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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview of Former F.B.N. Agent [REDACTED]

1. The undersigned met and interviewed [REDACTED] in the San Francisco F.B.N. offices on 28 March 1979. [REDACTED] was with F.B.N. in N.Y.C. 1957/8 and in San Francisco from 1958-1965.

2. [REDACTED] recalls there was a pad in N.Y.C. in 1957, near the village but closer to mid-town. No other details.

3. [REDACTED] first learned of 225 Chestnut Street, San Francisco in 1958. Bruce Hipkins (deceased) was White's technical assistant who left F.B.N. to go with I.R.S. [REDACTED] replaced Hipkins. As tech man he was responsible for maintaining the pad installations. Pad maintenance and clean-up therefore also fell to him. There were microphones in the wall outlets which were wired to recorders in the back room. There was a two way mirror, about 1 1/2 ft. high and 2 1/2 ft. wide behind a locked door. Only the group leaders knew of the mirror, the agents did not. He is not certain how much of the apartment could be viewed through the mirror but as he recalls, it could only view the living room and could not have viewed more than the door to the bedroom. [REDACTED] believes [REDACTED] installed all of the technical gadgetry in the apartment.

[REDACTED] knows of no photography associated with the safehouses. He pointed out that in those days the sensitivity of film (ASA Rating) was so slow that unless the subject had been very brightly lighted, photography through the mirror would have been impossible. It is [REDACTED] judgment that there was not a view of the bedroom through the mirror and that no photography took place using the mirror.

[REDACTED] often cleaned up the apartment. Clean-up usually consisted of dirty ash trays, glasses, and kitchen clutter. He remembers the bed being disturbed only when it had been used by TDYers; he was generally aware of their presence. The bed often went long periods without use. He recalls White telling him on occasion to change the bed linen only because they had been on the bed too long. Beds were made up with conventional linens!

He recalls the apartment contained 3 volumes of erotic reading material. The books were on parchment type paper, had been privately bound in N.Y., and were inscribed, "Privately Bound for Morgan Hall". The books disappeared and Feldman was accused of stealing them. [REDACTED] never saw pornographic photographs in the safehouse.

He believes recordings were made and that Ike Feldman kept them locked in his desk.

The pad overlooked the Bay and had a good view of Coit Tower. It was nicely decorated, high class, usually clean and neat, and "looked like money". It could have been the town residence of a wealthy businessman. The pad was used operationally but was reserved major operations.

[REDACTED] reports, Ike had free access to the apartments, all others had to clear their use of it with White. Ike had other special treatment, others had to keep diaries and to have them available for the inspectors. Ike was not asked to produce diaries. There were strict rules against the comingling of personal cash and advance money. Agents had to keep office money in a separate compartment from personal money. Ike kept his together and was not challenged. [REDACTED] accepted Ike's practices.

Ike was not well liked by the Agents. He was secretive. He always closed the doors when conferring with White - all others left them open. He had a dispute over something with special agent Louis [REDACTED] (resigned). [REDACTED] was described as possibly being knowledgeable of Feldman's activities. [REDACTED] was contacted in Las Vegas, by phone. He expressed a desire to help in anyway he could but that he does not know anything about the alleged use of drugs by Feldman or White.)

[REDACTED] knew of Marin Co. safehouse and of the Plantation Inn (PI) but he only referred to Chestnut St. as "The Pad". [REDACTED] moved some furniture into the Marin Co. safehouse but explained that it was never really set-up before it was abandoned. Likewise, the PI was a motel apartment with no view and did not have the appeal of "The Pad".

[REDACTED] does not know of the safehouses being used for drugging or by prostitutes. The limited, and explainable use of the bed, and absence of any rumors or indications of such use which likely would have been available to the clean-up person, suggest the apartment was not so used.

White's diaries indicate he frequently stopped by a safehouse in the afternoons. Visits also seemed to coincide with boat outings. [REDACTED] explained that White and [REDACTED] often drank heavily during lunch. [REDACTED] wife was opposed to such drinking and would get very angry when he came home intoxicated. The Marin Co. and P.I. were on the route home and the two would often spend a couple of hours there to sober up.

[REDACTED] saw [REDACTED] more than the other [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] would occasionally bring gadgets for [REDACTED] to test. [REDACTED] recalls a modular tubular transmitter. [REDACTED] would often not be aware of technical details and tell him only to test it. One item caused him some problems as it was tuned to a frequency in commercial use in the area.

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