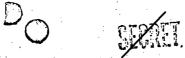
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QUESTION #12 - What do we know of Science Security Associates and one of its principals, A. J. Woolston-Smith?

ANSWER

- On 3 October 1972, the Federal Bureau of Investigation requested name traces on Mr. A. J. Woolston-Smith and Science Security Associates. The Director of Security replied by memorandum of 4 October 1972, a copy of which is attached. We have no record on Science Security Associates.

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.

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we refer you to the FBI for other information in our files concerning Mr. Woolston-Smith.



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MEMCRANDUM FOR: The Acting Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: Mr. Armold L. Parham

SUBJECT : Arthur James Woolston-Smith

Science Security Associates

- 1. Reference is made to your request of 3 Cctober 1972 for information concerning the Subjects.
- 2. Arthur James Woolston-Smith first came to the attention of the Central Intelligence Agency in late 1954, at which time he claimed to be a Security Officer of the International Students' Center, Harvard University, and claimed a connection with the Canadian Intelligence Service. We have in our files copies of investigations of Mr. Woolston-Smith conducted by your Bureau in 1956 and 1957.
- 3. In November 1970, this Agency received a file check request regarding Mr. Woolston-Smith from the Washington Fleld Activities Support Center of the Department of Defense, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The request reflected that Mr. Woolston-Smith was then a private investigator, employed as Vice President, Science Security Associates, 520 5th Avenue, New York, New York. His residence was listed as unknown.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Acting Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION

: Mr. Arnold L. Parham

SUBJECT

: Robert Spencer Cliver, Sr.

Robert Spencer Cliver, Jr. (I November 1937) Robert Cliver Associates, Washington, D. C. Association of Democratic State Chairmen

- 1. Reference is made to your request of 3 October 1972 for information concerning the Subjects.
- 2. Records of the Central Intelligence Agency reflect that an individual identified as R. Spencer Oliver, Executive Secretary of the American Council of Young Political Leaders, was one of two leaders of a 19 member American delegation which arrived in Moscow on 29 July 1972 for a 15 day visit to the Soviet Union. The group was organized under the 1972 American/Russian Cultural Exchanges Agreement, and consisted of nearly equal numbers of young Republicans and Democrats. R. Spencer Cliver was identified as a Democrat from Maryland. Mr. Cliver left unexpectedly on 5 August 1972 to return to Washington, D. C.
- 3. The Washington Star and Daily News of 6 September 1972 reported that Spencer Cliver, Executive Director of the State Chairmen's Association (of the Democratic National Committee) was to testify in the \$1 million invasion of privacy suit brought by Lawrence O'Brien, Senator McGovern's Campaign Manager, against the Committee to Re-elect the President, and the five Watergate suspects. The Washington Post reported on 14 September 1972, that a listening device had been found inside the telephone of R. Spencer Cliver at the Democratic National Committee Headquarters.

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- 4. Files of this Agency contain a Dun and Bradstreet report of 31 October 1959, reflecting that a Robert Oliver was then a Legislative Consultant. He was Chief Executive of Robert Oliver and Associates, Suite 706, 400 First Street N. W., Washington, D. C., 20001 telephone: (202) EX3-6993. The firm was shown to have one employee, with sales of \$100,000 and a worth of \$250,000. There was no mention of the terms 'Sr." or 'Jr." with respect to the name of Robert Oliver, but it may be that this person is one of the Subjects of your inquiry.
- 5. Cur records contain no information regarding the Association of Democratic State Chairmen except as noted in paragraph 2 above.
- 6. This information is provided in confidence, and should not be disseminated outside of your Bureau. Please direct any correspondence on this matter to the attention of the Director of Security.

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