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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. ~~(W)~~ LTC William J. Herlihy first came to the operational attention of the 650th MI Detachment (650th MID) in approximately August 1967 when he misrepresented himself as a member of that unit on two separate occasions, in both instances to Alta Fowler, the American Consul, Brussels, Belgium. As a result, Herlihy received information to which he had no authorized access from Fowler. This information was subsequently misrouted a second time by Herlihy, and only accidentally reached the responsible authority, that being the 650th MID. The information concerned an investigation then being conducted by the 650th MID, and its unauthorized release to one of the principals by Herlihy seriously jeopardized the successful completion of that investigation.
2. ~~(W)~~ On an unrecalled date in the fall, 1967, Herlihy related that he was having sexual relations with one Isabelle Walton, and that Walton might be of interest to intelligence authorities. A subsequent check revealed that Walton, a United Kingdom (UK) national, was married to a USAF technical sergeant then assigned to Thailand, and since 1 January 1968 assigned to Soesterburg Air Base, The Netherlands. Walton then and now, was employed as a switchboard operator at SHAPE.
3. ~~(W)~~ In late December 1967/early January 1968, Herlihy reported to an agent of the 650th MID that he suspected Walton to be a low level agent working for the Belgian Communist Party. He further stated that he thought Walton could be recruited to work for US Intelligence and that he had passed this information to COL John Pratt, Intelligence Division, SHAPE, and to the 513th MI Group (513th MIG). Herlihy stated that Walton had attempted to establish relationships with high-ranking officers assigned to SHAPE. Additionally, Walton had taken some personal letters from his apartment and that the contents of the letters might be detrimental to him.
4. ~~(W)~~ On 3 January 1968, information was received by 650th MID that Herlihy's checking account was consistently overdrawn in large amounts. Further investigation revealed a dividend check endorsed by Herlihy to Walton.
5. ~~(W)~~ In approximately February, 1968, Herlihy intimated that he was involved in spotting and recruiting sources for other intelligence activities, later identified by Herlihy as the 513th MIG, USAREUR.



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He stated that Walton and an unnamed Israeli female were being considered for recruitment. CO, 650th MID, advised Herlihy that in light of information furnished by Herlihy regarding Walton's promiscuity, he (Herlihy) was not exercising good judgement in maintaining his relationship with Walton. Herlihy replied by implying that his interest in Walton was motivated by operational considerations.

6. (U) (S) In late February/early March 1968, Deputy J-2, EUCOM, COL Von Pawel, during a visit to Headquarters, 650th MID, Brussels, stated that in mid-December 1967 a Patch Barracks telephone operator at EUCOM had monitored a telephone conversation between an unidentified Colonel in the Special Security Office, J-2, EUCOM, and an unidentified female calling from SHAPE. The conversation included remarks about the Colonel being blackmailed, and that the Colonel would meet "her" (the unidentified female) in London "that weekend" to discuss the problem at greater length. Also mentioned was the Colonel's wife who apparently was in the US. LTC J. C. Land, CI and Security Branch, J-2 Directorate, EUCOM, was interviewed on 4 March 1968 and stated that he was of the opinion that the recipient of the referenced phone call was LTC Herlihy, who had been on temporary duty status at EUCOM during the period in which the call was monitored. Herlihy subsequently admitted to receiving a phone call from Walton at the US Army Special Security Detachment, EUCOM, but was unable to recall the details of the conversation.

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7. (U) (S) On 8 May 1968, Herlihy was interviewed concerning Walton. He stated that he first met Walton in September 1967, and that soon thereafter she offered to supply information to him concerning the Communist and Socialist Parties in Belgium. Herlihy stated that Walton told him she had been the mistress of Guy Cudell, a Belgian Member of Parliament and prominent socialist; that Cudell had paid her fare from the US to Belgium in 1967; and that she had the keys to Cudell's private office and apartment. Walton also told Herlihy that she had been trained in communist ideology, had seen communist films, and had attended communist lectures with Cudell. Herlihy stated that he reported this information to COL John Pratt and continued his association with Walton to gain further information. Herlihy further alleged that Walton may have attempted to gain information from him concerning SHAPE Survey Section, and that she had taken two personal letters from his briefcase in his apartment which she believed could cause him embarrassment. Walton later told Herlihy that she had the letters and would return them to him at a later date. Herlihy stated his belief that Walton was a notorious liar and that she retained the letters to insure that he would not reveal the details of her personal life.

8. (U) (S) On 8 May 1968, COL John Pratt, Intelligence Division, SHAPE, stated that in October 1967, Herlihy had reported to him that Walton had offered her services to US Intelligence and that she may have attempted to solicit information from him concerning SHAPE. Herlihy also reported to Pratt that Walton had taken letters from him and that she might attempt to use these letters to blackmail him.

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Pratt related this information to the 513th MIG and requested that CO, 513th MIG, visit SHAPE and personally assess Walton's potential as a source. In December 1967, CO, 513th MIG, visited SHAPE and concluded that the 513th MIG had no interest in Walton.

9. (u)(e) On 17 May 1968, COL George Watson, CO, 513th MIG, stated that Pratt had reported the information concerning Walton to him and that after visiting SHAPE he had determined that the 513th MIG had no interest in her and the matter should be passed to counterintelligence authorities.

10. (u)(e) On 23 May 1968, Herlihy was reinterviewed concerning Walton and furnished additional instances that indicated that Walton was attempting to gain classified information from him. Herlihy stated that Walton admitted that her husband had his letters and that she was attempting to get them back to return to Herlihy. Herlihy opined that money would be demanded for their return. To date no such demand has been made and the letters have not been returned. Herlihy admitted that in November 1967 he and Walton went to Bittburg, Germany, and in December 1967 to Stuttgart, Germany. Herlihy further stated that in December 1967 he had attempted on one occasion to contact CO, 513th MIG, concerning his continued association with Walton which he had concluded was no longer profitable. He stated that this attempt was motivated by his belief that Walton could no longer be trusted and was of no value to military intelligence. He was unsuccessful in this attempt. Herlihy stated that with the exception of chance encounters at SHAPE, he had terminated his relationship with Walton as of 1 January 1968. Herlihy admitted to having sexual intercourse with Walton on numerous occasions.

11. (u)(e) On 18 June 1968, Isabelle Walton was interviewed and stated the following: Walton first met Herlihy in July 1967. She terminated the relationship with Herlihy in January 1968. Walton stated that she and Herlihy had had an "affair"; that she had had sexual intercourse with Herlihy. During her relationship with Herlihy, he told her that he was legally separated from his wife and was planning to get a divorce. He told Walton that she should legally separate from her husband and obtain a divorce also. For a period of time during their "affair," Walton seriously considered doing this. Walton further stated that Herlihy told her he was an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and that his assignment at SHAPE was a "cover." He said he received his instructions from EUCOM (not further identified) and that he used the communication facilities of Alta Fowler, the American Consul, because those at SHAPE were not sufficiently secure. He stated that his real assignment at SHAPE as a CIA agent was to "watch people, see what's going on," and report to "the head office of the CIA in Washington." Walton described Guy Cudell as a long-time family friend

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who had been helpful to her in finding employment when she came to Belgium. She stated that no time had Cudell requested information concerning SHAPE from her, but that Herlihy, upon learning of her friendship with Cudell, attempted to recruit her to work for him in his capacity as a CIA agent. As inducement, Herlihy stated she would be paid a \$150 retainer each month; her citizenship would be changed from UK to US; and that if she "ever got into any trouble there would be a plane standing by so my children and I would be safe." Walton described Herlihy as an individual who considers himself a "007." She said that Herlihy would call her late at night to tell her he was going to make a "contact"; that Herlihy stated he would sleep with women if it was required to get information; that he carried a gun frequently and on one occasion drew it on two women who surprised them late at night on a street; that he claimed to have killed a man who was a double agent behind the Iron Curtain; and that he talked about his being under surveillance and in danger. Herlihy related to Walton the name of a confidential source of the 650th MID. He stated that he had an Israeli girl working as a source for him, and that he was protecting a Hungarian girl who would be killed if she returned to Hungary because she had worked for him. The Israeli girl is actively being considered as a participant in an intelligence operation by the 513th MIG and as such has been compromised by Herlihy. Walton described her as his mistress, as were an unidentified Dutch girl, English girl, and the Hungarian girl. Herlihy discussed telephone tapping with Walton; stated that he thought his telephone was being tapped; offered to tap her telephone; and showed her some equipment allegedly used to monitor telephone conversations. Despite her initial refusal, Herlihy was insistent regarding Walton's recruitment as a source, and gave her some literature concerning espionage cases to read. Herlihy revealed to Walton that she would be required to undergo a polygraph examination prior to operating as a source. On one occasion he presented her with a list of individual characteristics such as "financial status" and "position" and requested that she fill in the names and relevant information concerning individuals she had met through Cudell. Walton stated that the letters in question had been left in her apartment by Herlihy and that her husband had taken them upon arriving in Belgium. She stated that her husband knew of her "affair" with Herlihy; that he had threatened to go to SHAPE, confront Herlihy, and sue him. While he did eventually go to SHAPE, he took no action. The aforementioned letters included a letter to Herlihy from his wife in the US which gave no indication that Herlihy is legally separated; a letter from a woman identified as Terry Ginotti, an enlisted man's wife with whom Walton alleges Herlihy had an affair (evidence of which is in the letter); a reply to Ginotti's letter in which Herlihy indicates he is in the process of getting a divorce from his wife but cannot at the present time afford it. Also included

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were various hotel bills and receipts covering some of the weekends Walton and Herlihy spent together. Walton stated that Herlihy had originally requested the return of the letters but had recently said that he had no interest in them. Herlihy has related to Walton some of the details of his activity as CO, 430th MI Group in Italy, including what he considered to be the misuse of Intelligence Contingency Funds. He also told her that he was rotating to the head office of the CIA in Washington when he leaves SHAPE in July 1968. Walton admitted calling Herlihy in December 1967 while he was on TDY to Stuttgart, stating that she called in response to a call he had placed to her, during which he cited a specific red line on which he could be reached. She could not recall the details of the conversation, but knew of no occasion on which Herlihy was mentioned as a subject of blackmail. Walton denied having sexual relations with any individuals assigned to SHAPE other than Herlihy; she denied offering to furnish Herlihy with information concerning the Communist and Socialist Parties in Belgium; she denied retaining the letters with any thought of blackmail, but rather to remind herself of the mistake she made with Herlihy. Walton described Herlihy as "a disgrace to the American uniform he wears"; as "living on women and what he can get out of them."

12. On 20 June 1968, a check with the Chief of Station, CIA, Brussels, revealed that Herlihy was not presently and had never been working for the CIA in any capacity.

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