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12. During the time COHEN was a CIA employee (1949-1963), he was of concern to the Security Office, due principally to the activities and proclivities of his wife, Rita C. Heller COHEN, #MS-3185, the former wife of Irving ROTH, #MS-2001 R. COHEN was the subject of an Employment Review Board case in 1956; and in 1956 was disqualified as a member of the Junior Career Development Program. It was then decided to put him on a job in FBIS in which he would not be exposed to highly sensitive material. At the time of his resignation, he was an I. O. Contact, GS-14, in the Chicago Office of the DDI/CO Contact Division.

13. In January 1965, the DCS requested approval to contact COHEN on an ad hoc basis to participate in the briefing and debriefing of his employer, Senator PERCY, who planned an extensive tour of the Far East. In June 1967, Mr. George CARY, Legislative Counsel, requested a check on COHEN stating that there may be occasion to brief him from time to time. According to Mr. CARY, COHEN would be briefed generally on the build up in Cuba but would not be exposed to operational information or exotic material.

~~14. COHEN is currently of interest to this Office in connection with an approach which was made to him by the Second Secretary of the Romanian Embassy in Washington. An FBI report of 16 August 1967 on Victor DOROBANTU, the Second Secretary, noted the approach but failed to indicate under what circumstances COHEN furnished the information regarding his contacts with DOROBANTU.~~

15. There is attached a copy of the above referred to September articles in Life magazine, in one of which CAIN is described as the erst-while chauffeur and courier of Sam GIANCANA. The second of these articles makes reference to alleged friendly contacts of Jim GARRISON, of the OSWALD Case, with henchmen of the Cosa Nostra in the Louisiana area.



Attachments: articles

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