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The Attorney General U.S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
Dept. of Justice ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVTS (HSC)

Relet from HSC 10/28/75 req'ng certain info from
FBI. Atchd for ur aprvl & frwrng to HSC is orig
of memo w/enclsz which cnstita Bu's respns to HSC
req for Bu materials cnerng Earl Robt Merritt, Jr.
Yu attn calld to Bu req contand in enclsd memo fo
meeting betwn reprsntatvs of this Bu & HSC to
discs manner Bu will respnd in future to HSC req.
A cc of memo being provided for ur records.

MATERIAL FOR HSC IN RESPONSE
TO REQUEST RELATING TO
EARL ROBERT MERRITT, JR.

RETAIN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/30/71

FROM : SAC, WFO (137-5692)

SUBJECT: EARL ROBERT MERRITT, JR., aka
James Robert Chandler, Jr.,
Robert Cochran,
Robert Octavio Chevalier,
James R. Monroe,
"Butch"

CI

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An extra copy of this letter is furnished for the Domestic Intelligence Division because the informant furnishes information of value in the security field.

MERRITT has been carried as a PCI since 10/8/71. The purpose of this letter is to convert him to a CI.

A. NAME AND ALL ALIASES

EARL ROBERT MERRITT, JR.
JAMES ROBERT CHANDLER, JR.
ROBERT COCHRAN
ROBERT OCTAVIO CHEVALIER
JAMES R. MONROE
"BUTCH"

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B. SYMBOL NUMBER

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C. ADDRESS AT WHICH CONTACTED

Source is contacted in the vicinity of his residence, 2122 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., but never at his residence itself.

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1-WFO

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D. RESIDENCE ADDRESS

2122 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

E. DESCRIPTION

Name: EARL ROBERT MERRITT, JR.
Aliases: JAMES ROBERT CHANDLER, JR.
ROBERT COCHRAN
ROBERT OCTAVIO CHEVALIER
JAMES R. MONROE
"BUTCH"
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 27
Date of Birth: 6/22/44
Place of Birth: Charleston, West Virginia
Height: 5 feet 11 inches
Weight: 175 pounds
Build: Medium
Complexion: Fair
Scars and Marks: None
Marital Status: Single
Employment: Currently unemployed but
seeking work - the source
has been employed in the past
in clerical capacities with
hospitals and medical insurance
companies.
Social Security Number: JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D)
Education: Four years high school,
Charleston, West Virginia
Parents:
Father: EARL ROBERT MERRITT, SR.
Richmond, Virginia
Mother: REBECCA BLANCH FRISBY
Charleston, West Virginia
Stepfather: CARL P. FRISBY
Charleston, West Virginia

F. DATE DESIGNATED AS INFORMANT

11/30/71

G. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY

There has been insufficient contact with the informant to determine reliability. Nothing has been developed, however, to indicate that the informant has furnished other than reliable information.

H. EMPLOYMENT

The source is not employed at this time. He has talked with persons at the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), 1520 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., who have stated that he is being considered for a job at IPS. These persons are MARCUS RASKIN and ARTHUR IRWIN WASKOW. IPS, RASKIN and WASKOW are subjects of WFO files set forth later in this communication.

The source has been employed in the past as a hospital and medical insurance company clerical employee.

I. PAST ACTIVITIES

The source has in the past furnished information to the Metropolitan Police Department (Intelligence Division and Second District), Washington, D.C., and the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

The source has been in the Washington, D.C. area, primarily in the vicinity of Dupont Circle, for more than six years.

During the Spring, 1971, the source became associated with JOHN RANKIN DAVIS (WF 100-48582) and others associated with the planning of the May, 1971, demonstrations in Washington, D.C. Following his association with these persons, the source began to take part in activities held at IPS and to become acquainted with persons at IPS such as RASKIN, WASKOW and JOANN MALONE.

The source advised that he has never been arrested although he has been detained by law enforcement personnel on several occasions. A search of the files of the Metropolitan Police Department and U.S. Park Police disclosed no record identifiable with the source under his true name or any of his aliases. A check of NCIC reflected no warrants for the source under his true name or aliases.

A review of WFO indices reflects that the source was the subject of WF 87-18178. Under the name JAMES R. MONROE, the source had, during May, 1970, cashed three checks totalling \$225.00 at Charleston, West Virginia, on a bank in Washington, D.C. The checks were returned to the Charleston Bank. Prosecution in this matter was declined on 2/23/71, by AUSA ROBERT B. KING, Southern District of West Virginia, because the amount of money involved and evidence available did not justify further investigative efforts to locate and interview MERRITT.

The source explained that he had at one time cashed several checks amounting to a little over \$200 while he visited Charleston, West Virginia, during the Spring, 1970. He stated that he has made efforts to negotiate payment of these checks and that he has at no other time and will never again engage in this practice.

J. IDENTIFICATION RECORD

A request for an Identification Record was made on 11/8/71. No criminal or civil file identifiable with the source under his true name or aliases was located.

K. CRIMINAL ASSOCIATES

The source is in regular contact with a number of persons engaged in criminal activity. He is an admitted homosexual and this has brought him into contact with other homosexuals who engage in various types of criminal activities. The source has in the past furnished information concerning persons involved in a homicide, narcotics, armed robberies, burglaries and other crimes to the Metropolitan Police Department.

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The source spends time in the Dupont Circle area, Georgetown, downtown Washington, 14th and U Streets, N.W., 14th Street and Columbia Road, N.W., and several other sections of Washington, D.C.

L. INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE PAST

The source has furnished information regarding the captioned cases set forth below:

Institute for Policy Studies (IPS)
IS-NEW LEFT
(OO:WFO)
(Bufile 100-447935)
(WFOfile 100-46784)

IPS is located at 1520 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The source has furnished information concerning IPS on a continuing basis. On 10/5/71, the source advised that he had attended a meeting regarding prisons held at IPS on 9/21/71. This meeting was dominated by ARTHUR IRWIN WASKOW and JOANN MALONE. These two persons are the subjects of WFO file 105-50397 (Bufile 105-114241), captioned "ARTHUR IRWIN WASKOW, SM-NEW LEFT" and WFO file 100-49419 (Bufile 454221), captioned "JOANN MALONE, SM-NEW LEFT." The source also furnished information on 10/6/71 concerning another meeting involving the prison issue held at IPS on 10/5/71. This meeting, too, was dominated by WASKOW and MALONE.

On 10/13/71, the source advised that sometime during September, 1971, MALONE had discussed the subject of FBI surveillance of IPS with him. She told the source that she and others at IPS believed the FBI was watching them from a building across the street, from a room in the Dupont Plaza Hotel (to the right of the IPS building) and possibly from the building on the other side of the IPS building. It was further believed that the IPS building was "bugged" and that the FBI was using sophisticated electronic equipment to pick up conversations in and around IPS. Because of these suspicions,

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persons associated with IPS discuss important matters outside the building.

The source provided a description on 10/13/71 of that part of the IPS building with which he is familiar.

On 10/20/71, the source advised that WASKOW had talked with him about the possibility of working for IPS or persons associated with IPS. WASKOW was not specific about the job and during subsequent contacts the source advised that he was having difficulty locating WASKOW at IPS and that when he did talk with him WASKOW was still noncommittal concerning the job.

On 11/16/71, the source advised that he had spoken with MARCUS RASKIN at IPS. RASKIN is the subject of WF 100-45298 (Bufile 100-454040) captioned "MARCUS GOODMAN RASKIN, SM-NEW LEFT." RASKIN told the source on 11/15/71 that the source was being considered for a job which would involve assisting WASKOW and others at IPS. RASKIN said that further thought was being given this possibility and that the source should return to see him at 1:00 p.m., 11/23/71.

On 11/9/71, the source advised that MALONE had commented upon the apathy toward the prison issue and the fact that a meeting would be held on the evening of 11/11/71 to renew interest in the issue. On 11/10/71, the source stated that MALONE had again expressed her concern concerning lack of interest in the prison issue and had set forth her ideas as to what course of action should be undertaken to better publicize and renew interest in the issue. MALONE said that she was disappointed in the response of the black community to the prison issue.

WEATHFUG
(OO:CHICAGO)
(WF 176-265)
(Bufile 176-1594)

Information has been received from a reliable source that MICHAEL LOUIS SPIEGEL, aka-FUGITIVE, IO #4360, ARL-CONSPIRACY, OO:CHICAGO, visited IPS while a fugitive during December, 1970.

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Although the source has not observed nor heard anything of SPIEGEL, it is believed that the fact that the source is occasionally in the IPS building will enable him to be in an advantageous position to observe SPIEGEL or any other of the New Left fugitives should they make contact with persons at IPS.

WILLIAM LUTHER PIERCE, aka
EM-NYA
(OO:WFO)
(WF 157-2396)
(Bufile 157-13485)

HAMILTON MICHAEL BARRETT, aka
EM-NSWPP
(OO:ALEXANDRIA)
(WF 157-3700)

JERRY DUNLAP
EM-NYA
(WF 157-4463)

On 10/29/71, the source advised that a friend, JERRY DUNLAP, had offered to sell him four incendiary devices. DUNLAP, a homosexual, said that dynamite, dynamite caps, fragmentation and smoke grenades and stink bombs were also available. The source had previously purchased two incendiary devices from DUNLAP while the source was furnishing information to the Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C.

DUNLAP stated that he could obtain these items from a MIKE (LNU) who works with DUNLAP at the Columbia Plaza Apartments, Washington, D.C. MIKE was described by DUNLAP as a former member of the National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP) and currently affiliated with Dr. WILLIAM PIERCE and the National Youth Association (NYA). PIERCE was also formerly associated with the NSWPP. MIKE (LNU) is believed to be identical with HAMILTON MICHAEL BARRETT. The source subsequently met MIKE and advised that he greatly resembled a photograph of BARRETT.

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PIERCE was described as the person from whom MIKE obtained the incendiaries and explosives and DUNLAP also said that MIKE had indicated that PIERCE was a chemist and had constructed incendiary devices.

This information was furnished to the Alcohol, Tax and Firearms Division, Internal Revenue Service, which is conducting investigation regarding firearms and explosives violations on the part of PIERCE and certain of his associates.

UNSUB; aka
MIKE,
Mrs. ROMONA BANUELOS-VICTIM
PROPOSED KIDNAPPING
(OO:WFO)
(WF 7-1053)

Based on the following information WFO instituted investigation in this matter.

On 11/3/71, the source advised that JERRY DUNLAP had told him that MIKE (LNU), the NYA member working at the Columbia Plaza Apartments, had been talking of planning the kidnapping of the woman who was to be appointed to a high position in the U.S. Treasury. The name of this woman was not mentioned. This kidnapping was to be carried out at the Columbia Plaza Apartments. It was subsequently determined that Mrs. ROMONA BANUELOS had gone to the Columbia Plaza Apartments to inquire about an apartment during late September, 1971. Mrs. BANUELOS is the unconfirmed Treasurer of the United States. Investigation is continuing in this matter.

This information has been disseminated to appropriate Federal agencies.

EDWARD SCOTT COLEMAN, aka
EID
(OO:WFO)
(WF 174-382)

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On 10/27/71, the source advised that he had met an individual named MICHAEL HALL, a homosexual, who claimed to have lived with "RANDY" COLEMAN (EDWARD SCOTT COLEMAN), reportedly a homosexual, when COLEMAN was arrested by the MPD in connection with fire bombing of financial institutions in the northwest area of Washington, D.C. The two were supposed to have lived together at 2120 O Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

This information was furnished to the Alcohol, Tax and Firearms Division (ATFD), which is investigating the fire bombings. It is also noted COLEMAN has been indicted on charges of attempting to bomb four Washington, D.C. businesses and banks in September, 1971, by Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D.C.

JAMES HENRY ROLLINS, aka-FUGITIVE
UFAC-DISPENSING NARCOTICS
(OO:KC)
(WF 88-7798)

On 11/19/71, the source advised that he had seen a person resembling ROLLINS at a meeting concerning prisons held at IPS on the evening of 9/21/71. This individual was accompanied by two Negro females and was later observed by the source on one or two occasions in Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C.

MISCELLANEOUS

The source has furnished information regarding demonstrations held in Washington, D.C., during the Fall, 1971.

The source advised on 11/2/71 that he had observed an individual resembling a man named WOODRUFF being sought by the U.S. Postal Inspectors. This person was observed in the vicinity of 2116 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Postal Inspection's Office, Washington, D.C., confirmed that they were seeking a fugitive named WOODRUFF and requested that they be advised if the man was observed in the future. The source has been attempting to ascertain the residence of this person.

The information furnished by the source regarding IPS and persons associated with IPS has been of value as intelligence data. The source is one of only a few sources in a position to furnish information concerning IPS which is described as the "think tank" of the New Left.

Information regarding Dr. WILLIAM PIERCE and HAMILTON MICHAEL BARRETT is of value from an intelligence standpoint and has substantially aided the ATFD in its investigation of possible firearms and explosives violations on the part of these persons.

The source spends much time in many areas of Washington, D.C., particularly Dupont Circle, and this enables him to be observant concerning fugitives and for the matters of interest to the Bureau. The fact that he is a homosexual permits him to furnish information of value to the Bureau concerning persons in the homosexual community, and enable WFO to fulfill its responsibilities for identifying homosexuals in government.

M. EMOTIONAL STABILITY

During contacts with this informant the informant has exhibited no traits of emotional instability or unreliability, nor is it known that the informant has furnished any false information.

SAC, Washington Field (137-5692)

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Director, FBI

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Reurlet 12-7-71.

In accordance with facts set forth in referenced letter, you are hereby granted authority to expend on a strictly C.O.D. basis the sum of up to but not to exceed \$400 in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 108J 2, Manual of Instructions.

You should follow the development of this source very closely. If it appears that he could be more valuable in the security field, he should be converted to a security type informant.

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NOTE: This is a newly converted source of the Washington Field Office. He recently gave information on a gambling operation and seven other cases of a security nature which are of great interest to that division. In view of the above, it is recommended that an additional SAC authority be approved. This response has been coordinated with Supervisor E. Grigalus, Division Five.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12-7-71

FROM : SAC, WFO (137-5692) (P)

SUBJECT:
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ReWFOlet to the Bureau, 11-30-71.

An extra copy of this letter is furnished for the Domestic Intelligence Division because the informant furnishes information of value in the security field.

RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this letter is to recommend authority to expend an additional \$400.00 in payments to the informant under provisions of Section 108-J, 2, Manual of Instructions.

During the period the informant has been contacted, he has shown no signs of emotional instability or unreliability. He has maintained very regular contact and there has been no indication that he has furnished any false information.

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This informant has been paid a total of \$400.00 under SAC authority; these payments made between the period 10-13-71 to 12-1-71.

DATE	AMOUNT
10-13-71	\$60.00 ✓
10-20-71	\$60.00 ✓
10-28-71	\$60.00 ✓
11-3-71	\$60.00 ✓
11-12-71	\$50.00 ✓
11-18-71	\$20.00 ✓
11-26-71	\$50.00 ✓
12-1-71	\$40.00 ✓

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M. F. ROW
6221 IB

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CASES ON WHICH INFORMATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED

ReWFOlet set forth certain information provided by the source. Set forth below is additional information for which the source was paid during the period 10-13-71, to 12-1-71:

INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES (IPS)
IS - New Left
(OO:WFO)
WF 100-46784
Bufile 100-447935

ARTHUR IRWIN WASKOW
SM - New Left
(OO:WFO)
WF 105-50397
Bufile 105-114241

MARCUS GOODMAN RASKIN
SM - New Left
(OO:WFO)
WF 100-45298
Bufile 100-454040

JOANN MALONE
SM - New Left
(OO:WFO)
WF 100-49419
Bufile 100-454221

On 11-22-71, advised that in speaking with DIANE (LNU) at the Red House Collective, Washington, D. C. (WDC), he learned that a national meeting concerning prisons had been held at IPS the week end of 11/13-15/71. DIANE also told the source that ARTHUR WASKOW and JOANN MALONE, both associated with IPS, were devoting most of their time to national prison abolition activities and little or no time to local activities in WDC.

On 11-24-71, the source advised that an individual identified as ROBERT WALL, a former Special Agent of the FBI, had delivered a speech at an IPS meeting the same evening.

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WALL's topic concerned white power structure "exploitation of blacks, especially black policemen." On 11-26-71, the source provided a tape of WALL's speech and identified a photograph of WALL as the speaker. WFO Agents familiar with WALL advised that the voice on the tape was most probably that of WALL. (The Bureau was advised of this by airtel dated 11-26-71.)

Also on 11-26-71, the source provided a copy of a memo to all IPS personnel indicating that the next IPS Administrative Meeting would be held on 11-29-71, at 10:00 a.m. He also provided a copy of a memo directed to IPS personnel reflecting an "Election '72 Seminar" would be held at IPS.

(On 12-3-71, the source advised that he had spoken with WASKOW on 12-2-71, concerning a job which MARCUS RASKIN had previously stated the source would have at IPS. WASKOW confirmed that the job would involve assisting him and that it would begin shortly after 1-1-72. WASKOW told the source that he would attempt to find other work at IPS for which the source would be compensated before 1-1-72. WASKOW advised that during the remainder of 1971 he would spend some time each week orienting the source for the job and that this would include familiarizing the source with IPS. On 12-4-71, the source advised that he had spoken further with WASKOW concerning the job and that WASKOW was attempting to find projects with which the source could assist before 1-1-72.) (Source has not been paid for the period covering 12/3 - 4/71.)

JOHN RANKIN DAVIS, aka
SM - New Left (Extremist)
(OO:WFO)
WF 100-48582
Bufile 100-451643
CAPBOM
(OO:WFO)
WF 174-318
Bufile 174-1891

On 11-18-71, the source furnished information concerning his association with JACK DAVIS, an individual considered a suspect in the bombing of the U. S. Capitol, 3-1-71. The source was closely associated with DAVIS during

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April, May and June, 1971, but during this time never admitted to having participated in the bombing and never specifically indicated who might have been involved in the bombing. The source advised, however, that DAVIS was very "paranoid" concerning the subject of the Capitol bombing.

ALEXIS KING, aka
Alex,
Tony
IGB
(OO:WFO)
WF 182-New

On 11-22-71, the source advised that he had met an acquaintance of his named ALEXIS KING at the Fairfax Restaurant, 2100 block of P Street, N. W., WDC, on 11-21-71. This man offered to sell the source six \$20.00 bills, described as counterfeit by KING, for \$100.00. KING said he had more of these bills if the source was interested. The source told KING that he was not interested but recalled that the first four numbers of each serial number on the bills were "5152." The source also advised that he had seen KING involved in a numbers transaction and that he gathered from KING that KING was still dealing in numbers.

The information concerning the counterfeit bills was furnished to SA STEPHEN A. LORD, Washington Field Office, U. S. Secret Service (USSS). SA LORD advised that he considered the information very reliable and valuable in that three \$20.00 counterfeit bills with serial numbers beginning "5152" had been received very recently by the USSS. He stated that it is unusual to get information concerning persons passing such bills before counterfeit bills are received by the USSS and investigation to trace them is instituted.

Based on the information regarding KING's involvement in numbers transactions, the above-captioned 182 case re KING was opened.

The source furnished certain identifying data re KING and a possible address for this individual.

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EVALUATION

The source is in a position to provide coverage of the Dupont Circle and other areas in WDC for fugitives and other criminal activities, such as that regarding the counterfeit \$20.00 bills set forth above. The source has also furnished valuable information regarding IPS (publicly described as the "New Left Think-Tank") and meetings held at IPS. He has also been told that he will begin assisting ARTHUR WASKOW at IPS after 1-1-72, thus placing him in a position to obtain further information of value to the Bureau.

