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Vest on June 27, 1946 in Gainesville, TX

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All circumstances around Buddy's death in the aggregate unambiguously testify to the fact that this is an operation conceived and guided by professionals from a well-established national **special service (intelligence or counterintelligence organization)**. In practical terms, this means we are investigating much more than a criminal case, but an intelligence operation consummated with highly sophisticated tradecraft. On one side, this makes our case a hard nut to crack. On other side, it could help us in unusual way: the tradecraft itself could lead us to culprits and masterminds of the conspiracy we are dealing with. That sophisticated tradecraft, if unraveled, could help us to identify organizations and people who operated like puppeteers hiding behind the curtain of purposely-created lies and staged events.

During my 25 years in the KGB foreign intelligence service I saw thousands of successful and failed, simple and complex operations. Most of them, naturally, were designed and realized by special services of the USSR. The rest belonged to the United States and other countries.

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Before Going to the European Theater of Operations

Harold Eugene (AKA Buddy) Vest was born on 29 May 1921 in Osawatomie, Miami County, KS. Buddy's paternal ancestral line includes many patriots including soldiers fighting for this county in the American Revolution and in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Buddy's father, Lloyd Samuel Vest¹, served on active duty in World War I from 3 Jun 1918 to 11 Jun 1919 as a carpenter's mate 2nd class in the Navy. Lloyd's civilian occupation was carpenter. Buddy's mother, Margaret Helen Kern², was a third-generation German-American. Helen's civilian occupation was homemaker.

In 1930, Buddy lived with his parents, his brother Earl Lloyd Vest³, and his sister, Virginia Rose Vest⁴ at 7747 Woodlawn Ave. in Chicago, IL.

In 1938, Buddy left Chicago's Tilton High School in the 9th grade, where he studied woodworking, to assist the family financially. He worked at Kruissink Brothers Manufacturing Co.⁵ in Chicago, where he made wall shelves and bookcases for over four years⁶. By the time of his induction into

¹ Lloyd Samuel Vest (SSN: 350-07-2576 WW I NSN 1341296 b. 27 Mar 1890 in Ezel, Morgan County, Kentucky d. 15 Dec 1967 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois)

² Margaret Helen Kern (b. 29 Oct 1899 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois d. 7 Jan 1991 in Hazel Crest, Cook County, Illinois)

³ Earl Lloyd Vest (SSN: 322-18-6147 b. 5 May 1920 in Osawatomie, Miami County, Kansas d. 8 Feb 1994 in Hazel Crest, Cook County, Illinois occupation most of his life: carpenter),

⁴ Virginia Rose Vest (b. 18 Jul 1929 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois still living)

⁵ Kruissink Bothers Manufacturing Company was begun by Martin J. Kruissink, its Holland born proprietor, in 1887. Martin had bought out his brother John's interest in 1928. Martin's two sons, Martin H. and John W. later joined the firm. Martin handled materials and production, while his younger brother, John, was in charge of design and sales. Florence, Martin's daughter joined the firm in the 1940's as treasurer. From 1915 through its termination, the company was located at 2428 South LaSalle, Chicago. This was about 2 ½ miles from Buddy's home.

The firm went out of business in 1953. Working mostly in mahogany, the company made bookcases, desks, occasional furniture, wall shelves, tea carts, small tables, pier cabinets, and credenzas in traditional forms designed mainly by Martin Kruissink.

⁶ Comment by HDV: After four years with a furniture manufacturing company, Buddy would have been considered an expert craftsman. His Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) as a construction foreman was marked critical.

His craftsmanship may explain why Buddy was assigned to the European Theater of Operations (ETO) when the war in Europe was all but over and millions of GI's were being shipped to continental US (CONUS) for further assignment in the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO). The invasion of Japan was scheduled for November 1945.

It is also worth noting that tons of captured German documents and ordinance were shipped back to the United States at the conclusion of hostilities in May 1945. There was so much German technology needing to be transferred out of Europe in a hurry that it was foreseeable in late 1944 and early 1945 that extraordinary means of transport would be needed and that normal security would be difficult to maintain.

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the Army, Buddy was a supervisor at the shop.

I conducted numerous interviews with Ruth, Buddy's sister, and cousins. These interviews revealed the following:

Physical description at date of death: Harold "Buddy" Eugene Vest was 25 when he died on 28 Jun 1946. His eyes and hair were brown. He stood 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighed 150 pounds. He had no distinguishing marks or scars. He had amblyopia (lazy eye) in the left eye that caused him to occasionally wear glasses during childhood.

His military assignment was far behind the lines and there is no indication that he ever heard a shot fired in anger. Therefore, it is extremely unlikely that Buddy suffered psychological trauma as a result of his overseas duties. There is no indication that Buddy suffered hearing loss as a result of explosions or small arms fire.

Interests: Fishing, hunting, photography (including dark room development of pictures), playing the guitar, country music, and watching airplanes take off and land at an airfield in Chicago.

Character: Buddy apparently did not have any vices, such as gambling, excessive debts, excessive spending, excessive drinking, illegal drugs, womanizing, etc. He apparently had a normal childhood. There is no evidence of parental abuse or traumatic experiences. There is no evidence of criminal wrongdoing in his past.

He apparently demonstrated a normal interest in sex. There is no indication that he ever practiced or requested bondage or cross-dressing during sex. There is no indication that he had an interest in sadomasochistic activities, sadomasochistic pornography, or books on torture. He apparently exhibited no signs of a thrill-seeking personality.

There is no indication of his being disciplined while in the service. He received an Honorable Discharge.

It is conceivable that Buddy was assigned to a special section within the 711th Engineering Base Depot Company that handled the construction of crates in such a way as to conceal the contents, and, possibly the location within the crate, of the contents.

In the period immediately following WW II, the SSU and CIG were busy trying to establish intelligence channels and recruiting agents in Europe. It is well known that intelligence agents often use hidden compartments within furniture to conceal currency, passports, documents, etc. It is conceivable that Buddy may have been involved in the construction of this type of furniture.

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Political Beliefs: There is no indication that Buddy held any firm political beliefs or was a member of any political party. There was no indication that he was affiliated with or maintained associations with members of subversive groups such as communists, socialists, or fascists. All interviews indicated that he was a loyal American.

Religious Beliefs: Buddy's mother was Catholic. His father was a non-practicing Christian. There is no indication that he held any extreme religious beliefs or affiliations. Ruth stated that they seldom attended church services.

Ancestral Record of Military Service to the United States: Buddy's direct ancestral lineage dates back to the American Revolution. His father was a naval veteran of WW I. His son served two tours of duty in Viet Nam.

Buddy was inducted into the Army at Fort Sheridan, IL on 21 Nov 1942. Following Limited Assignment School⁷ at Camp McCoy, WI with the 2nd Infantry Division of the 2nd Army, he was transferred to Camp Custer at Battle Creek, MI on 26 December 1942. There, he met his future wife, Edna Ruth Blakely⁸ in a Post Exchange. His last known address prior to induction was 7328 Woodlawn Ave, Chicago.

Ruth was in Battle Creek, MI with her sister, Billy Dan Blakely Seright⁹, and brother-in-law, Herbert Aaron Seright¹⁰. Herbert, an enlisted man, was stationed at Camp Custer, prior to being shipped overseas to the European Theater of Operations (ETO), where he served as a truck driver.

In Feb 1943, his Military Occupational Specialty was foreman, construction (059) (a critical occupational specialty).

Buddy took a short leave to marry Ruth on 4 April 1943 in her hometown of Henrietta, TX. Strangely, the Morning Reports do not record his absence from his unit. Ruth had gone ahead by a few weeks to prepare for the wedding.

⁷ Harold Eugene Vest (AKA Buddy SSN 322-18-6148 ASN 36 622 602 b. 29 May 1921 in Osawatomie, Miami County, Kansas d. 27/28 Jun 1946 in Gainesville, Cooke County, TX) Buddy had amblyopia (lazy eye) in his left eye. This explains why he was marked for limited assignment school.

⁸ Edna Ruth Blakely's (AKA Ruth, b. 23 Sep 1923 in Clay County, TX, still living) ancestral line includes patriots fighting for this county in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

⁹ Billy Dan Blakely Seright (AKA Dan SSN: 454-32-5573 b. 21 Jan 1922 in Henrietta, Clay County, TX d. 25 Jun 1987 in Lubbock, Lubbock County, TX)

¹⁰ Herbert Aaron Seright (AKA Herbie or Herb ASN 39 122 119 SSN: 449-03-1475 b. 19 Sep 1916 in Dodsonville, Collingsworth County, TX d. 20 Jul 1989 in Lubbock, Lubbock County, TX) Enlisted in the Army in Berkeley, CA. He received an Honorable Discharge on 22 Oct 1945 at Camp Chaffee, AR as a T/Sgt.

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After their marriage, Ruth and Buddy rented one room in a six-room boarding house on Buckeye Street in Battle Creek, MI. Also renting a room in the same house was an MP named Hugh Chambers (est. age abt. 30) and his wife, Alice,¹¹ from Iowa. Another couple living at the same address was 2nd Lt. Lotts and his wife Ann. Ruth continued to work first for a department store and then for a 5- and 10-cent store.

On 1 Jan 1944, Buddy took a 10-day leave and traveled by train with his pregnant wife to Henrietta, Clay County, TX.

Ruth gave birth to their son, Herbie Darwin Vest¹², on 12 Aug 1944 in Battle Creek, MI. In a family photo taken soon after the birth, Buddy is seen in his uniform bearing the patch of the 6th Service Command, Quartermaster Corps.

Ruth's mother had come to Battle Creek to help her with the post-birth duties. The next month, on about 23 Sep 1944, Ruth returned to Henrietta with her mother by train and remained there until Buddy was discharged on 29 Jan 1946.

On 26 Sep 1944, about three days after putting his wife and baby on a train to Henrietta, Buddy took a 15-day furlough. On 12 Oct 1944, 16 days later, Buddy returned to his unit. Ruth denies any knowledge or remembrance of Buddy taking this furlough. One week later, he was promoted from private to T/5 on 19 Feb 1944.

Buddy stayed at Camp Custer until he received orders to be shipped to the ETO.

On 11 Feb 1945, Buddy received orders to go overseas. He took a leave to visit his wife and son in Henrietta before being shipped to Europe on 6 March 1945.

1st Sergeant Wilburn Abe Smith

In about May 1944, Buddy and Ruth took up residence with the family of Wilburn Abe Smith¹³ ("Smitty"), Buddy's 1st Sergeant at Camp Custer, at 29 Beachem Ave, Battle Creek. Ruth stated that Buddy was the company clerk under Smitty. Buddy was assigned to the 1605 Service Unit at Camp Custer at the time. In fact, Buddy and Ruth named their son after Smitty's half-brother, Darwin.

¹¹ Ruth says she corresponded with Chamber's wife up to about 1948. Hugh and Alice divorced shortly after the end of WW II. They had a son about 2 years old in 1944. We have been unable to locate either spouse.

¹² Herbie Darwin Vest (AKA Herb b. 12 Aug 1944 in Battlecreek, MI, still living)

¹³ Wilburn Abe Smith (AKA Smitty SSN 462-14-2036 ASN 62 59 298 b 10 May 1915 in Burleson, Johnson, TX d 1 Jul 1994 in Oceanside, San Diego, CA) His wife was named Doris (deceased). His daughter was named Arlene Frances (deceased).

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According to one of Smith's family members, 1st Sgt. Smith was doing work for both the Military Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation while he was stationed at Camp Custer. In addition, his daughter stated that her father told the story of infiltrating an American air base. She showed our investigators a card that her father carried authorizing him to conduct special investigations. The card is reproduced below (corrected for typing errors, photocopy on file):

* PROVOST MARSHALL *

F/Sgt. Wilburn A. Smith, RA 6259298, whose signature appears on this card is authorized to carry concealed weapons in the performance of his duties and is authorized to enter all areas at all times as an accredited Special Investigator and Provost Sergeant of the Provost Marshal's office of Yokota AAB, 3d Bomb Group (L), APO 328.

(Signature of Wilburn A. Smith)

(Signature of James R. Gunn, Jr)
Colonel, Air Corp
Commanding

Card No. 6

The card was not dated; but, was apparently issued while Smitty was stationed in Japan from 21 Feb 1947 through 21 Aug 1948.

Prior to being assigned to Camp Custer, 1st Sgt. Smith was assigned to the Philippines. His tour of duty there coincides with that of 1st Lt. William Wilson Quinn IV¹⁴. Lt. Quinn was provost marshal of Manila, Philippines from the summer 1936 through the summer of 1938. In addition, Quinn did some work for Army intelligence while serving in the Pacific.

Upon returning from the Philippines, 1st Sgt. Smith took a special course in investigations given by the Provost Marshall in 1941. In late 1943, the FBI school was transferred intact to Camp Custer. The Provost Marshall established a number of courses taught by the FBI instructors. Among the courses taught was the newly established Criminal Investigations Division (CID). CID agents frequently wore plainclothes in Europe and elsewhere.

¹⁴ Lt. General William Wilson Quinn IV (SSN 263-60-5808 b. 1 Nov 1907 in Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland d. 11 Sep 2000 in Walter Reed Army Medical Center of congestive heart failure) went on to be assigned to the Strategic Services Unit (the SSU was the operational arm of the old OSS which was disestablished in Sep 45 by order of President Truman) in October 1945 as deputy to Brigadier General John Maguder. This assignment of Colonel Quinn was at the personal direction of President Truman. It is unknown how the President came to know of Quinn. In Feb 1946 Colonel Quinn replaced General Magruder as head of the SSU. On 3 Apr 1946, the SSU was transferred to the Central Intelligence Group (the CIG was a stop gap entity created by President Truman's executive order until 18 Sep 1947 when the CIG became the CIA by the National Security Act of 1947) from the War Department.

On the date of Dad's death, Colonel Quinn reported to Colonel Louis Joseph Fortier (SSN 226-46-9095 b. 8 Apr 1892 in Gueydan, LA d. 6 Nov 1974 in New Orleans, LA), the director of operations and deputy director of the CIG. It may be significant that Fortier was the military attaché to Yugoslavia, the ancestral home of Nicola Tesla, when the Germans invaded that country in 1940. The Director of Central Intelligence at the time was Lt. Gen. Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg (b. 24 Jan 1899 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin d. 2 Apr 1954 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center), whose uncle, Arthur Hendrick Vandenberg (b. 22 Mar 1884 in Grand Rapids, MI to 18 Apr 1951 in Grand Rapids, MI) was a very influential Republican Senator.

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When he was transferred to Camp Claiborne, LA in Jan 1945, 1st Sgt. Smith was with the Military Police and stayed an MP for the rest of his Army and Air Force career. Smitty's family reports that Smitty developed a severe drinking problem toward the end of 1946 and before going to Japan in Feb 1947. Ruth stated that she never saw Smitty take a drink while she knew him. The obvious question then: Did Buddy's death somehow contribute to Smitty becoming an alcoholic?

The Port of Antwerp was the hub between rail transportation coming from the interior of Europe to be loaded onto ships destined for CONUS. It is possible, even likely, that Buddy was recruited by Smitty for the CIC, CID, OSS, Army G-2, or FBI as an undercover operative to be stationed in the port of Antwerp to observe and report on criminal activity at the port.

According to a noted historian consulted by HDVI investigators (name on file):

"Antwerp was a big drug smuggling port in the 1920-30s, like Hamburg and Rotterdam and of course Marseille.

"In WW II the OSS and MI recruited scores of smugglers to help infiltrate agents and equipment into occupied territory. Right after the war Europe was a smugglers paradise and an espionage free-for-all, with millions of displaced persons wandering across borders. Everyone was in the black-market. Everyone!

"In 1946 there was no CIA, the OSS was disbanding, (the Department of) State had only a small intelligence unit, so MI (Military Intelligence) carried the ball, along with the CID (Criminal Investigations Division)."

It was certainly foreseeable at the time Buddy was sent overseas that the port in Antwerp would be a hotbed of smuggling tangible and intangible property (including intellectual property derived from German scientific and technological advances during the war), black market activities, espionage, and other matters of high security concern.

Overlaid on this bed of intrigue, were certain American intelligence and military officers keen on covering up pre-war related business transactions and trading with Nazi Germany¹⁵ by certain American businesses and individuals. Among the most active of these was Allen Welsh Dulles¹⁶, an attorney with the Wall Street law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell.

¹⁵ Between the two world wars, companies within Germany and companies within the United States began doing business with each other. Many of these transactions were brokered by the Wall Street firm of Sullivan and Cromwell. As the tide of events brought the United States and Germany closer and closer to war, the international business deals were cut in such a way as to benefit both companies' regards of who won the war.

It was a foregone conclusion that, if hostilities did develop, the bureaucracies of the belligerent countries would confiscate any alien property present within their jurisdictional limits. Typically these properties were held and administered by an "Office of Alien Property". To protect their clients on both sides of the conflict, it was essential for the law firm to grasp control of these agencies. The managing partner of Sullivan and Cromwell, John Foster Dulles (infra), held a position on the board of the Office of Alien Property, headed by Leo Crowley, within the United States. In Germany, Dr. Friedrich Ernst was the Reich's Commissioner for the Management of Enemy Property. The value of German assets held in the U.S. was about \$ 700 million. The value of U.S. assets held in German was about \$ 600 million.

¹⁶ Allen Welsh Dulles (SSN 086-28-2350 b. 7 Apr 1893 in Watertown, NY d. 29 Jan 1969 in WDC) would be a shoe in for an award of "Spook of the 20th Century", if a vote were taken of all intelligence officers of every country. He served as an

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A bigger question remains: Was Buddy sent to observe and report on all criminal activity at the Port of Antwerp? Or, was his mission special? That is, did the persons for whom he worked have some special activity that he was to watch, or, indeed, to infiltrate?

James Jesus Angleton

It is interesting to note that James Jesus Angleton¹⁷, later to become the Chief of Counterintelligence with the CIA from 1954 to 1974, was also stationed at Camp Custer at the same time as Dad during part of 1943. Angleton married Cicely d'Autremont¹⁸ in Battle Creek on 17 Jul 1943.

intelligence officer in Berne, Switzerland during both world wars. Between wars and after World War II, Mr. Dulles practiced law with the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, a Wall Street firm headed by Allen's older brother, and future Secretary of State under Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles. Sullivan and Cromwell had as clients, some of the largest industrial firms in America. Many of these firms did business with companies in Nazi Germany before the United States entered the hostilities. Allen Dulles was a great facilitator, brokering many deals between American and German businesses.

Allen Dulles was appointed Director of Central Intelligence by President Eisenhower on 26 Feb 1953 and served in that capacity until 20 Nov 1961 when he was replaced by President Kennedy because of alleged mishandling of the Bay of Pigs disaster. Allen Dulles was known to have been on a Yacht with Major General Emmett Buckner Cassady of Gainesville, TX, Clare Boothe Luce, the Ambassador to Italy, and Henry Robinson Luce, publisher of Time, Fortune, and Life magazines, off the coast of Italy during 1953. As explained elsewhere in this document, Cassady may have been instrumental in arranging 1001 S. Clements Street to be a safe house for the out-of-town woman seen stalking Dad prior to his death.

Allen Dulles, it is rumored, was very influential in getting Lt. Commander Richard Nixon the Republican nomination for the Voorhis (D) seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Also influential to Nixon's nomination was Herman M. Phleger, a very influential attorney from San Francisco, whose daughter was married to the grandson of Harry Chandler, the second publisher of the LA Times, with the firm of Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison.

Herman Phleger was appointed in the summer of 1945 to serve on allied occupation legal staff in Germany under General Lucius Clay. Phleger recorded in his diary a conversation with Allen Dulles, in which AD was requesting that Friedrich Ernst (supra) be released from detention. Clay declined; but, changed his mind the next day. The sudden change in Clay's attitude implies chain of command intervention. It should be noted that a four star general has a very limited number of superiors. AD, a republican, would have had limited influence within the Truman administration. Accordingly, by process of elimination, AD may have exerted some influence with the Army Chief of Staff, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower. What leverage Dulles would have had over Eisenhower is unknown; but, it is known that AD was appointed Director of Central Intelligence in 1953, Eisenhower's first year as President. Herman Phleger was a legal advisor in the Department of State under AD's brother, John Foster Dulles.

Strangely, the two law firms of Sullivan and Cromwell and Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison came together to represent El Paso Natural Gas, the employer of Virginia Ruth Smith during the first four months of 1946, in its 1962 fight with Tennessee Gas Transmission Company.

¹⁷ James Jesus Angleton (AKA Jim, JJ, Kingfisher, Cover name: Hugh Ashmead, internal CIA cryptonym: KU/MOTHER, ASN 31330179 b. 5 Dec 1917 in Boise, Ada County, Idaho d. 11 May 1987 in WDC The lead character, Edward Wilson, played by Matt Damon in movie *The Good Shepherd* (2006) was very loosely based on James Jesus Angleton.) Angleton was questioned by the Church Committee (United States Senate Select Committee to Study Government Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities), chaired by Senator Frank Church (D-ID) in 1975. More information is available on the internet. Just search for "Church Committee".

¹⁸ Cicely d'Autremont (b. 8 Apr 1922 in Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota, still living)

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James Jesus Angleton grew up in Idaho, Ohio, and Italy, attended Malvern prep school in England, graduated from Yale in 1941, and attended Harvard Law School prior to his induction into the Army on 19 Mar 1943.

His first duty station was Fort Lawton, Washington. On 20 Jun 1943, James Angleton was transferred to the Provost Marshal General's Training Center¹⁹ at Fort Custer, Michigan. There, he completed the Military Government Enlisted Course conducted by The Provost Marshal General's School at Camp Custer on 20 Aug 1943 with a grade of B.

Angleton was recruited by his father, James Hugh Angleton, an OSS Major, and his Yale poetry professor, Norman Holmes Pearson²⁰ into the London office of the OSS counterintelligence (X-2, for double cross) branch. James Jesus Angleton reported for duty with the London office in January 1944. James Jesus Angleton's mother was Catholic, as was Buddy's mother. There is no evidence as yet to indicate that this possible link might have brought to two men together (i.e. attending mass at the same time).

By the summer of 1944, 2nd Lt. Angleton was chief of the OSS counterintelligence Italian Desk for the ETO in London. A few months later, in Oct, 2st Lt. Angleton was transferred to Rome as the commanding officer of Special Counterintelligence Unit Z. Angleton was the only American in Italy cleared for Ultra²¹, the British deciphered German messages.

V - E Day found Angleton still engrossed in counterintelligence; but, now his nemesis changed from German Nazi's to Soviet bloc communists. In Nov 1945, Captain Angleton was recalled to WDC for consultation—then back to Rome until Jan 1948, when he returned to his family—Cicely and son, James Charles in Tucson.

JAMES JESUS ANGLETON'S FATHER, JAMES HUGH ANGLETON²², was a candy salesman in Boise, Idaho when his unit, Company H of the Idaho state militia was called up to join the Punitive Expedition being launched from Columbus, Luna County, NM into Mexico. The objective of the expedition was to find and arrest Pancho Villa, a Mexican revolutionary who had raided the town on 9 Mar 1946.

¹⁹ The Provost Marshal General's Training Center at Camp Custer included the FBI academy that had been lifted intact from WDC to Camp Custer including its faculty, which included famed special agent Melvin Purvis, then an Army Lt. Colonel. The FBI academy was used to train men to be a part of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

²⁰ Norman Holmes Pearson (SSN 033-20-8918 b. 13 Apr 1909 in Gardner, Massachusetts d. 6 Nov 1975 in Hamden, New Haven, Connecticut)

²¹ As a boy, Angleton attended boarding school in England. He had attained a British air/wit that endeared him to our British comrades. I suspect, however, that his special entitlement to British cryptographic efforts may have also been due to the fact that the American code breaking effort was centered in Dayton, OH at the facilities of Hugh Angleton's employer, NCR. Also located at Dayton, was Wright Air Base which headed up American efforts to evaluate captured German technology after the war.

²² James Hugh Angleton (AKA Hugh SSN 215-50-2639 (Issued in Maryland 1963-1964) b. 5 Dec 1888 in Sharpsburg, IL d. Apr 1973 (a Watergate year) in zip code 83702 Boise, Ada, Idaho),

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Private Hugh Angleton met and married Carmen Mercedes Morena²³, an Apache Native American from Nogales, State of Sonora, Mexico. The couple was married on the Arizona side of the border in Nogales, Santa Cruz, Arizona on 26 Dec 1916. James Jesus Angleton was born a year later in Boise, Idaho.

Hugh Angleton found his place in sales when he went to work for National Cash Register²⁴. He did so well that in 1933, the year that Hitler became Chancellor in Germany, Hugh acquired the Italian franchise and moved to fascist Italy.

It is unknown exactly when Hugh Angleton first became involved in intelligence work. Neither is it known exactly what intelligence organizations—governmental or private—he may have worked for. What is known is that he became a Major in the OSS in 1942 and was assigned to Italy. He was instrumental in the OSS recruitment of his son, James Jesus Angleton in 1943. Hugh Angleton remains an enigmatic figure in our research.

JAMES JESUS ANGLETON'S WIFE, CICELY D'AUTREMONT, was the daughter of Hubert Hart d'Autremont²⁵. The d'Autremont's traced their family roots back to the Reign of Terror in France during the last decade of the 18th Century. A part of the French aristocracy, the family fled their homeland for the relative safety of America.

A lawyer by training, Hubert d'Autremont was president and principle stockholder of Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Company from 1939 until his death. He was an Arizona state senator from 1940 until his death. Hubert, his brother Charles, his father-in-law Chester Congdon and his brother-in-law Henry Dudley were all involved in mining.

Cicely's mother, Helen Clara Congdon²⁶ was the daughter of Chester Adgate Congdon²⁷, the

²³ Carmen Mercedes Morena (SSN 212-52-0523, an Apache Native American from Nogales, Sonora, Mexico b. 19 May 1898 d. Dec 1985 in zip 83704 Boise, Ada Idaho)

²⁴ National Cash Register was headquartered in Dayton, OH. James Hugh Angleton lived there for several years prior to going to Italy as head of NCR in that country. Among the individuals listed as references on his OSS application dated 5 May 1942 are S.C. Allyn, President of NCR, Dayton and Col. E.A. Deeds, Chairman of the Board of NCR, Dayton.

NCR's Dayton facilities were the home during the war of the U.S. Navy's Cryptanalytic Bombes (code breaking computers). The code breaking project was an ultra top secret project designed to decode German messages encrypted by the Enigma device.

Dayton, OH was also home of Wright Army Air Base. At the end of the war, Wright was the location into which many captured German scientific and engineering documents were funneled. Included at Wright Field was a section headed by Boyce Fitzgerald, an engineer and one time associated of Nikola Tesla, a Serbian engineer and inventor who allegedly designed many potential weapons of great destructive power.

During the second half of 1945 and into 1946, Fitzgerald tried to obtain Tesla documents from the FBI and the Office of Alien Property. There is good reason to believe that Fitzgerald's efforts may have generated a great deal of intrigue and frenzied activity within the intelligence community, particularly within the Army G-2 (Intelligence) headed by Major General Clayton Bissell (infra) and the Military Intelligence Service in Washington under Colonel Ralph Edwin Doty (SSN 320-34-6263 b. 2 Nov 1903 in CA d. 5 Dec 1979 in San Diego, CA).

²⁵ Hubert Hart d'Autremont (b. 19 Feb 1889 in Duluth, Minnesota d. 16 Apr 1947 in Wellsville, NY)

²⁶ Helen Clara Congdon (b. 16 Feb 1889 in Duluth, Minnesota d. 19 May 1966 in Tucson, AZ)

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“richest man in Minnesota”. Chester was a lawyer; but was known more for his mining investments.

Helen’s sister, Marjorie Congdon²⁸ married Henry Chittenden Dudley²⁹. A mining engineer, Dudley maintained offices in both El Paso and Duluth. In 1946, his El Paso office was located on the 5th floor of the Mills Building.

Dudley was involved in mineral exploration in the mountains near Parral (home town of Pancho Villa) and Ciudad Chihuahua, State of Chihuahua, Mexico. Virginia Ruth Smith, girlfriend of Howard L. Penley, reportedly made numerous trips to both communities during and after the war.

Also located in the Mills Building, on the 3rd floor, was Leroy Gilleland Hetrick. Hetrick managed the El Paso office of Denver Fire Brick Company, the employer of Inez Jeanette Faller Penley, the mother of Howard L. Penley, the soldier named by the *Gainesville Register* as being at Dad’s cabinet shop on the night of his death. Howard listed Hetrick as a reference on his employment application to El Paso Electric in 1949.

Europe

Buddy arrived at the port of La Havre, France on 15 March 1945. From there, the replacements traveled by train to the 19th Replacement Depot of the Ground Forces Reinforcement Command in Etampes, France. He was picked up on the Morning Report of the 711th Engineering Base Depot Company at or near Brussels, Belgium on March 27.

Buddy, a T5, served with the 711th Engineering Base Depot Company under the command of Howard P. Bein³⁰, Capt, CE (Captain, Army Corp of Engineers) from 27 Mar 1945. The unit was located near Brussels until 19 May 1945, when it moved to Antwerp with three officers and 108 enlisted men. The rest of the 711th’s time in Europe was spent in Antwerp as part of the Chanor Base Section, headquartered near Brussels, under the command of Colonel Joseph Edward Gill³¹.

²⁷ Chester Adgate Congdon (b. 12 Jun 1853 in Rochester, NY d. 21 Nov 1916 in St. Paul, Minnesota)

²⁸ Marjorie Congdon (b. 12 Jan 1887 in St. Paul, Minnesota d. 11 Oct 1971 in Duluth, Minnesota)

²⁹ Henry Chittenden Dudley (AKA Harry b. 31 Jul 1878 in Guilford, New Haven, Connecticut d. 18 Jun 1968 in Duluth, Minnesota)

³⁰ Howard Percy Bein (SSN 340 07 5354 ASN O-295943 b 27 Mar 1909 in Illinois d 19 Aug 1979 in Grass Valley, Nevada County, California) In October 1945, Captain Bein was designated as an “SSO”. The designation may refer to “Strategic Services Officer” (relating to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) or, much more likely, to an officer having cryptographic/courier responsibilities).

³¹ Joseph Edward Gill (SSN 031-30-0875 b. 25 Apr 1909 in Newton, Massachusetts d. 31 Jan 1986 in Falls Church, VA retired 31 Jul 1963 as a Major General)

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The war with Germany ended on 8 May 1945; however, the war with Japan would not end for another three months. Personnel and equipment began to pour out of Europe to the U.S. for further deployment to the Pacific. Typically, personnel received a 30-day leave in the states before being shipped to the Pacific Theater in preparation for the invasion of Japan, scheduled for November 1945.

Buddy's brother-in-law, Herbert A. Seright, served in Europe as a truck driver. He was transferred stateside in the summer of 1945 and was discharged soon after Japan surrendered on 15 Aug 1945. He and his wife, Billy Dan Blakely Seright – Ruth's sister – settled in Gainesville, TX, where Herbert leased a service station and distributed gasoline to other stations.

The 711th stored material coming from the interior of Europe by rail to the seaport at Antwerp and other points in Belgium for further transportation by sea to CONUS. They also guarded German POWs at Antwerp.

At one point, the Russians came through to inspect equipment for possible purchase. At another point, a V-2 rocket came through to be shipped to the United States.³² On 15 Jul 1946, the cruiser *SS Augusta*³³ docked in Antwerp³⁴. President Truman disembarked and proceeded by automobile to Brussels where his plane flew him to Berlin for the meeting at the Berlin suburb of Potsdam, Germany with Churchill and Stalin. The Potsdam Conference lasted from 16 Jul to 2 Aug 1945.

A detailed analysis of the morning reports of the 711th revealed an entry on 21 July 1945, noting that Buddy was released on a 7-day furlough as of the 18th. The implication from this entry is that the company first sergeant went three days—from the 18th to the 21st—without noticing Buddy's absence.

There are no other entries in the morning report of furloughs being granted to other soldiers in his unit during the time Buddy was gone. Accordingly, Buddy apparently went on furlough alone. He did not return until 30 July – a 12-day period from the 18th – not the 7 days noted on the entry for the 21st. There is no record of Buddy having been disciplined for being AWOL.

³² Investigative reports of interviews with 711th veterans are on file.

³³ When not being used as the Presidential flagship, the *USS Augusta* was the flagship of Admiral Alan Goodrich Kirk (SSN 577-48-7698 b. 30 Oct 1888 d. 15 Oct 1963 in WDC), Commander U.S. Naval Forces, France from 1944 and 1945. Admiral Kirk served as the Director of the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) in 1941 and 1942. Serving as Assistant Director of the ONI under Kirk was Admiral Sidney William Souers (infra). Admiral Souers went on to become the first Director of the Central Intelligence Group in Jan 1946.

Admiral Kirk was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Belgium and U. S. Minister to Luxembourg in 1946 and served in that capacity until 1949, when he became U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union until 1951. In 1952, Kirk became the second President of the American Committee for the Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB).

³⁴ U.S. ambassador to Belgium and minister to Luxembourg Charles W. Sawyer (b. 10 Feb 1887 in Cincinnati, OH d. 7 Apr 1979 in Palm Beach, FL) met the President on the dock. Ambassador Sawyer and Major General Bissell met during the period that the conference was going on. Afterward, they exchanged multiple cryptic letters.

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Note: There are many questions posed by Buddy's July furlough. How could Buddy have possibly been absent for three days without the first sergeant noticing? Why did he not get into trouble for failure to sign out of the unit on the 18th?

Why did Buddy not get into trouble for being AWOL from the time his furlough expired on 25 July until he returned to his unit on 30 Jul?

Why would Buddy go on furlough in post-war Europe (a very dangerous place) alone? Where did he go?

Leave not taken was paid to a soldier upon his discharge. Buddy, a married man with a child, knew he was going to need the money when he left the Army. Why would he take the leave in Europe?

It is obvious that there is more to Buddy's July furlough; but, what?

The only other morning report entry for Buddy was on 23 Sept 1945, when he was listed as going on temporary duty with three other men to Charleroi, Belgium for 7 days. The trip to Charleroi may have involved instructor training.

On 26 Oct 1945, Buddy and others from the 711th were transferred to Company C, 38th Engineer General Services Regiment at Ath, Belgium, under the command of Wallace I. Miller, 1st Lt, CE. The unit was located about 35 miles southwest of Brussels. Buddy was promoted to T4 from T5 on 29 Nov 1945 while still with the 38th. At the time of Buddy's promotion, James C. Wright, 1st Lt. commanded Company C. Buddy remained there until 4 Dec 1945 when he was transferred to the 70th Engineer Light Pontoon Company, under the command of Arthur L. Nichols, Capt, CE.

The 70th was located at Grimberghen, Belgium, on the northern outskirts of Brussels. The unit was transferred to Camp Top Hat, Antwerp, Belgium on 2 Jan 1946 for further shipment back to the U.S. on the *SS James Moore* on 6 Jan. The ship arrived and anchored in New York harbor at 1900 hours on the 23rd of Jan. The next day, the unit was shipped by train to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and arrived at 1145 hours. From Camp Kilmer, Buddy traveled to Camp Grant, IL, where he was discharged on 29 Jan 1946.

Gainesville, Texas

After his discharge at Camp Grant, Buddy traveled to Chicago for a brief visit with his family. Buddy left a pistol for his father to sell, which he later sold for \$50. Buddy traveled by train to Gainesville, TX, where he was met by his wife, son, and Billy Dan and Herbert Seright, probably sometime before Friday, 8 Feb 1946.

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The Vest family stayed with Ruth's parents, Marion Augustus Ross Blakely³⁵ and Neva Genoa Kilcrease Blakely³⁶, in Henrietta, about 60 miles west of Gainesville, until Friday, 15 March, when Buddy rented a shop for his cabinet-making business.

The family rented a room at a boarding house on the south side of California Street, about a block west of the cabinet shop, which was located on the north side at 805 California Street. The shop was rented and Buddy, with the assistance of Gus Blakely, located and purchased used woodworking equipment. The business was extremely modest and was financed with funds saved from Buddy's mustering-out pay and Ruth's dependent's allotment. The known sources of the family's funds appear to reconcile nicely with the known uses. The business began operations shortly after 15 March 1946.

On 1 April 1946, a help-wanted ad appeared in the *Gainesville Register*. Reece J. Lance³⁷, a 13-year-old boy was hired to work after school. Reece's dad had recently vacated the building where the cabinet shop was located, in which he operated his automotive body repair business

In Gainesville, Buddy joined the Rotary Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In late May, he appeared in a benefit play performed by members of the Rotary.

On 29 May, the Vests purchased an unassuming home at 1400 Culberson St.³⁸ on the GI Bill, with a \$100 down payment. They moved into the home about a week later (water turn-on date was 6 Jun).

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³⁵ Marion Augustus Ross Blakely (AKA Gus b. 23 Oct 1895 in Ida, Grayson County, TX, d. 5 Nov 1949 in Henrietta, Clay County, TX)

³⁶ Neva Genoa Kilcrease Blakely (AKA Neva b. 5 Feb 1898 in Collinsville, Cooke County, TX d. 22 Nov 1955 in Henrietta, Clay County, TX)

³⁷ Reece J. Lance (SSN 450-34-2889 b. 21 Aug 1932 in Plunkettville, OK d. 25 Nov 2007 in Lubbock, TX)

³⁸ The house was about 900 square feet of cubic design. It consisted of two bedrooms, bath, a small kitchen, and a living area. Pasture land was across the street and south of the Vest house for about two or three blocks where an old small farm house stood. Behind the Vest's on the east was a small house of similar design owned by Ms. Howard's cousin.

One lot north was the house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Howard. Two lots north was a house belonging to Police Officer Woodrow Clegg (SSN 460-20-9032 b. 5 May 1918 in Cooke County, TX d. 18 Nov 1983 in Gainesville, Cooke, TX) and his wife, Marcella. The Clegg's water was turned on at the same time as the Vest house. Mr. Clegg served in the Navy from 1937 through 1941 as a radioman. Following the Navy, he joined the Border Patrol in Del Rio near Uvalde, TX for 1/2 years in 1941/42.

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Weather: The high Thursday, 27 Jun 1946, was 93; the low was 72. Barometric pressure was 30.10. It was partly cloudy on Friday. Gainesville was not on daylight saving time in 1946. Sunset was at 7:43 p.m. and civil twilight ended at 8:13 p.m. (source: *Gainesville Register*)

The moon set at 5:12 p.m. and did not rise again until 4:40 a.m. on 28 June. Phase of the moon on 27 June 1945: waning crescent with 3% of the moon's visible disk illuminated (source: aa.usno.navy.mil/cgi-bin/aa_pap.pl) It was a dark night.

At 2 p.m. Lt. Governor John Lee Smith (b. 16 May 1894 in Chico, Wise County, TX d. 26 Sep 1963 in Lubbock, TX) made a campaign speech on the east courthouse steps. As a result of this speech, it is likely that Gainesville had a number of out-of-town automobiles and people. This fact would have made egress and ingress into town unnoticed much easier for the perpetrators. By placing "Smith for Governor" placards on their automobiles outsiders could essentially "hide in plain sight."

At about 5 p.m., Reece Lance departed the shop to go home. He reported that Buddy was in good spirits and good health at that time.

The *Gainesville Register* reported that Buddy was seen by local police officers "laughing and talking to several friends" in front of his shop between 6:30 and 7 p.m. The Gainesville police had only one car. Before the shift change at 7 p.m. a day shift officer would pick up the two night shift officers at their homes. Night shift Officers Barnett and Goldston both lived east of the shop. Since the article referred to "officers", in the plural, the three officers were on their way back to the police station which was located 4/10 mile west and one block south from the shop. Therefore, the time was probably close to 7 p.m.

At the Vest home, Ruth prepared a dinner of roast beef and acorn squash and had it on the table sometime between 7 p.m. and sunset. (Ruth states that it was still light outside. Since sunset was at 7:43, the time that the table was set was probably about 7:30. To walk from his shop to his home would have taken Buddy about 25 minutes at quick step.) Since it was a hot meal, Ruth obviously expected her husband at about 7:30. She then lay down with her 22-month-old son to await Buddy's arrival, and fell asleep³⁹.

At about 0040⁴⁰, Ruth awoke to find that Buddy was not at home. Alarmed, she ran next door to the house belonging to her neighbor, Ms. Lawanna Howard. Ruth tapped on the bedroom window and asked Ms. Howard to drive them to the shop to check on Buddy. The two women took a left on California Street and preceded east to the shop. They noted that there was no motor or pedestrian traffic at that time of night.

³⁹ Ruth states that it was unusual in the extreme for her to take a nap. Further, she states that her infant son had a nasal condition that kept him from sleeping for long intervals. Normally, in order to sleep, the baby had to be held upright with his mouth open. When asked if Ruth could have been put to sleep by operatives, our consultant, an ex-KGB agent, stated that it was possible. When asked about the methodology of inducing sleep on a waking individual without their knowledge, he stated "Numerous ways. Not a problem."

⁴⁰ The newspaper account stated that Ruth awoke about midnight and made two trips to the shop. There was only one trip made to the shop. Ruth does not remember the time. Mrs. Howard stated that she and her husband had been at the VFW until about midnight. She looked at the clock when Ruth tapped on her widow. It showed 12:45 a.m. By estimating the

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As they approached the shop from the west, they saw a sailor, dressed in whites and a sailor's cap, standing under a tree on the south side of California Street. The sailor had no luggage. He was standing away from the curb, across the street from the shop, at about a 10-degree angle (east) from the front door. From his position, the sailor had a view of the front and east side of the shop building immediately across the street, and of the full length of California Street.

Ms. Howard angled the car into the curb on the opposite (north) side of the street in front of the shop, and the two women exited the vehicle. The shop was dark and the front door was padlocked from the outside. Ruth unlocked the padlock on the front door and they entered. They turned on the main light switch located near the front door. As they moved around the partition separating the front office from the shop area, they saw a light coming from the crack in the restroom door located at the northwest corner of the shop. Ruth tried the door and found that it was latched from the inside.

They exited the shop, approached the sailor on the south side of the street and asked for his assistance. The women and the sailor entered the shop. The sailor, Aviation Electronics Technicians Mate 1st Class James Louis Casey, pulled the restroom door out at the top and peered through the resulting crack. Without moving his head, the sailor turned his eyes toward Ruth. "From his expression, I knew that Buddy was dead," Ruth recalls. Ms. Howard noted that the sailor did nothing to enter the restroom, confirm that it was indeed a body that he had seen through the crack, check to see if Buddy might be alive or try to resuscitate Buddy. The sailor told the women to leave the shop, but he stayed inside.

Both Ruth and Ms. Howard are positive that no soldier was present at the scene while they were there. Both women state that the sailor had no luggage.

When the two women left the shop, they proceeded to the police station, a few blocks away (4/10 of a mile, estimated time 2 minutes). Ms. Howard informed the policeman on duty, whom she described as a fat man (probably Asst. Chief of Police and Night Chief Lewis Theobald), of the death. Officers John Barnett and Cecil Goldston immediately ran out of the police station to respond. Ms. Howard's estimate is that it would have taken less than 10 minutes from the time the women exited the shop until the responding officers arrived back at the shop.

Ms. Howard then took Ruth to the Seright home, located at 1206 N. Clements St. When they arrived, Ruth's brother-in-law, Herbert Aaron Seright, who had been asleep before she arrived, put on his pants and went to the cabinet shop. Much later – in the 1980s – he told his daughter that when he arrived at the shop, he removed a bra from Buddy's body, apparently before the justice of the peace arrived. My estimate is that Herbert would have arrived back at the shop about 30 minutes after the women originally left. Ms. Howard then proceeded back to her own home on Culberson Street. She reports that she did not notice any suspicious activities in the neighborhood that night after she returned home.

times for the events known to have occurred after the body was discovered until the Justice of the Peace arrived at 3 a.m., the best estimate is that the women entered the shop at about 12:50 a.m.

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Justice of the Peace L.V. Henry arrived at the scene at about 3 a.m. After examining the scene and interviewing available persons, L.V. Henry released the body to Dan Flint, the funeral home employee, who removed the body. Dan Flint remembers that the body was supple when taken down from the restroom wall. A supple body indicates that rigor mortis⁴¹ had not yet set in when the body was removed between 3:30 and 4 a.m. With an ambient temperature of 72 degrees as reported in the *Gainesville Register*, one would expect that Buddy died not too much earlier than 12:30 a.m. Coincidentally (?), Ruth awoke from her sleep about that time.

When the officers arrived, both the sailor, James Louis Casey⁴², and a person dressed as a soldier, Howard L. Pen(d?)ley were present on the scene. Both Ruth and Ms. Howard definitively state that the soldier was not present when they left for the police station.

The son of police officer John Barnett told HDVI investigator Dan Bierman that his now-deceased father mentioned the incident to him twice. He remembers that his father said that the soldier appeared very upset.

The probable order of appearance on the scene

Ruth Vest and her neighbor, Ms. Lawanna Howard (estimate: arrive at 1 a.m. plus or minus about 30 min)
Electronics Mate 1 st Class James Louis Casey
Ruth Vest and Ms. Lawanna Howard depart for police station
PFC Howard L. Pen(d?)ley (believed to be Howard Lawson Penley, then a civilian, from El Paso)
Officers John Barnett and Cecil Goldston
Asst. Chief of Police Lewis Theobald
Funeral home employee Dan Flint

⁴¹ At 72 degrees of ambient temperature, rigor mortis typically begins within 3 hours of death and the body continues to progressive states of stiffness until, typically, the maximum state of total stiffness is reached after about 8 hours. For the body to be described as “supple”, rigor either had not begun or was in the very early stages.

⁴² James Louis Casey (SSN 465-24-9927 NSN 360 63 90 b. 26 Apr 1926 in Portales, NM to George Egbert Casey and Nora Condra Casey, both of Texas d. 21 Oct 2000 in Rockport, TX)

Casey apparently lied to the police as to his destination because the newspaper article in the *Gainesville Register* stated that the sailor was in route to his duty station at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. In fact, Casey had signed out from his duty station at Ward Island, Corpus Christi NAS on leave at 9 am on the morning of 27 Jun 46. Casey listed his leave address as 10714 ½ Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA c/o G.E. Rees, Jr. To go to North Hollywood, CA from Corpus Christi, one first travels northwest to El Paso. In no event, does one go through Gainesville to arrive in California. One week later Casey checked into the dispensary at Saint Louis Naval Air Station with a fractured mandible (jaw).

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Ruth's brother-in-law Herbert Seright
Funeral home employee Vernie Keel
Lewis Theobald and Vernie Keel arrive at the home of Justice of the Peace L.V. Henry at 2:20 a.m.
Justice of the Peace Henry arrived at shop at 3 a.m.

Herbert Seright called Rex Gates, a friend of Ruth's father, Gus Blakely, sometime in the early morning. Mr. Gates then awoke the Blakely's and told them of the tragedy. Gus traveled to Gainesville with his brother-in-law, William Oren Kilcrease⁴³, from Henrietta and apparently spoke with Justice of the Peace Henry. Ruth returned to Henrietta with Gus arriving at about noon. She did not go back to Gainesville for many years. Apparently, Gus handled the sale of the shop equipment, home and home furnishings.

Crime Scene

The description of the crime scene has been taken primarily from the inquest record prepared by Justice of the Peace L.V. Henry, and from the statements of Reece Lance, the 13-year-old boy who worked at the shop, and Dan Flint, an employee of the Gainesville funeral home. Where there is a difference, I use the most likely description.⁴⁴ All underlying documents are on file.

Buddy was discovered in the small restroom in the northeast corner of the Vest Cabinet Shop. The restroom was barely wide enough to accommodate a commode. There was no wash basin or mirror. The door to the restroom was rather flimsy, with a screen door latch on the inside. To keep the door closed when the restroom was not in use, there was a block of wood which rotated on a nail from the shop side. There was a hanging light which was turned on and off by pulling on a string.

At about 2:20 a.m. funeral home owner, Vernie Keel and police night chief, Louis Theobald arrived at the home of Justice of the Peace Henry to report the death. Henry arrived at the crime scene at 3 a.m.

⁴³ William Oren Kilcrease (aka Oren SSN 457-09-5702 b. 20 Sep 1900 in Collinsville, Cooke County, TX, d. 22 Dec 1965 in Henrietta, Clay County, TX)

⁴⁴ See Appendix VII: Crime Scene Analysis: Reconciliation of the Inquest Record to Witness Accounts and Appendix II: Witness Statements

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Buddy was suspended from a thin leather belt, ostensibly removed from one of the woodworking machines in the building. The belt was supported by three nails hammered in the wall and bent back over the belt. Between the nails and the body, the leather belt had been pinched together and taped.

There was a small rope tied around his waist, with the left arm pinioned to his side at about the wrist. A small rope was tied around his legs at and just above the ankles, fastened to the wall by a small "eye" screw. A block of wood approximately 4 inches square and about 10 inches long was lying on the floor, about 8 inches from the feet. An open knife was lying near a drain in the floor.

The body was clad in socks and ladies panties and a woman's Lastex girdle⁴⁵. A "GI" towel was placed in the loop around the belt⁴⁶. Two holes had been drilled from the shop side of the restroom wall about hand level on each side of the body. There was sawdust on the shop side floor from where the holes had been drilled.

On the left side, one end of a rope was knotted, threaded through one of the holes on the shop side and then rethreaded through the other hole from the restroom side to form a loop large enough to restrain the left hand. The other end of the rope was then knotted. The right side also had two holes for the hand restraint rope; but, only one end of the rope was knotted and threaded through the wall, with the other end left to dangle on the inside of the restroom.

Strangely, Clarence Leonard, the owner of the *Gainesville Register* and of the row of shop buildings was apparently not present during the entire goings on. This seems very odd, since Clarence lived in the house immediately to the east of the cabinet shop. The apparent deduction is that either Clarence Leonard was not home, or, that he slept very soundly⁴⁷.

⁴⁵ In an interrogation by torture, a girdle serves many purposes: 1. It restricts the movement of the diaphragm making it impossible for the victim to fill his lungs with air. This requires the victim to breathe by a series of short gasps causing feelings of extreme discomfort and alarm. 2. It restricts the flow of blood into the outer tissue of the torso. This allows the handlers to deliver blows to the victim's torso without causing bruising. 3. It keeps the victim ambulatory and easier to move about. For example, a blow to the victim's kidney can result in excruciating pain, leaving the victim doubled up and difficult to manage. A girdle helps to prevent lost time while the victim is recovering. 4. Wearing a woman's girdle and panties would be humiliating to a male in 1946. Humiliation causes feeling of helplessness, self deprecation, and dependency on the interrogator. Using women's undergarments to humiliate the subject is a well known psychological device used by interrogators.

⁴⁶ The towel served to allow the interrogator to apply pressure at will to Buddy's throat. Buddy would have been required to stand on his tiptoes, a high stress position and well known interrogation device, to avoid strangulation. When he gradually weakened, pressure would have been applied to his neck until Buddy's airway was gradually pinched off and Buddy would lapse into unconsciousness. By pulling down and out on the ends of the towel, the interrogator would revive Buddy and allow the process of questioning to continue. According to Major Kermit G. Stewart, "Partially carrying out the threat of hanging but stoppage of the experiment shortly before death occurs" is an interrogation by torture device used frequently by interrogators.

⁴⁷ Clarence's residence would have made an excellent command post from which the operation leader could safely observe activities at the shop and, conduct a quick debriefing following Buddy's death. Clarence's nephew was a cryptographic intercept officer in the ETO during the war and held an extremely high security clearance.

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James Louis Casey: The Sailor

Shortly after graduating from high school in Rockport, Aransas, TX, James Louis Casey enlisted in the Navy on 1 Jun 43 in Houston, TX. He reached the Hawaiian Islands in November. According to his personnel file, most of his PTO time was spend in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, ostensibly working in the field of radio and radar repair in Carrier Service Unit 18 and in Patrol Service Unit 2-6.

Radar was very secret in WW II and required highly trained personnel to maintain the highly complex electronic equipment. Typically, the Navy sent electronics trainees through a Pre-Primary School, then to three-month Primary School (EE & RM) usually given by civilian educational institutions. This basic electronics training was then followed by about five months training at a top-secret naval instillation, such as Ward Island. It is clear from Casey's file that no such training took place. This brings into question Casey's actual role in the Navy. Was he actually an electronics technician? Or, is Casey's personnel file a carefully constructed legend?

On 23 Jun 1945, Casey was granted a 30-day rehabilitation leave and was ordered to report to the Dallas Naval Air Station. He took another leave on Wednesday, 26 Dec 45, the day that it is believed that Penley's train was in Dallas en route from Camp Kilmer, NJ to Fort Bliss, TX. He returns from leave on Thursday, 3 Jan 1946. Casey was transferred from Dallas NAS to St. Louis NAS on 13 Feb 1946.

On 18 Apr 1946, Casey was transferred to Ward Island as an instructor⁴⁸ from St. Louis NAS. This is the same date that Gilbert Enoch Rees, Jr. was transferred to Ward Island as an instructor from Chicago Naval Training Station. According to an individual stationed at Ward Island at the time, there were no trainees being shipped in to Ward Island after Dec 1945.

⁴⁸ According to an expert on Ward Island in 1946 whom we consulted (name on file), "there is a question as to how Casey obtained his rating of Aviation Electronics Technician Mate" and "how he could have been assigned as an instructor at NATTC Ward Island without going through this school or the two preparatory schools?"

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Casey took leave from his job as a radar instructor (?) at Ward Island, Corpus Christi, TX at 9 a.m. on Thursday morning, 27 June 1946. He listed as his leave contact address as 10714 ½ Victory Blvd⁴⁹, North Hollywood, CA c/o G.E. Rees, Jr. The property was owned by Lewis Murphy. It consisted of the main house occupied by Murphy, a widower, and a separate house occupied by Gilbert Enoch Rees, Sr.⁵⁰ and Hazel Marion Holly Rees⁵¹, the father and mother of Gilbert Enoch Rees, Jr.⁵²

There is no record in Gilbert Enoch Rees, Jr.'s personnel file or in the Report of Changes of Rees being away from Ward Island. Why then did Casey tell naval authorities that he was going to visit Rees if Rees was on duty at Ward Island? How could Casey get by with this deception on a top secret installation? Or, is it possible that Rees' file, for one reason or the other, does not show his true whereabouts?

It should be noted that Gainesville is not in the route from Corpus Christi to North Hollywood. This gives rise to the question: What was Casey doing in Gainesville on the night of Dad's death? And, why did Casey lie to the police as to his ultimate destination? (He was going to St. Louis NAS, not back to Corpus Christi NAS.)

Casey was granted 15 days leave "plus 6 days travel time". The military services do not grant travel time for leave unless it involves a transfer of duty stations. The 6 days of travel time granted to Casey is presumed to be time granted to perform some unknown official U.S. government business sometime during the period from 27 June, the date he left Ward Island on leave, to 18 July 1946, when he returned to duty at his post at Ward Island.

Next, Casey was spotted by Ruth and Ms Lawanna Howard across the street from Buddy's cabinet shop in Gainesville, TX at about 1 a.m. the following morning. If he had just arrived, Casey traveled the 472 miles from Corpus Christi to Gainesville in about 16 hours. The newspaper article in the *Gainesville Register* reported that Casey was "hitch-hiking"⁵³ to his duty station at the Corpus Christi Naval Air station.

⁴⁹ In 1946 the house was owned by Lewis Clifford Murphy (deceased in 1954) from 1935 through 1954. It consisted of the main house facing Victory Blvd and a smaller house, 10714 1/2 Victory Blvd, having one bedroom, living room, kitchen, and cellar facing Cartwright Ave.

⁵⁰ Gilbert Enoch Rees, Sr. (SSN 526-10-8997 b. 17 Feb 1901 in CA d. Mar 1971 in Prescott, Yavapai, AZ) worked for Sturdivant Auto Parts in Van Nuys, CA as the foreman of the machine shop. The Rees' rented the smaller house on the property from about Jan 1945 until about the spring of 1947. While in California, the Rees' rented out their home at 128 Virginia Avenue, Prescott, AZ. Prior to going to California, Mr. Rees, Sr. appears to have worked as an automobile mechanic for Arizona Mining Surplus Co. in Prescott from about 1937.

⁵¹ Hazel Marion Holly Rees (SSN 572-34-6365 b. 5 Mar 1903 in Missouri d. 19 May 1990 in Prescott, Yavapai, AZ)

⁵² Gilbert Enoch Rees, Jr. (NSN 555 62 77 SSN 527-18-4690 b. 24 Jul 1924 in Prescott, Yavapai, AZ d. 2 Jul 1953 in a one car auto accident 20 miles north of Nogales, Santa Cruz, AZ). Rees was an aviation electronic technician working for Hughes Aircraft in Tucson on the date of his death. Coincidentally (?), Master Sergeant Wilburn Abe Smith (supra) was stationed with the 803rd Air Police Sq. at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson at the time of Rees' death. Traveling with Rees as a passenger was James Callahan Shepherd (ASN 6584718 b. 17 Mar 1922 in Fresno, CA d. 2 Jul 1953 north of Nogales, AZ). (Supra) Shepherd's sister, Veneta, was married to Air Force Lt. Colonel Arthur M. Neal of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

⁵³ Hitch-hiking was officially prohibited by Naval Regulations.

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On 4 Jul 1946, Casey was admitted to the St. Louis Naval Air Station dispensary with the diagnosis: fracture, simple, mandible (Jaw). Casey was released from the dispensary on 9 July. Casey returned to Ward Island from leave at 8:52 a.m. on 18 July on orders personally signed by James H. Hill, Lt. Commander, USNR (a non-medical field grade officer). There is no evidence that Casey ever went to California.

On 3 Nov 1946, Casey was involved in a motorcycle incident. State Highway Patrolman Jimmie Huntsman reported Casey drove head-on into an automobile owned and operated by C.O. Morrison of Portland, TX⁵⁴. The accident happened on Highway 181 between Corpus Christi and Portland at 11 p.m. He was admitted to the US Naval Hospital with a fractured right leg.⁵⁵

Following his honorable discharge from the Navy⁵⁶ on 18 Aug 1947, Casey went to work as civilian radar repair technician at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. He married Edith Mary Jones⁵⁷ on 21 Jun 1948. During their 52-year marriage, James Casey never mentioned the Vest "suicide" incident in Gainesville to his wife.

On 15 Jan 1950, Casey entered Texas A & M, where he studied math, electrical engineering and German. He did not receive credit for any advanced electrical engineering courses as might be expected if he had indeed received extensive electronics training required by the Navy to attain the grade of Aviation Electronics Technicians Mate 1st Class. He graduated on 20 May 1952 with a degree in mathematics⁵⁸.

In June 1952, following graduation in May, Casey went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), where he reportedly was assigned to Wiesbaden, Germany in 1953 – where he wore the uniform of an Air Force officer as cover. He may have been involved in wire-tapping the Russian military telephone communication lines from a tunnel spanning from the west to East Germany. The tunnel was located near a radar station in the American sector.

⁵⁴ It is unknown if Casey had been drinking, was trying to commit suicide, or was just grossly negligent.

⁵⁵ (*Corpus Christi Caller* 4 Nov 46)

⁵⁶ During his time with the Navy, Casey maintained the highest conduct rating.

⁵⁷ Edith Mary Jones (b. 21 Jun 1923 in Harris County, TX). After their marriage James and Edith Casey resided at 1207 Seventh Street in Corpus Christi, TX.

⁵⁸ It is possible that Casey entered Texas A & M with the intention of obtaining employment with the CIA after graduation. He applied for and was accepted into Texas A & M graduate program in mathematics. However there is no evidence that he completed any course work toward an advanced degree. He was also accepted into Georgetown University's graduate program in mathematics in Sep 1952. There is no evidence that he completed any course work at Georgetown.

Casey's interest in pursuing advanced studies in mathematics may be indicative of an interest in cryptology. It is known that the VENONA code used by the Soviets was being intercepted by Army intelligence during this period and work was under way to decode it.

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Subsequently, Casey was also reportedly involved in U-2 spy plane operations aimed at aerial surveillance of Russian military installations in the mid- to late '50 s. Later, he was reportedly involved in the Bay of Pigs operation in the early 1960s. He reportedly was with the U.S. Embassy in London in 1972. According to neighbors, Casey was part of the team sent in advance of presidential foreign travel during the period immediately before his retirement from the CIA in about August 1975.

Gilbert Enoch Rees, Jr.

Rees joined the Navy in Phoenix, AZ on 18 Aug 42 after graduating from high school in Prescott, AZ. After training in radio, radar, and aviation electronics, Rees was assigned as a radio/radar man in a torpedo plane aboard the aircraft carrier *U.S.S. Princeton*. After the carrier was sunk on 24 Oct 1944, Rees was given stateside leave. He married Dorothy Reid Wagner⁵⁹ of Houston on 18 Dec 44. Rees returned to the PTO and was serving aboard the *U.S.S. Independence*, when the war ended.

Both Casey and Rees served in the South Pacific as radar technicians. They were both assigned to CASU-18 for one month training in September 1943 before going their separate ways. It is possible that they met during that assignment.

After the war⁶⁰, Rees was transferred to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Chicago on 30 Jan 46. Buddy would have been in Chicago visiting his parents after his discharge from Camp

⁵⁹ Dorothy Reid Wagner (454-34-1860 b. 4 May 1927 in Terrero, NM d. 31 May 2001 in Prescott Valley, Yavapai, AZ 86314) was adopted--birth name was Gibson. She remarried and was named Dorothy Ponder when she died.

⁶⁰ When Gilbert Rees returned from the war, he was assigned to the Long Beach Naval Training Station. On 15 Oct 1945, Rees took reenlistment leave for sixty days. At that time his wife and child were living with his parents at 10714 ½ Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA.

On 1 Nov 1945, John Warren Welch (SSN 418-09-3348 b. 12 Jul 1879 in Hillsboro, Hill County, TX d. 1 Nov 1945 in Long Beach, CA) the great-uncle of James Walter McCord (b. 26 Jan 1924 in Waurika, Jefferson County, OK), the infamous Watergate burglar and lifelong FBI/CIA operative, was struck and killed in a hit-and-run incident at the corner of Junipero Ave and the Pacific Coast Hwy. The vehicle was described as an "Army" jeep (given the location of the incident, the jeep may have very well have belonged to the Navy). Mr. Welch had worked for the Long Beach Naval Training Station in transportation section of the Air Wing. He had moved to Van Nuys, CA in 1939 and lived at 1490 Junipero Ave, Long Beach, CA since 1942.

The accident occurred just a couple of blocks from the victim's home, which was only three miles from the Long Beach NTS. While a hit-and-run automobile accident is a felony, no record has been found as to the final disposition of the case. John Warren Welch's body was interred at Rose Hill Memorial Park in President Richard Nixon's home town of Whittier, CA. Also buried there is President Nixon's brother, Francis Donald Nixon (SSN 566-26-1618 b. 23 Nov 1914 d. 27 Jun 1987 in Newport Beach, Orange County, CA).

Coincidentally, the republican nomination committee for Voorhis' (D) seat in the U.S. House of Representatives met in Pasadena the next day and ultimately nominated Lt. Commander Richard Milhous Nixon. Mr. Nixon had flown in from New York and quite possibly stayed at the Bachelor Officers Quarters at Long Beach Naval Training Station the night before his speech to the nominating committee—though there is no evidence that this occurred.

It has been speculated by Anthony Summers and other authors that Alan Dulles had arranged Nixon's nomination in exchange for Nixon remaining silent about certain documents received from Germany that were incriminating to Dulles' clients.

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Grant, IL on 29 Jan. Since both Rees and Buddy were in Chicago at the same time, it is possible that they met each other, or, even that Rees could have been a drop agent for documents, etc, Buddy may have been carrying from Antwerp.

Rees took 10 days leave during Feb 46. His leave destination was unknown.

On 18 Apr 1946, Rees was transferred from Great Lakes Naval Training Center to Ward Island as an instructor in airborne electronics maintenance. This is the same day that Casey was transferred from St. Louis NAS to Ward Island.

There is nothing in Rees' personnel file to indicate that he was absent from Ward Island during the period 27 Jun to 18 Jul 1946, Casey's leave time.

Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Gilbert Enoch Rees, Jr. was discharged from the Navy on 19 Aug 49. On 26 Jun 1952, Harold O. Seigel, Asst. Manager of Newmont Exploration wrote a letter to Canadian Immigration certifying that Rees was a qualified geophysical engineer and a member of a geophysical exploration survey party in Jerome, AZ. The purpose was assisting a geophysical survey on the property of Pacific Nickel Company Limited, near Yale, B.C.

Rees died instantly in a single automobile accident 20½ miles north of Nogales, Santa Cruz, AZ on Hwy 89, a four lane highway, at 0330 in the morning of Thursday, 2 Jul 1953. At the time he was working as an electronics technician for the Nike rocket at Hughes Aircraft in Tucson. His traveling companion and owned of the vehicle was James Callahan Shepherd⁶¹. Shepherd was also an employee of Hughes Aircraft and lived in Tucson.

At the moment of Rees' untimely death, Buddy's ex-first sergeant Wilburn Smith was stationed at Davis-Monthan air force base in Tucson.

⁶¹ James Callahan Shepherd (ASN 6584718 b. 17 Mar 1922 in Fresno, CA to James Irwin (Pete) Shepherd (548-10-9933 b. 2 Mar 1891, d. Oct 1968) and Verdie (Nonie) Shepherd (573-44-3180 b. 7 Mar 1898 d. 11 Sep 1981) d. 2 Jul 1953 near Nogales, AZ) Shepherd moved with his family to Visalia, CA in 1938. He entered the Army at LAFS Lemoore, CA on 8 Oct 1942. He was in the National Guard first and at some point enlisted in the regular Army. He was first discharged on 26 Sep 1943 at Mitchel Field, NY (Anti-submarine base) after his hospitalization following the crash of a bomber on which he was a crew member on Long Island. He was in the Air Corps as a radio technician during WW II and also spent considerable time working for the government in the early days of the development of the A-bomb.

Shepherd married Jane Judith Nissen on 4 Apr 1944. Jane Judith Nissen was born Tilda Lee Harris (SSN 546-34-7727 b. 17 Jan 1925 in Love County, OK to Luther Harris (b. abt. 1901) and Netha Clark (b. 1906 d. 18 Oct 1965) d. 19 Sep 1982 in Sonoma, CA). Tilda ran away from home and eventually ended up in foster care that brought her to CA. She changed her name to Jane Judith Nissen before her marriage to Shepherd. Jane had two sisters, Maggie and Lois Marie Harris (b. abt. 1926). Jane Judith Shepherd married several times before her death. The CA death index identifies her as Jane Judith Crowshaw. Shepherd and his wife had two children: James Irwin Shepherd (b. 29 Sep 1945 in Tulare County, CA) and Kathleen Janet Shepherd (25 Sep 1949 in Tulare County, CA)

In 1951, a small plane Shepherd was piloting crashed while taking off from Piepgrass Airport north of Visalia, CA. Shepherd was separated from his wife at the time of his death. He had two children, Jimmie and Kathy of Visalia, CA. He was also survived by his sister Veneta Shepherd (SSN 571-26-3950 b. 7 Sep 1924 in Fresno County, CA d. 30 Apr 2000 in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, CA) wife of Arthur M. Neal (SSN 176-12-1213 b. 18 Jul 1921 in Newcastle, PA d. 12 Feb 2001 in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, CA) of Tucson, an Air Force Lt. Colonel at Davis-Monthan air force base in Tucson. Other survivors include his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Monte J. Shepherd of Visalia, CA.

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The Soldier: Howard Lawson Penley and the El Paso Connection

EL PASO, TX is located on the border of Mexico and New Mexico. Fort Bliss, White Sands Proving Grounds (rocket research), and Los Alamos (atomic bomb development) are located not too far from the city. The population of El Paso includes a great number of Mexican Americans and German Americans. Before and during WW II El Paso was a hotbed of German, Japanese, and Soviet spies.

El Paso's sister city, just across the border is Ciudad Juarez, State of Chihuahua, Mexico. Juarez has the distinction of being the first city upon which the United States launched a rocket attack. It's true! In about May of 1946, the United States launched a captured V-2 rocket that went off course and landed near Juarez. Thankfully no one was hurt. But, it must have left the State Department with explaining the unexplainable: How could German scientists, using German equipment, and firing a German V-2, screw up so bad when they had just successfully launched over a thousand V-2's armed with a warhead of one metric ton of conventional explosives at the allies?

Some 370 miles south is Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico, home of revolutionary and border bandit, Pancho Villa (b. 5 Jun 1878 San Juan Del Rio, Durango, Mexico d. 20 Jul 1923 in Parral by ambush). Various mines, including those owned by Henry (Harry) Dudley, were located between Ciudad Chihuahua and Parral in the State of Chihuahua.

The Mexicans have a saying that "Mexico is too far from God and too close to the United States." A cursory study of the relationship between the two countries gives one an idea of why they might feel that way.

During the 20th century, the German foreign office was quick to recognize that Mexican resentment toward the U.S. could possibly be exploited for the benefit of the German nation. Before WW I, the U.S. had 80% of its army posted on the border because of paranoia against Mexican border raids. The *Zimmerman Telegram*, encouraging Mexico to go to war with the U.S., intercepted in Jan 1917 was seen as the last straw and resentment against Germany reached a fever pitch.

To the west of Chihuahua, lies the State of Sonora, home of Nogales, Mexico and American mining interest that stretch just south of the border between Nogales and Douglas, AZ. Nogales, as noted elsewhere, was the seat of spies, instigators, and saboteurs during WW I.

If one takes the view that the period between WW I and WW II was just an intermission allowing the belligerents to catch their breath, one quickly grasps the situation in the States of Sonora and Chihuahua coming into the 1940's. Fascism, as practiced in Germany, Italy, and Spain was readily transportable to Mexico.

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In 1930, **HOWARD LAWSON PENLEY**⁶² was living with his maternal grandparents, Anton Howard Faller⁶³ and Mary Evelyn Walton Faller⁶⁴, at 1806 Trowbridge in El Paso. He attended Alta Vista Public Schools in El Paso. After graduating from Austin High School in El Paso in May 1941, Howard enrolled in the Texas College of Mines in El Paso as a student in engineering.

According to witnesses, Howard Penley was dating Virginia Ruth Smith⁶⁵ in high school and resumed the relationship immediately after leaving the Army on 31 Dec 1945. In high school, Howard used to build radio-controlled model airplanes with a friend. Howard was described by classmates in high school and college as being intelligent, very quiet, and studious. One witness stated that she had “never seen anyone in my life who was more of an introvert” than Howard.

From May 1940 to Sep 1942, Howard worked with his grandfather, Anton Howard Faller, at A.B. Poe Motor Company⁶⁶ while attending Texas College of Mines in El Paso. His duties included: clerk, runner, PBX operator, and secretary to the credit manager. According to a witness, Howard drove Chrysler products all of his life.

Howard enlisted in the Army at Fort Bliss, El Paso on 25 Nov 1942 and went on active duty 11 May 1943. According to a family member, Howard was assigned to Camp Maxey near Paris, TX. Afterward, he was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Then, because of his high test scores, Howard was selected for the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at Oklahoma University in Norman.

When the ASTP was shut down in Feb 1944, Penley was sent overseas on 27 Mar 1944. He arrived in Great Britain on 7 Apr 1944 and soon thereafter joined up with the 147th Engineering Combat Battalion.

The 147th Engineering Combat Battalion participated in the D-day invasion of 6 Jun 1944 on “Bloody” Omaha Beach in Normandy France. Omaha Beach was the most heavily defended segment of the entire Normandy Coast and alone accounted for 2,400 American casualties. In 1984, Howard was honored by the president of France with the French Medal of Freedom at a ceremony in Normandy for his participation in the D-day landings.

Following D-day, Howard was assigned to the battalion intelligence section S-2. Among other things, he reportedly participated in the interrogation of members of the French resistance and German POWs. Penley was assigned to the Channel Base Section (later Chanor Base Section) in the summer of 1945 and was further attached to the 1195th Engineering Base Depot Company,

⁶² Howard Lawson Penley (SSN 455-20-2081 ASN 18090400 b. 31 May 1923 in El Paso, TX d. 31 May 2004 in El Paso)

⁶³ Anton Howard Faller (b. Sep 1869 in Carbon Hill, Hocking County, OH d. 13 May 1952 in El Paso, TX)

⁶⁴ Mary Evelyn Walton Faller (b. Jan 1979 in WV d. 16 Nov 1957 in El Paso, TX)

⁶⁵ Virginia Ruth Smith (SSN 453-32-7340 b. 14 Oct 1924 in Robards, Henderson County, KY d. 6 Jan 1974 (a Watergate year) in El Paso, TX of an “apparent suicide.” The death scene contains evidence that could be interpreted as counter indicative of suicide)

⁶⁶ During the late 20s into the 30s, there were rumors of individuals associated with the dealership, long since dead, engaging in criminal activity such as receiving stolen vehicles on one side of the border and selling them on the other, alcohol and drug smuggling, gun running, etc. There is no indication that the criminal activity continued while Howard worked there.

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a unit very similar to the 711th Engineering Base Depot Company, Dad's unit.

On 30 Oct 1945 T/5 Penley was given temporary duty enroute to the U.S. Recreational Area for purpose of a 7-day furlough upon arrival thereat. It appears that T/5 Penley was being sent to do (or deliver) something and upon completing that task, he then was going to the Riviera for his furlough.

On 21 Nov 1945, T5 Penley was transferred to the 354th Infantry Regiment at Camp Lucky Strike, a staging area for troops prior to their return to CONUS. On 14 Dec 1945, T5 Penley sailed from Southampton for the U.S aboard the battleship USS Washington. The unit arrived at the Port of New York on 24 Dec 1945.

It should be noted that Norman Holmes Pearson, the head of OSS X-2 (counterintelligence), departed Southampton the day before T5 Penley aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and arrived in New York harbor on the same day as T5 Penley. Norman Holmes Pearson was James Jesus Angleton's boss while the latter was in London. Before the war, Professor Pearson had taught Angleton poetry at Yale University. Pearson and Hugh Angleton, then a major in the OSS, were instrumental in recruiting James into the OSS in 1943.

T5 Penley took a train from Camp Kilmer, NJ to Fort Bliss near El Paso. There is a high probability that T5 Penley's train arrived in Dallas on 26 Dec 45. Electronics Mate Casey was stationed at the Dallas Naval Air Station at the time. Casey took leave on the 26th of December 1945, the day after Christmas and was therefore available to receive a drop from Penley, if indeed, such a drop was made.

The day after Christmas is a strange day for a sailor to take leave. The war was won; the returning sailors and soldiers were heroes, at least to their families. Casey, then, missed the typical reception—back slapping, hugging, center-of-attention, adoration of home town girls, etc—from his family. He also missed the traditional Christmas dinner. Since he had served overseas and was of high enlisted rank, it seems odd if Casey did not have priority on his choice of leave.

Howard was discharged from the Army on 31 Dec 1945 and immediately reentered Texas College of Mines, majoring in engineering. A witness told our investigator that she saw Howard enter a green automobile in front of the Chemistry building shortly after his return to campus.

HOWARD PENLEY'S MOTHER, INEZ JEANETTE FALLER⁶⁷ came to El Paso in about 1917 with her father Anton Howard Faller and mother Mary Evelyn Walton Faller. Anton went to work for A.B. Poe Motor Company, a Chrysler product distributor, as a bookkeeper in 1927 in El Paso and work there until his death in 1952.

In 1928, Jeanette went to work for the sales office for The Denver Fire Clay Company⁶⁸ in El

⁶⁷ Inez Jeanette Faller (SSN 453-05-2523 b. 26 Oct 1900 in Fulton, Bourbon County, Kansas d. 23 Jun 1973 in El Paso, TX)

⁶⁸ The Denver Fire Clay Company was a Texas Corporation whose charter was filed by the law firm of Pershing, Nye, Tallmadge & Bosworth, Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado 24 Apr 1928. Its first year directors were Harold O. Bosworth, subscribed to 198 shares of 200 total shares, P.O. Box 1107, Denver, Colorado, LeRoy G. Hetrick, subscribed to 1 share, Mills Building, El Paso, TX and Elsie S. Hetrick, subscribed to 1 share, Mills Building, El Paso, TX. The

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Paso in 1928 as a stenographer and worked there all of her career. In 1946, the sales office, managed by LeRoy Gilleland Hetrick⁶⁹, was located on the third floor of the Mills Building in El Paso. Below is a synopsis of the company taken from a promotional document written for *The City of Denver* (emphasis added):

The Denver Fire Brick Manufacturing Co was organized in 1878 with a yearly capacity of 6,000,000 fire brick besides flue and furnace linings, tiling, fire proofing tiles, coke oven material, dry-milled and ground clays, silica, etc, the leading establishment of the kind in the Western country (sic). The company owns a large body of fire-clay lands at Edgemont, Jefferson County. Denver Fire Clay Company numbers among its regular patrons the Omaha & Grant, and Globe smelters here, three parties in Leadville, two of them smelters, gas & electric light companies, mining companies in Mexico, the iron works at Pueblo, and the zinc works here, besides many of the railroads that center here. The bricks made by the company are known as the "Apex", a nine-inch fire-brick for intense heats; the "Acme", a nine-inch fire brick for intense heats; the "Bastie", nine-inch also for copper furnaces.

Two flights up on the 5th floor of the Mills Building was Henry "Harry" Chittenden Dudley, a mining engineer from Duluth, Minnesota with mines located near Parral and Ciudad Chihuahua in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. Our investigations have uncovered documents indicating that companies associated with Dudley did business with Denver Fire Clay Company.

Dudley's niece, Cicely d'Autremont Angleton was the wife of James Jesus Angleton, the dominate figure in OSS/SSU/CIG/CIA counterintelligence from 1943 through Watergate and was a witness in the Church Committee hearings following Watergate. As stated elsewhere Angleton was stationed at Camp Custer, Michigan at the same time Dad was there in 1943.

In 1963, James Jesus Angleton was to set up a Soviet defector, Anatoliy Mikhaylovich Golitsyn, with Dudley's son, Cicely's cousin, James Chittenden Dudley⁷⁰, a financial advisor with the firm of Cyrus J. Lawrence Stockbrokers at 11 Broadway, New York City.

James Jesus Angleton's brother, Hugh Rolla Angleton⁷¹, married Ludmilla Waskowski (430-29-2468 b. 12 Nov 1924 in Cook County, IL d. 5 Nov 1989 in North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas), daughter of Russian émigrés. According to a reliable source, Angleton was fingered as a CIA mole in an eight-year internal agency study concluded in 1974.

company filed Articles of Dissolution on 18 May 1959. The articles lists R.C. Shepard, L.H. Lentz, and Samuel S. Sherman, Jr. as corporate officers, all located in Denver, Colorado.

⁶⁹ LeRoy Gilleland Hetrick (b. 30 Nov 1893 in Lincoln, Nebraska d. 23 Oct 1953 in El Paso) was also listed as a reference on Howard Penley's 1949 employment application with El Paso Electric. Hetrick was a 2nd Lt. in the Field Artillery during World War I. Wife: Elsie Luella Stratman (b. 1896 in Denver, CO d. 10 Jan 1947 in El Paso).

⁷⁰ James Chittenden Dudley (SSN 720-14-4871 b. 11 May 1921 in Duluth, Minnesota d. 16 Sep 1998 in Danbury, Fairfield, Connecticut)

⁷¹ Hugh Rolla Angleton (SSN 050-22-1385 b. 10 Jun 1920 in Boise, Ada County, Idaho d. 19 Jun 1995 in Boise, Ada County, Idaho) was educated a Harrow in England and graduated from Yale in 1942 with a degree in English literature.

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It is known that JJ Angleton had a close professional and personal relationship with Kim Philby, a British spymaster and member of the infamous “Cambridge Spy Ring”. Philby’s defection to Russia was, of course, a great embarrassment to the British SIS and to JJ Angleton.

If, as some believe, James Jesus Angleton was a soviet spy, it would have had severe consequences for the United States. As head of agency counterintelligence, Angleton had access to all moles, spies, etc aimed at the Soviet Union. Indeed, it is hard to imagine any secret that he would not have had access to. It is not known when his shift in alliances occurred, if indeed it did occur; nor, can I even venture a guess as to how it might have played into Dad’s death⁷².

A reliable source has told one of our investigators in an unconfirmed verbal communication that JJ Angleton had overall responsibility for Belgium after the war. It is known that he had responsibility for Italy and probably, by extension, for the Balkans, including Yugoslavia. In any event, it appears that JJ Angleton may have played a (significant?) role in the torture and murder of Buddy.

HOWARD PENLEY’S FATHER, PERCY ALSTON PENLEY⁷³ was from Canton, OH. Howard’s paternal grandfather John Lawson Penley⁷⁴ served as a patrolmen for the Canton police force. Percy enlisted in the Army at Columbus Barracks, Ohio on 25 Sep 1917. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Alberta near Marfa, Presidio County, TX on 13 Sep 1919.

Howard’s parents were divorced in 1931. Percy then moved to Los Angeles, CA. In May 1942, Percy went to work at Menasco Manufacturing Company as a dispatcher at the Burbank Airport. The Burbank Airport is across the street from 10714 ½ Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA, the address to which James Casey signed out on the morning of Dad’s death, 27 Jun 1946.

In May 1945, Percy left his job at Menasco to become a commercial fisherman. Nothing in his background seems to qualify him for commercial fishing. It is unknown where Percy got the money to finance his commercial fishing business. His licenses included California and New Mexico. He remained self employed as a commercial fisherman until Oct 1950.

In May 1946, Percy moved to 14 E. Verdugo Ave; Burbank, CA. This address is 3.5 miles from the Gilbert Enoch Rees, Sr. address at 10714 ½ Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA.

⁷² Whither or not James Jesus Angleton was a double agent working for the KGB or other intelligence agency outside the U.S. is debatable. What is not debatable is the fact that he held the constitution and laws of the U.S. in utter contempt. His testimony before the Church Committee in 1975 reveals his true character. He stated “It is inconceivable that a secret intelligence arm of the government has to comply with all the overt orders of the government.”

In this respect, at least, Angleton’s political philosophy conformed to that of the perpetrators of Dad’s torture and murder. In both instances, the intelligence professionals involved showed no hesitancy in breaking their oath to preserve and protect the constitution. Any act, criminal or not, is justified, if, it can be tied, even remotely to a “national security” objective. All intelligence professionals should consider: without the rule of law where will they hide when some other needs for them to be tortured and killed in the interest of “national security.”

⁷³ Percy Alston Penley, Sr. (SSN 548-05-7584 b. 6 Oct 1899 in Canton, Stark County, OH d. 9 Feb 1974 in Los Angeles, CA)

⁷⁴ John Lawson Penley (b. 22 Jun 1866 in Indiana d. 18 Feb 1950 in Canton, Stark County, OH)

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Casey signed out on leave from Ward Island to c/o G.E. Rees, Jr. on 27 Jun 1946. However, G.E. Rees, Jr.'s Navy documents do not reflect any authorized or unauthorized absence from his base at Ward Island. Accordingly, it is unknown why Casey would use a c/o address when his friend was officially there on Ward Island when Casey signed out.

From Oct 1950 through Apr 1957, Percy worked for Pacific Mercury TV Company in Sepulveda, CA as a carpenter machinist. For this job, he received a security clearance from the Department of Defense.

HOWARD PENLEY'S BROTHER, PERCY ALSTON PENLEY⁷⁵, JR. married Betty Blanche Garner⁷⁶ on 23 Jun 1944 in Houston County, Alabama. Ms. Garner was the daughter of Jolly Garner⁷⁷, a border guard stationed in El Paso, a victim of suicide in 1934. Ms. Garner was the niece of Jolly Garner's brother, John Nance Garner⁷⁸ of Uvalde, TX, Vice-President of the United States under FDR from 1933 through 1941 and previous Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

On the night of 14 Apr 1934, Alvin Clyde Ash⁷⁹, a Rough Rider veteran under Colonel Theodore Roosevelt⁸⁰ of the Spanish-American War and El Paso Police Officer, was at the home of Jolly Garner. Also at Garner's home was a fellow border guard, Clarence Rotan Rogers⁸¹. Ash told reporters that he and Rogers had come to Garner's home to cheer him up. Ash said that Garner had been feeling low because he not as successful as his brother, Vice President John Nance Garner.

Ash said that he asked Garner if he was going to work that night. Garner replied "I don't think so" as he left the room. A few moments later Ash and Rogers heard a shot. When they responded they found Garner dead on the floor shot through the head. The death was ruled a suicide; however, one cannot help but wonder if sibling rivalry was sufficient motive to kill oneself and

⁷⁵ Percy Alston Penley (b. 15 Dec 1924 in El Paso, TX, still living)

⁷⁶ Bettie Blanche Garner (8 Jul 1925 in Red River County, TX, still living)

⁷⁷ Jolly Garner (26 Dec 1885 in Detroit, Red River County, TX d. 14 Apr 1934 in El Paso County, TX)

⁷⁸ John Nance Garner (SSN 465-26-0355 b. 22 Nov 1868 in Detroit, Red River County, TX d. 7 Nov 1967 in Uvalde, Uvalde County, TX) All of Vice President Garner's official papers and documents were burned by his wife, Marietta Elizabeth Rheiner, prior to her death in 1948. Since politicians frequently donate their official papers and documents to publicly available sources, it is an enigma why Ms. Garner would chose to burn all of her husband's papers.

⁷⁹ Alvin Clyde Ash (b. 14 May 1871 in Round Rock, Williamson County, TX d. 24 Nov 1946 in Los Angeles, CA of a "malignant ear disorder")

⁸⁰ President Theodore Roosevelt's son, Kermit, was part of a private intelligence organization began during the administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The name of the organization was "The Room". While there is no evidence to support this, it is possible that Kermit Roosevelt may have kept in contact with former Rough Riders loyal to his father and even have used them to collect intelligence. Border Guards, custom house officials, etc are prime targets for recruitment by intelligence handlers because of their proximity to the border and the intrigues associated with border towns. Kermit Roosevelt committed suicide by gunshot on 4 Jun 1943 in Alaska. His son, Kermit Roosevelt, Jr. went on to a colorful career in the CIA.

⁸¹ Clarence Rotan Rogers (b. 24 Sep 1886 in Parkin, Arkansas)

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leave a wife and two young girls to the ravages of the great economic depression.

Jolly had married Myrtle Ritchie the daughter of William Ritchie and Laura Gennett Holtan Ritchie. Ms. Ritchie's husband, William Ritchie died in Columbus, NM during the Villa raid of 9 Mar 1916. Ash had filed for divorce from his first wife, Mary Leonard Ash on 23 May 1913. Mary died less than two months later in Deming, Luna, NM, 31 miles north of Columbus, on 5 Jul 1913.

Ms. Ritchie remarried to Alvin Clyde Ash on 6 Sep 1921 in Deming, Luna County, NM. Ms. Ritchie died 1 Aug 1934, four months after the Garner suicide. Four months following Ms. Ritchie's death, Alvin Clyde Ash then married Belen Porras of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico on 10 Dec 1934 in Sierra Blanca, Hudspeth, TX.

Garner, Ash, and Rogers all worked at the customs house in Columbus, NM on 9 Mar 1916, the night of the Villa raid. The tiny settlement with a population of about 700 awoke suddenly as 400 hundred of Villa's men came down the streets hooting and hollering as they rode full gallop through the town shooting indiscriminately as they went. Dawn found nearly a score of local resident's dead, houses burned, and stores looted. Villa's men skedaddled across the border to the safety of Chihuahua.

President Wilson faced with the American humiliation of letting Villa get by with raiding American towns on the one hand, and the probable German set up designed to create tension on the border with Mexico on the other, asked President Carranza for permission to cross the border. General Pershing was sent with 6,600 men on this Punitive Expedition into Mexico, to chase Villa as far south as his home town in Parral, Mexico.

Interestingly, one of the men on this expedition was James Hugh Angleton, a 27- year- old Private First Class, with Company H of the Idaho State Militia. Angleton spent 10 months allegedly with the expedition chasing Pancho Villa. The Punitive Expedition withdrew from Mexico in Jan 1917.

However, James Hugh Angleton somehow made time during the expedition to meet and court a beautiful young Apache Mexican named Carmen Mercedes Morena. They were married on 16 Dec 1916 in Nogales, Santa Cruz County, Arizona, many miles from Columbus, NM. Nogales was also the home of some important pre-World War I intrigue involving German spies and saboteurs.

Carmen's father, Jesus Moreno was a prosperous rancher in Babiacora, State of Sonora. Senor Moreno apparently suffered a stroke after drinking very cold water and became paralyzed. After about three years he committed suicide by shooting himself.

After Senor Moreno's death, his widow, Mercedes Corrales, and their five children moved to Nogales, Santa Cruz County, AZ to live with her sister, Chica, and her husband, Soto. Chica and Soto owned a small hotel in Nogales. Senora Mercedes died in her 80s of lung cancer.

Jesus and Mercedes Moreno produced five children: Mercedes, Elena, Rafael (who disappeared across the border during the Mexican Revolution and was never heard from again), Carmen and Anita. After moving to Nogales, AZ, Carmen and Anita worked for the Scherbs, a German couple who owned a drugstore.

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For many reasons, I wonder if Hugh Angleton's involvement in the expedition was as it appeared to be. First, 27 years old is a strange age to be a PFC in the Militia—the pay is minimal and the aggravation great. Second, how did Hugh find time to court a Mexican national when he was there to ride with his unit? Third, Nogales was the location of an Army counterespionage office headed by Captain Joel A. Lipscomb and used Special Agents to recruit informants inside of Mexico including an agent within the Mexican army who infiltrated the German Secret Service. Fourth, Hugh Angleton's subsequent assent into the highest levels of OSS counterintelligence as head of the Italian desk before yielding it to his son after the war was perhaps a little too convenient given his position as head of the NCR franchise in Italy since 1933—the very year that Hitler became Chancellor of Germany. Whatever, the reason, Nogales and Tucson seem to be *strange attractors* in our case—showing up on several occasions!

HOWARD PENLEY'S FRIEND, KURT FREDERICK GIBBE⁸², was the son of Walter George Gibbe⁸³. According to State department documents, Gibbe traded with companies within Nazi Germany and was a known Nazi sympathizer. Walter Gibbe owned Botica Central, the largest pharmacy in Ciudad Chihuahua and was quite wealthy by Depression-era standards.

A State Department report asserts that in 1937 Walter Gibbe funded a visit from Enrique Mayer, a representative of the German Nazi government, to hold military training sessions for members of the German colony in and around the capital city of Chihuahua and outlying areas. Also prominent as a Nazi sympathizer in the German colony near Ciudad Chihuahua was allegedly Guillermo Buckenhofer. Other Germans active in support of the Nazi cause in Chihuahua in 1937, according to the embassy file were Conrado Schaffer, Oscar Gerst, Luis Jauss, Mrs. Adelbert Weppen, Juan Siemens, and Jose Kenrod. Germans in the community of Torreon, Mexico include: Fischbein Hnos, Firma Cia Industrial Textil, Pablo Nitschman (an engineer), Walter Schmirnhaus, and Louis Jauss.

Members of the Gibbe family reportedly had mutual acquaintances with and knew Dr. Wolfgang Ebell⁸⁴ of the Hummel labs of El Paso, later convicted as a German spy. Gibbe and Ebell reportedly attended dinner regularly together with the German and Japanese Consuls from Juarez at the home of John Doe (name on file).

John Doe's daughter believes that her father was an FBI informant. She stated that her friend

⁸² Kurt Frederick Gibbe (SSN 460-48-8447 b. 13 Sep 1925 in Chihuahua, Mexico d. 23 Feb 2007 in El Paso, TX)

⁸³ Walter George Gibbe (b. abt. 1875 in Marienwerder, Germany (immigrated to Mexico in abt. 1910) d. 1 Jun 1942 in El Paso, TX of Chronic Nephritis and heart failure with edema (He had just come to the EP hospital from Chihuahua two days earlier.))

⁸⁴ Wolfgang Ebell (b. 28 Jul 1899 in Zabern, Alsace, France) lived in Germany until 1927 where he received his medical degree from the University of Freiburg. He entered the U.S. via El Paso in 1930 from Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Members of the spy ring were Anastase A. Vonsiatsky (a white Russian), Gerhard Wilhelm Kunse, Dr. Otto Willumeit, Dr. Wolfgang Ebell, and Reverend Kurt E.B. Molzahn. They were indicted on 10 Jun 1942, eight days after the death of Walter Gibb. They were sentenced on 25 Aug 1942. During the trial it was asserted that Dr. Ebell helped Kunze cross the border into Mexico at El Paso and accompanied him to Ciudad Chihuahua. It was also asserted that Dr. Ebell had numerous contacts in El Paso and the State of Chihuahua. Dr. Ebell was also accused of acting as a letter drop, communications medium, and cutout for other members of the spy ring.

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Virginia Ruth Smith was a frequent guest at these dinners during their high school years. Accordingly, Smith knew Walter Gibbe on a familiar basis. (Supra)

Kurt's cousin, Guenther Gibbe⁸⁵, came to Ciudad Chihuahua in the 1926 and later entered the United States at El Paso in Apr 1929 and moved to San Francisco. In Apr 1937, Herr Gibbe returned to Germany and became a member of the Nazi party. He returned to the U.S. in Sep 1937. In 1940 Herr Gibbe was employed as a bookkeeper for Humphreys at the prestigious Pacific Union Club in San Francisco until at least 3 Jan 1942.

Herr Gibbe was held as an enemy alien detainee throughout the war. He was released in Jun 1946 and rejoined his family in Petaluma, CA.

HOWARD PENLEY'S FUTURE WIFE, VIRGINIA RUTH SMITH⁸⁶, graduated from Austin High School in May 1942. After attending summer school at the University of Knoxville, she transferred to Texas College of Mines. She joined the Chi Omega sorority while attending college. Neither Virginia's parents nor her grandparents appear to have had the funds to provide a great deal of financial help to her during her college years. It is unknown how Virginia could have afforded to attend college full time and also have the money to join a sorority.

Doe's daughter told HDVI investigator Bierman that Virginia would go to Parral and Ciudad Chihuahua almost every weekend during her college years from 1942 to 1945. The witness believed that Virginia had relatives in those cities; however, our investigation has not uncovered any of Virginia's relatives living in Mexico. More likely, is that Virginia was recruited by the same FBI agent who ran John Doe to make frequent trips to Parral and Ciudad Chihuahua to receive drops from informants in the German community there.

Since Howard's mother worked for Denver Fire Clay Company, a firm known to have "patrons" in Mexico including business with mines owned by Harry Dudley, Cicely d'Autremont Angleton's uncle, near Parral and Ciudad Chihuahua, it is possible that Virginia had been employed by LeRoy G. Hetrick or Harry Dudley to act as a courier between those locations in Mexico and his El Paso office. This courier activity by Virginia in Mexico would have been an excellent cover for her undercover work for the FBI. Hence, Virginia Ruth Smith's activities in Mexico would have been a joint operation involving both the FBI (Doe's handler) and the OSS (JJ Angleton).

Witnesses who knew Virginia during college described her as "very conscientious," "meticulous," "smart," "very outgoing," "involved in many activities," "all-American girl," "very likable," "very organized," "intelligent," "dedicated," etc. A witness also stated that during Virginia's youth, she "never saw any activity by Virginia or her mother that indicated mental illness."

⁸⁵ Guenther Gibbe (b. 7 Jul 1907 in Düsseldorf, Rhineland, Germany d. 16 Nov 1952 in San Francisco, CA) married Minnie Katheryn Petersen (SSN 570-12-7521 b. 9 Aug 1919 in Orland, Glen County, CA d. 28 Feb 1992 in Lake, CA) on 11 May 1941 at Petaluma, CA. They had a son named William Curt Gibbe (SSN 562-56-9206 b. 12 Apr 1942 in Petaluma, CA d. 12 Aug 1991 in Sonoma County, CA)

⁸⁶ Virginia Ruth Smith Penley (SSN 453 32 7340 b 14 Oct 24 in Robards, Henderson County, Kentucky to George Cleve Smith (b 15 Feb 1883 in Lamar County, Alabama d 1 Jul 1962 in El Paso, TX Occupation: Odd jobs, RR conductor) and Stella McMullin (b 28 Jul 1894 in Kentucky d 16 Dec 1967 in El Paso, TX Occupation: Public School and College Teacher) d 6 Jan 1974 in El Paso Occupation at death: Public School Teacher)

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Virginia Ruth Smith went to work for El Paso Natural Gas on 31 Dec 1945. Her employment there was terminated in Apr 1946. This date corresponds with the month on which the surveillance of Buddy began. According to the M. Smith letter (infra) the advance woman began stalking Buddy at about the end of April 1946. Witnesses in Gainesville have identified a photo of Virginia Ruth Smith taken in 1947 as being the woman they saw.

Further, the description of the automobile driven by the advance woman given by one of the Gainesville witnesses matches the descriptions given independently of an automobile being driven by Howard Penley in El Paso after the war.

Two witnesses states that a woman matching Virginia's description was seen frequently inside of Pud's Chat and Chew Café a few doors down from Buddy's cabinet shop. One day two witnesses saw Virginia talking to a married plumber, Charley Wilson, outside the café. Thinking that Wilson and Virginia might be having an affair, one of the witnesses followed Virginia to a house at 1001 S. Clements Street. Charley Wilson owned the plumbing shop next to Dad's cabinet shop.

It is entirely possible that Virginia was making friends with Wilson in order to gain access to his shop and, possibly, install an observation device through the wall into Buddy's shop. If so, Virginia would have arranged to have a duplicate key to Wilson's shop made; thus, Wilson's plumbing could be used as a staging area for the interrogation team prior to the arranged meeting which took place at about 7 p.m. on the night of the murder. The team would therefore be able to observe Buddy's activities inside the shop until he was about to leave and, then, walk outside and meet him on the street.

According to the witness who followed the woman to the house at 1001 S. Clements Street, the woman drove a green, 4-door, Chrysler product. According to El Paso witnesses, Howard Penley was known to drive Chrysler products "all of his life". It is known and documented that Howard and his grandfather worked at the A.B. Poe Chrysler dealership in El Paso. Howard was seen by another El Paso witness entering a green, 4-door vehicle outside of the Chemistry Building at the Texas College of Mines sometime after his discharge from the Army.

Accordingly, the description of the vehicle given by a Gainesville witness of the woman entering the house at 1001 S. Clements Street matches the descriptions given by witnesses in El Paso of a vehicle being driven by Howard Penley during the same period of time.

On 2 Sep 1946, Virginia began work as a teacher in the Ysleta ISD. She worked there until her death on 6 Jan 1974, during the Watergate period from an "apparent suicide."

Virginia Ruth Smith married Howard Lawson Penley on 22 Dec 1947. A witness has stated that sometime, about the time of the wedding, Virginia suffered her first "nervous breakdown." Virginia's mental condition apparently worsened during her marriage to Howard.

Witnesses, who knew Virginia right before her death, described her as "withdrawn," "avoided people," "paranoid," and "very messy." One former student stated that she was afraid to go to the cafeteria and would send students for her meal. A teacher who helped clean out her desk after her death stated that there were items of food that had been accumulated for months. Mental health professions consulted stated that her condition could have been caused by a traumatic event occurring sometime between graduating from college in May 1945 and her marriage to

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Penley in December 1947, although there is insufficient information to know for certain.

Ms. Smith's autopsy stated that she died of combined acute intoxication of various drugs, especially Thorazine (a legitimate medication at the time for severe mental illness, Thorazine had been used by the CIA as an antidote to LSD during the MKUltra mind control experiments during the 1950's) and Amobarbital (at controlled dosages, Amobarbital was, at the time, a legitimate medication for severe mental illness. It is sometimes referred to as a "truth serum" because of its use in interrogation of hostile subjects by intelligence agencies.)

Her death was ruled an "apparent suicide." The investigating officer stated that the death seemed very suspicious at the time. Documents pertaining to the original investigation reveal material inconsistencies that have led investigators to conclude that the investigation into the cause and manner of Ms. Smith's death should be reopened.

Ms Smith was preceded in death, six months earlier, by Howard Penley's mother, Inez Jeanette Faller Penley, who died of "coronary thrombosis" on 23 Jun 1973. One month later, 9 Feb 1974, Howard Penley's father died of "cardiac arrhythmic due to hypoxia due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease" (the same disease that Howard Penley was to die from on the 31 May 2004, eight months after the receipt of the Smith letter). There was no autopsy of Penley. His body was cremated. Howard's father, mother, and spouse died within 7½ months of each other during the historically critical Watergate years.

Ruth Vest's Life Subsequent to the Murder

Ruth was understandably quite affected by her husband's death. She attended psychology classes at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls seeking reasons for Buddy's "suicide." She did not discuss Buddy's death or the crime scene with anyone until sometime around 1962, when her sister Margaret told her that Buddy was wearing women's undergarments when he was found. She said that she just dropped the phone and started screaming.

Ruth remarried on 22 May 1948, to Horace Wilson Powers⁸⁷, a lifelong acquaintance and schoolmate from Henrietta. Horace had served in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II, repairing guns on airplanes. After the war, Horace worked for the Olson-Stelzer Boot Company in Henrietta before obtaining employment in 1948 as a union workman in a Phillips Petroleum refinery located near Borger, TX. Ruth and Horace lived in Borger until about 1983, when Horace retired and the couple moved to Dallas to be near their grandchildren.

⁸⁷ Horace Wilson Powers (AKA Powers ASN 38 220 234 SSN: 457-12-1842; b 16 Dec 1920 in Bellevue, Clay County, TX; d 13 Mar 1996 in Irving, Dallas County, TX) Enlisted in the AAF as an aerial gunnery repair technician on 19 Aug 1942 in Dallas, TX. He served in the PTO and received an Honorable Discharge on 12 Dec 1945 at Fort Bliss, TX as a T/4.

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2003 and Afterwards: The Investigation

The Beginning of the Investigation

In August 2003, Ruth, my wife Kerensa, and I attended a seminar in Wichita Falls, TX on the 1862 hangings of Yankee sympathizers in Gainesville. On the way home we discussed the possibility that Buddy, being from Chicago, marrying a local girl, and starting a business in Gainesville, may have been the victim of gang violence.

Since Buddy's death occurred only 80 years after the Civil War, the bitterness of the war may have bled through to the grandchildren of the "Gainesville hanging" participants. In fact, during this time period Ruth's grandmother had to move from the Gainesville area with her family to avoid persecution.

The grandmother had a cousin who was hanged by the mob. The grandmother had two brothers who proceeded west out of Gainesville until they were out of sight and then turned north to join the Union Army. So it was conceivable that partisan hatred and old family grudges could have played a role in Buddy's murder.

In September 2003, I hired a private investigator to look into Buddy's case. The investigator, a former undercover narcotics officer and criminal intelligence officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety, is known to have employed ex-CIA employees and to have done work indirectly for the CIA through another ex-CIA employee. My investigator went to Gainesville and examined the inquest record and Gainesville newspaper article concerning Buddy's death. My investigator immediately called me and said "Herb, your dad did not commit suicide, he was murdered."

Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis told me that when my investigator requested the inquest record, a search had to be conducted to locate it. There were several abnormalities with regard to the document. She said that after making a copy for my investigator, she placed the record book containing the inquest record in her office and kept her door locked.

My investigator subsequently met with my mother, my wife and me. At the meeting he showed us a photocopy of the inquest record. At the conclusion of the meeting, I told my investigator, my mother and my wife to keep the contents of the documents confidential. Each of these individuals reported to me in November 2003, after receipt of the Smith letter, that they had not discussed the contents with anyone.

In late September 2003, my investigator placed an ad in the Gainesville paper offering a reward for information concerning Buddy's death.

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Smith Letter

There was only one response to the advertisement in the *Gainesville Register*. A letter postmarked 23 Oct 2003 and addressed to the investigator was received from a person who identified herself as M. Smith (The letter will hereafter be referred to as the Smith letter). The investigator, an ex-undercover police officer, handled the letter, showed it to his wife and made no effort to preserve the chain of custody of evidence as he had been trained to do.

Kerensa and I left the country on 10 Oct 2003 for our wedding ceremony in the Seychelles. We did not return home until 5 Nov 2003. The next day, the investigator came to our home and told us about the Smith letter. I had no knowledge of the letter prior to that time. The investigator, then, had held the letter from the date he received it in the mail, about 25 Oct 2003, until he gave it to me on 5 Nov 2003.

Later in the investigation I discovered that several calls to Canada had been made from my residence phone to Dr. John C. Yuille, a professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Yuille specializes in forensic psychology related to witness memory recall.

An H.D. Vest Investigations investigator (not associated with my Investigator Doe) contacted Dr. Yuille in 2007. Dr. Yuille stated that he had been contacted on 7 Nov 2003 by an individual to look at and comment on the Smith letter. He was unsure about whether the caller identified himself as me. However, the caller did refer to Buddy as "Daddy."

In adulthood, I never refer to anyone as "Daddy". When referring to Buddy, I would say "my father". Since discovering that Buddy was murdered, I often refer to him as "Dad"; but, only after 2003. The letter was faxed to him from my private investigator's number. Dr. Yuille called the individual back at my home phone number on 17 Nov to discuss his observations. The conversation lasted 48 minutes.

I never heard of Dr. Yuille until his name was discovered during the ongoing investigation in 2007. My wife and mother had not heard of him either. Investigator Doe denies having ever heard of Dr. Yuille.

The letter asserts that the writer, signed M. Smith, was "smitten" by Buddy and wanted to have an affair with him. The writer alleged that she would go to the café he frequented, the lumberyard and his cabinet shop in order to talk to him. On the night of the murder, shortly after dark (8:13 p.m.), she was alleged to have gone to his shop. Her married police officer boyfriend allegedly burst in with two friends and proceeded to torture her and eventually kill Buddy.

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The writer identified herself as a local resident and gave substantial detail concerning her life subsequent to the event. She requested that any reward be sent to a General Delivery address in Gainesville with a zip code from Mulhall, OK. A letter in reply contained my investigator's return address and was mailed in January 2004. My investigator stated that the letter was never returned and that he never received a reply.

In a sworn statement, Ms. Marla Bennett, postmistress of Mulhall, stated that she had, if fact, received several letters addressed to a M. Smith and returned them because they had the wrong zip code. She stated that she received several phone calls from my investigator during this period. When she would inform him that she returned the letters, the investigator would become very angry.

She finally informed her supervisors and postal inspectors of the investigator's persistent calls. She stated that, about Christmas 2003, the investigator showed up at the post office and said that he just wanted her to meet him. Investigator Doe stated that he sent only one letter and had not made the phone calls referred to by Ms. Bennett.

The Smith letter provides demographics on the boyfriend and the others, but does not give their names. The letter also provides many leads and clues that were difficult or impossible to track down⁸⁸.

Based on the letter, I requested the Cooke County justice of the peace to order an exhumation of the body. The exhumation occurred on 23 April 2004 and the subsequent autopsy report was dated 2 August 2004. The autopsy found two perimortem fractures. (A third fracture was found later by a different forensic expert. In total there have been five experts⁸⁹ who have examined the remains. Their opinions differ. Currently, it is indeterminable how many perimortem injuries were present, if any.)

After the exhumation in April, my investigator informed me that he was stumped as to what to do next in the investigation. He suggested that we assemble some local forensic consultants and police officers to discuss the case and give their opinions as to what direction the investigation was to take.

In June 2004, at the assemblage of outside investigators, I gave the letter to one of investigator Doe's contractors to have a DNA test run. When one of my employees contacted Doe's employee about a month later, Doe's employee told her that Doe told him to "hold off" on the DNA test. (The investigator had an opportunity to retrieve the letter and the envelope from his employee during this time, but did not.) My employee then obtained the letter and submitted it for DNA testing.

⁸⁸ See Appendix IVB Analysis of the Smith Letter

⁸⁹ Later an autopsy was performed by a forensic dentist. The dentist stated that the remains had root canals performed using gutta-percha with porcelain crowns. Interviews with numerous dentists from the period have stated that root canals were highly unusual during the war and that usually crowns were made of gold.

Gutta-percha is a type of rubber obtained mostly from plantations in Malaysia. Rubber was a critical substance to the war effort. Accordingly, a root canal performed on an enlisted person during WW II that used this substance would have been highly unusual.

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In the fall of 2004, I received a call from the justice of the peace who asked me if I had told the investigator that I thought she wrote the M. Smith letter. I informed the justice of the peace that I had said no such thing. At that time I began to suspect that the investigator was intentionally trying to alienate both the district attorney and the justice of peace.

Also in the fall of 2004, Ruth and I met with the justice of the peace and the district attorney at a hearing to reclassify the manner of death from suicide to homicide. Based on the autopsy and other evidence, the justice of the peace changed the manner of death on the death certificate from suicide to homicide.

In December 2004, I received the results of the test. It had male saliva DNA on the flap. There was no DNA found on the adhesive side of the stamp⁹⁰.

I called the investigator on 23 Dec 2004, and told him of the results of the DNA test. The investigator stated that it was his DNA on the flap of the envelope. He said that when he received it, the flap was only partially sealed. He carried the letter with him under the visor of his automobile. He said that he had gotten the M. Smith letter mixed up with his outgoing mail and licked the flap by mistake. I told him to immediately inform the district attorney that he had licked the envelope. When he failed to do so, on 27 Dec 2004, I notified Investigator Webb at the district attorney's office of what my investigator had told me.

In January 2005, in a videotaped interview with *48 Hours*, the interviewer presented me with a letter from the district attorney dated 31 Dec 2004, her last day in office, addressed to *48 Hours* stating that she was closing Buddy's homicide investigation. The district attorney never informed me or my mother of her decision to close the case.

Subsequently, Ruth and I requested and received a meeting with the new district attorney. At that meeting, the new district attorney told us that she believed that Buddy's death was a homicide. She stated that if the letter was a fraud, the perpetrator of the fraud may be guilty of tampering with evidence. I agreed with her that if the letter was fraudulent, the person perpetrating the hoax should be brought to justice.

In a follow-up letter, the district attorney stated, "This office still considers your father's death to be a murder."⁹¹

Who wrote the Smith Letter?

Investigator Doe's flimsy explanation of how his DNA got on the flap of the envelope made it

⁹⁰ In a study completed 13 March 2008 by the California Forensic Institute for H.D. Vest Investigations, LLC, traces of DNA were found on all 64 of the 64 sample envelopes studied in which the stamp was affixed by hand. Two forensic labs determined there were no indentures on the stamp from tweezers or acrylic fingernails. Accordingly, the individual preparing the letter for mailing most likely wore rubber gloves.

⁹¹ After five years of investigation, the Smith letter remains a mystery. I urge the reader to peruse the letter and the analysis carefully. They are contained in an Appendix to this document.

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appear that he wrote the letter himself and that his motive was to extend the investigation and increase his investigation fees. However, there were several reasons that I did not believe that to be the case.

First, it seemed inconsistent for a person to be so careful to avoid getting his DNA on the back of the stamp and, yet, be so careless as to lick the flap. Second, the investigator had two chances to retrieve the tainted envelope, yet failed to do so on either occasion.

The first opportunity to correct his mistake occurred when the investigator received the letter in the mail. That was about 25 Oct 2003. Since I would not be home for two more weeks, the investigator could have removed the letter, placed it in a sterile envelope, and deposited in the mail. If he had written the letter, his failure to do so did not make sense.

The second opportunity to retrieve the envelope occurred in the summer of 2004. The letter was in the hands of Investigator Doe's employee for about a month. Doe could have retrieved the letter and envelope and destroyed the DNA evidence on the flap at that time. Again, it did not make sense that he wrote the letter.

In 2007, I had two different labs run tests of the letter. The lab directors stated that the letter was created on one computer, scanned into an image file on another computer, and then printed out on a 1980s vintage printer using 1980s vintage ink. The printer, paper and ink are impossible to trace.

This elaborate methodology used to create the letter suggests collusion. Further, the methodology suggests very detailed knowledge of police crime lab procedures. It also requires that the perpetrator(s) maintain a printer and ink from the 1980s. The presence of a scanner (later technology than printers) suggests that the perpetrator(s) could afford modern equipment, yet, used outdated equipment for printing.

Investigator Doe had not interviewed any of the three witnesses described below before the Smith letter was written. Accordingly, he did not have access to the information in their statements that was included in the M. Smith letter. Therefore, he is eliminated as a suspect in writing the letter.

Three witnesses state they saw an out-of-town woman in or near Buddy's shop within two months of his murder

In 2005 my new investigator, Dan Bierman, discovered three witnesses who stated under oath that they had seen a woman from out of town in close proximity to Dad's shop during the two month time period just before his murder.

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One witness stated that one day he went across the street to Dad's shop to see a new woodworking machine, there he encountered a pretty, young woman, nicely dressed in business attire, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, and dark hair in the front part of the shop. Dad was in the back. This witness stated "best what I recall what she said to me is, 'I'm trying to learn about lumber'." This is essentially the same terminology used by the writer of the Smith letter. The Smith letter stated "I enjoyed flirting with him even though I would go there with the pretense of learning how to do something with the wood."

The other two witnesses stated on several occasions, a strange woman would come into Pud's Café alone and sit on the corner stool. Their description of the woman closely matched that given above. The Smith letter confirms the encounters described by the witnesses:

"I saw him a few days later at the café not far from his cabinet chop."

"I often saw him in the café."

"I would often go to the cabinet shop if I had not seen him in the café for several days."

The woman was identified by the three witnesses as being or resembling a 1947 photo of Virginia Ruth Smith of El Paso (supra). Ms. Smith had terminated her employment as a stenographer with El Paso Natural Gas in April 1946 and did not resume employment until Sep 46 as a schoolteacher.

1001 South Clements Street

One of the witnesses stated that she followed the out-of-town woman, who was driving a green four-door Chrysler product, to 1001 Clements Street in Gainesville, TX. There she saw the woman exit her vehicle and enter the house. The home was owned by Ms. Virginia Rosalee Bivin Dunn⁹², the widow of James Lowell Dunn⁹³.

Ms. Dunn worked at the courthouse at the time. She was the sister-in-law of Bud Lucas. Ms. Bivin had a brother, Lt. Col. Verne Bivin⁹⁴. Lt. Col. Bivin was stationed at satellite air bases of Randolph Field, TX (San Antonio). From 9 Aug 1942 until 4 Jul 1945, Col. Bivin was stationed at Hondo Army Air Base, Hondo, TX. On the date of Buddy's death, he was stationed at Laughlin Field located by the border community of Del Rio, TX.

Hondo, TX is located 42 miles east and Del Rio is located 71 miles west of Uvalde, TX. Uvalde was the home of U.S. Vice President John Nance Garner (1933-1941), uncle of Howard Lawson Penley's sister-in-law (supra). It was also the hometown of Maj. Gen. William Donald Old⁹⁵.

⁹² Virginia Rosalee Bivin Dunn (later Archer) (SSN 450-05-3404 b. 22 Sep 1915 in TX; d. 6 Sep 1995 in Burlison, Johnson County, TX) Ms. Dunn worked at the Cooke County Clerk's office at the time of the Buddy's murder. Ms. Dunn inherited the property at 1001 S. Clements from her deceased husband James Lowell Dunn in 1942.

⁹³ James Lowell Dunn (born 7 Sep 1911 in Tioga, Grayson, TX; died 9 Jul 1942 in Baylor Hospital, Dallas, TX of pneumonia; buried in Tioga cemetery, Tioga, Grayson, TX; occupation at time of his death: electrician)

⁹⁴ Verne Bivin (SSN 455-26-9621 ASN 180 38 189 b. 11 Nov 1918 in Gainesville, Cooke, TX d. 8 Feb 1994 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo, NM)

⁹⁵ William Donald Old (SSN 460-58-4875 b. 21 Nov 1901 in TX to William Anthony Old and Nancy Elizabeth Spencer; d.

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During the war, Col. Old served in India with the 10th Army Air Force under Gen. Clayton Bissell (infra). After the war, he commanded the 9th AF located at Biggs Field, El Paso, TX.

Lt. Col. Bivin enjoyed a stellar career in the Army. He was promoted to captain, to major, and to lieutenant colonel all within 1½ years. Later, Col. Bivin was to play a significant role as military attaché in the Belgium Congo.

Lt. Col. Bivin was lifelong friend with another Gainesville resident, Maj. Gen. Emmet Buckner Cassady⁹⁶. On the date of Buddy's death, then Lt. Col. Cassady was assigned to the office of the military attaché in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The ambassador to Uruguay at that time was William Dawson⁹⁷. At the date of Buddy's death, Lt. Col. Cassady's immediate superior was the military attaché to Uruguay, Col. Egon R. Tausch⁹⁸.

In 1953 through 1956, Col. Cassady was assigned as the US Air Attaché to Rome, Italy. We have a picture in our possession taken by Col. Cassady in 1953 showing his wife, Willie Virginia Odom Cassady, Allen Dulles, the director of Central Intelligence, Clare Booth Luce, the ambassador to Italy, and Henry Luce aboard a yacht off the coast of Italy.

A military attaché is part of the diplomatic mission to a particular country. The head of the mission is the ambassador, appointed by the president and reporting through the State Department. In 1946, the military attaché system was under the Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (G-2). The Attaché desk, manned by Col. R.A. Turner from Jul 45 through Aug 46, was subdivided by region; the South American desk was manned by Lt. Col. Andrew S. Low from Jan 46 through Sep 46.

The Army G-2 when Lt. Col. Cassady was initially assigned to Uruguay in Jun 1944 through Jan 1946 was Maj. Gen. Clayton Lawrence Bissell⁹⁹ (infra). There is a letter of commendation in Gen. Cassady's file from Maj. Gen. Bissell that confirms that Gen. Bissell knew Lt. Col. Cassady and his wife personally.

28 Jun 1965 in San Antonio, TX)

⁹⁶ Emmett Buckner Cassady (SSN 460-09-3647 ASN O-309897 AFSN 1095A b. 21 Oct 1909 in Gainesville, Cooke, TX to Hopkins Stewart Cassady and Emma Emanda Kleuser d. 15 Mar 2001 in El Paso, TX). General Cassady, while having never been assigned to a station near El Paso, decided to retire there in 1965.

⁹⁷ William Dawson (SSN 579-60-1116 b. 11 Aug 1885 in St. Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota d. 15 Jul 1972 (Watergate year) in WDC)

⁹⁸ Egon R. Tausch (SSN 578-52-8620 ASN O-16452 (issued in DC) b. 1 Mar 1902 d. 14 Oct 1982 in Bulverde, Comal, TX)

⁹⁹ Clayton Lawrence Bissell (ASN O-10470 SSN 414-62-6521 b. 29 Jul 1896 in Kane, PA d. 24 Dec 1972 (a Watergate Year) in Chattanooga, Hamilton, TN)

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Following his tenure as G-2, Gen. Bissell goes dark from Jan 46 until 21 Mar 46, when he reappears as military attaché to London under Ambassador William Averell Harriman¹⁰⁰. **A man from Buddy's unit, Robert Bryant Morrison (infra), was transferred to the London military attaché office on 21 Mar 46—the exact date that General Bissell arrived. Morrison was transferred from his unit on 1 Feb 1946 pursuant to orders dated 24 Jan 1946. Like General Bissell, Morrison remains dark until he reports for duty at the London military attaché office on 21 Mar 1946. The strange disappearance of both men at exactly the same time is puzzling.**

On 26 Jan 46, General Bissell is replaced by Lt. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg as Army G-2 under Army Chief of Staff General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower. Gen. Vandenberg became the Director of Central Intelligence of the Central Intelligence Group on 10 Jun 46. There is a commendation letter in Lt. Col. Cassady file from General Vandenberg. Vandenberg was the nephew of the very powerful Republican Senator from Michigan, Arthur Hendrick Vandenberg¹⁰¹.

On 10 Jun 1946, General Vandenberg replaced Rear Admiral Sidney William Souers¹⁰² as the Director of Central Intelligence.

In 1947, Ms. Dunn remarried Buel Archer¹⁰³ and left Gainesville.

Ms. Dunn's sister, Leah Ruth Bivin Lucas McDaniel lives in Houston with her husband. At the time of Buddy's death she was married to Mauris "Bud" Lucas¹⁰⁴. Bud Lucas, a former Gainesville police officer, was living and working in Wichita Falls at the time of Buddy's death and commuted back to Gainesville to visit his wife and family. Bud Lucas is currently under investigation based on an unconfirmed tip that he told a friend and former Gainesville police officer (deceased) that he was involved in a murder in Jun 1946.

Robert Bryant Morrison

A man from Buddy's unit, Robert Bryant Morrison (ASN and/or AFSN 38 442 567 and/or 13 661 123), was assigned to the London attaché office on 21 Mar 1946. Morrison went by several

¹⁰⁰ William Averell Harriman (b.15 Nov 1891 in NYC d. 26 Jul 1986, Ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1943 to 1946 and the future Secretary of Commerce from 7 Oct 1946 to 22 Apr 1948)

¹⁰¹ Arthur Hendrick Vandenberg (b. 22 Mar 1884 in Grand Rapids, Michigan d. 18 Apr 1951 in Grand Rapids, Michigan) was President pro tempore of the United States Senate and Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations during the years of 1947 and 1948.

¹⁰² Sidney William Souers (b. 30 Mar 1892 in Dayton, OH d. 14 Jan 1973 in St. Louis, MO) was the first DCI. He was appointed by President Truman and served from 23 Jan 1946 until 10 Jun 1946. Prior to becoming DCI, Admiral Souers was Assistant Director of the Office of Naval Intelligence. Prior to going on active duty on 22 Jul 1940, Admiral Souers was an executive with General American Life Insurance Company.

¹⁰³ Buel Archer (SSN 459-05-9682 b. 8 Dec 1913 in Alabama d. 11 Oct 1987 in Alvarado, Johnson County, TX 76009)

¹⁰⁴ Mauris "Bud" Lucas (SSN 462 07 5835 b. 9 Jul 1918 in TX; d. 13 May 1972 in Wichita Falls, Wichita, TX)

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aliases: Robert Egbert, Egbert Morrison, Egbert Clair Morrison¹⁰⁵, Robert Bryant, Wayne Forrest West¹⁰⁶ and Michel (last name unknown). Depending on which form one looks at in his file, Morrison was born on 21 May 1922 or 21 May 1924 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada or Detroit, Wayne, Michigan.

Morrison's early life is just as sketchy. He states he attended 12 years of school in Detroit. Other forms state that he spent from 1927 through 1939 in Europe and attended school in Henley-on-the-Thames, England and attended Heidelberg University in Germany for one year in 1939 where he studied music¹⁰⁷.

From 1941 through 1943, Morrison worked for Hughes Tool Company in Midland, TX, where he "typed correspondence, made daily reports, invoices, mileage records, audited accounts, kept records of business transactions, supervised seven office personnel, typed confidential reports, and operated a teletype at 30 wpm."

On 25 Mar 43, a Thursday, Morrison was arrested by Houston police for failure to have his registration cards. Houston is 570 miles from Midland. One week later, 1 Apr 1943, Morrison was arrested by INS in El Paso, TX for an immigration violation. El Paso is 750 miles from Houston. He was using the alias Robert Bryant. Morrison was held for 6 days in the El Paso jail, and then was released "back to the FBI."

Note: It is unknown why Morrison was detained by the INS (or FBI) only to be turned over to the FBI. It is unknown why the FBI (or INS) had originally detained Morrison or what they did with him after his release from jail. The involvement of the FBI in what would otherwise appear to be an ordinary INS detention gives

¹⁰⁵ On 10 Jun 1929, Egbert Claire Morrison was baptized into the Catholique religion in Saint Patrick parish of Montreal by John T. Britt, Priest. His birth information is recorded as follows: date 21 May 1924 Father Egbert Clare Morrison Mother Lana Bryant of Detroit Michigan (Saint Rose Parish) Godfather Harold William Tetra, clerk of Saint Agnes' Parish Godmother Victoria Bryant, scholar of Saint Gabriel's Parish and aunt of the child. (Also mentioned in Morrison's sister's baptismal is Betty Jane Morrison, Morrison's sister born 29 Mar 1929, GF: Gerald Bryant, Saint Willibrard's Parish and uncle of the child, and GM: Helen Lynch Daly of Saint Willibrard's Parish) Quebec City confirmed the birth of a child named Egbert Clare Morrison in Montreal on 21 May 1924.

¹⁰⁶ Morrison used the alias Wayne Forrest West to obtain a Michigan drivers license. The date of birth on that drivers' license was originally 21 Feb 1918. It had subsequently been amended to read 21 Feb 1928 by the Michigan authorities. HDVI investigators have found an Oregon death certificate on a Wayne Forrest West who was born on 21 Feb 1918 in Portland, Oregon and died on 9 Aug 1929 in Portland.

It is believed that Morrison stole the identity of the dead child and used it to obtain various documents such as the Michigan drivers' license. He may have also used the child's birth certificate to obtain British seaman's papers, U.S. social security card, passports, and the like. According to an HDVI consultant who was formerly with the KGB (name on file) stealing the identity of a dead child is a frequently used technique by intelligence agents to create new legends (identities).

Documents obtained under the FOIA indicate that the INS was aware that Morrison had reentered the United States under the name of Wayne Forrest West and had associated himself with the Church of Satan.

¹⁰⁷ Germany invaded Poland on 1 Sep 1939. England declared war on Germany 2 days later and on 10 Sep 1939, Canada declared war on Germany. Morrison's file is unclear as to the exact dates he was supposedly in Heidelberg. He is also unclear what papers he was using for entry into Nazi Germany. It is obvious that Morrison's file contains numerous conflicting statements as to his identify and even more conflicting statements concerning is whereabouts for most of his life.

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rise to speculation that Morrison may have been considered a security risk. If so, and Morrison was actually a Nazi agent, then, the FBI may have “turned” him in the classic counterintelligence double cross. His subsequent enlistment in the Army would have transferred his handlers from the FBI to Army intelligence G-2 under Bissell and, possibly, further assigned to the OSS London counterintelligence branch which included Pearson and Angleton. **However, at this point, there is no evidence to support the theory that Morrison was “turned”— nor, is there likely to be any evidence turned up in the future.**

Morrison joined the Army at Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX on 25 Sep 1943. After basic and clerk school at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Morrison went overseas with the 711th Engineering Base Depot Company arriving in Belgium on 30 Nov 1944. On 15 Mar 1945, Morrison was designated the Military Occupational Specialty of 675 Messenger.

On 21 Oct 1945 Morrison was transferred to HQ Company of the 38th Engineer General Services Regiment. Buddy was transferred three days later to C Company of the 38th.

What happened next staggers the imagination! On 21 Mar 1946, Morrison was attached to the military attaché office in the London Embassy. This is **the exact date that Major General Clayton Bissell was assigned as Military Attaché to London.**

How does an alien with numerous arrests attain the necessary security clearance to work in the military attaché office? Four years later, Morrison would be kicked out of the U.S. Air Force and turned over to INS for deportation to Canada. Yet, in 1946, he was trusted with an assignment inside the London military attaché office AND actually worked for the G-2 (Intelligence) of the War Department.

If Morrison was turned by the FBI in 1943 as speculated above, the Attaché assignment does not make sense, absent some extremely complex counterintelligence scheme that would not seem to fit in post-war Europe. (That is, a turned agent (double agent) would be told what to report to his enemy handlers and in no way would he be trusted with access to the high security documents resident in the London Military Attaché office.)

Adding to this peculiarity, Morrison had signed out of his unit on the continent on 1 Feb 1946; but, did not report for duty at the embassy until 21 Mar 1946. His unexplained whereabouts corresponds with the same time period in which General Bissell is unaccounted for (infra).

The fact that Morrison arrived at the London Military Attaché office on the same date that General Bissell arrived there seems too strange to be a coincidence. This strangeness is compounded by the fact that General Bissell was only one step removed from the Gainesville safe house at 1001 S. Clements Street used by the advanced woman from April through June 1946 while she was stalking Buddy.

The next morning report entry for Morrison is dated 27 Mar 1946 for the Military Intelligence Service War Department General Staff G-2 (Intelligence). In this entry Morrison is received for temporary duty in London, England for approximately 30 days.

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The London military attaché office in 1946 was rather small. Our investigators located one person who worked there at the time. That person did not know of anyone going by any of Morrison's aliases. When we sent him a picture of Morrison, he did not recognize it.

Morrison was discharged from the Army on 27 Jun 1946, the date of Dad's death, in Southampton, England, to accept a position as a civilian with the American Embassy in London. On 28 Jun 1946, the day after Morrison was supposedly discharged; he was listed on the morning report of the Intelligence Division of the War Department General Staff as relieved from detached service and attached to the 14th Major Port Processing Center Southampton, England.

Morrison's appearances on a morning report of the Intelligence Division the day after he was supposedly discharged raises the question as to Morrison's actual whereabouts on the date of Dad's death. Was Morrison in Southampton on the 27th of June? Or, was Morrison's file carefully constructed to provide an airtight alibi as to his whereabouts on the date of Dad's murder?

The orders referenced above make one question for how long Morrison had been working for the War Department G-2 (Intelligence). Had Morrison actually been working for War Department Intelligence the entire time he was in the army? If so, his indirect connection with General Bissell would have coincided with the time he was with the 711th Engineering Base Depot Company, Dad's unit.

In Dec 1947, Morrison joined the Air Force in Detroit, MI with the rank of sergeant. Morrison was discharged in Sep 1950 and handed over to INS for deportation to Canada. Since Morrison's father was a United States citizen, one would think that Egbert Claire Morrison (AKA Robert Morrison) could have applied for and received U.S. citizenship.

In 1966, Morrison joined the Church of Satan in Detroit under the name Wayne Forrest West. On 25 Mar 1972 an article was published in the Detroit Free Press about West (Morrison) and the Church of Satan. Apparently there was a split in the church caused by Morrison. During this time in Detroit, Morrison reportedly made numerous trips to Mexico City probably using British seaman's papers as travel documents.

Documents obtained under the FOIA¹⁰⁸ indicate that the INS was aware that Morrison had reentered the United States under the name of Wayne Forrest West and had associated himself with the Church of Satan. It is unknown why the INS did not take action to deport him at that time. One explanation is that Morrison's extradition was a cover for some intelligence undercover activity.

According to our consultant, a noted author and expert on the occult (name on file):

“Wayne West joined something called the Church of Satanic Brotherhood which was formed in Dayton, Ohio in March 1973 from former members of the Church of Satan's Stygian Grotto. Other members included: John de Haven (who renounced his membership in 1974, reason not given), Joseph Daniels, Ronald E. Lanting, Harry L. Booth

¹⁰⁸ We obtained over 300 documents from the INS. Of these all but two newspaper articles were completely redacted and remain classified. This raises questions as to why Morrison is still security sensitive after all of this time since his original deportation.

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“Later, West helped form the Order of the Black Ram, in Detroit, with Seth Klippo. This group was affiliated with James Madole's National Renaissance Party, a neo-Nazi organization with roots reaching back into the German American Bund in New York City in the pre-War years. Madole was an occultist as well as a fanatic neo-Nazi, and had formed a close relationship with the Klan in Reading, Pennsylvania under Roy Frankhouser.

“In a book by Daniel G. Bromley and Susan G. Ainsley, America's Alternative Religions, West is called "a defrocked Catholic priest from Britain" (p. 403). However, they seem to be repeating the prevailing gossip about West rather than basing this information on the actual documentation.

“I feel we have a definite link between Frankhouser and West through Madole and the Order of the Black Ram. Knowing that Frankhouser was an FBI informant, it seems possible to conclude that the FBI knows more about West than it has so far indicated.”

Sometime in the early to mid-70's, Morrison reportedly flew to Mexico City and obtained employment as a language instructor in an all-girls school in Mexico.

Finally, in 1973, someone named Robert Morrison, allegedly working for Intertel (a private intelligence organization associated with Howard Hughes) and allegedly CIA interests, intervened with Canadian immigration in Vancouver to prevent John Meier (a person believed to be not relevant to Buddy) from immigration to Canada. It is unknown whether this is the same Robert Morrison.

In Sep 2009, in response to our previously filed Freedom of Information Act request with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on Robert Bryant Morrison, we received over 300 documents. Of these, all but 2 were completely redacted. The two documents that were not redacted were newspaper articles discussing Wayne Forrest West and Church of Satan. (Infra)

Accordingly, it is very clear that INS was aware of Morrison's alias as Wayne Forrest West and of his nefarious activities in an around Detroit in the 1970's. It is an enema why the INS did not act to deport Morrison after his whereabouts became known. It is also unknown why the INS believes that Morrison's files containing his deportation proceedings in 1950 are, after 59 years is still a matter of National Security.

Maj. Gen. Clayton Lawrence Bissell

Maj. Gen. Clayton Lawrence Bissell connects to Buddy through Robert Bryant Morrison. He also connects to 1001 South Clements Street in Gainesville, TX, the safe house used by the advance woman, through Lt. Col. Emmett Buckner Cassady.

Captain Bissell was aide to Gen. Billy Mitchell in 1922, during Mitchell's tour of aviation in France, Italy, Holland, England and Germany. Accompanying them on the tour was Alfred Victor

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Verville¹⁰⁹. In Jun 1945, Verville became the head of the U.S. Naval Technical Mission to Europe.

After attending the Naval War College in 1938, Maj. Bissell was assigned as a member of the War Plans Division of the War Department general staff. In Jan 1942, Maj. Gen. Bissell commanded the 10th Air Force until Aug 1943. It was while commanding the 10th Air Force that Gen. Bissell met Col. William Old¹¹⁰ of Uvalde, TX. It may also be significant that he also met Brigadier General John Magruder¹¹¹, the future head of the SSU, while with the 10th Air Force in China-Burma-India Theater.

As Assistant Chief of Staff of Intelligence (G-2) from Jan 1944 to Jan 1946, General Bissell was responsible for overall intelligence collection and analysis for the War Department. General Bissell was then transferred to London to be the military attaché under Averill Harriman, then Ambassador to the Court of Saint James.

General Bissell was relieved as War Department G-2 on 26 Jan 1946; however, he did not report in to the London Area Office until 21 Mar 1946. S/Sgt Robert Morrison (supra) signed out from his post on the continent of Europe on 1 Feb 1946; however, like Bissell, he did not sign in to the London Area Office until 21 Mar 1946. In other words, both Bissell and Morrison go dark for about a two month period prior to reporting into their assignment in the London Area Office on 21 Mar 1946.

Later in 1946, Ambassador Harriman was replaced by Ambassador Lewis Williams Douglas¹¹². In 1948, Ambassador Douglas accused Gen. Bissell of using an army airplane to fly coffee into Germany, where it was allegedly sold on the black market. The matter never came to a courts-Marshall of General Bissell; instead, he retired in 1950, about a month after Morrison was discharged by the Air Force and deported to Canada by the INS.

In 1949, Ambassador Douglas purchased controlling interest in the Southern Arizona State Bank in Tucson from Hubert d'Autremont's widow, James Jesus Angleton's mother-in-law.

¹⁰⁹ Alfred Victor Verville (SSN 564-12-8709 b. 16 Nov 1890 in Houghton County, MI d. 10 Mar 1970 in San Diego, CA)

¹¹⁰ William Donald Old (SSN 460-58-4875 b. 21 Nov 1901 in TX to William Anthony Old and Nancy Elizabeth Spencer d. 23 Sep 1988 in San Antonio, Bexar, TX)

¹¹¹ Brigadier General John Magruder (b. 3 Jun 1887 in Woodstock, VA d. 30 Apr 1958)

¹¹² Lewis Williams Douglas (b. 2 Jul 1894 in Bisbee, Cochise, AZ d. 7 Mar 1974 (a Watergate year—cremated) in Tucson, AZ)

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Mystery Investigator

Tax office incident: before the Smith Letter

In October 2003, investigator Doe asked me if I had hired another detective agency. I told him that I had not. He then told me that another person had been at the Gainesville tax office inquiring about who paid the taxes on the building in which Buddy's shop was located.

On July 11, 2005, H.D. Vest Investigator Dan Bierman followed up with the employees at the tax office. The clerks, Amy Stockard and Debbie Smallwood, gave the following description of the man: 5'10"; brown curly hair; late 20s; medium build. The clerk sent him to see her uncle, Frank Liedke of Liedke Motors in Gainesville.

When Investigator Bierman interviewed Liedke, he confirmed that a man had come by to see him. Liedke said that man identified himself as the son of the investigator. Liedke pulled out the business card of Investigator Doe and the man stated: "Yes, that's my dad."

Investigator Doe denies that it was his son. A description of Doe's sons was obtained independently from publicly available sources. The descriptions are radically different from that of the mystery investigator.

Incidence of possible relevance

On 4 Dec 2005, H.D. Vest Investigator Dan Bierman telephoned a man who was known to be in Dad's unit in Antwerp. The man seemed friendly and helpful; but did not remember Buddy. Investigator Bierman told the man that he was going to be in the Dallas area later in the month and asked if it was all right to stop by the man's home to show him a picture of Buddy. The man readily agreed.

On 17 Dec, Bierman – then in Dallas – phoned the man three times; the man hung up on him each time. When Bierman stopped by the man's home with a picture of Buddy, the man became hysterical and told Bierman something to the effect: "I don't know him and I don't know you. For all I know you killed him, and you are here to kill me." The man slammed the door and Bierman departed the premises.

Later in December, Ruth called the man to reassure him that he was in no danger. She told him she was the widow of a fellow soldier, Buddy Vest, from his unit in Belgium during the war. The man immediately hung up.

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On 31 Jan 2006, as a courtesy to the man and to reassure him that our investigation was legitimate, I sent a copy of the then-current Briefing Document to him. It was left on his doorstep by the delivery service on 1 Feb. On 2 Feb, the man was found by his wife on the floor of their kitchen, dead of an apparent massive heart attack. Apparently, no autopsy was performed.

His sons stated that their father was in good physical and mental health at the time of his death. They deny that he suffered from paranoia or other mental maladies. They also denied any knowledge of previous heart problems.

The sons report that their father had not discussed the Bierman inquiry with them. They also state that they did not find the Briefing Document among their father's belongings.

In late July, an investigator called the man's brother. The brother said "my brother wasn't in the Army." Then he hung up. His brother has declined to talk with us.

The man was born on 12 May 1922 in Bokhoma, OK. He entered the Army on 14 Oct 1943 while living in Arkinda, AR. He arrived in the ETO on 20 April 1944. In Belgium, he supervised French civilians in the unloading and storage of materials in warehouses. The man arrived back in the U.S. on 3 Dec 1945 and was separated on 8 Dec as a PFC at Jefferson Barracks (St Louis), MO.

In an amazing coincidence (?), the same day that the man died, 2 Feb 2006, a cousin of Egbert Claire Morrison (AKA Robert Morrison, supra), Egbert John Morrison¹¹³ also died, reportedly of pneumonia that was the result of emphysema.

¹¹³ Egbert John Morrison (SSN 363-24-7221 b. 16 May 1924 in Bellevue, MI to John E. Morrison (b. 3 Sep 1900 in Buckeye, MI) and Jennie Nettleton d. 2 Feb 2006 in Charlotte, MI)

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In November 2005, I contacted a retired Army colonel with impeccable credentials for assistance on the case. On 8 Jan 2006, the colonel informed me by email that he had contacted “deep sources” (apparently within an intelligence organization with access to classified documents). He stated “There are people still alive that will go to any lengths to protect the deep secrets of the operations.”

Over the coming months I visited personally with the colonel on three different occasions and exchanged numerous emails with him.

In April 2006, I learned that the U.S. House of Representatives Intelligence Committee had a copy of a previous edition of this Briefing Document and planned to request the file on my dad from CIA Director Goss on 3 May. I did not inform the colonel of what I had learned concerning the Intelligence Committee’s intention of requesting the file on Buddy.

In late April 2004 I received an email from the colonel that he was going to Washington to meet with his sources. When he returned, I asked him on May 2 what he had learned. He stated that his sources said there was no file.

I learned that on 3 May, the House Intelligence Committee had requested the file on my dad as planned. The next day, Director Goss announced his resignation as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. There is no doubt that Director Goss’s resignation had nothing to do with our investigation.

I asked a congressman to talk to the colonel. On 25 Jul 2006, the colonel met with the congressman. The congressman told me that the colonel denied receiving any classified information concerning the case. Three days later, the colonel went on assignment to Baghdad as a member of the diplomatic mission. The colonel works for the State Department in Iraq and has ties to the Defense Intelligence Agency.

In Sep 2006, I learned that the CIA denied having a file on Harold Eugene (Buddy) Vest.

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Current Status

The murder continues to be investigated by H.D. Vest Investigations, a private investigation firm licensed in Texas and headquartered in Dallas. The firm utilizes the services of independent research firms, several part-time consultants, and several part-time and full-time detectives.

The investigation is focused on providing answers to the following questions:

- Who killed Buddy and what was their motive?
- Who is the mystery investigator and why is he so interested in the circumstances surrounding Buddy's death?
- Who wrote the M. Smith letter and why?
- Why would a fellow soldier in Buddy's outfit become so agitated when asked about Buddy?
- Why would a high-level employee of the State Department/Defense Intelligence Agency involve himself in the case?

A substantial reward is being offered for information concerning this investigation.

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Supporting Documents

Appendix I: Autopsies

- A. Guideyardo/Gill-King
 - a. Autopsy report
 - b. Deposition of Joseph M. Guideyardo, M.D.
 - c. Deposition of H. Gill-King, Ph.D.
- B. Autopsy report of Jerry Melbye, DABFA
- C. Autopsy report of Robert G. Williams, DDS
- D. Autopsy report of Curtis Daily, DDS
- E. Forensic Report of Phillip L. Walker, Ph.D.

Appendix II: Witness Statements

- A. Inquest Record prepared the day after the death by L.V. Henry, Justice of the Peace
- B. Dan Flint (funeral home employee)
- C. Reece Lance (13 –year-old employee of Buddy)
- D. Edna Ruth Blakely Vest (Buddy’s widow)
- E. Lawanna Howard (next-door neighbor)
- F. Newspaper article published the next day in the *Gainesville Register*
- G. Freddie Dulock (Worked directly across the street from the Vest Cabinet Shop)
- H. Faye Sampert (Worked as a waitress at Pud’s Chat & Chew, a popular Gainesville restaurant at the time of the murder)
- I. Peggy Jirasek (Friend of owner of Pud’s Chat & Chew)

Appendix III: Interrogation Methods

Appendix IV: M. Smith Letter

- A. M. Smith Letter
- B. Analysis of the M. Smith Letter
- C. Marla Bennett (Postmistress of Mulhall, OK)

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Appendix V: Timelines

- A. Harold Eugene Vest
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Appendix VII: Crime Scene Analysis

- A. Manner of Death Analysis
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Appendix VIII: Early History of the CIA

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