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b. Criminal Record
   1. Arrests
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Additional Personal Information:

a. Relative(s): Name
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b. Area frequented:

c. Remarks: Witnessed burning files of Guy Banister and other
   files of State Police Intelligence 1970-1

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OUTSIDE CONTACT REPORT

DATE 6-12-78  TIME 11AM

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II. Summary of Contact:

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files contained a Fair Play for Cuba Committee section but
he doesn't remember much detail about the file. He does not
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III. Recommended Follow-up (if any):

Contact Jim Garrison and Andy Sciambre relative to this
file.

Signature:  

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He stated that he could not remember too much about the files contents but would call back if anything came to mind. Mr. Thomas stated that Billy Joe Booth, an instructor, at Louisiana State University would remember the files being destroyed but since it has been such a long time he would not, in all probability, remember their contents.

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