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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

June 21, 2001

Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

Mr. John Young
CRYPTOME
251 West 89th Street
Suite 6E
New York, New York 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

References:

- a. Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 29, 2001, for records concerning various dossiers. Your request was received in this office on April 18, 2001.
- b. Our letter of April 20, 2001, informing you that additional time was needed to review the records and we were unable to comply with the 20-day statutory time limit in processing your request.

We have conducted checks of the automated Defense Clearance and Investigations Index and a search of the Investigative Records Repository to determine the existence of Army intelligence investigative records responsive to your request.

We have located the enclosed records pertaining to Panama Chinese Activities, ZF010278W. We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order 12958. As a result of this review, it has been determined that the Army-originated information no longer warrants security classification protection and is partially releasable to you. Fees for processing this request are waived.

Since the release of some of the information deleted from these records would result in an unwarranted invasion of the privacy rights of the individuals concerned, this information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA per Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

The withholding of information by this office is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Brigadier General Keith B. Alexander, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You may appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60 day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you filing litigation in the courts.

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AGENT REPORT
(SR 380-320-10)

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT
Chinese Communist Activities (U)
Republic of Panama
Project 2807

2. DATE SUBMITTED
11 January 1973
3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER
0010-73

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

During 1972, Source 22310102 (Project 2807), a usually reliable source of the 470th Military Intelligence Group, United States Army Southern Command, Fort Amador, Canal Zone, furnished the following names of Chinese residents of Panama who he identified as being pro-People's Republic of China (PRC). No attempt was made to list every Chinese in Panama whose political proclivities lean toward the PRC, rather, an effort was made to list those individuals who are actively propagandizing on behalf of the PRC and/or occupy prominent economic positions in the Chinese community in Panama which permit them influence to a greater or lesser extent, over other members of the Chinese community. Several persons listed are presently or formerly associated with publication of the pro-PRC Chinese language newspaper Tai Kong Po (Telegraphic Code(TC)): 1129/0361/1032--transliteration: Ta Kung Po, aka: La Justicia (Justice). The list of reported PRO-PRC personalities is as follows:

a. () (TC) () proprietor of Almacen Once, a store in Panama City, Panama, which sells merchandise from the PRC, and head of La Justicia. Source suspects () being the leader of PRC intelligence activities in Panama, and of using Almacen Once to finance subversive PRC activities in Panama, including propaganda effected through La Justicia. () is also considered by pro-PRC residents of Panama as an unofficial PRC Consul in Panama. He reportedly has interceded with the PRC Government on behalf of Chinese residents of Panama who desire to bring relatives residing in the PRC to Panama. He accomplishes this by preparing letters to emigration authorities in the PRC, recommending approval for exit permits for relatives of pro-PRC Chinese in Panama.

b. () (TC) () proprietor of Casa Choy, a store in Panama City which sells merchandise from the PRC, and believed by Source to be the top PRC activist in Latin America. () associates closely with () and is suspected by Source of being () superior.

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c. (TC: ())-transliteration ()
(), Assistant Manager of Almacen Once.

d. () wife of ()

e. (TC: ())-transliteration ()
(), Editor-in-Chief of La Justicia.

f. (TC: ()) aka: ()
Editor of La Justicia and clerk in Casa Victor, a store in Panama City
operated by a PRC sympathizer.

g. (TC: ())-transliteration ()
(), assists in publishing of La Justicia and works part-time in
the Almacen Once warehouse. He is purportedly a close friend of ()
(), Panamanian Minister of Government and Justice.

h. (TC: ())-transliteration ()

(), Editor-in-Chief of La Justicia from 1957 to 1971. In early 1971,
() was dismissed from employment with La Justicia because of the
embezzlement of La Justicia funds. He presently assists in delivery of
La Justicia.

i. (TC: ())-transliteration: (), part
owner of Novedades Panama, a novelty store in Panama City, and suspected
member of the so-called "Guardia Roja de Mao" (Mao's Red Guard), a small
group of about 15 pro-PRC activists from Panama City and Colon, Panama.

j. (TC: ())-transliteration: ()
(), part owner of Novedades Panama and suspected member of the Guardia
Roja de Mao.

k. (TC: ())-transliteration: ()
(), previously a leading figure in the
publication of La Justicia. Since having been dismissed in 1970 from his
connections with La Justicia by (), Tuy seems to have suffered
a considerable loss of prestige in the Chinese community. He now operates
a small store in Panama City.

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SENSITIVE INFORMATION

1. () (TC) () transliteration ()

Owner of Compania Asia, a firm in Panama City importing merchandise from the PRC, and suspected front for pro-PRC activities in Panama.

m. () (TC) () -transliteration: ()

previously involved in publication of La Justicia, and now a salesman and distributor for the store, Casa Victor.

n. () (TC) () transliteration: () former

Editor of La Justicia and a communist agitator among Chinese in Panama City.

o. () (TC) () -transliteration: ()

owner of Barberia Istmena, a barbershop in Panama City.

p. () (TC) () owner of Compania Mayorista,

a hardware store in Panama City. He openly propagandizes communism and criticizes the Republic of China (Nationalist China) Embassy in Panama and the Asociacion General China de Panama (Chinese Association of Panama), a pro-Republic of China benevolent association in Panama.

q. () (TC) () unknown--transliteration:
Unknown), aka: () owner of Barberia Latina, a barbershop

in Panama City.

r. () (TC) () transliteration: Ch'en
owner of Casa Victor, a store in Panama City.

s. () (TC) () a close associate of persons involved
in publication of La Justicia.

t. () (TC) () proprietor of the Nuevo
Gran Oriente Restaurant and head of the group of pro-PRC activist in
Panama known as Guardia Roja de Mao.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS [REDACTED] - SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED	

On 21 November 1972, Source 223000003, a confidential informant of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, United States Army Southern Command, Fort Amador, Canal Zone, who is evaluated by that office as usually reliable, reported the following information concerning Chinese personalities in Panama:

1. (Telegraphic Code (TC): (_____), owner of Almacen Once and Casa Choy travelled to Canton in the Spring of 1972.

2. (_____) (Telegraphic Code (TC: (_____), manager of Almacen Once.

3. (_____) (TC: (_____), wife of (_____)

4. (_____) (TC: (_____), a CHICOM activist part-time employee at Almacen Once, at present a journalist for La Justicia, and friend of (_____), the PN Minister of Government and Justice.

5. (_____) (_____) (_____), editor-in-chief of La Justicia.

6. (_____) (TC: (_____), editor of La Justicia.

7. (_____) (TC: (_____), partner of store, Novedades Panama, Panama City.

8. (_____) (TC: (_____), formerly with La Justicia, now a small store owner, provided travel expenses for someone to attend a leftist meeting in Canada.

9. (_____) (TC: (_____), owner of Compania Asia, leader in Youth Activities, born in Panama.

10. (_____) (TC: (_____), unknown/unknown/--) , clerk at Casa Victor, which is owned by (_____) (ref 13 below). Source doubts HQ is pro-communist.

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11. () (TC: ()) a CHICOM activist. His wife, () is also a PRC activist. () formerly was a teacher at the Chinese elementary school supported by the Chinese Nationalist Embassy. () was discharged later when the Chinese Embassy discovered his pro-Communist tendencies. He was formerly the editor of La Justicia. () organized tour groups for the Dalton Travel Agency to return to China (PRC). The first group consisted of ten people and the second, six had already departed. The names of the participants are unknown.

12. () (TC: ()) owner of Barberia Istmena, where Chinese Communist magazines are sold.

13. () (TC: ()) owner of Casa Victor (?)

14. () (TC: ()) owner of Nuevo Oriente Restaurant, leader of Red Guard. Many pro-PRC individuals meet often at this restaurant. Last March (1972) he travelled to Taiwan.

15. () (TC: ()) owner of Pana China Restaurant and is responsible for spreading Communist (PRC) propaganda.

16. () (TC: ()) a PRC activist, owner of Gran China a Chinese restaurant.

17. () (TC: ()) unknown () owner of the K'ang Lo Yuan Bar. He is associated with the Chung Shan Youth Organization, nfi.

18. () (TC: ()) owner of the Pacific Bar, nfi.

19. () (TC: ()) a CHICOM activist nephew of () (ref 18 above). Previously worked as a bartender at the Pana China Restaurant. He is married to () (TC: ()) owner of a laundry, nfi. Source believes () recruits for the communist movement in PN.

20. () (TC: ()) owner of store, "Mayorista." He is a principal figure "behind the scene" (In PRC - activities). His daughter, nfi, is employed as a secretary in the US Military Headquarters, nfi.

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AGENT REPORT
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21 (TC: () aka: () XTC: () chairman of a branch of Min Chih Tang (TC: 3046/3112/8093), nfi. He assists individuals coming to Panama from Hong Kong and PRC in purchasing identification documentation. This activity is the only evidence to indicate () possible pro-CHICOM sympathy.

AGENT'S NOTES: Reference is made to Agent Report, subject: Pro-PRC Chinese in Panama, Number 0012-73, dated 11 January 1973 which contains a file check of the above listed individuals and additional personalities.

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0012-73

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 10 January 1973, the files of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters, USARSO, Fort Amador, Canal Zone, were caused to be checked regarding the following listed individuals with results as indicated:

1. (Telegraphic Code (TC)): _____
aka: _____ DTC: _____ transliteration: _____

Proprietor of Almacen Once, a store in Panama City selling merchandise from the People's Republic of China (PRC) and head of La Justicia, a Chinese language pro-PRC newspaper published in Panama City. From another US intelligence agency, it was learned that _____ is regularly forwarding intelligence reports to a PRC accommodation address in Hong Kong. (See AGENT'S NOTES)

2. (TC: _____) aka: _____
DTC: _____ transliteration: _____ assistant manager of Almacen Once.

3. (TC: _____) transliteration: _____
mistress of CHOI See Tact. Full Chinese name for _____ presently unknown.

4. (TC: _____) XTC: _____
assists in editing La Justicia and works part-time in Almacen Once warehouse. Purportedly a close friend of _____ FN Minister of Government and Justice.

5. (TC: _____) XTC: _____
transliteration: _____
editor-in-chief of La Justicia and clerk in Casa Victor, a store in Panama City operated by a PRC sympathizer.

6. (TC: _____) XTC: _____
director of La Justicia and clerk in Almacen Once.

7. (TC: _____) XTC: _____
transliteration: KUO Jung Chu), part owner of Novedades Panama and suspected member of the so-called "Guardia Roja de Mao," (Mao's Red Guard).

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8. (TC: ()) previously connected with publication of La Justicia. Since being banned from involvement in La Justicia by () in 1970, seems to have suffered a considerable loss of prestige in the Chinese community. He now operates a small store in Panama City.

9. (TC: ()) owner of Compania Asia, Panama City, importer of merchandise from PRC, and suspected front for PRC activities in Panama. He is alleged to have false documentation as a Panamanian.

10. (TC: ()) (TC: ()) 3589--transliteration: (TC: ()) previously connected with La Justicia and now a salesman and distributor for Casa Victor.

11. (TC: ()) (TC: ()) (TC: ()) former editor of La Justicia and a communist agitator among the Chinese in Panama City.

12. (TC: ()) (TC: ()) owner of Barberia Istmena, a barbershop in Panama City.

13. (TC: ()) (TC: ()) 13--transliteration: (TC: ()) owner of Casa Victor, Panama City.

14. (TC: ()) (TC: ()) proprietor of Nuevo Gran Oriente Restaurant, Panama City, and head of the so-called "Guardia Roja de Mao," (Mao's Red Guard).

15. (TC: ()) (TC: ()) 15--transliteration: (TC: ()) former president of the Chung Hua Kung So, Colon, PN, a branch of the Chinese Association of China, a prominent Chinese businessman in Colon, and proprietor of the Pana China Restaurant, Panama City. He was the Honorary Consul in Colon for the Republic of China.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS (WARNING NOTICE)

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16. () (TC: ()) no record.

17. () (TC: ()) no record.

18. () (TC: ()) owner of the Pacific
Restaurant, PRC sympathizer, a partner of Pana China Restaurant,
Panama City.

19. () (TC: ()) no record.

20. () (TC: ()) and () owner of Compania
Mayorista, a hardware store in Panama City. He openly criticizes the
Embassy of the Republic of China, Panama and the Chinese Association in
Panama. () sons, () and () own and operate the
Compania Asia which sells merchandise from PRC. (see item 9 re
in this Agent Report.) () has three daughters. The oldest ()
was married to a US citizen (nfi) in 1971 and presently resides in the
US. The younger daughters attend school in Panama.21. () (TC: ()) studied medicine at the
University of Panama in 1963, was a professional gambler, and handled
illegal immigration documents for Chinese entering Panama, realizing a
profit of approximately \$32,000 during 1962 and 1963 in processing
approximately 100 illegal Chinese entrants.

22. () (TC: ()) transliteration: ()

23. () former editor-in-chief, La Justicia. Educated in
Kwangtung Province, China, returned to Panama after WWII and after the
Communist takeover of mainland China. He assists in the delivery of
La Justicia and is employed at Casa Victor. He is a cousin of ()
(See item 5 above)24. () owner of Casa Choy, a store in Panama City selling merchandise
from the PRC, Hong Kong, and the Phillipines () is a pro-PRC in
Latin America. He has travelled extensively in the past throughout
the Caribbean and Latin areas engaged in business. He was educatedEGRADED UNCLASSIFIED
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in pre-WWII China and Spain and has travelled in France. He speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, and English fluently. Associates closely with (see item 1 above) and has received shipments of goods for Casa Choy addressed to Almacen Once.

24. () (TC: ()-transliteration: owner of Barberia Latina, a barbershop in Panama City.

25. () (TC: () (TC: unknown), a member of a group supporting La Justicia.

26. () (TC: ()-transliteration part owner of Novedades Panama, Panama City (see item 7 above), a suspected member of "Guardia Roja de Mao" composed of approximately 15 pro-PRC Chinese from Colon and Panama City.

AGENT'S NOTES: Information presented above pertaining to sending intelligence reports to the PRC was furnished with the understanding that the third agency rule would be strictly adhered to. Reference is made to Agent Reports, same subject, dated 11 January 1973, Control symbols: 0010-73 and 0011-73. The majority of the information contained herein was furnished during the past four years by Source 22310102, a usually reliable source of the 470th MI Group, over the past four years.

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Republic of Panama
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12 January 1973

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0013-73

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 12 January 1973, the files of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters, USARSO, Fort Amador, Canal Zone, were examined and revealed the following information concerning the firm "Agencias de Viajes Panama":

The firm Agencias de Viajes Panama (Panama Travel Agencies) is owned by [redacted] was born on [redacted] Father was given as [redacted] Chinese nationality, and her mother as [redacted] Panamanian national. Husband is [redacted] owner of Agencias de Productos Internacionales (International Products Agency) which handles cosmetics.

AGENT'S NOTES: Reference is made to Agent Report, subject as above, control symbol 0005, dated 9 January 1973.

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

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Chinese Communist Propaganda Activities (U)
Republic of Panama

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 8 January 1973, Source 22310102 (Project 2807) a usually reliable confidential source of the 470th Military Intelligence Group, United States Army Forces Southern Command (USARSO), Fort Amador, Canal Zone (CZ), reported substantially as follows:

On 31 December 1972, a group of pro-People's Republic of China (PRC) Chinese from Panama City, including his wife, (TC:)

proprietor of () wife; (TC:) Assistant Manager of Almacen Once; his wife, (TC:)

Compania Unidos, S.A.; his wife, (TC:) (TC:) part owner of the store, (TC:)

(TC:) (TC:) owner of the steam laundry, La Paz; his wife; (TC:) his wife; (TC:) employee of the store, Casa Oro, S.A., located at Calle 24 E., his son, (TC:) employee of

the store, Bella Oro, Avenida B, traveled to the Nationalist Chinese Agricultural Mission in Santiago, Veraguas, Republic of Panama (PN). The group traveled in two automobiles, one belonging to () the other to () car is a cream colored Corvair, license number 8-24369.

They took gifts with them consisting of Chinese foods and white wine from the PRC. They also took a bundle of communist newspapers from Hong Kong, Wen Hui Pao (TC: 2429/0565/1032), which they delivered to one of their communist friends who lives in Santiago. The group including the man from Santiago then went to see the members of the Nationalist Chinese Agricultural Mission. As soon as the man from Santiago was introduced to the members of the agricultural mission he commenced to speak malevolently of the Chiang Kai Shek Government and waved the communist newspapers as proof of his point of view, offering to give the newspapers to the members of the mission so that they could read them when they had time. When he finished talking, the chief of the Nationalist Chinese Mission, an educated man, began to refute his claims in a calm and courteous manner, asking the man from Santiago if he had been in Taiwan recently, and stating that the members of the mission resided in Taiwan, had their families there, received letters and knew that what the man from Santiago said did not correspond to the truth; furthermore, that what the newspaper said was pure propaganda with devious motives. The members of the mission then accepted the gifts (except the newspapers) and to reciprocate, courteously invited the communist to lunch at a restaurant; however, () group, realizing by the way in which the mission members spoke that they would not be swayed, rejected the invitation and returned to Panama City during the night of 1 January 1973.

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2. (U) (NOFORN) In 1962, () obtained a position at El Exito, a Chinese dry goods store located on Avenue B, Panama City. The owner () and () (TC: ()) -- transliteration: (), was also a member of the Sam Yap Society. During this time, () was receiving a fairly large sum of money every two or three months from CH. The checks were forwarded to () through MEXICO. On one occasion, he made the mistake of cashing one of the checks in the El Exito store. Upon noting the origin of the check, () was dismissed. () Shortly afterward, () got a job in the Casa Jose, also located on Avenue B, Panama City. The proprietor () (TC: ()) -- transliteration: (), also dismissed () upon discovering his political proclivities. () continued to receive financial support from CH. In October 1969, he opened a dry goods store in Panama City, the Almacen Once, which deals in goods from CH.

3. (U) (C/NOFORN) () and (), the latter the owner of Casa Choy, a store on 4th of July Avenue in Panama City selling merchandise from CH and believed also to be a front for CHICOM activities, are the two most important CHICOM agents in PN. () is apparently not a PN citizen, although he claims to be. He is believed to possess false PN documentation. () on the other hand, () by birth and is the leader of the CHICOM element within the Chinese community. () is () superior and, as the apparent direct link with CH, is therefore the real head of CHICOM activities in PN.

4. (U) (NOFORN) In March 1972 () set about organizing a group of PN-born Chinese to travel to CH to study the profession of their choice at the expense of the CH Government. In organizing this trip, () was acting on behalf of the Director of the Civil Affairs Office for Overseas Chinese, Canton, CH. () also offered to aid Chinese-Panamanians in arranging for relatives to leave CH and emigrate to PN.

COMMENTS (NOFORN)

REMARKS (NOFORN)

a. (U) Portions of the above IR information were disseminated upon receipt to the local US Intelligence community (reference MIGP 343-72).

b. (U) (NOFORN) According to files of the 470th Military Group, () is a CHICOM agent in PN. His store, Almacen Once, in Panama City, is a front organization for him and other CHICOM agents in PN. (B-2) The files indicate that () is married to a Venezuelan of Chinese descent. He is strongly suspected of being the top CHICOM agent in PN. The name () is believed to be a pseudonym, and he is also believed to have used the names () and () on past occasions. He allegedly speaks French, Spanish, English, Cantonese and Mandarin, and has studied in FRANCE and SPAIN. He is also said to be a personal friend of () (TC unknown), CH Ambassador to POLAND. (B-3)

c. (U) The manual used for reference for the Telegraphic Code is entitled Telegraphic Codes (Chinese), Communist Standard Telegraphic Code (STC) in combination with the Nationalist Chinese Telegraphic Code (CTC), published by the National Security Agency, Washington, D.C., August 1955.

FOOTNOTE: (U)

(1) Sam Yap Society - a fraternal club for PN Chinese from the district of Shang Yap, CH.

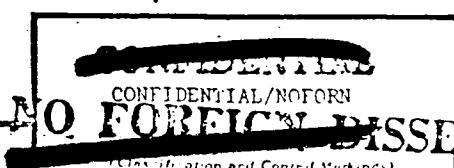
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JAN 10 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCYATTENTION: ()

CIA

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SUBJECT: Suspected Chinese Intelligence Agents (U)

1. Reference memorandum, this office, subject as above, dated 25 July 1963.
2. Request reply to above reference be expedited.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR SECURITY

By: CHARLES R. WRIGHT, JR.
Colonel, GS
Chief, CI Branch

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GORDON FLICKERTY
Colonel GS
Actg Ch. Security Div.

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Mr. Wood/12/73957/CIA/S/CI Br/Scty Div

REIO FOR IN-COM: 9 January 1964 (UNCLASSIFIED)

SUBJECT: Suspected Chinese Intelligence Agents (U)

CURRENT AND BACKGROUND: w/IR dtd 27 Feb 61 and 3 Jun 63 G-2 USANSOUTHCOM rep info on subj. On 10 Jun 63 G-2 USANSOUTHCOM and doc reo subj which were fwd CIA and [FBI] on 25 Jul 63. [FBI] and CIA req by CIA to supp any info avail (u) on pers mentioned. [On 9 Dec 63 FBI info no ovid pers were pres in US and req any avail info on present loc and act in Panam.] Inst memo req CIA expedite (u) req info.

RATIONALE: To obtain nec info fr CIA.

COORDINATION: None required.

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FBI - Atlanta

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SUBJECT: Suspected Intelligence Agents for Communist China (U)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
United States Army Forces Southern Command
APO 834, New York, New York

1. Reference, letter, your headquarters, subject as above, dated 10 June 1963 and subsequent endorsements.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that investigation has not produced evidence that [] has ever been present in the New York area. The FBI requests information as to whether [] definitely departed Panama for the United States. If [] is still in Panama, the FBI requests information on his current activities. (U)

3. No reply to the request to the Central Intelligence Agency mentioned in reference above has been received to date. The reply will be furnished your office when received.

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Mr. Wood/10/73957/CIA/CIA M/Secty Div

RECD FOR REC'DG: 9 January 1964 (UNCLASSIFIED-POR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

SUBJECT: Suspected Intelligence Agents for Communist China (U)

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O/X reqt info rel subj. On 20 Jun 63 C-2 USARSCOUTICO1 fed doc evid rel subj
which were fwd to CIA and [FBI] by CIA on 25 Jul 63. [FBI] and CIA req by CIA (U)
to supp any info avail rel pers mentioned. [On 9 Dec 63 FBI info no evid pers
were pres in US. FBI further req any avail info rel pers loc and act in
Panama.] Inst ltr info C-2 USARSCOUTICO1 of [FBI] reply and req and that CIA reply (U)
will be fwd when rec.

STATUS: Pending CIA reply.

ROUTINER: To info C-2 USARSCOUTICO1 of prop on req for info.

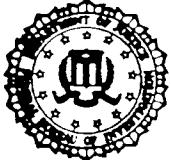
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. (NI) 105-123092

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Date: December 9, 1963

To: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

INTERNAL SECURITY - CHINA

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Reference is made to the Department of the Army letter to the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency dated July 25, 1963, Department of the Army reference ACSI-SCA, captioned "Suspected Chicom Intelligence Agents (U)."

Investigation conducted at _____ and _____ Street, New York, New York, did not disclose any indication subject has been present at these addresses at any time. Other logical inquiries have not disclosed any evidence subject is in New York, New York.

Instant recipients are requested to advise this Bureau whether information has been received which would indicate that the subject has definitely departed Panama for the United States. In the event the subject is presently in Panama, we would appreciate receiving any information regarding his current activities.

1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

ACG-SCA

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25 JUL 1963

for FBI

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ATTENTION: _____

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PLANS, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ATTENTION: _____

SUBJECT: Suspected Chicom Intelligence Agents (U)

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1. ~~Ref~~ references:

a. Intelligence Report, Department of the Army, Subject: Suspected Chinese Communist Intelligence Agent (S), Report Number ID 2166125, dated 27 February 1961.

b. Department of Defense Intelligence Report, Subject: Suspected Intelligence Agent for Communist China (U), Report Number 223009463, dated 3 June 1963.

2. ~~Ref~~ The references above have been previously furnished your office through normal distribution channels. Forwarded herewith, for your retention and use, are copies of correspondence between _____ and his employers

in Hong Kong, as well as a handwritten receipt and a signature given by LDU. Photographs of _____

as well as his application for a Panamanian passport (allegedly containing falsified information) are also forwarded for your use and retention.

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(u) 3. (U) This office has no additional information concerning the personalities mentioned in the references. G-2, US Army Caribbean (recently redesignated US Army Forces, Southern Command), Ft. Gulick, Canal Zone, has requested that he be furnished any available information indicating the extent of the contacts and possible missions being carried out by [REDACTED] Request any pertinent information available in your records be made available to this office.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE

SIGNED GORDON FLAHERTY
Colonel, GS
Asst Ch, Security Div.

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SUBJECT: Suspected Intelligence Agents for Communist China (U)

CC, DA, DACSI, Washington 25, D. C., 5 AUG 1963

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, United States Army Forces Southern Command, APO 834, New York, New York

1. (U) The records of DACSI contain no information on [redacted] and [redacted] which is not already available to your office. Your request has been relayed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency and any resultant information will be forwarded to your office when received.

2. (U) This office wishes to express its appreciation of the excellent job done in the preparation of the report forwarded with the basic communication; the reporting officer is deserving of commendation for its excellence. The preparation of such a report is particularly difficult in the case of Chinese nationals whose business, personal, and political lives outside of their native land follow extremely devious and confusing paths. Further reporting on the activities of Chinese nationals in Latin America, and the Canal Zone in particular, will be appreciated by this office.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE

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cc all incl

Colonel J. E. WILDER
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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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SUBJECT: Suspected Intelligence Agents for Communist China (U)

18 JUN 1963

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army
ATTN: Chief, Security Division
Washington 25, D. C.

1. (u) Reference is made to Intelligence Report
Nr R-12-61 by G-2, USARCARIB, Subject: Suspected Chinese
Communist Intelligence Agent (u), Country: Panama/China,
dated 27 February 1961, in which one ()

Chinese characters: ()
() was described in detail as being suspected of
carrying out intelligence activities in Latin America on
behalf of Communist China.

2. (u) Attached hereto as Inclosure #1 is one copy
of IR 2230009463, By G-2, USARCARIB, Subject: Suspected
Intelligence Agent for Communist China (U), Country:
Panama/China, dated 3 June 1963, in which a close friend
and associate of () was identified under the
name of ()

Chinese characters: (), and
described in detail as being suspected of carrying out
intelligence activities in the United States on behalf of
Communist China.

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3. (24) _____ may be maintaining personal or clandestine contact with _____ and/or any of the firms or organizations with which _____ had been connected during his residence in Panama City, Republic of Panama. For this reason, the attached photocopies of correspondence between _____ and his Hong Kong company, Lampan, Woollen Merchant and Tailor, 35 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, and of a handwritten receipt and signature of _____, are forwarded as Inclosure #2 for possible operational exploitation by interested U. S. agencies in any efforts to follow up the information submitted by this office.

4. (24) The attached photos of _____ and of his Panamanian Passport application and Panamanian birth certificate, reportedly containing false identification data or based on false documents, are forwarded as Inclosure #3 for any possible operational assistance to your organization and/or other U. S. agencies in further investigative action.

5. (24) The West German Intelligence Service Agent, mentioned in paragraph 2f of the attached IR (Incl 1) was identified by an agent of the 470th Intelligence Detachment, Fort Amador, Canal Zone, as one _____ with whom S/A _____ had been in personal contact approximately in 1960 or 1961 at which time _____ furnished _____ the information in question regarding _____. According to _____ had been in direct contact with several members of the 470th INTC Detachment, including S/A _____, and had tried to contact _____. _____ would usually visit prospective clients and his customers at their homes to show cloth samples, take measurements, receive orders, deliver the merchandise and have fittings. _____ claimed to have obtained the information regarding _____ intelligence reporting about the 470th INTC Detachment while he _____ was in Cuba. _____ had also been informed in Cuba that _____ had left for another assignment in Latin America after having reported about the 470th INTC Detachment.

6. (24) C-2, USARCARIB, will continue counterintelligence coverage of _____ during his current stay in Panama City to determine the exact time, destination, and transportation of his departure for the United States. The present whereabouts of _____ are unknown to this Command. Efforts will continue by this office to collect

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further identifying and substantiating Counterintelligence information regarding () as well as to determine the accuracy of the information obtained from () and the possible extent of () alleged coverage or penetration of the 470th INTC Detachment.

(u) 7. Request that this Command be informed by your office of, as well as furnished, any available additional information indicating the possible extent, contacts, and missions of intelligence activities by () or of possible value to this Command in following up counterintelligence leads regarding these individuals.

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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2

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REFER TO
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SUBJECT: Exchange of Information (U)

Chinese Communist Act

11 APR 1961

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
ATTN: Chief, Security Division
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

9244 Panama

1. (U) Reference: ACSI-SC letter dated 15 March 1961, subject: "Exchange of Information (LAX-61-13) (U)", with 1 inclosure.

2. (2) The Exchange Program dispatch received with reference letter, titled "Alleged Chinese Communist Activity", refers to an alleged Chinese Communist agent, () It is recommended that the phrase "according to a Nationalist Chinese sub-source" be omitted from the report in order to avoid possible compromise of the source. According to information available here () who is also known as () departed Panama in December 1960. Recommended revision of Report LAX-61-13 is inclosed for approval for release in the Exchange Program.

3. (S) () () () has also been reported as an alleged Chinese Communist. A draft report on () is inclosed for consideration for release in the Exchange Program. Information on which this report was based is contained in G2 USARCARIB Report R-12-61, 27 February 1961, subject: "Suspected Chinese Communist Intelligence Agent (C)". (Copy inclosed.)

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(also known as)

On 7 November 1960, a reliable source reported that () a Chinese Canadian, an alleged Communist Agent, was currently in Panama trying to convert members of the Chinese Democratic Party in Panama to the Chinese Communist Party. According to other reliable sources, () entered Panama during October 1960.

An additional reliable source of information reported that a Chinese-Canadian addressed an unnamed Chinese society in Panama City on 6 November 1960 and that it was rumored that the Chinese-Canadian ^{was} _{was} traveling for the Chinese Communists.

() departed Panama in December 1960, destination unknown.

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ALLEGED CHINESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

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Born

Passport Nr () dated 16 June 1959, issued by the Consulate of Portugal in Paris, valid for travel in all countries. Speaks English, Cantonese and Mandarin dialects, limited knowledge of French, German and possibly Spanish or Portuguese. 5'6" tall, weight approximately 128 pounds, irregular dentures, wears glasses while reading.

Arrived in Panama in September 1959 from Bolivia, departed for Ecuador in August or September 1960. Reportedly arrived in Cuba from Guatemala on 13 January 1961. Has traveled extensively in Europe and Latin America.

During () stay in Panama, he worked as an overseas sales representative for the Ching May Company, 14 Johnston Road, Hong Kong. He established a successful business, catering mostly to U.S. citizens residing on military reservations in the Canal Zone. He displayed samples of fabrics, took measurements, and placed orders for clothes to Hong Kong.

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() is reported to be a trained chemist and claims to have graduated from Hong Kong University in 1943 with a major in chemistry, specializing in aniline dyes. He has reportedly also claimed that he graduated from Berlin University in Germany.

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(C) associated with young leaders of a pro-Communist Chinese society in Panama and told them that he could get passports to travel anywhere from any country in the world, and that he could secure passports for anyone to travel to any Western country.

(C) carries large sums of money which he spends lavishly.

Because of (C) apparent intelligence and the many inconsistencies of the stories he gave to local anti- and pro-Communist Chinese, members of the Chinese colony in Panama believe (C) may be a Chinese Communist intelligence agent and possibly a leader of Chinese Communists in Central and South America.

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SUBJECT Suspected Chinese Communist
Intelligence Agent (C-1)

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REFERENCES None

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FROM G-2, USARCARIB

SOURCE Members of Chinese Colony in Panama and

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2. During his stay in () he worked as an overseas sales representative for the Ching May Company, 14 Johnston Road, Hong Kong. He established a successful business through catering especially to U.S. citizens residing on military reservations in the Canal Zone, for whom he displayed sample fabrics, took measurements, and placed orders for clothes to Hong Kong. (F-6)

3. Because of () intelligence and inconsistency in stories he told, the Chinese colony in Panama suspects that he is a trained Communist agent and that he may be a leader of Chinese Communists in Central and South America. () reportedly has traveled extensively in Europe and South America and, at the time of his departure (August 1960), he claimed he would soon return to Panama. While in Panama, (), resided in a second floor apartment in a modern building adjacent to Inversiones Chinas, S.A., in Panama City. (F-6)

4. () Among the reasons why the Chinese suspect () of being a Chinese Communist agent is the fact that he quickly became associated with the young leaders of the pro-Communist Sociedad Ta Ken China de Beneficencia - STKCB (Ta Ken Chinese Beneficent Society) and attended secret meetings of the STKCB. Some STKCB members stated that () had attended a university and a secret intelligence school in Peking, China. () reportedly wished to make the impression that he was a good Chinese citizen. He also told members of STKCB that he graduated from a Chinese university, not further identified, after the Communists had taken over the mainland. His father, (), taught at the Chun San University in Canton, but recently retired. (F-6)

5. () always carried large sums of money which he spent lavishly. He always paid restaurant and recreational expenses whenever he was with a group. During his stay in Panama he bought a stereophonic set which cost approximately \$500 and a 1955 Ford sedan which cost approximately \$1,000. (F-6)

6. () is a trained chemist. The Chinese believe, in view of the demand for chemists, that a Chinese normally would not take a position as a clothes salesman; however, they believed that the position as an overseas sales representative might be a good cover for intelligence activities. () boasted to STKCB members that he could get passports to travel anywhere from any country in the world, including the United States, and also that he could secure passports for any one to travel to any Western country. (F-6)

7. () During his early stay in Panama, he encountered difficulties in obtaining residence and work permits from the Panamanian Government. However, by giving a \$200 bribe to the First Secretary of the Panamanian Ministry of Labor, Welfare and Public Health, he obtained a work permit allowing him to operate a business in Panama. Because he had a Portuguese passport, the Portuguese Consul in Panama assisted him in obtaining his residence permit by paying \$20 to a clerk, not further identified, in the Panamanian Department of Immigration. Through a Chinese (not further identified other than that he works in a store in Colon named "Casa Mike") () obtained Panamanian citizenship the latter part of 1959 or early 1960. (F-6)

8. () told North Americans that he was born in (), that his nationality was Portuguese, and that while very young he was taken to Hong Kong. Shortly before World War II, () graduated from a Catholic high school in Hong Kong and entered Hong Kong University, from which he graduated in 1943 with a major in organic chemistry, specializing in analine dyes. During this time, Hong Kong was occupied by the Japanese and due to the lack of industry he was unable to secure employment as a chemist. He claimed that he refused an offer by the Japanese to work as a chemist in Japan. Following the end of World War II, () worked at various selling jobs in Hong Kong, and in 1949 became a small stockholder and employee in the Ching May Company. In 1953, () was sent overseas as a special sales representative to take orders for tailor-made clothes. () first traveled to Okinawa, where he placed orders for clothes from United States military and civilian personnel stationed on the island. He then went to Japan, where he once again dealt with United States servicemen and civilians. Sometime in 1957, () went to Europe, where

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for approximately two years he traveled in Spain, Portugal, France and Germany placing orders for the Ching May Company. () gave the impression that he was in the United States sometime between 1953 and 1959. The company then sent () to Panama to explore the potential market in the Canal Zone among U.S. military and civilian residents. (r-6)

(9) implied to the Chinese colony (the majority of whom are anti-Communist) that he was a British subject because he was born in (). He informed the Chinese that he graduated from Berlin University in Germany. In commenting on Communist China and Chinese communism, () expressed his opinion that 1949 was a catastrophic year in Chinese history and that from that date on, the way of life for the Chinese on the mainland had changed: the Chinese are working longer hours, receive less pay, and are eating less. He claimed that starvation and famines are as common today in China under the Communists as when China was ruled by the Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek. According to () the only part of China benefitting from the new regime is the Communist Government and its leaders. () opined that the true news of China does not leave the mainland due to Communist censorship. (F-6)

COMMENT:

(24) The information contained in this report was obtained from members of the Chinese colony in Panama, from persons acquainted with Chinese in Panama, and from U.S. citizens resident in the Canal Zone.

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