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MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III

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TO: DISCO	SUBJECT MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III AKA: MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, MITCHELL WERBELL, ERIC WILSON, ALEX WILSON, (FNU) THRAFT
FROM: DO 4	Male Born: 8 Mar 18, PA SSAN: 167-18-1640 Vice President, Sionics, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia

REFERENCE
OSI Form 158, SUBJECT and file as above, dated 14 October 1968

ITEMS CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT

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1. ROI, DO 21, re SUBJ., dtd 7 Jun 68
2. ROI, DO 6, re SUBJ., dtd 28 Jun 68 (w/atch)
3. ROI, DO 4, re SUBJ., dtd 15 Jul 68
4. ROI, DO 6, re SUBJ., dtd 9 Aug 68 (w/atch)
5. ROI, DO 6, re SUBJ., dtd 30 Aug 68
6. ROI, DO 6, re SUBJ., dtd 17 Sep 68
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TITLE MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL III AKA: MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL MITCHELL WERBELL, ERIC WILSON, ALEX WILSON, (FNU) THRAFT Male Born: 8 Mar 18, PA; SSAN: 167-18-1640 Vice President, Sionics, Inc., Atlanta, GA (U)		UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	
STATUS RUC		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO 4	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM A. OUTTEN, SA sdv
CHARACTER DOD INVESTIGATIONS - GENERAL - SPECIAL INQUIRY		PERIOD 24 May-5 Jun 68	REPORT MADE AT DO 21
REFERENCE ROI, DO 4, 22 May 68		FILE NR. 04D74(24C)-3232	DATE 7 Jun 68

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1. On 24 May 68, a search of the indices, OSI District 21, Langley AFB, Virginia, by JOHN W. GLYNN, file clerk, revealed no record identifiable with SUBJECT, his adult relatives, or references as listed on DD Form 48 executed by SUBJECT on 9 Feb 68.

2. On 5 Jun 68, records of the Registrar's Office, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, as reviewed by BETTY J. MOHLER, Recorder, for WILLIAM A. OUTTEN, SA, failed to reveal SUBJECT ever attending that institution. Mrs. MOHLER stated that records in her office are maintained on all students since 1842.

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STATUS PENDING		REPORT MADE BY JOHN R. CAMERON, SA ak	
OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO 4		PERIOD 29 May - 19 June 1968	
CHARACTER DOD INVESTIGATIONS-GENERAL - SPECIAL INQUIRY		REPORT MADE AT DO 6	
		FILE NR. 04D74(24C)-3232	
		DATE 26 JUN 1968	

REFERENCE
 ROI, DO 4, 22 May 1968

SYNOPSIS
 DCASR-Atlanta records failed to reflect Sionics, Inc. in either active contract or pre-award stage. FBI, Miami, Florida files contain message stating SUBJECT had been in contact with Haitian Counsel General in Miami in an attempt to sell a supply of firearms. Allegedly, SUBJECT's plan was to accept money for firearms but fail to deliver them. FBI, Miami, files contain no unfavorable information concerning listed reference MAGRUDER. MAGRUDER, in interview, claimed no knowledge of unfavorable information concerning SUBJECT and recommended SUBJECT for a position of trust. Atlanta, Georgia Credit Bureau files disclosed five collection accounts, two federal tax liens and one lawsuit against SUBJECT. Neighborhood investigation in Powder Springs, Ga. disclosed SUBJECT in residence there from 1949 to present. Developed reference MEREDITH advised SUBJECT has been self-employed most of the period he has known him and has engaged in several business ventures, one of which was growing tropical fruit in the Dominican Republic. All references were aware SUBJECT's latest venture is the development of silencers for weapons. None claimed any knowledge of unfavorable information and all recommended him for a position of trust. DUN and BRADSTREET records reflect Sionics, Inc., incorporated in August 1967 in Fulton County, Ga. Company reportedly engaged in sound and flash modification of weapons. FBI, Atlanta, files contain no information regarding Sionics, Inc. officials except SUBJECT. DCASR-Atlanta, Industrial

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SYNOPSIS (Cont)

Security Office records reflect facility security inspection begun on Sionics, Inc. in February 1968 at the request of U.S. Army Research and Development Center, Ft. Belvoir, Va. Sionics, Inc. apparently developing a device designed to be used with a classified Army project. Civil law enforcement agency checks in Atlanta and Powder Springs, Ga. negative concerning SUBJECT.

DETAILS

1. On 29 May 1968, a check of the Indices, OSI District 6, Robins AFB, Georgia, at the request of SA GRADY H. CLICK, disclosed no information concerning SUBJECT; his spouse HILDEGARD HEMMERICH WERBELL; his daughters D. MICHELLE C. WERBELL and KAREN MARGOT D. WERBELL; his sons MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL and GEOFFREY BAUDOIN WERBELL; or his listed references ROBERT VERSHEN, ISADORE T. COHEN and PEYTON M. MAGRUDER.

2. On 4 June 1968, files of the Financial Services Office, Defense Contract Administrative Service Region (DCASR), Atlanta, Ga., reviewed by HAROLD W. BAGLEY, Chief, at the request of the writer failed to reflect any information pertaining to Sionics, Inc. BAGLEY also telephonically contacted the Chiefs of the Contract Operations Branch and the Contract Pre-Award Monitor Division who both advised they had no information pertaining to Sionics, Inc.

3. On 5 June 1968, the files of the FBI Field Office, Miami, Florida, were reviewed by Mr. THOMAS FALLS, Complaint Clerk, at the request of SA ROBERT G. HUGHES. Files reflected that a PEYTON MAGRUDER (not further identified) made a complaint to the FBI in 1958, regarding certain officers of his business (Coral Roofing Co) who were trying to take his business away through the use of bankruptcy. MAGRUDER felt that this was a violation of the federal bankruptcy laws. FBI declined to investigate. In addition to FBI memos concerning MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III on file with OSI, Miami FBI Office furnished copy of a CONFIDENTIAL message dated 15 Nov 66 from Director FBI to the Miami Office which is set forth verbatim as follows:

"Haitian Revolutionary Activities"

"On November eight last a Confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that MITCHELL WER BELL, American adventurer from Powder Springs, Ga., had been in contact with EUGENE MAXIMILIEN, Haitian Consel General in Miami. MAXIMILIEN reportedly agreed to purchase a supply of firearms from WER BELL, which firearms

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are currently stored in the Dominican Republic. On November fourteen last the above source advised that according to WER BELL, MAXIMILIEN met with him on the night of November nine last at the University Inn, Coral Gables, Florida, where WER BELL was registered under the name THRAFT. At this meeting MAXIMILIEN agreed to pay WER BELL the sum of twenty thousand dollars for these firearms. WER BELL stated MAXIMILIEN subsequently departed for Haiti to obtain the money for purchase of these firearms from President DUVALIER, and that MAXIMILIEN was expected to return to Miami on Tuesday, November fifteen next.

WER BELL said although MAXIMILIAN would obtain the money from President DUVALIER, MAXIMILIEN had no intention of delivering the firearms to the Haitian President. WER BELL said MAXIMILIEN has been cooperating with ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS and has been meeting secretly with MASFERRER in a meeting place outside of Metropolitan Miami. MAXIMILIEN has agreed to turn over the firearms obtained through WER BELL to MASFERRER for use on the latter's planned invasion of Haiti and overthrow of DUVALIER. WER BELL has agreed to make these firearms available to MASFERRER once he has received the twenty thousand dollars from MAXIMILIEN. (S)

WER BELL confidentially advised the source that he, WER BELL, was planning to accept the twenty thousand dollars from MAXIMILIEN, but would delay delivery of the arms to MASFERRER until after the invasion of Haiti, in order that he could keep both the twenty thousand dollars and the firearms. WER BELL said that MASFERRER has sufficient arms for the invasion and did not need the firearms now in the Dominican Republic. (S)

WER BELL also stated that MASFERRER claims to have seventeen boats and a force of between two hundred and three hundred men ready to depart for this invasion of Haiti and hopes to depart from Miami within the next week. WER BELL also stated that a large group of HAITIANS were standing by in the Dominican Republic to assist in these invasion efforts. (U)

4. On 10 June 1968, Mr. PEYTON M. MAGRUDER, 757 Malaga Ave., Coral Gables, Fla., employed as Consulting Engineer at Sionics, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, telephoned SA RICARDO GONZALEZ, OSI Detachment 612, Miami, Fla., from Georgetown Inn, in Washington, D.C. (Phone 202-333-8900) and advised that he wanted to be interviewed telephonically. He stated that he would be working out of state and did not know when he would return to his home in Coral Gables, Florida, or to his home office in Atlanta, Georgia. He advised that he has known SUBJECT personally

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