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STATEMENT OF ROBERT W. HARDY  
BEFORE THE HOUSE SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE  
NOVEMBER 18, 1975

On Tuesday, November 18, 1975, Robert W. Hardy appeared before the House Select Committee (HSC) dealing with the subject matter of intelligence activities and made a statement concerning his performance as an informant for the FBI. In this statement, Mr. Hardy made certain allegations against the FBI which are set out below with appropriate responses.

The succeeding pages set out each of Mr. Hardy's allegations which are excerpts from his testimony. Each allegation is followed by a refutation. Except where specifically noted, these responses to Mr. Hardy's allegations are excerpted from the FBI report of Special Agent Michael M. Ryman at Philadelphia dated November 18, 1971, entitled, "Camden Action; Jayma Ann Abdo; Et Al." This report is a chronological compilation of debriefings prepared following the daily meetings of Hardy with the FBI Agents assigned as his contacts. The report is attached. The refutations of Mr. Hardy's testimony are, therefore, in the main taken from his own contemporary reports to the FBI.

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Hardy Allegation

"On June 24, 1971, a long-time friend of mine was having dinner at my home. He was upset. He had been active in the anti-war movement in our area. He related to me that a plan to enter the Camden Draft Board had been discovered by the FBI and had fallen through."

Allegation

Response

Page 2, Paragraph 2

He was coming to the FBI because he was troubled by something that a good friend of his (MIKE GIOCONDO) was trying to get him involved in. GIOCONDO had approached him concerning a "draft board demonstration like the one the BERRIGANS were involved in."

Paragraph 3

GIOCONDO wanted his assistance in finding places for large groups of people to stay overnight, in finding a meeting hall, and the use of his truck. (He assumed that the truck would be used to move groups of people. His truck could transport up to 20 people at one time.) GIOCONDO mentioned that there are about 25 people in the area who are working on the matter and that there are about 200 more who will be coming to the area from New York State and Pennsylvania to provide assistance. The planning has been going on for about 6 to 8 weeks, and GIOCONDO has told him that many of the "ex-religious" people involved in the movement are people who have been known to both GIOCONDO and him for quite some time...

Paragraph 4

GIOCONDO has mentioned that the target site has been photographed and has been under extended surveillance by members of the group. The group meets nightly.

Paragraph 6

GIOCONDO wants him to meet the leader of the movement in this area who is a white male with

five children who used to be the editor or on the editorial staff of "Jubilee Magazine."

Page 3, Paragraph 2

GIOCONDO has indicated to him that the "hit" would take place within 2 or 3 weeks. (From first conversation with HARDY on June 25, 1971.)

Page 6, Paragraphs 3 & 4

HARDY asked GIOCONDO if they were still going to go through with the "draft thing in Camden." To this GIOCONDO replied "definitely." GIOCONDO said, "We're going to make a hit there." (HARDY's report to the FBI of his conversation with MIKE GIOCONDO on the afternoon of June 25, 1971.)

Page 11, Paragraphs 4 & 5

HARDY advised that GRADY and his group are doing a considerable amount of surveillance on the Camden Post Office for the particular purpose of watching the night watchman make his rounds inside the Post Office. HARDY felt that the break-in will occur some time between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. on a Monday morning.

HARDY advised that the break-in will occur within the next couple of weeks and that GRADY and his group are surveiling the Camden Post Office from the rooftop of the Town House Apartments on Cooper Street, from the top of the new Rutgers Law School Building, and from surveillances on the street. (HARDY's report to the FBI of his meeting with the group on June 29, 1971.)

Page 12, Paragraphs 2 & 3

HARDY advised that ANTOINETTE has been able to get inside the Post Office on one occasion and from her observations got a rough floor plan of the 4th floor. This floor plan does not go into too much detail. He stated that when they

go in they will hit the 5th floor but are apparently worried about the 4th floor for some reason or reasons unknown to him. He advised he did not know the exact details of how ANTOINETTE got into the building.

HARDY advised that he has been given an assignment to go into the Post Office and get a detailed floor plan of the 4th and 5th floors, specifically looking for any electrical tape, alarm systems on the windows. HARDY made the observation that they are going to come into the Post Office through a window on the 5th floor. GRADY and his group are concerned about the key system as far as security measures are concerned. They want to know exactly where alarm systems are located. They also want to know how many windows and how many windows line up with other offices on the 4th floor in order that they can check the guard's movements when they have the Post Office under surveillance. (HARDY's report to the FBI following his meeting with GRADY's group on June 29, 1971..)



Hardy Allegation

"The following day, I went to the FBI Office in Camden and asked them for advice. I told them I did not want my friends to go to jail. They told me at the time, just to keep them posted on developments. I then went to the group of people I had just mentioned, and in a short time they had taken me into their confidence as a member and fellow sympathizer."

Allegation

Response

Page 5, Paragraph 2

On June 25, 1971, (HARDY) went to the apartment of MIKE GIOCONDO, located at 3rd and Cooper Streets, Camden, N.J....

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GIOCONDO and he left GIOCONDO's apartment at 4:40 p.m. and went to GIOCONDO's red Renault which was parked outside on the street...They then entered the vehicle and GIOCONDO drove up Lawrence Street to the Greyhound or Trailways Bus Station located in Camden on Broadway across from the Walt Whitman Hotel. They drove to the bus station and drove past it once. As they did, GIOCONDO indicated a white male and said to him, "JOHN's there watching us to make sure we're not followed". They drove around the block and as they approached the bus station the next time GIOCONDO indicated a couple by the bus station and said, "there's two of our people"...

Page 7, Paragraph 5

They stopped by the bus station and JOHN GRADY came to the car. GIOCONDO introduced him to GRADY who stated he recognized HARDY from previous pictures. GRADY also said to him, "MIKE has said a lot about you in a positive way"...

Paragraph 7

GRADY took (a) suitcase and "Pan Am" bag from the back seat of GIOCONDO's car and said, "We'll meet later at DOC's".

Page 8, Paragraph 3

On June 25, 1971, while working at a booth at the St. Joseph's Carnival, Camden, N.J., GIOCONDO came to the booth and said, "Fr. DOYLE and some of the guys in the movement are meeting in St. Joe's Rectory tonight at 9 p.m." To this HARDY replied that he could not go since he was working at the booth.

Paragraph 4

He did not hear from GIOCONDO until 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, 1971. (GIOCONDO invited HARDY to a dinner but HARDY could not go.)

Paragraph 5

On June 28, 1971 (HARDY made unsuccessful attempts to contact GIOCONDO.) (HARDY's report to the FBI concerning events on June 25, 27, and 28, 1971.)

Page 10, Paragraph 2

HARDY advised that he attended a meeting last night, June 29, 1971, at (the house of a Dr. ANDERSON, where he met other individuals then unknown to him).

Page 57, Paragraph 2

HARDY advised that he remembered something that he wanted to report which he had forgot to report yesterday. HARDY advised that two more names were mentioned by GRADY as, in HARDY's opinion, current sympathizers or in some way helping GRADY in his activities. Their names are MAUD and TOM O'DELL. These people live in Hi-Nella, N.J.. GRADY mentioned that in case his group needed to rent a truck or U-haul, these people would do it, and he implied from GRADY's comments about the O'DELLS that they were a source of possible income. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group July 6, 1971.)

Page 57, Paragraph 3

HARDY advised that last night, July 6, 1971, he received a telephone call from MIKE GIOCONDO. JOHN GRADY had called him and asked him to come out a little bit earlier than when the group normally meets. GRADY stated to MIKE that he wanted to go over some slides and plans and to prepare GENE DIXON and HARDY for their entrance into the draft board this afternoon for the purpose of gathering more information. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 6, 1971.)

Page 58, Paragraphs 4 & 5

HARDY advised that after viewing the slides, GENE DIXON engaged him in a conversation relating to the proposed visit by DIXON and HARDY to the draft board and that tentative arrangements were made to meet at the White Tower at 3 p.m., this afternoon. The plan was then to go to the Post Office and visit the draft board. HARDY advised that one of the things that they were instructed to find out while in the draft board is the physical geography of the front as far as the alarm system and fire escape is concerned. He noted GRADY's group

is only interested in the 1A classifications. One of the other things that they are to definitely observe is the location of the watchman's key. HARDY again related that they were instructed to check and see if there were any alarms on the doors and windows and to check the name on the filing cabinets so that GRADY could know the type of lock on the cabinets. He noted that there is a possibility that GRADY's group could obtain a master key from KIRK, a fellow in Philadelphia. They were also instructed to look for power sources in case the group that goes into the draft board decides to take electric drills.

HARDY advised that his second main objective along with DIXON is to check the second and third floors on the 5th Street wing. GRADY wanted to know the exact location and what offices are located where. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 6, 1971.)

Page 59, Paragraphs 1 & 5

HARDY related that the third objective is to get down into the mail room and see if there is an alarm panel box for the fire escape and to see if it is clearly marked. HARDY made the observation that there is the possibility that someone from GRADY's group could get down into the mail room and turn off the alarm.

HARDY related that while he was with GIOCONDO en route to the Town House Apartments, he had learned from GIOCONDO that GIOCONDO had met two of GRADY's people from the Philadelphia group, but that he only met them by their first names. HARDY learned that these two people are an ANNE (LNU) and a BETH (LNU). He explained that both are white girls about 22 years old and that they work at the bookstore in the vicinity of Temple University. He explained that the reason the Philadelphia group has not been brought into this action is that they are more radical than GRADY and they dress in a more hippie type style, and that they play around with the drug scene a little bit. He explained that GRADY has a low opinion of them. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 6, 1971.)

Page 60, Paragraph 2

HARDY explained that another topic of conversation with MIKE GIOCONDO was the East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives. He advised that he pressed GIOCONDO for more information about this group and the 200 people that were mentioned earlier. GIOCONDO answered the question by stating that he had pressed GRADY in the early stages of this thing but that GRADY had always pushed it aside and pushed GIOCONDO very hard to recruit people for this particular action. HARDY advised that at the meeting GRADY had stated to him that he was involved in the Dow Chemical action in Michigan. GRADY did not say what the names were of those involved but stated that it was a simple operation. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 6, 1971.)

Page 65, Paragraph 4

HARDY mentioned that GRADY had decided that one of the things that he would like to have checked would be to see whether or not the employees of the Post Office actually sign out when they leave the Post Office for the day. GRADY had mentioned to him that it might be possible for several people to go into the Post Office together during the day and for all of them, except one, to hide in the Post Office while one of the group would leave and sign the entire group out at the register. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 7, 1971.)

Page 67, Paragraphs 2, 3, & 4

GRADY mentioned POPPI SHARPE during the meeting last night, and it was apparent to HARDY that GRADY has been talking extensively with POPPI SHARPE from time to time. GRADY mentioned that POPPI SHARPE's favorite thought was that "you have to put the fear back into the man" (meaning the establishment). GRADY has mentioned how POPPI SHARPE feels that only when the authorities fear the people will they respect them.

HARDY mentioned that GRADY desires that he and DIXON go into the FBI office in Camden under suitable pretext so that they might learn of information relating to the alarm and security systems of the

FBI Office. He explained that they would use the pretext of trying to learn from the FBI the procedure used in investigating an ex-convict who applies for a job with the Post Office. MARTHA SHEMLEY and GENE DIXON also mentioned the prospects of going into the FBI Office. As the plans stand now, the draft board is target #1. Army Intelligence is possibly a second target and, if it is feasible, the FBI Office would be the third target.

From conversations with the group, HARDY has learned that COOKIE, ANITA and JOHN GRADY have been in other draft boards before when records were destroyed. He mentioned that GRADY related to him that he was involved in draft board hits when records were destroyed. From the conversations, it was also indicated that COOKIE and ANITA were involved in a draft board hit in Philadelphia. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 7, 1971.)

Page 68, Paragraph 2

On July 8, 1971, while talking with JOHN PETER GRADY, GRADY mentioned the "East Coast Conspiracy To Save Lives," and indicated that his (GRADY's) main contact with this group is in East Orange, N.J. According to the source GRADY said this group is a loose-knit organization of about 200 people. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 8, 1971.)

Page 69, Paragraphs 2, 3, & 4

On July 8, 1971, he attended a meeting at the residence of Dr. WILLIAM ANDERSON, located on Harding Avenue in Collingswood, N.J. Upon his arrival JOHN GRADY and his (GRADY's) family were preparing for the evening meal. COOKIE and ANTOINETTE, also known as Anita, were also there. The group was still elated over the experience of DIXON and himself the day before at the draft board. The group was anxious to get started on the information obtained. He learned that GENE DIXON and MARTHA

SHEMLEY had been at ANDERSON's residence for a short while before he arrived.

He learned that COOKIE and ANITA had made contact with some of the Philadelphia group. They have started calling them (the Philadelphia group) at certain times.

After the evening meal was finished, he went into the living room area with GRADY, ANITA and COOKIE and they talked at length about the proposed breakin and the problems they have come up against during the past breakins and what they were going to do to solve these problems. During the discussion, it was revealed that money will be supplied by people such as Dr. ANDERSON and CALLAHAN (no further identification on CALLAHAN). JOHN GRADY referred to "The East Coast Conspiracy group" and that their main contact with this group is in East Orange, N.J. According to GRADY, this East Coast Conspiracy group is a loose-knit organization of about 200 people. GRADY also referred to a JOHN NICHOLSON from Philadelphia, who is apparently a key man in this group. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 8, 1971.)

Page 71, Paragraph 3

GRADY related this story with first-hand knowledge. GRADY again emphasized that he has been the key man in 14 out of 18 draft board hits within the last 2-1/2 years. GRADY said that he was the one who developed the style for the break-ins. GRADY said he is now developing the style for outside break-ins. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 8, 1971.)

Page 72, Paragraph 5

JOHN GRADY mentioned that this was the first time they tried to hit a draft board from the outside and that it was the first time they had tried to get community involvement. GRADY related to him



that in the past they have gone into a community where there was some indication that there were sympathizers in the area. The sympathizers would then set up observations for three to four weeks. GRADY and his assistants would come into the area and spend another week doing detail work. The "old actors" would then come in and spend two or three days assembling, conducting dry runs, and getting the general feel of the area. After this the hit would be made and they would then disperse, leaving three or four local people behind. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 8, 1971.)

Page 73, Paragraphs 2 & 4

GRADY also mentioned that Brother PHILIP KELLY of El Centro, Camden, N.J., was GRADY's initial contact in this area. GRADY mentioned that KELLY had set up the initial meetings but later dropped out of the plan.

HARDY mentioned that it was either COOKIE or ANITA who mentioned renting the truck for the weekend from one of her friends in the Philadelphia area. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 8, 1971.)

Page 74, Paragraph 3

GRADY has mentioned that DR. ANDERSON and CALLAHAN would probably be in vehicles on the street somewhere on the night of the draft board hit. GRADY also mentioned that Dr. ANDERSON's flat above his office will be made available for sleeping quarters for some of the "old actors" who will come in two or three days before the hit. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 8, 1971.)

Page 75, Paragraph 2 & 3

On July 9, 1971, as he was preparing to go to the residence of Dr. ANDERSON, Collingswood, N.J., for a nightly meeting, MIKE GIOCONDO telephonically

contacted him and relayed the message that JOHN GRADY thought that the group was being watched. GIOCONDO related to him that Mrs. GRADY was sitting on the front porch of the ANDERSON residence and noticed a Volkswagen bus which was parked in front of the residence. The man sitting in this bus was staring at the house. This took place on July 8, 1971. GIOCONDO also related that after about ten minutes the man in the Volkswagen bus left and that shortly thereafter, Mrs. GRADY observed a Volkswagen automobile which stopped in front of the house for a few minutes.

HARDY mentioned that earlier in the day of July 9, 1971, he saw COOKIE and ANITA, who stated that they had been talking with some of the "old actors" from North Jersey. They, COOKIE and ANITA, mentioned that some of these "old actors" would be coming down from North Jersey on Sunday night for a meeting at Dr. ANDERSON's residence in connection with the draft board hit. COOKIE and ANITA mentioned that there will be seven of the "old actors" from North Jersey coming down for the hit, and there will be three "old actors" from Philadelphia. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 9, 1971.)

Page 76, Paragraph 3

GRADY mentioned that MADDEN's apartment in East Orange, N.J., is the headquarters for the East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives (ECCSL). The target date was set for July 18, 1971, but it was indicated by GRADY that the date might have to be moved to July 25, 1971 in order to give MEL MADDEN time to set his schedule. GRADY stated that MEL MADDEN would be bringing down seven people in cars, to take part in the hit. GRADY also mentioned that MADDEN would provide enough money to support the physical needs of the group for the two or three days while they were in Camden doing the pre-hit surveillance. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 9, 1971.)

Page 79, Paragraph 2

He further advised that as requested to do so by GRADY, he had at 5 o'clock on July 9, 1971, observed the Postal employees as they left the Post Office building. GRADY's interest in the departure of the Postal employees was to determine if every individual was required to sign out before leaving. On that same afternoon, he saw COOKIE and ANITA downtown. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 9, 1971.)

Page 83, Paragraphs 1 & 3

It was also mentioned that a girl named ANN (last name unknown) from Philadelphia and the ANN for whom there is a warrant in Delaware both worked at the Temple Book Store with COOKIE and ANITA. From what GRADY said on Friday night, it appeared as if there was a draft board hit planned for the Trenton area that never came off as yet. It was mentioned by the group that they had already done the preparations for a hit in Trenton, but for some reason the hit was not made. They have talked of going back to Trenton after the Camden hit to make the hit at Trenton which had previously been worked out.

GRADY is planning to run a surveillance with his people tonight. GRADY intends to surveil the Post Office Building from the churchyard. As he has done in the past, GRADY will play the role of the "drunken Irishman" if any passersby or police wander into the area. Plans call for the entire group to be on the scene at the surveillance. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 10, 1971.)

Page 86, Paragraph 3

HARDY advised when he arrived at Dr. ANDERSON's house there were two new people present. These two new people were MEL MADDEN, the brother of the priest at SS. Peter and Paul, Camden, N.J. MADDEN is the head of the state drug program for the State of New Jersey and MIKE GIOCONDO works for him. The other individual was a white male named TERRY (last name unknown). He described

TERRY as 5'6", 160 pounds, age about 28, medium build, with a vandyke type beard, black bush hair - almost afro-style. It was later brought out that he is married to a black woman. Also, present at the meeting were JOHN GRADY, COOKIE, ANITA, GENE DIXON, and MARTHA SHEMELEY. He advised MADDEN and TERRY live in Northern New Jersey. (HARDY's report to the FBI of a meeting with GRADY's group on July 11, 1971.)

Page 87, Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, & 6.

HARDY advised that POPPI SHARPE had been contacted apparently by GRADY during the past week and that he has committed eight people for the exterior defense on the night of the action. SHARPE's people are to create some kind of a problem if it is needed. HARDY explained this would be some sort of a diversionary tactic to call attention away from the post office. Nothing more was said about the napalming of the army tank in front of the Reserve Center in Camden, although it had been referred to during the course of the discussion some half a dozen times.

HARDY advised another name was brought up. This person might possibly become involved in the action and from GRADY's comment this person has experience and has participated in past actions. GRADY mentioned the name BUSBUY or BUZZARD. HARDY advised GRADY did not go into detail regarding BUSBUY.

HARDY advised next Sunday, July 18, 1971, at 6 p.m., MEL MADDEN and TERRY, along with those people they will be able to bring, will report to the ANDERSON's home for a briefing and will then be paired off with some of the people who are already involved in the Camden action. The tentative "hit time" is going to be between 11:30 p.m., and 12:30 a.m. As yet GRADY and his group have not set the time for sure. HARDY advised while participating with the group in the surveillance last night the group could have gone in at 11:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. He explained the surveillance workings as follows:

