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SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Comdr, Eglin AFB, FL on 7 Jul 69, to determine circumstances surrounding importation of 3 boxes of captured enemy weapons by SUBJECT. Two boxes containing a total of 21 weapons, 5 noise suppressors, and related equipment seized. Both boxes marked for SUBJECT. Munitions officials advised boxes were stored at request of SUBJECT. Deputy Comdr, AFATL, advised his agency was queried by ARPA, a DOD agency, about a box of weapons being sent through ARPA channels. Investigation disclosed SUBJECT sent 12 weapons to Eglin AFB from SEA while TDY in RVN in Nov 68. Eleven of these weapons were subsequently shipped from Eglin AFB to Sionics, Atlanta, at SUBJECT's request and at government expense. The twelfth weapon recovered at Eglin AFB. Deputy Comdr, AFATL, advised SUBJECT had no known authority to send weapons from SEA nor to ship weapons to Sionics; Sionics does not have AF contract. Records reflect SUBJECT, since Nov 68, has placed 7 long distance telephone calls to Sionics, at government expense. In verbal statement, SUBJECT advised he shipped one box containing 12 captured enemy weapons from SEA in approximately Nov 68 as part of his assigned duties to assist Vice-President of Sionics; that 11 of the weapons were subsequently forwarded to Sionics in Mar 69, because he considered Sionics an AF contractor. He advised that official telephone calls were placed for same reason. SUBJECT stated he acted as an agent for the USAF in all instances. He declined to execute a written statement at this time. SUBJECT's former supervisor in SEA advised that he did not authorize or direct the shipment of any captured enemy weapons to Sionics. Matter coordinated with U. S. Treasury agents who opined that SUBJECT was in violation of Public Law 90-618.

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DETAILS

1. This investigation was requested by the Commander, Eglin AFB, Florida on 7 July 1969, based on a request from the Commander, Air Force Armament Laboratory (AFATL), Eglin AFB, to determine the circumstances surrounding the importation of three boxes of captured enemy weapons by PAUL ARNOLD MARRIOTT (SUBJECT), Lt Col, 513-10-4236FR, AFATL, during the approximate period of November 1968 - July 1969.

2. On 7 July 1969, at Eglin AFB, Florida, a letter dated 3 July 1969, from the Commander, AFATL, was reviewed and the body of the letter is set forth as follows:

"1. It is requested that an investigation be conducted to determine if the laws/regulations regarding the importation of firearms have been complied with in the following instance.

"a. Approximately the first week in June Mr Beard of ARPA called Colonel Berkow of ADTC and inquired about a box of enemy weapons that had been shipped through the transportation capabilities of ARPA to Eglin AFB, Attention of Lt Colonel P. A. Marriott. Colonel Berkow called the Armament Laboratory (AFATL) since Lt Colonel Marriott is assigned to AFATL.

"b. A search was made to locate the shipment. Two boxes were found each containing North Vietnamese weapons. Both boxes were addressed as follows: FB2823 USAF (DOL-AFSC) Attn L/C P. A. Marriott.

"c. Subsequently, it was discovered that a shipment of North Vietnamese weapons and ammunition had been received at Eglin in early March and had been reshipped to Sionics Corporation, 1655 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. The attached documents pertain to this shipment.

"2. Colonel J. H. Hobough, telephone 882-2763, will be available to discuss in more detail the above information."

The above letter is being retained in the files of OSI District 7 and will be available to proper authority upon request.

3. On 9 July 1969, J. T. KING, Lt Col, 472-12-2614FR, Staff Judge Advocate, 3201st Air Base Group, Eglin AFB, Florida, was apprised of the information contained in the above letter, by SA WILLIAM D. DIXON. KING advised that in his opinion, there existed probable cause to warrant the issuance by the Base Commander of an authorization for search and seizure of any captured enemy weapons contained in the storage facilities of the 3207th Armament and Munitions Test Support Squadron (AMTS), Eglin AFB.

KING also opined that there was probably a violation of Public Law 90-618 (Gun Control Act of 1968), possibly a violation of customs regulations, and possibly a fraud in that government transportation facilities had been misused.

4. On 9 July 1969, DONALD V. THOMPSON, Colonel, 472-12-2614FR, Deputy Commander, 3201st Air Base Group, Eglin AFB, Florida, was briefed concerning this matter, by SA DIXON. Colonel THOMPSON subsequently executed an Authority to Search and Seize, thereby authorizing the seizure of any captured enemy weapons contained in the storage facilities of the 3207th AMTS.

5. On 9 July 1969, a search of the storage facilities of the 3207th AMTS, Building 1270, Eglin AFB, Florida, was conducted by SA DIXON, in presence of JOSIAH C. MUSICK, CMSgt, FR361-07-1904, and CLARENCE M. GREEN, SMSgt, JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D) NCOIC and Assistant NCOIC, respectively. The search revealed the presence of two packing crates marked for SUBJECT containing a total of 21 various automatic weapons, five noise suppressors, two range finders, 32 ammunition magazines and a brass plaque mounted on a piece of wood. The crates and contents were seized and taken as evidence against proper receipt and are being held by the evidence custodian of OSI Detachment 710, Eglin AFB, Florida, and are available to proper authority upon request.

6. On 11 July 1969, this investigation was coordinated with WILLIAM C. GOODMAN, SSAN: JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D) and ROBERT E. SANDERS, SSAN: 150-26-6417, Special Investigators, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Control Division, Internal Revenue Service (Treasury Department), Pensacola, Florida, at Eglin AFB, Florida. GOODMAN advised that based on the available information, it appears that SUBJECT is in violation of Public Law 90-618; however, he would query his headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D. C. in an attempt to ascertain if SUBJECT had applied for permission to import the weapons or had submitted application to register the weapons. GOODMAN added that his inquiry would be accomplished by the most expeditious means available. GOODMAN and SANDERS requested that they be present during the photographing and identification of the weapons and during all interviews of witnesses and SUBJECT during this investigation.

7. On 11 July 1969, at Eglin AFB, Florida, the weapons were photographed in the presence of the writer, SA DIXON, GOODMAN and SANDERS, by CARL (NMI) CASSULO, SSgt, FR122-14-3910, Photographic Laboratory, Eglin AFB. The weapons are further identified as follows:

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PACKING CRATE NR 1:

- 1 each Light Machine Gun (ChiCom), S/N 930228
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N KZ 10682
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47)(ChiCom), S/N 11062936
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 12057463
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 9004420
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (Folding Stock) (ChiCom), S/N 610138
- 1 each Burp Gun (ChiCom), S/N 368603
- 1 each Machine Gun (K) (Swedish), S/N 502166
- 1 each Rocket Launcher (B-40) (Russian), S/N AF 305
- 1 each Rocket Launcher (B-40) (Russian), S/N 902098
- 1 each Rifle (M-14) (USA), S/N 4800
- 1 each Rifle, Caliber .22 (Winchester M-52), S/N 69494B,
(w/Scope S/N 31411)
- 1 each Noise Suppressor Nr HELE 4A
- 1 each Noise Suppressor Nr 6A
- 1 each Noise Suppressor Nr 605
- 1 each Noise Suppressor Nr 19
- 1 each Noise Suppressor (no number)

PACKING CRATE NR 2:

- 1 each Rocket Launcher (B-40) (Russian), S/N 424 (w/Scope S/N
DB264)
- 1 each Rocket Launcher (B-40) (Russian), S/N 510 (w/Scope S/N
7078)
- 1 each Assault Rifle (Swedish), S/N 14449
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 12091918

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1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 12045

1 each Burp Gun (ChiCom), S/N 334002

1 each Machine Gun (M3A1) (US), S/N 607613

1 each Thompson Submachine Gun (US), S/N 255947

1 each Light Machine Gun (w/drum) (ChiCom), S/N 212160

It is noted that one of the above noise suppressors is marked "Sionics."

The above mentioned inventory also revealed the presence of a total of 32 ammunition magazines of various types.

Photographs of the above mentioned weapons are appended to this report as attachments.

8. On 14 July 1969, JOHN H. HOBAUGH, Colonel, 165-05-2634FR, Deputy Commander, AFATL, Eglin AFB, Florida, was interviewed at his duty station by GOODMAN and the writer. Colonel HOBAUGH advised substantially as follows: The first part of June 1969, he received a telephone call from Colonel BERKOW of the Armament Development and Test Center (ADTC), Eglin AFB. Colonel BERKOW stated that he had received a call from a Mr. BEARD (NFI) of the Advance Research Project Agency (ARPA), a DOD agency, who inquired about a box of enemy weapons that had been shipped through the transportation capabilities of ARPA to Eglin AFB, to the attention of Lt Col P. A. MARRIOTT. At this time Colonel HOBAUGH attempted to contact SUBJECT, but was unable to do so as SUBJECT was on leave; however, he left a message for SUBJECT to call him the next day. The next day SUBJECT called Colonel HOBAUGH and was instructed to telephonically contact Mr. BEARD and explain to BEARD the circumstances surrounding the shipping of the enemy weapons. At this time Colonel HOBAUGH went on leave, returning about 1 July 1969. Upon his return to duty, Colonel HOBAUGH was asked by Colonel MARTIN, Commander, AFATL, to look into the circumstances surrounding the shipment of enemy weapons and ammunition to Sionics from Eglin AFB, Florida and at the same time showing Colonel HOBAUGH a shipping document, dated 13 March 1969, requesting the shipment of two boxes of miscellaneous equipment to Sionics, 1655 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attn: Mr. FRED BROWN, signed by SUBJECT. Colonel HOBAUGH further stated that the boxes of so called miscellaneous equipment were found to contain weapons and ammunition and were therefore repacked and shipped by the organizational logistics personnel according to their instructions from SUBJECT.

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Colonel HOBAUGH advised that SUBJECT made several conflicting statements concerning his knowledge of how the enemy weapons got into the U.S. from the Republic of Vietnam (RVN). SUBJECT stated that he thought the weapons were registered by Sionics; SUBJECT stated that he thought the weapons were for the museum at Eglin AFB; and SUBJECT denied any knowledge of how any of the boxes of enemy weapons were sent to Eglin AFB. SUBJECT stated to Colonel HOBAUGH that while assigned to 7th Air Force in RVN, he acted as escort officer for MITCHELL WER BELL III, Vice-President of Sionics, and during such duties introduced WER BELL to several agencies. Colonel HOBAUGH also recalled that SUBJECT had stated that WER BELL was in RVN under Air Force sponsorship and was a close friend of the Thai Chief of Staff. Colonel HOBAUGH recalled that Colonel BILL FAGAN was SUBJECT's supervisor in RVN. Colonel HOBAUGH stated that to the best of his knowledge the Air Force museum at Eglin AFB has only a few old Viet Cong weapons as the museum was appointed to display weapons of U.S. origin and the Air Force Laboratory has no test program for enemy weapons. Furthermore, no need exists for enemy weapons at Eglin AFB. Colonel HOBAUGH stated that it is not likely that SUBJECT had any authority to ship any enemy weapons from RVN, and SUBJECT unequivocally had no authority to ship any weapons to Sionics as the Air Force Laboratory at Eglin AFB presently has no contract with Sionics, nor has it ever had a contract with Sionics for any purpose.

9. On 14 July 1969, the following information was disclosed from a review of SUBJECT's administrative records on file at the CBPO, Eglin AFB, Florida:

NAME:	PAUL ARNOLD MARIOTT
GRADE/AFSN:	Lt Col/FR35859
D&POB:	5 Jun 15/Greenfield, OK
MARITAL STATUS:	Married-2
DATE OF CURRENT ENLISTMENT:	9 Feb 51
DATE OF EST:	None indicated
LENGTH OF SERVICE:	27 years, 1 month
AFSC:	2716
EDUCATION:	BA, 1938
MILITARY RESERVE AFFILIATION:	None
SSAN:	513-10-4236
DATE ASSIGNED:	14 Jul 65
DUTY TITLE:	Lab Chief Assistant
ORGANIZATION:	AFATL, Eglin AFB, FL
MAJOR AIR COMMAND:	AFSC
CLEARANCE:	TOP SECRET, 16 Sep 63, Det 1 SHAPE, 1141st USAF Spc Act Sqd, APO 55 NY; Location of file: DO 5

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HOME OF RECORD:

c/o Llewellyn Co., 7th at
Montgomery, Fort Worth, TX
Caucasian/Male

RACE/SEX:

RECORD OF DISCIPLINARY

ACTION:

None indicated

OTHER PERTINENT
INFORMATION:

Wife: BETTY B. MARRIOTT, 14
Alexandria Place SE, Fort Walton
Beach, FL

Highest Award Held: BSM, 26 Dec 68

TDY to SEA, 28 May to 21 Nov 68

10. On 15 July 1969, OTIS R. FRYE, WS-8, SSAN: 228-10-2575, Freight Checker, 3201st Transportation Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida, advised at Eglin AFB, that a review of his files revealed a copy of a Government Bill of Lading (GBL) Nr Z-6,684,529, dated 19 May 1969, which reflected an incoming shipment of fire-arms weighing 183 pounds, from Chief, JUSMAG Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, through Charleston AFB, South Carolina to Eglin AFB, Florida. The shipment was marked: USAF ARMAMENT LABORATORY (DOL-AFSC) ATTN: LTC P. A. MARRIOTT. The shipment arrived at Eglin AFB, Florida on 2 June 1969 and was receipted for by CHARLIE B. MOBLEY, SSgt, 3207th AMTS on 7 July 1969. FRYE furnished the above document to the writer. A reproduced copy of the document is appended to this report as an attachment. The copy furnished by FRYE is being retained in the files of OSI District 7 and will be released to proper authority upon request. *Copy +*

11. On 15 July 1969, S. F. REEVES, GS-8, SSAN: JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D) Shipment Planner, 3201st Transportation Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida, advised at Eglin AFB that a review of his files revealed a copy of a GBL, Nr F-0,648,922, dated 28 March 1969, with an attached DD Form 1149 (REQUISITION AND INVOICE/SHIPPING DOCUMENT), dated 13 March 1969, Requisition Nr FB2823 9073X100XXX, both of which he furnished to the writer. A review of these documents revealed that an outgoing shipment consisting of one box of small arms ammunition weighing 55 pounds and a box of captured enemy weapons, weighing 140 pounds, was shipped from AFATL (ATEL), Eglin AFB, Florida 32542 (Mr. COOLEY/882-2328) to Sionics, 1655 Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attn: Mr. FRED BROWN. The DD Form 1149 reflects serial numbers for the 11 weapons as follows: 4514, 1300273, 35285, 68149, 12099391, 928231, 8414320, 12047120, 411564, 700867 and 930843.

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A copy of the above mentioned documents are appended to this report as attachments.

12. On 15 July 1969, CLARENCE M. COOLEY, GS-9, SSAN: 505-32-7744, Logistics Officer, AFATL (ATDA-Log), was interviewed at Eglin AFB, Florida, and advised as follows: On 13 March 1969, Sgt ARNOLD of his office advised him that there were two boxes of small arms and ammunition in the logistics storage facility for SUBJECT. COOLEY stated that he advised SUBJECT that the arms and ammunition could not be shipped without authorization. SUBJECT therefore requested by letter dated 13 March 1969 that the arms and ammunition be shipped as miscellaneous equipment to Sionics, 1655 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attn: Mr. FRED BROWN. COOLEY therefore made the arrangements for the shipment and the DD Form 1149, Nr FB2823 9073 X100XXX was executed. A file containing the following documents was furnished to the writer by COOLEY:

a. Original letter dated 13 March 1969, signed by SUBJECT, requesting Mr. COOLEY to ship two boxes of miscellaneous equipment to Sionics.

b. Form letter dated 8 April 1969, to Sionics advising them of the shipment of weapons and ammunition to them; this letter reflects shipment received on 11 April 1969.

c. Two copies of AF Form 1149 (with air movement designator FB 5629 8325X002, 20 Nov 68) reflecting the shipment of a total of 12 captured enemy weapons, 19 magazines, 2 pouches with magazines, and 1 circular drum, from Hq 7 AF DAFSC APO 96307 to ACK 2823 Eglin AFB, FL 32542, marked: Hold for LtCol MARRIOTT.

The above mentioned DD Form 1149 further reflects that an attempt has been made to obliterate one of the serial numbers from the list of 12 weapons. The effaced serial number appears to be 9473736.

COOLEY advised that the box of weapons was opened on 13 March 1969 in the presence of SUBJECT and Sgt ARNOLD, and that they should have knowledge of the missing weapon.

The above mentioned documents are being retained in the files of OSI District 7 and are available to proper authority upon request. Copies of the documents are appended to this report as attachments.

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13. On 15 July 1969, JOHN C. LYNCH, SMSgt, FR215-22-3876, First Sergeant, AFATL, Eglin AFB, Florida, furnished to the writer the AF Forms 1072 (AUTHORIZED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS) for the period from 1 December 1968 to date. A review of these forms disclosed that SUBJECT placed seven long distance telephone calls to either Mr. FRED BROWN or Sionics at telephone numbers 404-873-3672, 404-873-3673, and 404-366-7120 during the period from 2 December 1968 to 9 July 1969. The documents for the pertinent periods are being retained in the files of OSI District 7, available to proper authority upon request.

14. On 15 July 1969, LIDA R. McEWEN, SSAN: JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D) Secretary, AFATL, Eglin AFB, Florida, advised that she recalled SUBJECT personally placed a long distance telephone call to Sionics in approximately December 1968.

15. On 16 July 1969, PAUL (NMN) ARNOLD, SSgt, FR489-38-5452, Logistics Office, AFATL, Eglin AFB, Florida, was interviewed at his duty station and advised substantially as follows: On 13 March 1969, SUBJECT informed him that there were two boxes in the AFATL storage facility that had to be shipped out. ARNOLD subsequently went to the storage facility with SUBJECT and Capt JERRY McEWEN where the two boxes were opened and were found to contain weapons and ammunition. Among the weapons there was one that had apparently been damaged in combat and both SUBJECT and McEWEN expressed a great deal of interest in the weapon. ARNOLD stated that he left the storage facility to proceed to packing and crating to make arrangements for the shipment, and SUBJECT and McEWEN were left alone in the facility with the weapons. ARNOLD stated that he did not see either SUBJECT or McEWEN remove a weapon from that area, but he felt that one or the other took the weapon, therefore explaining why only 11 weapons were shipped to Sionics.

16. On 16 July 1969, JERALD B. MASSEY, Lt Col, 711-14-9602FR, Commander, 3207th AMTS, advised at Eglin AFB, Florida that in approximately February 1969, someone from SUBJECT's office called him to ask if a box of arms could be stored for a few days. He assented and the box was therefore stored in Building 1270 until seized by OSI on 9 July 1969.

17. On 16 July 1969, WARREN G. COOK, CMSgt, JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D) 3207th AMTS, advised at Eglin AFB, Florida that on 6 July 1969, SUBJECT called and requested that a box of weapons, which was at that time in the transportation storage locker, be picked up by COOK and placed in the AMTS storage area until such time as SUBJECT could get some plaques made so that the weapons could be

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