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The Office of Security is required to perform background investigations on all Staff, Contract and Service employees as well as periodic reinvestigations of Staff employees. Records from a large number of city, county and state police departments and sheriff's offices throughout the United States are used for these investigations. In addition, the OS maintains liaison with police departments for personnel security matters.

This liaison is conducted when Agency employees are arrested for civil or criminal offenses; are involved in accidents resulting in personal injury or extensive property damage; receive crank phone calls; incidents of physical molestation and rape, etc. Also the OS receives assistance from the Metropolitan Police Department in support of an Agency training exercise which prepares operational officers for the type of harassment he might anticipate during overseas assignments in denied areas.

While no training is being offered to police departments by the OS at the present time, assistance in this field has been rendered previously. During May 1966 to January 1973, the OS conducted and/or arranged a number of Agency briefings, demonstrations, seminars and training courses for representatives of various police departments around the

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United States. Topics addressed included lockpicking, photography, positive audio surveillance, counter audio measures, explosives and explosive devices, and a display of the Explosive Residue Detection Technique developed by the Agency. Furthermore, the OS, with the approval of the DCI, provided six men to the LEAA in 1970 who operated as LEAA "consultants" and briefed police and local officials throughout the United States on the Trace Metal Detection Technique.

On occasion, the OS has loaned or given electronic equipment to police departments for training or for use on police operational matters. Generally speaking, the availability of this electronic equipment was restricted to the Washington, D. C. Metropolitan area. Examples of the type of electronic equipment furnished are

On one occasion, arrangements were made for local area police to use an OTS photographic facility to develop some police film taken during an operational police assignment. There was concern that using the normal police equipment and facilities could compromise the entire police investigation. Also an was made available to the Metropolitan Police Department for a period of time in early 1973.

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During the anti-war and student demonstrations in Washington, D. C. between 1968 and 1971, OS provided a mobile communications net for the Metropolitan Police Department because the police were using all of their allotted radio frequencies for tactical police matters and needed to communicate items of police intelligence.

The current association between OS and police departments is confined to record checks, physical security and personnel security matters. No training or equipment has been made available to any police jurisdiction since mid-1973.

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