

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Officer designations (see separate sheet) should be used in the "To" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "To" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Record and Routing Sheet should be returned to Registry.

FROM:
 • P3II - Howard Hunt

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 178972
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TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		RECEIVED	FORWARDED		
1. JOE Garland	K 2209	17mch.	17mch	JB	Returned with Thanks. 3 to 5 This is for your info. & file.
2. MN Harvey				WRC	
3. JOE/OPC	3/13			WRC	
4. Mr. Garland					
5. J & S					
6. File of: Karpis, Eugene					
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8. -				mlw 3/24/50	
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MEMORANDUM FOR: OSE

SUBJECT: Captain Eugene Karpe, USN, deceased

1. During 1948-1949 I served in Europe as an official of the Economic Cooperation Administration, ranking as Attaché of the American Embassy, Paris.

2. During various periods of temporary duty in Vienna (August-October, 1948) I came to know Captain Karpe socially. He came to Vienna frequently on week ends from his Bucharest post, staying, like myself, at the Bristol Hotel.

3. On at least two occasions he flew with me in Gen. Keyes' aircraft from Vienna to Paris, and I had the distinct impression that he wanted to spend as little time as possible in Bucharest because of the annoying and constant surveillance of secret police.

4. On one occasion, returning unexpectedly to Vienna, I encountered Capt. Karpe at the Bristol, and asked him why he was again in Vienna. He replied that there had been a series of incidents in Bucharest involving the domestic servants of Embassy personnel (shadowing, interrogations, etc.), and that I could not imagine how rigorous was the life there for Americans. He added jokingly that he could not even visit a urinal in Bucharest without being accompanied by secret police.

5. At no time did Captain Karpe appear despondent; rather he impressed me as a conscientious officer who was undergoing tremendous hardships, but sought relaxation from surveillance at every legitimate opportunity.

6. In October, 1949 I encountered Capt. Karpe in the Army & Navy Club in Washington, and asked him if his Bucharest assignment had terminated. His answer was rather vague, and my total impression was that he felt I was lucky to be out of Europe, and that he was not anxious to return to Rumania.

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7. Our association was more than casual, for we had mutual friends in the Navy; one of his classmates, in fact, having been a fellow officer of mine.

8. Although I knew Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vogeler socially in Vienna, I was not aware that Captain Karpe knew them, as later events indicate.

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HOWARD HUNT

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