

Many People Know Him. Few Know Him Well

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Paul Francis Hellmuth is something of a mystery man. Many people know him. They serve on boards of hospitals or boards of businesses with him. They know him as a lawyer, the managing partner of the old Boston law firm of Hale & Dorr.

But few people know him well. And probably most men who know Hellmuth were surprised to learn he was involved in the Central Intelligence Agency's program to get funds to officials of the National Student assn.

Hellmuth, as a trustee of the Independence Foundation of Boston and the J. Frederick Brown Foundation of Boston, serves as a contact for CIA, according to former NSA officials.

A small, slim 46-year-old bachelor, Hellmuth is a man with an incisive mind. And outside his law practice he devotes "enormous amounts of time to the public weal," says one good friend. "I don't know another man like him. He is as fine and dedicated a person as I have ever met," this businessman says.

His advice is sought from such diverse sources as football teams and corporation executives. Those familiar with him trust his judgment, says another man close to Hellmuth. "When he speaks, it's with authority and clarity. He's an extraordinary person."

Hellmuth is a friend of good causes. He was close to the late Dr. Tom Dooley, whose medical work in Southeast Asia became famous. He is a friend of the Boys' Clubs, of which he is a director here, and the Museum of Science, where he is a trustee.

Hellmuth is noted for his work as board chairman of

University Hospital. He is also a director of the Boston University Medical Center and the Children's Medical Center.

Says a friend: "He brings to his work, in all these fields, a keenness and precise and informed judgment that's invaluable."

INCISIVE

AIR CORPS COLONEL

Hellmuth was born in Springfield, O., and graduated from Notre Dame University in 1940. He entered World War II in 1941 as a private and by 1945 was a lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Corps, winning several honors from the United States and France.

Harvard Law School brought Hellmuth to the Bos-

ton law-office-type efficiency to Boston. Hale & Dorr is considered the most highly organized of this city's big firms.

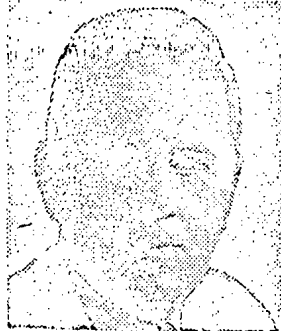
His friends say Hellmuth has little social life outside his work and charitable involvements.

His work has led him to involvement in businesses. He is a trustee of Cabot, Cabot & Forbes, a vice president of the L & H Corp. of Springfield, a director of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Eastern Slope Hotel Inc. and the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank.

By astute investments he is said to have amassed considerable wealth.

His friends speculate that Hellmuth's sense of obligation to community causes probably led him to his efforts for the CIA. They feel that Hellmuth likely sympathized with the CIA view that international student meetings were dominated by communism because American students didn't have the funds to be adequately represented.

Whatever his motivation, friends agree, it must have been a high one. "He is faithful and devoted to all the undertakings he has," says one. "It's hard to understand exactly what motivates him. But he must have some terrific urge to do good in the world."



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ton area. He graduated in 1947 and not long after he joined Hale & Dorr.

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