, forwarded to WFO a memorandum on ARTHUR NORMAN SHARP, ASN-31171664, born 5/10/99, West Somerville, Massachusetts. The memorandum in question was dated 5/2/45, and originated at the Tenth Naval District, San Juan, Puerto Rico. It stated as follows: (S)

"1. Information has been received from a source rated A that ARTHUR NORMAN SHARPE, Sgt. U. S. Army, stationed in Washington, D. C., home address, Windsor, Connecticut, has been, for a number of years, very pro-German and feels that the German people have been mistreated. It is reported that he is 'angling' for a job with UNRRA to be stationed in Germany where he hopes to alleviate some of the injustices that have been done to the German people. The informant reported that his own relatives feel that SHARPE should not be given a position in which his feelings for the Germans could be exercised." (S)

The memorandum stated that more definite identifying information regarding the above individual was not available. BRUCE SOLIE, CIA, advised SA JOHN L. STANLEY on 4/22/63, that SHARP was not polygraphed re his homosexual behavior and there was no formal report of SHARP's interview on 2/15/50, at which time he resigned from the Agency; that there was no information indicating homosexual acts by SHARP with other CIA personnel. (S)(S-1)(S)(u)

On 4/23/63, BRUCE SOLIE, CIA, advised that his office had not been able to locate copies of the letters which ROBERTS was instructed to mail from Moscow but that he would continue efforts to do so. (S)(S-1)(S)(u)

On 4/23/63, Mr. SOLIE made available the security file of ROBERTS. A perusal of the file indicated numerous memoranda from ROBERTS while in Moscow, directed to ROSITZKE under the latter's Agency cryptonym. It is of interest to note that ROSITZKE could recall no details regarding reports from ROBERTS when it is realized that ROBERTS represented CIA's initial efforts to place personnel in Moscow. It was noted that several memoranda appeared in the file instructing that certain sums of money be given to ELIZABETH RAUSCH, for forwarding to ROBERTS in Moscow. (S)(S-1)(S)(u)

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SPENCER EUGENE ROBERTS  
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Mr. Harry Rositzke, Chief, Covert Activities/Staff, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), advised a Special Agent of the FBI on March 28, 1963, and April 5, 1963, that during the period 1948 - 1950 he was Chief of Foreign Division/S in CIA and as such was responsible for a number of Agency activities involving the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. (S) (S-1) (U)

Rositzke advised that during the Summer of Fall of 1947 Admiral Hillenkotter, then Director of CIA, decided that a CIA representative should be stationed in the Soviet Union under suitable cover. It was made perfectly clear by Admiral Hillenkotter that the employee, who was to be the first such Agency representative in Moscow, would under no circumstances be operational in behalf of CIA. (S) (S-1) (U)

The instructions given, according to Rositzke, were that Rositzke should find a person proficient in the Russian language who would be suitable to fulfill a Department of State role in the American Embassy at Moscow. Rositzke added that during the 1947 - 1948 era the obvious place to search for someone proficient in the Russian language was the Russian Language Institute at Columbia University and that it was his recollection Spencer Eugene Roberts was ultimately selected from the Institute as a candidate for the CIA position. Rositzke could not remember the name of the CIA representative who had conducted the preliminary work connected with the recruitment of Roberts. Upon inquiry he stated he could not recall Roland Ernest Dulin's having engaged in any role connected with Roberts' recruitment but Rositzke did not exclude this possibility, mentioning that Dulin had been performing some CIA personnel work during the late 1940s. Rositzke could not recall William K. Harvey, a CIA official, having been connected with the recruitment or training of Roberts. (S) (S-1) (U)

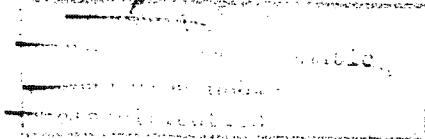
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Rositzke stated that prior to being sent overseas Roberts was put in contact with Department of State representatives who helped prepare the latter for his Moscow responsibilities as a Procurement Officer. Mr. Rositzke vaguely remembered that a Mr. Stevens (phonetic) (First Name Unknown) was one of those at the Department of State who had dealt with Roberts during his pre-Moscow training. (u) (S-1) (X)

Rositzke could not remember any details of reports from Roberts as to the latter's activities in the USSR. He vaguely remembered that CIA had sent some letters to Roberts in Moscow, through State Department channels, which Roberts was to have mailed for the Agency but Rositzke could furnish no information as to the purpose to have been served by the letters or the nature of the communications in question. (u) (S-1) (X)

Rositzke did not remember any progress reports being submitted by the Department of State on Roberts' assignment in Moscow but did recall having received a memorandum from Walter Bedell Smith, then Ambassador to Moscow, in which the Ambassador described Roberts as an arrogant individual, critical of others in the Embassy and that Roberts was not well liked by other Embassy personnel. Roberts, according to Rositzke, was reportedly reprimanded by the Ambassador for this attitude. Later, Smith wrote another report on Roberts describing the latter as having improved in his role as a Department of State employee and acting "like a member of the team." Rositzke commented that soon after Walter Bedell Smith became Director of CIA he had a briefing session with Smith; that he had been asked who was responsible for Roberts' being sent abroad. Rositzke accepted the responsibility for this and Smith, in a caustic tone commented, "Orchids to you." (u) (S-1) (X)

Rositzke stated it was his initial impression of Roberts that the latter was a "delicate, sensitive person," extremely enamoured of all things dealing with Russian culture; that Roberts wanted to go to Russia where he believed it would be possible to perform services useful to the government through his knowledge of the Russian language. (u) (S-1) (X)

Rositzke was aware that Roberts had transferred to the Department of State around 1950 and was later released from government service for homosexuality. Rositzke stated he was never aware that Roberts was involved in any homosexual conduct while in CIA and was never aware that any CIA operations were affected in any manner through Roberts' participation in the undertaking. (u) (S-1) (X)

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Rositzke believed that Roland E. Dulin might have been aware of Roberts' role in Moscow for CIA but he could not speculate on the extent of Dulin's knowledge in this regard. Rositzke added that Elizabeth Rausch was in his office during the period of Roberts' assignment in Moscow and it was entirely possible that she knew of the latter's activities in behalf of CIA. Rositzke did not believe that Serge Peter Karlow (who later married Elizabeth Rausch) was knowledgeable of Roberts' assignment but he could not be certain of this. (S) (S-1) (S) (u)

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Rositzke could not definitely remember whether or not Roberts had been debriefed by CIA following his Moscow assignment. He stated that Richard Suter had been head of the Office of Operational Analysis (under Rositzke) and that if Roberts had been debriefed it was likely Suter had participated in it. (S) (S-1) (S) (u)

SEXUAL OFFENDER

ARTHUR R. SHARP

With respect to Arthur N. Sharp mentioned by Harry Rositzke as a subordinate who probably had talked to Roberts in connection with the latter's CIA assignment, the files of CIA disclose that Arthur Norman Sharp, born May 10, 1899, at West Somerville, Massachusetts, was employed by that Agency from March 24, 1947, until February 16, 1950, when he resigned following an admission of having engaged in homosexual activities with a number of personnel then attached to the U. S. Naval Academy band. Sharp's permanent address was listed as 74 Forrest Street, Hartford 5, Connecticut. He was described as being five feet eight and three fourths inches tall, 170 pounds, having brown-grey hair and blue eyes. (S) (S-1) (S) (u)

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