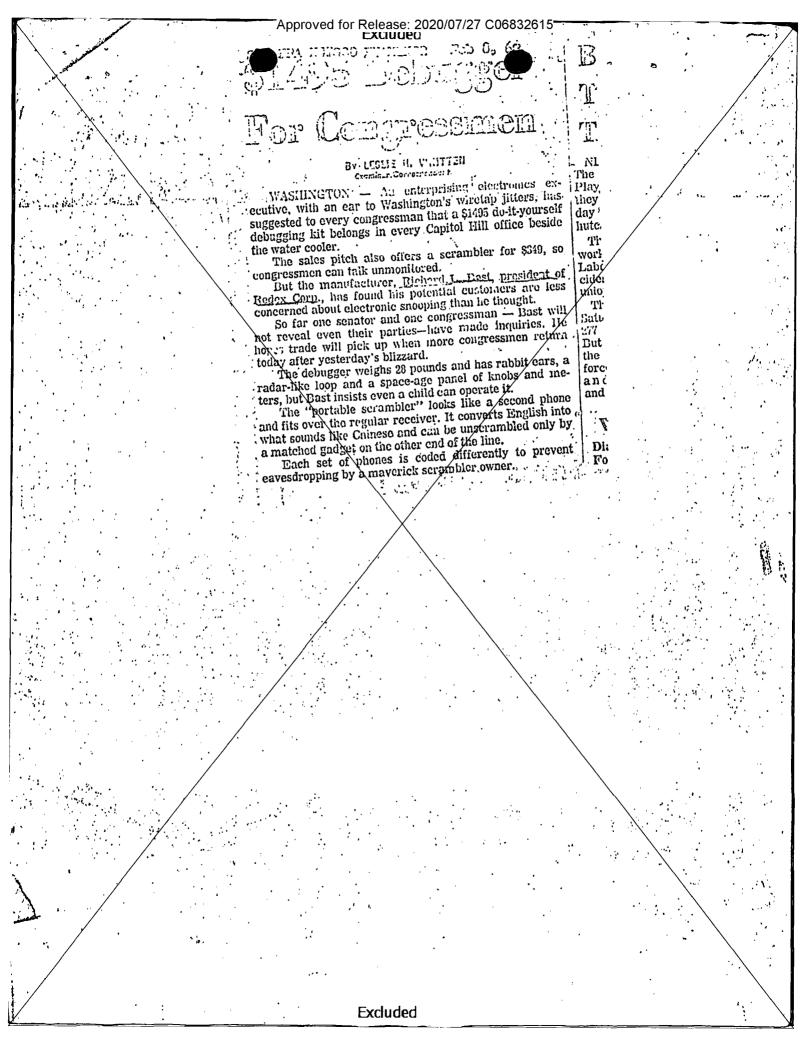


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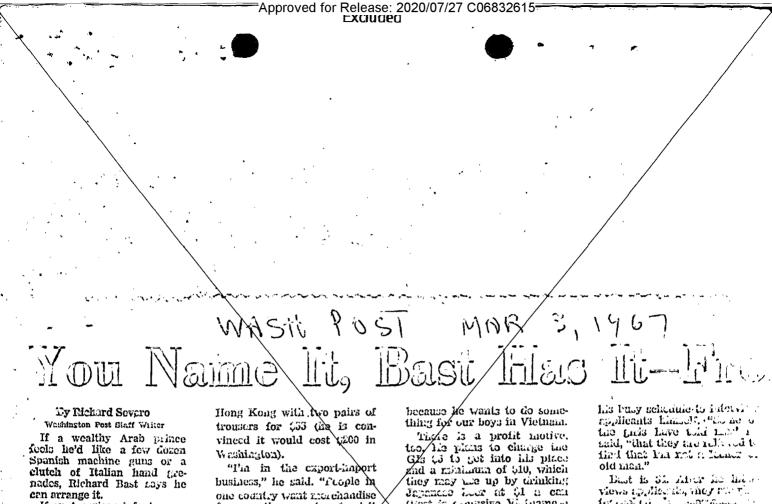
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Saigon B-girls in present night

He said he, personally, does not know the site Excluded

clubs there.



If an American infantryman In Vietnam wants to send his sweetheart an electric blanket, Richard Bast says he can ar-

range it.

If a Hottentot poientate wants anything from a case of canned nuts to a planeload of clectronic spy equipment, Richard Bast can arrange that, too.

"I'm a middleman," says Bast.

He leaned forward in his swivel chair, his 6-foot, 1-inch, 169-pound frame nattily icsplendent in a silk-lined black mohair suit he picked up in from another country. I get it, for them. You name the marchandice and I can get it?"

He passed for a flowerst in his tiny, cark, paneled office on the mata floor of 1/01 New York ave. nw.

A couple of Cays ago Bast made news when he revealed plans for his Kilest export topics go-go giris.

The go-go bills are going to a nightclub Bast and a Vietnamete partner plan to open in Saigon/

They are soing to call it the Saigon Discotheque A-Go-Go ast cays he is opening it (Bast is chemisive Victuainese distributor for Servoro been) or whisky for 52 a shot.

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South Vietnamese government, which might refuse to issue visas if the U.S. Government requested such an action.

But it would be a mistake to think of Richard Bast as exclusively concerned with such chesty matters. In fact, he is worried lest people think of him primarily as a night club operator.

"I am a merchandiser," he said. "I am a reputable businessman who is not a neophyte in the ways of international marketing.

Bast is the president of

three companies:
• Redex Viet-Nam, Inc., which in addition to girls, imports Japanese cars (the Isuzu Beliett with a 1500 cc engine scotch, bourbon, Japanese and Philippine beer, and a wide variety of electronic equipsets to spy devices.

- Redex Corp., which sells almost anything to anybody in foreign countries other than Vietnam.
- · Consolidated Armaments, Inc., which sells mostly small arms - machine guns, rifles, pistols, hand grenades - to foreign governments and private individuals overseas.

All companies are headquartered in Bast's office in Washington, two rooms which are only slightly bigger than a couple of telephone booths. His secretary sits in one room; Bast is in the other. In the room with Bast are some file cabinets, two telex machines for sending and receiving ory ders for overseas business, a desk and a photo copy machine.

In addition to his New York

ment, ranging from television Avenue office, there is a warre house on L Street ne. and also a shop in Arling Typere technicions assemble electron ic spy devices for the Redex. Corp.

Bast spends about seven months of the year in his Washington office; the rest of the time he is traveling, winning friends and influencing buyers.

He declined to estimate his yearly gross, smiled and said: "Just say we do a nice business." Nor could he estimate his profit margin, "It varies, depending on the merchandisc. Sometimes it is only 3 or 4 per cent, other times it is as high as 50 per cent."

Whatever the take, it is enough to keep him in mohair

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Bast said.

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cufflinks, a 1965 Cadillac ing a good credit rating. He John J. O'Brien, a Washington Fleetwood and a home in keeps handy a reference let tor and process server. He Chesterbrook Woods, Va., ter from the First National started the Redex Corp. in which he estimates is worth Bank of Washington and one 1960. He is still licensed as a \$60,000. "I like nice things," form his counsel, Bernard private detective. Margolius.

dog and two cats. Also in the with overseas clients I am in a opportunity for people with house is a tiger skin rug sense representing this coun- integrity who are willing to

Bast is a native of Washingemployed briefly as an ap-The customers, governmen prentice, pressman at The tal and private, that buy arms, Washington Post. Then came spy devices and other mer service with the Marines in chandise, according to Bast, Korea. Bast says he received

After the Marines he re-Arabia, France, Kuwait, Jor-turned to the presses briefly, dan, Lebanon, Switzerland, but that work did not appeal Thailand and South Vietnam to him. He had suffered a Richard Bast is a man who slipped disc and his back hurt.

suits, oversized gold-colored understands the value of hav- In 1954, he was employed by

"I've come a long way from He lives in Chesterbrook "My service is a question of the pressroom." he said. "Life Woods with his wife, Edith; a integrity with me," Bast said has been good to me. I am a son, two daughters, a mongrel "I feel that when I am dealing living example that there is an work.'