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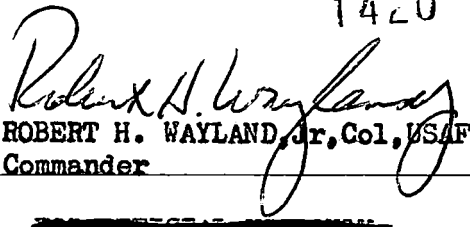
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SYNOPSIS

Permission to interview WERBELL granted by IRS. Review of air and surface shipment records, Eglin AFB, FL, failed to disclose any information pertinent to this investigation. WERBELL interviewed by IRS. During interview WERBELL advised that firearms shipped to him by SUBJECT in April 1969 were obtained by him (WERBELL) in Vietnam and registered during amnesty period; however, no authorization was obtained to import these firearms. WERBELL stated that majority of firearms currently being held at Eglin AFB were sent at WERBELL's request by ARPA and authorized by PATTERSON, who thought firearms were for AF museum purposes. WERBELL asserted seized firearms were sent by him to Vietnam after receiving State Department approval and were to be returned to SIONICS by Air Force. No authorization for this action was obtained by WERBELL. WERBELL advised that firearms which were not sent by him to Vietnam, and which were seized at Eglin AFB, were sent to SUBJECT for use in Air Force museums and that, to WERBELL's knowledge, Forms 6 were not filed on any of the seized firearms.

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DETAILS:

1. On 1 October 1969, Investigator WILLIAM C. GOODMAN, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Control Division, IRS, Pensacola, FL, was interviewed by SA WILLIAM D. DIXON. GOODMAN advised that as of that date, he had not received any additional information concerning the matter under investigation. GOODMAN was requested to determine if IRS would object to an interview of MITCHELL L. WERBELL III by OSI. GOODMAN advised that he would query his higher headquarters regarding the request, and subsequently, GOODMAN advised that he had spoken to his supervisor in the Atlanta office and that his agency had no objection to an interview of WERBELL, Vice-President and Director of Research and Development of Sionics.

JFK Act 5 (g)(2)(D)

2. On 8 Oct 69 Mr. SHELLEY F. REEVES, GS-8, SSAN [REDACTED], Shipment Planner, 3201st Trans Sq., EAFB, FL, advised that it was possible for a shipment to arrive at Eglin AFB without any paperwork, such as a Government Bill of Lading (GBL); however, if such shipment arrived by military air, it should be listed on the manifest of the aircraft involved. REEVES added that the Air Transportation Section is required to keep copies of aircraft manifests for one year.

JFK Act 5 (g)(2)(D)

3. On 9 Oct 69 EUGENE D. LAWRENCE, MSgt, FR [REDACTED], Director of Air Transportation, 3201st Trans Sq, EAFB, FL, made available to the writer copies of all military air shipment manifests for the months of May, June and July 1969. Review of these manifests disclosed no information pertinent to this investigation.

4. On 9 Oct 69, NAOMI J. KING, GS-5, Freight Rate Assistant, 3201st Trans Sq, EAFB, FL, made available to the writer her log of all shipments received from Charleston, SC, from Jan 69 through Jul 69. Review of all GBL's concerning these shipments failed to disclose any information pertinent to this investigation.

5. On 9 Oct 69, WILLIAM N. GRIFFIN, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Tax Division, Internal Revenue Service, Southeast Region, Atlanta, GA, advised by letter that WERBELL had been interviewed by agents of his office on 16 Sep 69. GRIFFIN advised in summary as follows:

WERBELL stated the 11 Title II firearms shipped by SUBJECT to SIONICS on or about 11 April 1969 were obtained by WERBELL in Vietnam and registered during the amnesty period. SIONICS did not apply for or receive authorization to import these firearms. The Title II firearms received at Eglin AFB, FL during June 1969 were sent at WERBELL's request by ARPA. Col PATTERSON authorized the shipments after WERBELL had told PATTERSON that the firearms were for AF museum purposes. WERBELL reviewed the list of firearms currently being held by OSI at Eglin AFB, FL, and advised that all the sound suppressors, except the one marked HELE 4A, and the Winchester Model 52, Cal .22 rifle, SN 69494B, were the property of SIONICS and were taken or sent to Vietnam by him after approval of the shipment by the State Department. According to WERBELL, the Air Force agreed to send the weapons to Vietnam and return same to SIONICS; however, he could not produce written authorization for this action. WERBELL said the remainder of the firearms were to be sent to SUBJECT for the purpose of Air Force museum displays.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

WERBELL related that Forms 6 were not filed on any of the firearms either by him or to his knowledge by anyone else. WERBELL concluded that prior to the passing of the Gun Control Act of 1968, the procedures used for exporting and importing of the firearms was the acceptable method with the Statement.

A copy of the letter summarized, with inclosures, is attached to this report of investigation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Reproduced copy of letter addressed to Col WAYLAND from WILLIAM N. GRIFFIN, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Southeast Region, IRS, US Treasury Department, dated 7 Oct 69, with inclosures (Letter report of Special Investigator CHARLES E. STANFILL, Atlanta, GA, dated 22 Sep 69, with Report of Interview of MITCHELL L. WERBELL III).
2. ROI, OSI District 7, 29 Jul 69
3. ROI, OSI District 51, 2 Sep 69
4. ROI, OSI District 7, 24 Sep 69
5. ROI, OSI District 50, 9 Oct 69
6. ROI, OSI District 5, 14 Oct 69
7. ROI, OSI District 45, 17 Oct 69

FOR COMMANDER, EGLIN AFB, FL
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US Treasury Department

Regional Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
Southeast Region

Date: OCT 7 1969

In reply refer to:

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Colonel Robert H. Wayland, Jr., USAF
Department of the Air Force
OSI District 7 (HQ USAF)
Patrick Air Force Base, Florida 32925

*Wayland
9 Oct 69*

Dear Colonel Wayland:

This refers to your letter of September 26, 1969 transmitting OSI Report of Investigation by Special Agent Grover C. Ayers, Jr. concerning Lt Col Paul Arnold Marriott.

We are attaching for your information a report submitted by Special Investigator Charles E. Stanfill concerning this investigation. Further reports will be forwarded when received.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

William N. Griffin
Assistant Regional Commissioner
(Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms)

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September 22, 1969

Chief Special Investigator
Atlanta, Georgia

Special Investigator Charles E. Stanfill
Atlanta, Georgia

Ga. L. I. 69-112 - Fla. S. I. 1176(F)

This report relates to an investigation conducted at the request of Chief Special Investigator, Jacksonville, Florida. The Office of Special Investigations, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, in conjunction with Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division, Pensacola, Florida, is currently conducting an investigation regarding the alleged illegal importation of certain Title II firearms by Lt. Col. Paul A. Marriott.

On September 16, 1969, Special Investigator in Charge Arbie R. Odom, Jr. and I interviewed Mitchell L. WerBell III, at his residence in Powder Springs, Georgia. In answer to questions asked by Florida, we obtained the following information: (1) The shipment of firearms shipped by Lt. Col. Marriott on or about April 11, 1969, to Sionics, Atlanta, Georgia, contained 11 Title II firearms. These weapons were obtained by Mr. WerBell in Vietnam and registered during the amnesty period. Sionics did not apply for or receive authorization to import these firearms.

(2) The additional boxes of Title II firearms received at Eglin Air Force Base during June 1969, were sent at the request of Mr. WerBell by ARPA, and Col. Patterson authorized the shipments after Mr. WerBell told him they were for Air Force museum purposes. Mr. WerBell was shown a list of firearms contained in the two boxes currently being held by the OSI at Eglin Air Force Base and asked to identify any belonging to Sionics. He stated all the sound suppressors except the one marked HELE 4A, and the Winchester Model 52, caliber .22 rifle, serial number 69494B, were property of Sionics and were taken or sent to Vietnam by him. He stated these were taken over on approval of the State Department, and that the Air Force had agreed to send them to Vietnam and return them to Sionics; however, he has no written authorization. He stated the remainder of the firearms were given to him by authorized persons, and were to be given to the Air Force to put in museums.

Before Lt. Col. Marriott left Vietnam, Mr. WerBell told him he would attempt to obtain captured enemy weapons which he would send to Lt. Col. Marriott for the purpose of museum displays.

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Lt. Col. Marriott told Mr. WarBell he thought the museum would be grateful for them. Mr. WarBell stated he did not file any Form 6 on any of the firearms and had no knowledge of anyone else filing them.

Sionics is in the business of developing and manufacturing silencers for sale to United States Military Units and United States Allies. Although there are apparent violations of Title II of The Gun Control Act of 1968, it appears from talking to Mr. WarBell that on the part of Sionics, they were unintentional. Mr. WarBell stated that prior to the passing of the Gun Control Act of 1968, the procedure used in exporting and importing the firearms was the acceptable method with the State Department.

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REPORT OF INTERVIEW

With Mitchell L. WarBell III, on September 16, 1969, at 2:30 p. m., at his residence at RFD#1, Powder Springs, Georgia, by Special Investigators Charles E. Stanfill and Arbie R. Odom, Jr.

This interview was conducted in the presence of Sionics President Fred N. Brown and Secretary-Treasurer Jo Florence. It was conducted in the basement of Mr. WarBell's residence, which is used as a laboratory for research and development for Sionics. Mr. WarBell is Vice-President and Director of Research and Development of Sionics. Sionics currently hold Federal Firearms License Number 58-3742, which expires March 31, 1970, as a manufacturer of firearms other than destructive devices, and License Number 58-6156 which expires May 18, 1970, as an importer of firearms other than destructive devices. Sionics is also holder of Special Occupational Tax Stamp Return Number 1-58611 169 85398, as a Class 1 Manufacturer (Firearms), and Return Number 1-58611 169 85399, as a Class 1 Importer (Firearms), both issued for the period beginning July 1, 1969. Sionics was also holder of a Class 1 Manufacturer Tax Stamp for the previous year, however, they did not hold an Importers Tax Stamp. According to officials of Sionics, they were a registered importer under the Munitions and Control Act, registered with the State Department. Mr WarBell stated as follows:

(b) (3)
26 USC 6103

Mr. WarBell said he went to Vietnam in September of 1968 for the purpose of demonstrating "Sound Suppressors" manufactured by Sionics. He stated this trip was authorized by Mr. Stanford of the State Department, Munitions Control, Washington, D. C., who also authorized him to take and send weapons and sound suppressors for demonstrations, however, he has nothing in writing from them. He stated he took some of these weapons with him and sent the rest through the Air Force to Vietnam in care of Col. Fagen. Mr. WarBell stated that in the course of his business and travels, he was able to acquire 12 captured enemy weapons from the date of his arrival through about November of 1968. He said these weapons were given to him by General Dong of the South Vietnamese Army and by other authorized sources. He stated he sent descriptions and serial numbers of the firearms to Sionics in Atlanta, Georgia, with instructions to register them, and then asked Lt. Col. Marriott to ship them to the United States for him. He said he didn't think there was anything wrong with this procedure because of the military involvement, and that he didn't make application for importation of the firearms for the same reason.

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Mr. WerBell said he told Lt. Col. Marriott he could pick out any of the weapons he wanted for the museum, and that he could take any that he had picked from the shipment when it arrived at Eglin Air Force Base. Mr. WerBell stated he wanted the firearms for research purposes, except for the Chinese Rocket Launcher, which he wanted for company display purposes. He stated some of the fighting units of Thailand are being furnished with captured enemy weapons, and that officials of Thailand had expressed an interest in Sound Suppressors for same. Mr. WerBell showed us an AK-47 which had a Sionics Sound Suppressor attached. Mr. WerBell stated before Lt. Col. Marriott returned to the United States, he advised him that he would attempt to obtain other captured weapons which he would give to Lt. Col. Marriott for the purpose of displaying in a museum, and that Lt. Col. Marriott told him he thought the museum would be grateful for them. He said he was hopeful at the time that arrangements could be made to transfer any of the weapons not used by the museum to Sionics, but he could not recall if this had been discussed with Lt. Col. Marriott.

Mr. WerBell stated he collected numerous captured enemy weapons during the next few months, and during that time he sent them in two cases to Eglin Air Force Base in care of Lt. Col. Marriott. He stated he sent these shipments through ARPA, and that Col. Patterson authorized the shipments after WerBell told him they were for Air Force museum purposes. Mr. WerBell again stated he thought there was nothing wrong with this procedure at the time because of the military involvement, and for that reason did not make application for importation of the firearms. Mr. WerBell was shown a list of firearms currently under seizure by the OSI, and ask to identify any belonging to Sionics. He stated weapons listed were the ones sent by him to Lt. Col. Marriott and that all the listed noise suppressors belonged to Sionics with the exception of the one marked HSLB 4A, which is one he picked up that has been shot out, manufactured by a competitor. He also stated the .22 caliber Winchester M-52, serial number 69494B, with Scope, serial number 31411, belonged to Sionics. He stated the noise suppressors were manufactured by Sionics and either taken or sent to Vietnam by him. He stated he could not explain why one had no serial number without examining it, however, some of the earlier models had the serial number on a front part which may have been removed. He stated the Winchester rifle was also either taken or sent to Vietnam by him. Mr. WerBell stated as far as he was concerned, all the other firearms were the property of the United States Air Force, although he had hoped any that weren't used by the Air Force would be transferred to Sionics. Mr. WerBell further stated he left many firearms and suppressors in Thailand, which are in the custody of Major Stevens, 46th Group, Special Forces.

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He stated he was waiting instructions from Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division before attempting to have them imported. He states most of the firearms were taken to Vietnam by him, however, some are weapons that he acquired there. (See attached list).

Mr. WerBell stated on his return to the United States he made an inventory of the firearms received from Eglin Air Force Base and found that he had made several errors when copying the serial numbers from the firearms, and thus some of the firearms had been registered on Form 4467's with wrong serial numbers. (See attached list). Mr. WerBell stated the errors were made by him, and they were made because of the condition of the numbers and the difficulty in reading them. Mr. WerBell said he had not notified the National Office of the errors, however, he would notify them now and ask instructions.

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 1A OBI, 51A 10 4326PR
 Eglin AFB, FL

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BANGERT, Office of Secretary of Defense/Advance Research Projects Agency (OSD/ARPA) advised he was introduced to WERBELL during Jan 69 by COL. PATTERSON, Dep. Dir., RDC-T, who informed him WERBELL represented SIONIOS Corp and the purpose of his visit was to show special weapons. WERBELL produced travel orders approved by American Embassy in Saigon, and authorized by Counselor for Administration, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok. Orders specified travel by U.S. Military Aircraft between Bangkok and Saigon with small arms and automatic weapons to accompany him. During Jan 69, YOUNG, Battelle Memorial Institute Laboratory Support Mgr., advised a box containing weapons was received via Military Aircraft, shipped by U.S. Embassy, Saigon, to Bangkok, marked for attention of WERBELL, SIONIOS. BANGERT advised PATTERSON suggested in memorandum that weapons in question should be shipped by Military Air to Eglin AFB, FL, marked for attention of SUBJECT. Weapons were subsequently shipped by YOUNG per instruction of PATTERSON. A second box of weapons, referenced in a memorandum signed by SMSGI THORNE, Chief, Resources Mgt Div, reflected verbal instructions from PATTERSON to ship box to SUBJECT in same manner as first shipment. THORNE, Counselor for Administration, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok, advised ACKERMAN, former Counselor, apparently furnished U.S. Embassy Funding Citation for endorsement of WERBELL's travel orders. ACKERMAN presently attending Stanford University. WONG, Budget and Fiscal Officer, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok, furnished copies of travel orders issued to WERBELL, and opined that DCBBS (NFI) accompanied WERBELL during travel to Saigon.

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GEORGE W. BLANK, Lt Col, USAM
 Commander 1429

DETAILS:

1. ON 16 Oct 69, Mr. WILLIAM A. BANGERT, Assistant Director for Support Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense/Advanced Research Projects Agency (OSD/ARPA) was interviewed by SA GERALD A. TRIMBLE and the writer at Bangkok, Thailand. BANGERT elected to execute a signed, sworn statement, the body of which is quoted verbatim as follows:

"This statement is made in response to inquiry by Special Agent Mr. Richard M. GRAHAM, Office of the Special Investigations, The Inspector General, USAF, concerning the person of one Mr. Mitchell L. WerBell, and specifically, the shipment of two (2) boxes containing assorted firearms from Bangkok, Thailand to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Only information based on first-hand knowledge and available records is contained in this statement.

"Statement: 1. Mr. Mitchell WerBell

"During the month of January 1969 (exact date unknown) I was introduced to Mr. Mitchell L. WerBell by Col. John V. Patterson, the former Deputy Director, RDC-T in the latter's office. Col. Patterson stated that Mr. WerBell was representing the SIONICS Corporation and the purpose of his visit was to show to the Thai and U.S. staff of the Military Research and Development Center (MRDC) an assortment of special weapons. I attended one of several so-called indoor demonstrations given by Mr. WerBell when I noticed approximately 3 - 4 custom-made, suit-case type containers in which these weapons were transported. When I casually questioned Mr. WerBell how he got these weapons into Thailand he answered that they were flown in from Vietnam by a Thai Royal Air Force transport plane at the request of Air Chief Marshal Dawee, Supreme Command Armed Forces. Concurrently Mr. WerBell produced a set of official U.S. Government Travel Orders approved by the American Embassy in Saigon and authorized by the Counselor for Administration, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok. As I recall, these orders specified travel by U.S. Military Aircraft authorized between Bangkok and Saigon and small arms and automatic weapons to accompany passenger.

"2. Shipment of Box No. 1

"Also during the month of January 1969 I received information from the Battelle Memorial Institute Laboratory Support Manager (EMI/LSM), Mr. Ross B. Young, that a box containing special weapons had been received in the MRDC warehouse. The box in question had been shipped via Military Aircraft by the U.S. Embassy in Saigon to RDC-T Bangkok, Attn: Mr. WerBell, SIONICS. The transportation and Movement Document DD Form 1384 listed the contents of the box as "official equipment".

"On 28 January 1969, I notified Mr. Ross B. Young (EMI/LSM) in writing that RDC-T had no contractual connections with the SIONICS Corporation, did not desire to store the equipment shipped by the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, and therefore, to return the shipment to the vendor via the Transportation Officer, Dobbins Air Force Base, Marietta, Georgia.

"On 31 January 1969, Mr. Ross B. Young, BMS/LSM acknowledged my 28 January 1969 memo cited above in writing and notified me that the requested shipment to the vendor via the Transportation Officer, Dobbins Air Force Base could not be accomplished because of the lack of official documentation required to effect shipment. I instructed Mr. Young verbally not to take any further action until appropriate disposition of the contents of the box in question had been resolved.

"On 3 February 1969, Col. John V. Patterson, Deputy Director, RDC-T suggested in a memorandum to Mr. Young and me that the box in question should be shipped via Military Air Transport (MAT) to Commander, Air Force Armament Laboratory, (DOL-APSC) Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, Attention: Lt. Col. Paul A. Larriot, PR35859. In the same memorandum Col. John V. Patterson stated that he would attest to the nature and official aspects of this equipment. Several days later I learned from Mr. Ross Young that he had effected the shipment of Box 1 to Eglin Air Force Base on the basis of the instructions received from Col. John V. Patterson. (See Memorandum for the Record, Subject: Shipment of Weapons to A.F. Armament Laboratory, Eglin AFB, Florida, of June 13, 1969, signed: Ross B. Young.)

"3. Shipment of Box No. 2

"A second box, allegedly containing assortment of firearms was delivered to the MRDC warehouse on or about 10 May 1969, according to the Memorandum for the Record of June 13, 1969, signed Ross B. Young. During this time I was on TDY in the U.S. and can only reference available documentation concerning the shipment of this box to Eglin AFB. According to the memorandum cited above, the FBI Laboratory Support Manager, Mr. Ross B. Young was advised by the Deputy Director, RDC-T to ship this box in the same manner similar to Box 1. With the permission of William R. Thompson, Senior Master Sergeant, USAF, I attach a memorandum for AD/PM, Subject: Shipment of Box Containing Armaments to Armaments Laboratory Eglin AFB., dtd 16 June 1969, Signed: William R. Thompson, SMSgt, USAF which was received by me upon return from the U.S."

Any errors in the above statement were typed from the original, which is being retained by OSI District 7, available to proper authority upon request. In addition to the above, BANGERT furnished a reproduced copy of the above described memorandum signed by SMSGT WILLIAM R. THOMPSON, which is quoted verbatim as follows:

AD/PM -- WRT:ml

16 June 1969

"MEMORANDUM FOR: The Assistant Director for Program Management, RDC-T

SUBJECT: Shipment of Box Containing Armaments to Armaments Laboratory, Eglin Air Force Base.

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~~XXXXXX~~ **DETAILS:**

On 12 November 1969, KARL D. ACKERMAN (former Counselor for Administration, United States Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand), 99 Victoria Drive, Atherton, California, was interviewed by SA ROBERT J. NOVACK and the writer, and related substantially as follows:

ACKERMAN had several conversations with Colonel WALTER ADAMS concerning the practical problems of getting weapons, belonging to a MITCHELL L. WERBELL, into Thailand from the Republic of Vietnam in order that WERBELL could put on a fire power demonstration for the King of Thailand's birthday. At all times during these conversations, ACKERMAN assumed the weapons were WERBELL's wares, and that he had brought them from the United States with him. With this in mind, ACKERMAN stated that he instructed Mr. GERALD T. CARTA to annotate WERBELL's travel orders with a Bangkok United States Embassy Funding Citation number. ACKERMAN said the citation numbers were in a block of numbers belonging to the Embassy, and because he did not feel he had the authority to issue WERBELL any other type of number, he issued him an Embassy number. When ACKERMAN was asked if he knew PAUL ARNOLD MARRIOTT, he said the name was vaguely familiar but could not recall anything further. When ACKERMAN was asked if he knew EARLENE DOBBS, he stated that he did not, to the best of his knowledge. ACKERMAN stated that his knowledge of WERBELL came solely from ADAMS and other stories he heard around the Embassy of the fire power demonstration to be given for the King. ACKERMAN stated he had no personal knowledge of WERBELL.

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513-10-4236FR, Eglin AFB, FL


TO:

Industrial Security Clearance Review Division (Mr. W. J. Scanlon)
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration)

Reference is made to the Directorate letter of 6 October 1969. Attached for your information is a pending report of investigation which reflects the results of further investigation by OSI.


L. L. FREE, Colonel USAF
Deputy Director for Operations
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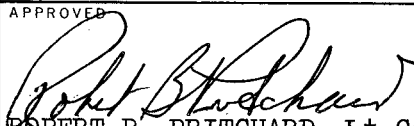
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SYNOPSIS

Information re: WERBELL, as contained in files of OSI District 50, obtained and set forth. CARTA advised WERBELL, during Jan 69, requested his assistance in shipping various captured enemy automatic weapons and official equipment from Saigon to Bangkok. WERBELL was traveling on a U. S. Invitational Travel Order, without funding citation, authorizing space available travel only from Bangkok to Saigon and return. CARTA stated WERBELL told him he had collected the weapons while in northern sectors of RVN, with U. S. Army Airborne and Special Forces units. Packaging and preparation of Transportation Control and Movement Documents (TCMD) were prepared by U.S. Embassy, Saigon. CARTA did not know why one TCMD reflected antique arms when contents were known to be automatic weapons. CARTA received authorization and funding citation number for WERBELL's shipment from the Counselor for Administration, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok. This was only shipment processed by CARTA for WERBELL. CARTA did not know of or process any shipments for SUBJECT and/or SIONICS, INC.

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