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609-786 3/17 Memo for Chief, CI/R & A

Subject: Article alleging LHO was interviewed by CIA employees

1. 2/22/64 Northern Va. Sun article alleges that "State Dept. records show that O had several mtgs. with the CIA rep. in the US Embassy in Moscow. ~~During this period~~... One State Dept. cable, No. 234, dated 11/2/59, reports that O was interviewed by the CIA & other embassy officials."

2. Allegation is completely unfounded as follows:

a. Article cites S.D. "cable" No. 234, dated 11/2/59 - must mean S.D. despatch No. 234, dated 11/2/59.

b. "Despatch contains no statement or inference that Richard E. Snyder, the 2nd Secy. of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, who talked w/O on 31 Oct. 1959, has CIA connection. S's name is the only name of a person who might have spoken w/O."
Only other U.S. official (cont. on next page)

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mentioned in SA despatch was Edward E. Finers, who signed despatch.

ZK (201-748009) interest in subj.

c. Richard E. Snyder (DPOB: 10 Dec. 1919, Passaic, N.J.)

applied for employ in 6/49 & submitted complete PHS form.

Entered on 11/8/49 at GS-9; acc. to Personnel file, was

assigned to OPC & slated to serve in [redacted] (file doesn't

show he served there). Served in [redacted] 3/50 until

resigning eff. 9/26/50 to assume position w/ HICOB.

No further entries in Personnel file.

(High Commissioner in Germany)

SR Division has unofficial file on him, showing that Nelson

BRICKAM as SR Div. Staff emp. was in contact w/ Snyder for @

1 yr. (1956-57) [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] No record of POA, OA or CSA action in that connection. In 3/59 (prob. just before S's departure for Moscow), State req. he be given 2 weeks of the OBS course (prob. ORR's trng. in Sov. Order of Battle).

ZK (201-175339)

Brief history of Agency int. in subj.

d. Edward E. Finers was never an empl. of CIA.

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- SA emp. since 1941, serving in various countries.

- 1952, while a "Peripheral Officer" w/SD in Rome, OPC req. "liaison clearance" on him; clearance granted 4/52, interest dropped in 1955 & clearance cancelled.

- Sept. to Nov. 1956, IO Division officials in contact w/ him because of his SA position -> IO req. & need liaison clear. from OS.

- OS file contains following record of int. & clearance action re Finers:

4/57 - SE/PP

8/58 - C/PP/LD

1/62 - DPO - DA/PP

4/58 - OSI

8/59 - C/PP/LD

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3. Original article containing subj. allegation written by P.H.S. ALLEN & Paul SCOTT.

- Article also appeared in Human Events - we have neg. info. on publisher & original founder.

4. ALLEN's & SCOTT's attacks on CIA are well-known & persistent.

- Have been sharpshooting at Mr. Dulles whenever opp. presented.

- DS has a detailed biog. account of ALLEN & a copy of part of an investigative report on Scott. - no derogatory info. in either.

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