

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Questions Raised About Lee R. Pennington*What did he do for us over the years?*

Lee R. Pennington, a retired FBI employee, was for a number of years an informant of CIA's Office of Security. Being involved in work for the American Legion in the field of security he did research on the subject for CIA. He was a personal friend of James McCord, the former CIA employee who was arrested in the Watergate burglary.

At some point shortly after the Watergate arrests Pennington visited the McCord home, where he found Mrs. McCord, with her daughter and son in law, destroying papers. While these papers have been alleged to have included material bearing on McCord's past ties with CIA, their true nature has not been revealed by testimony available to CIA, which does not to this date know their true nature.

The incident at the McCord home became known in general terms to a few employees in the Office of Security, but was not reported to senior officers. Not until 22 February 1974 was this matter reported to the Director of Security, who reported it immediately to the DCI. It was reported at once to the various investigating authorities.

In addition to the above, in August 1972 the FBI Alexandria Field Office requested the CIA Office of Security for any information that it had on a person described as having the name of "Pennington," and possibly having been a former supervisor of McCord. Lee Pennington had never been a staff employee of CIA, and could not have been McCord's supervisor.

The CIA employee receiving the request had previously been impressed by the FBI Alexandria Field Office to provide no information except that specified, and provided the name of another Pennington, an employee of the CIA Office of Security, but who had never been a supervisor of McCord.

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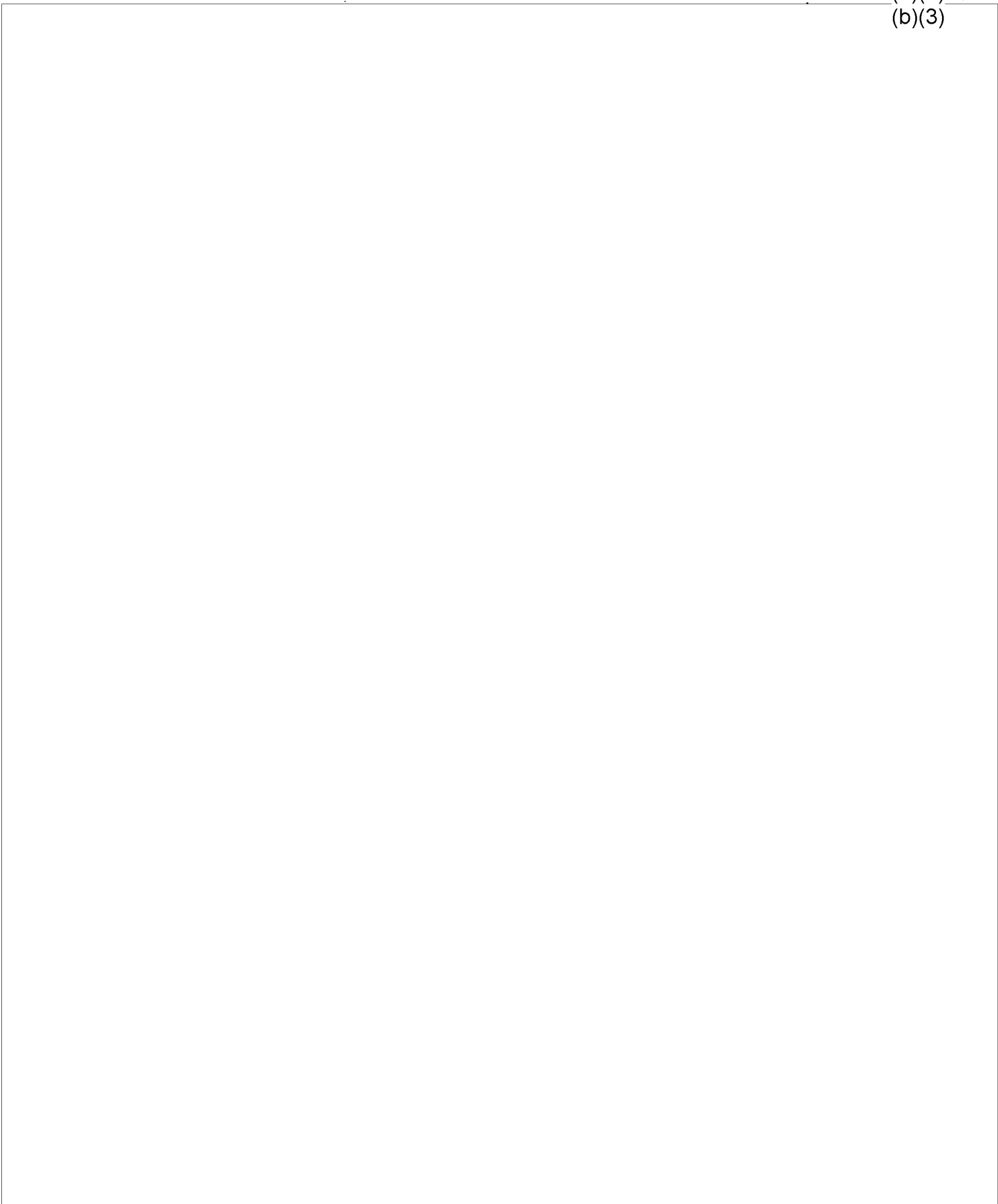
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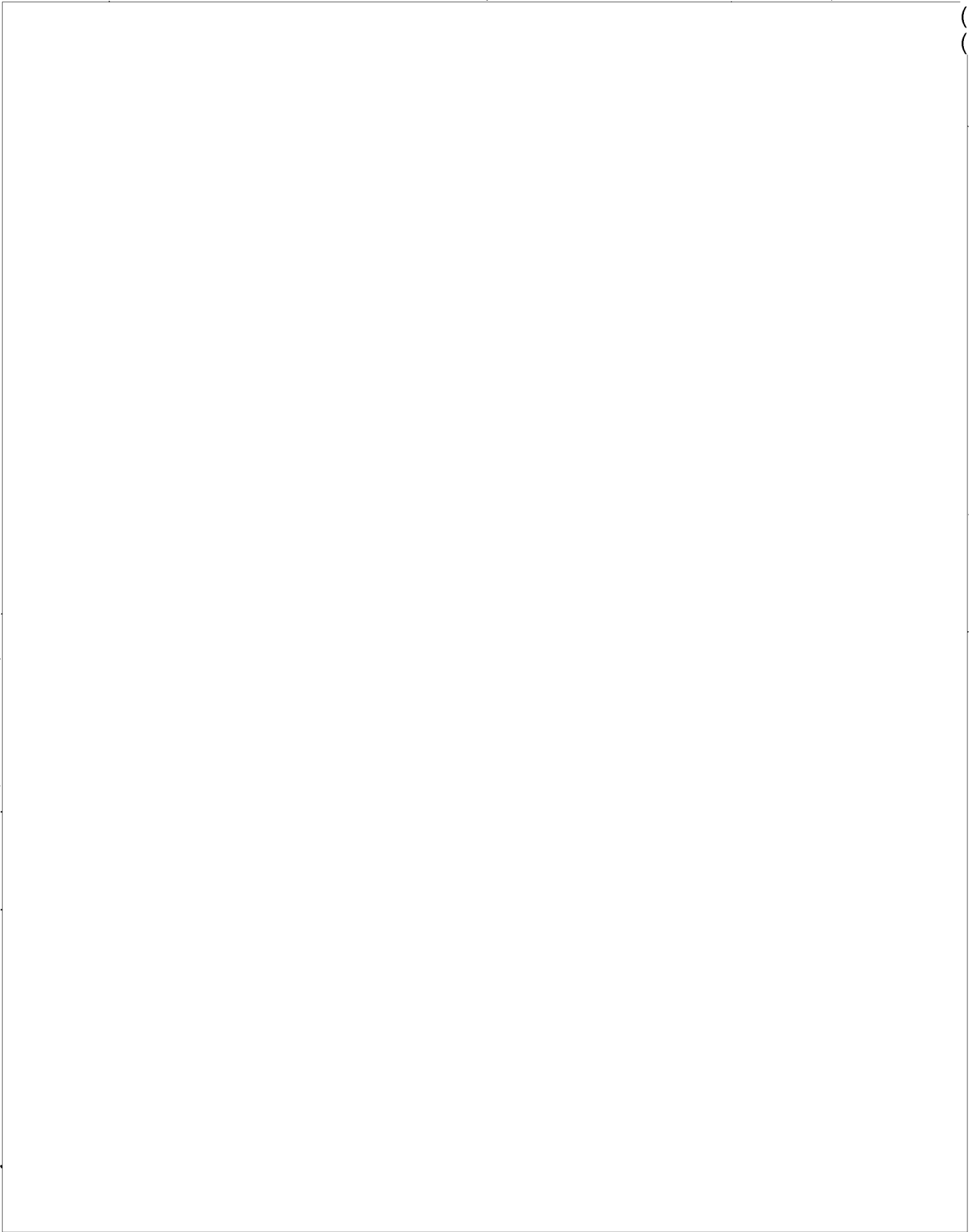
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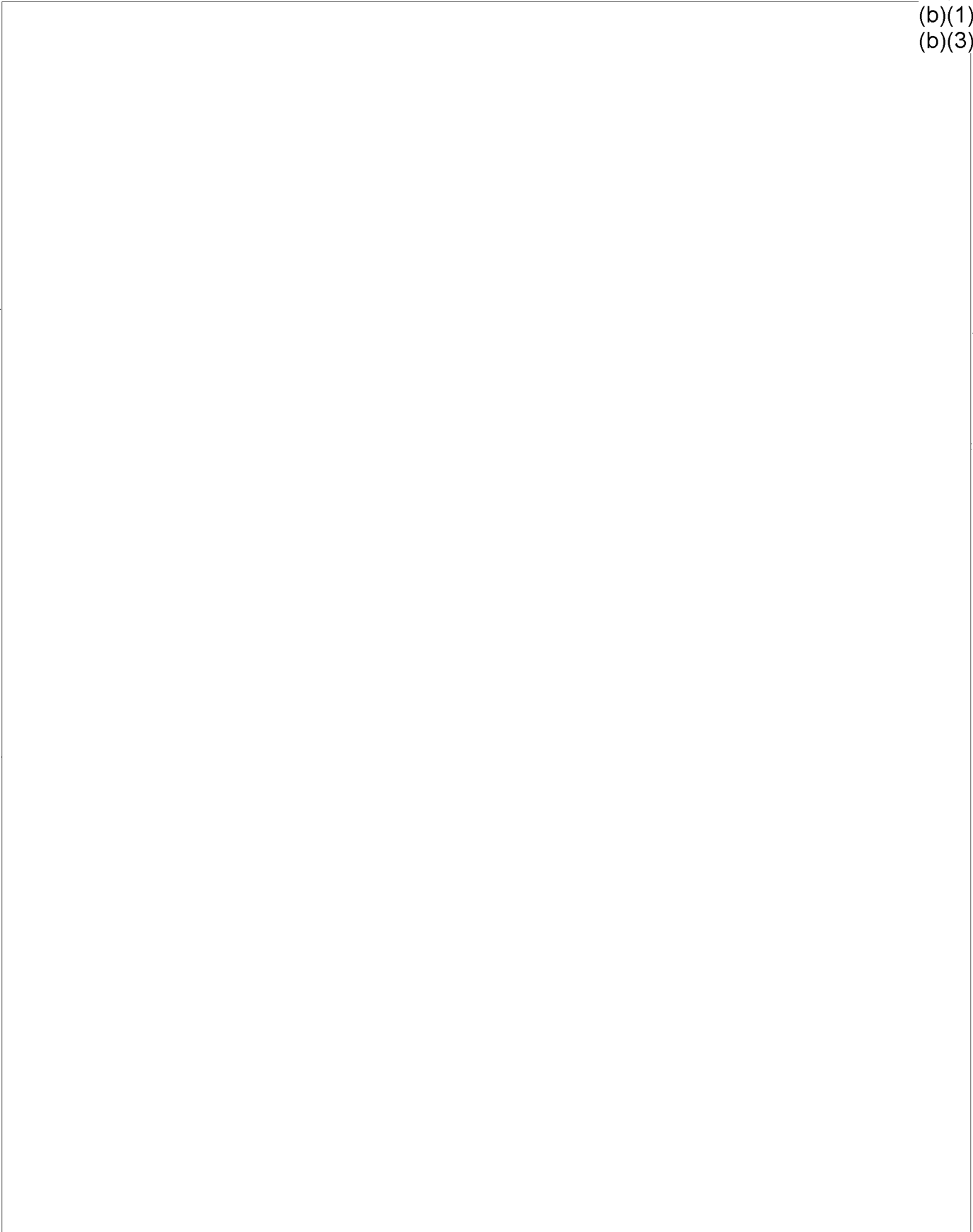
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