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FORM NO. 1695241 REPLACES FORM 16-4 WHICH MAY BE USED.
MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek  
O/SA/DO/O

FROM: Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson  
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT: Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Harold Leap concerning CIA personnel at Japan Station.

2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Rodger S. Gabrielson

Attachment

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Interview at 9:30 A.M. on 5-15-78 Staff

Investigator Harold has interviewed William Crawford, former executive officer of the CIA station at Atugi, Japan concerning his knowledge of U-2s and the military intelligence that CIA may have possessed from his military assignment as Radio-radar operator at the Atugi Naval Airbase.

Crawford advised that he had not known U-2s and never heard the name until after the assassination of JFK. The U-2 program administered by the CIA at Atugi did not have their own radio-radar facilities. The U-2 planes utilized the Naval base communications for only for take-off and landing clearance.

The CIA employees at Atugi had no clandestine activity other than the U-2 program. All personnel
intelligence assets were handled by case officers stationed else where in Japan.

The cover story for the U-2 plane at Almgvi was that it was used to monitor radio activity in the atmosphere. In fact the plane actually bore equipment installed to measure radio activity. To facilitate the cover story, after the Oswald would have seen the U-2 takeoff and leave at the base, however he would have no other information. Radar operators would not be able to trace the U-2 over flights. The plane would take off in the opposite direction. The U-2 would fly to a staging area (Chervon, Russia) before going into the flight plan for the over flight. However, the Russians were aware of the over flights from the beginning of the program in 1955. The Russians did not have the ability to shoot the U-2 down at the altitude of the U-2 flight.

CIA recruited personnel for the program from the military reserve. The pilots would resign from their respective service units with the understanding that at the completion
of the program they would go back without losing service time and at a rank comparable to their contemporaries. All program employees were paid by CINAC. General maintenance on the U-2 was provided at Atsugi however major overhaul work was made only in U.S.

Although the program was directed and administered by the CINAC, the commander of the Atsugi program was Col. Marvin "Hack" Milner from the air force. The program was terminated in 1960.
Harold:
Can you add the following
statement:

Crawford said that
had LHD been associated with
the PTSD element, he, as exec
officer, would’ve known about it.

However, the command staff
wouldn’t know
because of the restriction.
Contact Report

Request to compile information and
specific statements by former CIA
employee, James W. Wilkett, that W. H. T. was
a CIA agent. Chief Investigator, Howard H.
Hicks, interviewed the following, 11/78.

Personnel to determine if their information
for the Wilkett statements could be used.

1. Robert F. Wilkett, DOB 4/22/45, SSN 258-12-0844,
   6600 Monrovia Rd., Bethesda, Maryland,
   telephone no. 339-6366. Position with CIA,
   was Deputy Chief, Station, Tokyo, Japan, June 59
   to 64. Interviewed at CIA HQ. 4/13-78
   Subject is retired.

2. Leo Kaminuma, DOB 3/Dec 33, SSN 125-14-2321,
   1815 Gladstone Dr., Alexandria, VA. Telephone
   no. 356-5293. Position with CIA for the period
   12/64 to 8/78, was Chief of Counter Intelligence, E.R.
   Branch, Tokyo, Japan. Interviewed CIA HQ
   4/10-78. Subject is retired.

3. Michael J. Mason, DOB 8/14/May 33, SSN
   013-26-3500. Subject possibly employed at
   CIA HQ and also covered. Mason had contact
   with the CIA in 1963 at Tokyo. He was
   Intelligence Assistant for the SE Station.
   Interviewed at CIA HQ on 4/27-78

4. Frederick C. Randall, DOB 2/28/25, SSN
   058-07-4065, presently employed at CIA HQ,
   was employed by CIA in 1963 and
   also covered. Randall position with the CIA
   on Sept 61 to Aug 75 was Chief of Research at
   the Tokyo Station. Interviewed at CIA HQ
   on 4/25-78.
5. James S. Wood, DOB 20 Feb 28, SSN ______
   Presently employed at C.I.A. Woods position from Apr. 24 to ______ at Tokyo
   Station as Finance Officer. Subject interviewed at C.I.A. HQS on 3-31-78.

6. George J. von Brugel, DOB 12 Dec 21
   SSN 074-18-5912, 14301 Springhill Rd
   Germantown, Md., telephone 946-6708, former
   C.I.A. case officer, Tokyo, Japan to S.R.B.
   from July 57 to July 67. Presently retired
   interviewed 4-10-78.

7. Howard M. Carr, DOB 22 Jul 22
   SSN 275-12-4377, address 8405 Weller Ave,
   McLean Va., telephone 843-3725, presently
   Tokyo 46-48 (Case Officer: S.B.), Nov 43 HQS, S.R.
   Div, desk officer for Japan. Interviewed 4-11-78.

8. George A. Fill, DOB 29 May 21, SSN
   address 27 Bay Tree, North Myrtle
   Beach, South Carolina 29582, telephone
   703-249-3193. Presently retired.
   Fill was chief of the Soviet Branch at
   the Tokyo Station from June 1940 to June 1965
   interviewed 4-24-78.

10. Jerome K. Fox, DOB 9 Oct 19, SSN 102-22-7976, address 3663 NW 21st St., Miami, Fla., telephone 305-634-2997. Former CIA intelligence analyst at Tokyo Station from Jul 1959 to Dec 62, worked in program involving military intelligence, interviewed 5-1-78.


CIA employees

The above individuals were selected for interviews because of the position they held at the time with the CIA at the Tokyo Station during the time frame of 1959 to 1964.

James Wilcott made some taped testimony in a closed hearing before the SCA that a CIA case officer had stationed in Tokyo, Japan, told him that CHO was a CIA agent and gave him a copy of CIA's cryptograph. This conversation took place in the Tokyo Station shortly after the word of the JFK assassination was received on 22 Nov 63. Wilcott stated that he could not recall the name of the case officer or the cryptograph. Wilcott also advised that considerable conversation took place among CIA employees concerning the Oswald-CIA agent issue.

The basic questions asked of the CIA employees selected were as follows:

(a) Have you ever seen written documents which indicate that CHO was a CIA agent or source of information?
(b) Did you ever hear or read anything that CHOF was an agent?
(c) Have you ever heard or read communication from CHOF which you interpreted as data or intelligence source for any government agency?
(d) Were you in a position to know if CHOF was recruited as a CIA agent during his Tour of Duty with the Military in Japan?
(a) When was the first time you ever heard the allegation that LHO was a CIA agent?

(b) Did you know James Y. Choi worked in Japan?
Subject Jerome E. Fox was one person who Wilson could remember having had conversation with concerning the speculation that C140 was an agent for the CIA. The conversation supposedly took place in Japan after the information that C140 was the assassin of JFK. Fox advised investigators that he was in the U.S. at the time of assassination on Nov 22, 1963. For CIA personnel reflected he was transferred from the Tokyo station to the U.S. in 1962.

Subjects 2, 7, 9, 19 and 11 all thought they would have known if C140 had been recruited as a CIA agent while he was in Japan. All the subjects worked within the S.R. Branch of the Tokyo station, and theoretically one of them would have handled or had knowledge of the recruitment. All thought if Oswald had been recruited with out their knowledge it would have been a rare exception to the working policy and guidelines of the station.