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29 JAN 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

ATTENTION :

[Redacted]

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VIA :

Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT :

Alleged Illegal Domestic Activities
(Request for Office of Security File
Check on Bernard Fensterwald, Arthur
James Woolston-Smith, and Science
Security Associates, Inc.)

1. Reference is made to request number 269.22 from [Redacted] for a search of Office of Security files concerning the above subjects.

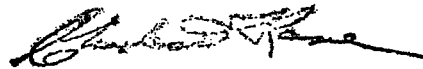
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2. Attached is a summary of Office of Security files concerning Arthur James Woolston-Smith. Office of Security files contain no record of Science Security Associates, Inc.

3. [Redacted] was previously advised that the Office of Security is responding to a request from the Office of General Counsel concerning a Freedom of Information Act inquiry by Bernard Fensterwald. It is suggested that [Redacted] coordinate his interest in Fensterwald with the Office of General Counsel.

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Charles W. Kane
Director of Security

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WOOLSTON-SMITH, Arthur James #66896

Mr. Arthur James Woolston-Smith came to the attention of this Agency in December 1954, when he was interviewed during the course of a routine investigation of an individual who was of interest to this Agency in the Boston, Massachusetts area. During the course of this interview, Mr. Woolston-Smith identified himself as a representative of the Canadian Intelligence Service and a security Officer of the International Student's Center at Harvard University. Mr. Woolston-Smith gave evidence of professional knowledge and experience in the realm of investigative-security-intelligence activities.

As a result of the aforementioned information, a file was established on Mr. Woolston-Smith with a request to conduct a discreet, limited investigation in order to determine his connection with the Canadian Intelligence Service (CIS) and to establish his reliability and credibility.

During the 1955 investigation of Mr. Woolston-Smith that was conducted in the Boston, Massachusetts area by this Agency, several informants reported that at various times Mr. Woolston-Smith had indirectly intimated that he worked with Canadian Intelligence and also associated with Scotland Yard, however, no information was developed to substantiate his claims. It was also disclosed that Mr. Woolston-Smith was known by police sources in the greater Boston, Massachusetts area as a "screwball", a "nut", a "phoney", and a "nuisance."

In 1956, Mr. Woolston-Smith came to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after having approached the New York Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service alleging to be a security operative for the Canadian Government. The subsequent investigation conducted by the Bureau determined through liaison with Canadian authorities that Mr. Woolston-Smith had in fact misrepresented himself as an intelligence operative.

On 3 October 1972, the Federal Bureau of Investigation requested name traces on Mr. A. J. Woolston-Smith. The Director of Security replied by memorandum on 4 October 1972.

Records of the Office of Security and the Operations Directorate were rechecked on 25 January 1974, and it was reconfirmed that this Agency has had no contact with Mr. Woolston-Smith since December 1954. (b)(1) (b)(3)

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Note: The file contains the following flag sheets:

1. Watergate file review flag dated 24 April 1974
(See attached)
2. Flag sheet dated 5 October 1972 indicating that before any action whatsoever is taken regarding the file of Mr. Woolston-Smith to contact DDS/PS.
(See attached)

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WATERGATE FILE REVIEW FLAG

SUBJECT: WOOLSTON-SMITH, Arthur James

FILE NO: 66896

DATE FLAGGED: 24 April 1974

All information contained in this file through the above date was reviewed for possible significance to "Watergate" or other related matters. This review was conducted by Office of Security personnel. Additionally, this file was in the custody of the Office of the Inspector General from 26 February 1974 until released to the Office of Security on 15 April 1974.

No action is required through date cited above for further "Watergate" related file review reporting.

File Cross Reference - 625000

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