

DIARY, 24 December 1974

1. [ ] retired former Chief of [ ] DCS, DCD, called me at approximately 1130, 24 December 1974, to report that he had been contacted at his present residence at [ ] by a Washington Post reporter, Ron ? (subsequently, I determined from the Office of the AD/DCI that this may have been Ron Koven). The caller indicated that he was aware that [ ] had made statements at a CIA Midcareer Course in 1971 that CIA had urged a US company to take its ads out of Ramparts magazine.

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2. [ ] was taken completely by surprise by the phone call because he has not read the current New York Times stories, although he has seen the television news commentary on this situation. Consequently, it is possible that he stumbled around before replying to the Washington Post inquiry. As best [ ] recalls he told the reporter he didn't recall the incident but that he may have cited it as an example of how a contact might cooperate with CIA if we had developed an exceptionally close relationship with him. Subsequently, he believes he told the reporter that he recalled that a US company did confide in one of our offices that it had withdrawn its advertising from Ramparts because it felt Ramparts represented a threat against the US.

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3. The reporter had [ ] correct title (presumably Director, DCS), and asked [ ] about this. [ ] told him that his title had changed several times.

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4. The reporter also asked whether it was true that [ ] had charge of CIA's domestic activities. To this [ ] replied, "Not really." The reporter then asked whether [ ] had been in charge of CIA's domestic debriefing. To this question [ ] replied, "Yes."

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5. The reporter also asked whether [ ] was aware of any domestic breakins by CIA. [ ] "Absolutely not" and added that no one who worked for him would have been capable of such activity.

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6. Finally, [ ] indicated that the reporter was barking up a dead tree but the reporter indicated that his information came from several sources.

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7. I checked and determined that my Administrative Officer had received a phone call from a "Mr. Arthur" early on 24 December 1974. "Mr. Arthur" indicated he had received a Christmas card from [ ] and wanted to send him a New Year's greeting in response but did not have his address. My Administrative Officer, consequently, had provided this address.

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8. I checked the DCD file on the Ramparts organization and located a copy of a memorandum for the record (copy attached) dated

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