

23 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Transfer of [ ] from FE to Employees'  
Division and Reassignment to EE

1. Investigation by the Chief, I&R, with respect to the assignment of [ ] in November 1950 to a responsible position in the EE Division after prior unsatisfactory performance in a less responsible FE assignment developed the two following contradictory recollections of the incident:

a. [ ] (then Chief, EE-3) states that he discussed [ ]'s qualifications with two representatives of FE Division. [ ] does not definitely recall the identities of these representatives but believes they were [ ] and either [ ] or [ ]. Both advised him that [ ] had been placed in a sensitive operation in the Philippines which had never developed according to plans, that [ ] and other CIA field personnel in this operation had generally been given assignments that could not be fulfilled, and that [ ] was involved in a dispute that affected his military cover installation but otherwise performed satisfactorily. [ ] states that neither FE Division representative gave [ ] an adverse recommendation and both expressed belief that he deserved another assignment.

b. [ ] of FE/3/FI, states that to the best of her recollection no member of EE Division approached her with reference to [ ]'s previous employment by FE during the period November 1950 to February 1951, although she was approached for [ ]'s files by [ ] of EE Division within the past few weeks. She states that her only recollection of discussions as to the future employment of [ ], after his release by FE Division, were with Personnel Division and were concerned with his potential usefulness to any office of the Agency where his technical knowledge would be of value. Insofar as she could remember, she states that at that time the matter of [ ] being considered poorly fitted for employment as an Intelligence Officer in Operations was made entirely clear, but that his knowledge of weapons would be valuable to any office requiring an individual of that particular training.

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3. [ ] has read and approved [ ] statement to the above effect. Although [ ] has been absent on sick leave, [ ] contacted him on the matter and reports that his recollection of the matter is substantially in agreement with hers. He was quite sure that no one from EE Division had ever contacted him concerning [ ]'s employment and did not know that he was employed by EE until [ ] informed him. However, [ ] did remember discussing [ ]'s past service for FE and his difficulties in the field in some detail with someone in Personnel Division.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above conflicting recollections of events and in the absence of any other documentary evidence, this office cannot establish whether [ ] was assigned to his EE position by reason of misleading statements with respect to his qualifications and past performance in FE, or by reason of failure by EE to review his record prior to his assignment and by FE Division's failure to record (in [ ]'s personnel file) [ ]'s unsatisfactory performance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that [ ] of the Southeast Asia section at the time of [ ]'s employment and release, be orally reprimanded for not making [ ]'s unsatisfactory performance in his FE assignment a matter of record in his personnel file.

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Chief, Inspection and Review

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