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Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974, I have reviewed the 201 file on Mc VICKER (surname) (201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

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- All others. OI Code A6.

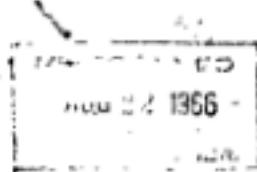
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(name) (title) (component)

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Signed S.H.G. _____ 23 Jan 1976
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DISPATCH NO. 201-33608

CLASSIFICATION

TO : Chief, FBI
FROM : Chief, Paris Station *MAS*
SUBJECT: GENERAL *O* John Augustus McVICKAR, Jr. 201-33608
SPECIFIC:

INFO

1. Subject is presently employed in Paris by Trans World Airline **In the capacity of Special Sales Representative**. He is well known to Douglas C. HARR and Eleanor T. HARTWELL, the former having known him socially for a number of years and the latter having dealt with him on transportation problems since his appointment, fifteen months ago, to the position he now occupies **with TWA.**

2. Subject is also a long-time friend of UNKNOWN, who brought him to our attention as a potential recruit and who has provided us with the biographical information contained in the attached personal record form No. 51-67.

3. From what I have been able to gather from UNKNOWN, as well as from HARR and HARTWELL, subject appears to be the type of individual which might be ideally suited to fulfill certain valuable operational assignments in France, such as "spotter" for other high-level potential agents, high-level contacts, cut-out, etc. All who know him agree that subject is capable of "doing anything and getting to know anyone" if he so chooses. Apparently subject, despite the "trax" which surrounds his perceptible personality, is a serious-minded, intelligent and patriotic individual who has had much experience along lines which could be of use to this organization, as well as an uncanny knack of being able to introduce and ingratiate himself into practically any milieu of interest to his work or wishes. A partial list of subject's fairly close friends, as reported by UNKNOWN on Page 3-a of attachment, shows the variety of people subject knows and sees whenever they are in this area. Undoubtedly, subject himself could add a much longer list of names to those reported herein, particularly with respect to contacts in Europe.

4. I am assured by UNKNOWN that subject, despite his ability to make and keep numerous and varied friendships, is far from being a "good time Charlie". He is, on the other hand, one of those characters whom everyone likes and trusts and who goes out of their way to see as often as occasion permits. UNKNOWN assures me that subject is a particularly good friend

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of Alberto LACRO (the Argentine shipping magnate) [REDACTED] is living in France at the present time.

5. It is our thought that perhaps subject's amiable personality and in the cover-job he now occupies could be exploited to advantage by this Station and the organization as a whole. Subject has absolute freedom of movement outside France (usually by TWA), entries into practically any milieu his assignments might require and is known to be an intelligent, hard-working and patriotic individual.

6. On a recent tour of inspection of the TWA circuit, Warren L. PERSON, Chairman of the Board of TWA, assured subject he would endeavor to secure for him an additional allotment of funds to supplement his present expense account budget. Due to budgetary restrictions this has not been possible and subject is at present seeking another more remunerative position, since he claims that his present income of approximately \$666.00 monthly (including expense account) is insufficient to permit him to live in Paris and maintain the contacts and activity required by his job. According to UNKNOWN, subject is at present endeavoring to secure from his good friend Benjamin KATE (President of the Gruen Watch Co.) the sales agency [for Gruen watches in Europe. Meanwhile, however, subject is not contemplating resigning his position with TWA until he has a firm and more remunerative position. UNKNOWN states that subject plans to remain with TWA at least until the end of the year, by which time he may have secured something better. Subject has also had talks with James A. FARLEY (on his recent trip to France) concerning the possibility of handling the Coca-Cola agency here. Nothing has come of this possibility to date, but subject appears to be hopeful.

7. UNKNOWN is of the opinion that subject would be most receptive to a proposition of doing intelligence work and furthermore believes that if subject could supplement his present income by an additional \$200 or \$300 per month, he would be willing to remain with TWA, which he likes and is only considering leaving due to his present low total income, much of which is spent in connection with activities required by his position.

8. UNKNOWN has, of course, never even hinted to subject anything about his own undercover activities and is sure subject does not suspect that the former is doing anything but his cover work in France. UNKNOWN, when questioned as to his opinion concerning subject's potential value as a covert agent, as well as his recruitability, has pointed out very strongly that subject, due to the very nature of his personality, must be given a good deal of operational guidance and be closely controlled. Questioned as to whether some other individual should endeavor to recruit subject, UNKNOWN was of the opinion that, should the organization desire to do so, he would be best fitted to exploit subject's potential, since

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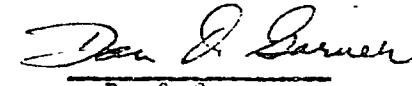
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he has known him for a good many years and as a close friend, knows his strong and weak points and could, in general, handle subject to better advantage than another individual who might have only occasional contact with him.

9. We request that consideration be given to the advisability of endeavoring to recruit subject and, in the event of a favorable decision, that provisional operational clearance be given in order that subject may be approached on the subject of engaging in intelligence work. With regard to whom should actually recruit subject, we suggest that HIRE might safely make the first approach and, if subject accepts and final security is obtained, he might eventually be turned over to UMCVED for exploitation.

10. We would appreciate your reactions to the desirability of recruiting subject, as well as your thoughts as to how best exploit his obvious potential.

11. If subject's recruitability is approved in principle and he is given provisional security clearance, this station would then prepare a field project outline, to be submitted to you for approval.



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PERSONAL RECORD OF

McVICKAR

Last Name

John

First

Augustus, Jr.

Middle

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1. FULL NAME, IN NORMAL SEQUENCE.

John Augustus McVickar, Jr.

2. NAME IN NATIVE SCRIPT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHARACTERS.

3. NAME AT BIRTH (if different from No. 1).

Same

4. ALL ALIASES (give brief statement of time and place of use);
(Include Nicknames - Legal Changes.).

No aliases. Nickname - "Johnny"

5. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH.

12 February 1909. Long Island, N. Y., U.S.A.

6. NATIONALITY, ALSO RACE (if appropriate),

U.S.

7. NATIONALITY AT BIRTH (if different from No. 6). INCLUDE ALL
NATIONALITIES HELD.

Same as above

8. PRESENT RESIDENCE (Is he owner, tenant, sub-tenant. At whose home
does he live? Telephone?).

28 Avenue Montaigne, Paris, France.

Tenant on a monthly basis, subletting from one Fred McAvoy, an Australian.
Telephone: EII 46-65

9. PERMANENT ADDRESS (If different than present residence).

None

10. PRESENT OCCUPATION (Give full title, indication as to earnings, etc.).

Special Sales Representative for Trans World Airlines in Paris.

In addition to Paris, sales territory includes the Benelux countries.
Earnings, including salary, living allowance and expense account, total
approximately \$666.00 monthly. SECRET

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11. FATHER'S FULL NAME, NATIONALITY AT BIRTH, PRESENT NATIONALITY, PLACE OF BIRTH, PRESENT RESIDENCE.

Father was born in U.S. and has always held U.S. citizenship. Formerly a member of U.S. Foreign Service. Living at present in retirement on Long Island, N.Y. in the home of his second son, Theodore McVIKAR.
Name: John Augustus McVIKAR.

12. MOTHER'S FULL NAME, NATIONALITY AT BIRTH, PRESENT NATIONALITY, PLACE OF BIRTH, PRESENT RESIDENCE.

U.S. citizen at birth. Now deceased.

13. HUSBAND/WIFE: FULL NAME (include maiden name of wife); NATIONALITY AT BIRTH, PLACE OF BIRTH.

Ruth Maxwell Warner McVIKAR, nee Ruth Maxwell. U.S. citizen from birth. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.

CIT: USA RES: USA, Missouri,

ST. LOUIS

Wife of

John Augustus

FEARCE, Ruth,

25 Avenue

MONTAIGNE

14. (a) WHEN AND WHERE MARRIED.

(b) NAME CHILDREN, AGE, NATIONALITY, RESIDENCE

(a) 2 June, 1949 at Alexandria, Virginia. 201-33605

(b) One daughter by a previous marriage. Barbara McVIKAR, U.S. citizen, aged 19, now living with remarried mother in San Francisco, California.

15. NAMES OF BROTHERS/SISTERS, AGES, NATIONALITY, RESIDENCE.

Two brothers - Theodore and Ralph McVIKAR, and one sister, Dorothea DAWSON. All U.S. citizens and all living in U.S.

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16. IF SUBJECT, PARENTS, OR HUSBAND/WIFE NATURALIZED, GIVE DATE AND NAME IN WHICH CERTIFICATE WAS GRANTED.

None

17. LIST OFFICIAL IDENTITY PAPERS HELD BY SUBJECT.

**U.S. Passport No. 227
French Identity Card
U.S. Social Security No. 091-09-6737**

18. GIVE PRESENT AND/OR PAST OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH ANY GOVERNMENT.

None

19. GIVE CONNECTIONS WITH ANY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PAST OR PRESENT. HAS SUBJECT EVER BEEN A DOUBLE AGENT? HAS SUBJECT EVER BEEN CONSIDERED THE TYPE OF AGENT WHO SELLS HIS INFORMATION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER? EXPLAIN.

In 1941-1942, while Assistant General Manager of the Hotel Pierre in New York, furnished information regularly to the FBI concerning persons living in the hotel in whom the Agency was interested. This service was requested by the Agency and no payment was involved.

20. RELIGION, AND DEGREE PRACTICED. (Membership in Religious Orders.).

Protestant. Infrequent attendant at Church.

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21. POLITICAL ORIENTATION. TO WHAT CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR UNIONS, PARTIES, OR SOCIETIES HAS HE BELONGED?

Republican. Never a member of any club, organization, union, party or society.

22. SOCIAL STANDING (Aristocracy, upper middle-class, lower middle-class, peasantry, etc.).

UPPER MIDDLE CLASS

23. RECORD OF TRAVEL - OUTSIDE OF COUNTRY OF PRESENT RESIDENCE. (Under Purpose, list pertinent firms and people visited.).

<u>Country</u>	<u>Purpose of trip</u>	<u>Dates</u>
France		
British Isles		
Germany		
Holland		
Norway		
Sweden		
Denmark		
The West Indies		
Brazil		

Australia		
New Guinea		
Philippine Islands		

As a member of the Raymond-Whitecomb Cruise Operating Staff while employed by that company
(See Employment History)

1932 - 1939

With American Red Cross
(See Employment History)

1942 - 1944

All youth spent in Europe with family, Father being in the United States Foreign Service.

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24. EDUCATION.

Name of School	Course	Degree	Dates
St. Bernard's, New York, U.S.A.			
Harvey School, Paris, France			
Mohammed School, St. Cloud, s/o, France	-	No college education.	

25. LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS (Check proficiency).

(a) Language	Read	Speak	Understand
	Good-Fair-Poor	Good-Fair-Poor	Good-Fair-Poor
French	Good	Good	Good

- (b) ARE HIS LANGUAGE ABILITIES AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS SUCH THAT HE COULD PASS HIMSELF OFF AS A NATIVE TO A COUNTRY OR REGION OTHER THAN HIS OWN?

Possibly. French is fluent, having been spoken since childhood, but accent might be noted and typical American appearance and mannerisms difficult to disguise.

26. MILITARY SERVICE: Country, Organization, Rank, nature of duty, where service was performed, when discharged, why?

U.S. Red Cross. Club Director. Service in Australia, New Guinea, Philippines. (See Employment History)

27. PRESENT OR PAST MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL AND CHARITABLE SOCIETIES:

No one

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28. LIST SPECIAL SKILLS, Hobbies AND ABILITIES. (Folio, Photography, etc.).

No hobbies. Special ability lies in salesmanship and the establishment and maintenance of personal contacts necessary to career.

29. FINANCIAL STATUS: (Earnings, Bank Accounts, Securities, Property).

Paid approximately \$66.00 monthly by Trans World Airline.
Bank account with Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York.
No property or securities outside of Life Insurance Policies.

30. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY. (Include type of work done, dates, employers, and addresses.)

Business career began in Europe. Brought up in France and speaking French, he was appointed, at the age of 18, General Sales Agent for numerous American products including Jantzen Bathing Suits, Three-In-One Oil, the Franklin Motor Car and the Le Baron Motor Car. Successful with these lines, later became General Sales Agent in France for Dusenberg Motor Cars and the Packard Motor Car Company. Almost immediately after taking on Packard sales he accepted a proposition to work exclusively for the Packard Motor Car Co. Remained with the company in Paris for two years, or until early in 1931. Was then sent to the United States by the company to handle Packard sales in Buffalo, New York where he remained until the autumn of 1932.

At that time he was approached by Raymond-Whitcomb Inc., a leading American travel company, specializing in deluxe tours and cruises, and asked to take over sales in the New York Office due to his knowledge of Europe and his contacts in Europe and the United States who were potential customers for high priced travel offerings. He went to work in the company's principal sales office at 670 Fifth Avenue and remained there until 1940. The travel business became so severely restricted after the outbreak of war in Europe that Raymond-Whitcomb Inc. was obliged to close most of its offices. Sales were at a standstill and, as he was working by his own choice on a commission basis, it was necessary for him to leave. During his eight-year tenure with Raymond-Whitcomb Inc. he wrote on an average of \$500,000 worth of business yearly by himself.

After leaving Raymond-Whitcomb Inc., he took a position as Assistant General Manager of the St. Regis Hotel in New York and subsequently transferred to the Hotel Pierre in the same capacity. He remained at the Hotel Pierre until 1942.

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31. DESCRIPTION (Use American Standards of measurement).

AGE	40	POSTURE	Erect
APPARENT AGE	40	WEIGHT	153 lbs.
HEIGHT	5'10"	TEETH	Good - even
EYES	Grey	HAIR	Brown - thick
FACIAL-SHAPE	Round	SCARS	None
COMPLEXION	Fair	BUILD	Thick set
SEX	Male		
GENERAL APPEARANCE			

PROMINENT FEATURES None

DISFIGUREMENTS None

PERSONAL HABITS Normal

ANY TRAITS WHICH DISTINGUISH FROM OTHERS HAVING
SAME GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

No

32. HAS SUBJECT DONE ANY WRITING? GIVE DETAILS.

None

33. WAS HE EVER A PRISONER OF WAR? GIVE DETAILS.

No

34. WITH WHAT PEOPLE OR GROUPS DOES HE MOST OFTEN ASSOCIATE? (List several).

Associates most often in France with the "international set", wealthy and prominent persons of all nationalities, many of whom are my customers for air transportation and most of whom are friends of long standing.

In the U.S., his contacts include persons of high social position and leaders in business and industry. This has been brought about partly by the nature of his work/in selling deluxe transportation on two continents and partly by family background and early life in Europe.

(See Page 8a for a limited list of persons with whom subject associates)

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30. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY. (Continued)

Attempting to volunteer for service in the U.S. Armed Forces he was turned down as being overweight. He then approached the U. S. Red Cross, was accepted, and sent immediately to Sidney, Australia as manager of the U.S. Officers' Club in that city. Subsequently, he served in New Guinea, and in Leyte and Manila in the Philippines.

After two and a half years overseas he became eligible for discharge and made application to return to the United States. He went directly to Washington D.C. upon his arrival to operate there the War Service Bureau of the American Optical Company. The Bureau handled that company's business relations with foreign governments and aided implementation of U.S. Army, Navy and Air Corps contracts.

With the war over and the War Service Bureau about to close, he refused a position with the American Optical Company Sales Division, to re-enter the transportation field. He joined a newly-formed airline called Transair Inc., at that time one of the leading charter companies.

Due to the uncertain position of charter lines within the aviation industry he decided to accept an offer made to him by American Airlines to go to Europe as District Traffic Manager for Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg with headquarters in Amsterdam. He remained with American Overseas Airlines until he had an opportunity to transfer to Trans World Airline which made it possible for him to return to Paris as Special Sales Representative, covering large corporations, government accounts and the motion picture industry. He has now been with Trans World Airline in Paris for fifteen months.

For verification of his employment history the following persons are offered as references. Both are familiar with his business career and have known him personally for years. As is indicated by the above he has been employed by both.

Henry S. WOCHERIDGE
Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Formerly General Manager of Raymond-Whitcomb Inc.
Now Assistant to the President, American Optical
Company.

Warren Lee PIERSON

Chairman of the Board
Trans World Airline, New York, N.Y.

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POTENTIAL LIST OF FRIENDLY CONTACTS.

United States:

David Rockefeller
Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett (Metropolitan Opera)
Spyros Skouras (20th Century Fox)
Robert Topping
Daniel Topping
John Topping
John Ringling North
Baron George Wrangel
Dr. Herman Baruch (ex U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands)
John Snyder (Secretary of the Treasury)
General Carlos Romulo (Philippines)
Serge Chlensky
Warren Lee Pierson (Chairman of Board - TWA)
James A. Farley (ex-Postmaster General)
George E. Wells (ex-President - American Optical)
Manny Cane Marigay
Oscar Holzomb (Mayor of Houston, Texas)
Dorothy Spreckels (San Francisco sugar heiress)
Adolph Spreckels
Benjamin Katz (President - Gruen Watch Co.)

France:

Dean Frederick Beckman (American Pro. Cathedral, Paris)
Alberto Doderer (South American shipping magnate)
Baron and Baroness von Seidlitz
Andre Dubonnet
Pepe Herrera (Venezuelan Minister to Sweden)
Ralph H. Strassburger

A complete list, even of closest contacts, is difficult to compile. It includes well-known persons in the moving picture industry, newspaper people, hotel executives, transportation executives, persons high in government service and in the financial world. Few men have as wide a circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the world.

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35. IS HE IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH PERSONS OR FIRMS OUTSIDE COUNTRY OF PRESENT RESIDENCE? (If so, list).

~~PRESUMABLY WITH FAMILY ONLY.
SUBJECT IS ALLEGED TO BE A VERY POOR CORRESPONDENT.~~

36. HAS HE EVER BEEN SENTENCED BY A COURT? (WHEN, BY WHAT COURT, DELINQUENCY, PUNISHMENT. GIVE RECORD OF ARRESTS AND ACQUITTALS.)

~~Never~~

37. IF APPLICABLE, GIVE INFORMATION ON DENAZIFICATION - WHETHER COMPLETED, PROPOSED, OR REFUSED.

38. HOW WAS HE FIRST CONTACTED OR DEVELOPED?
~~OLD FRIEND OF SYDNEY P. GLASER~~

39. COULD SUBJECT BE TURNED OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE FOR HANDLING QUICKLY AND IN A SECURE MANNER?

~~YES~~

40. WHAT IS THE BEST ESTIMATE AS TO SUBJECT'S MOTIVATION?

~~NOT YET APPROACHED.~~

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41. WITH WHAT AGENCIES AND FILES HAS SUBJECT'S NAME BEEN CHECKED? WHEN?
WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN DONE TO VERIFY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SUBJECT?

*To BE CLEARED BY HQ.
PROVISIONAL CLEARANCE REQUESTED.*

42. ARE THERE ANY FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CONTROL OF SUBJECT?

NONE - AT PRESENT

43. DOES SUBJECT KNOW FOR WHAT SERVICE HE IS WORKING OR DOES HE KNOW
THE DESTINATION OF HIS INFORMATION?

NOT YET RECRUITED

44. IF POSSIBLE, ATTACH A SAMPLE OF SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING TOGETHER
WITH SIGNATURE.

WILL BE SUPPLIED LATER.

45. IS SUBJECT (for example) WELL-INFORMED AND INTELLIGENT X; ILL-
INFORMED BUT SKEWED _____; NOT VERY BRIGHT _____; OR:

46. HOW DO YOU EVALUATE HIS CHARACTER, RELIABILITY, SECURITY?

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PROVIDED SUBJECT IS
APPROACHED.*

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47. WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION HAS HE FURNISHED AND WHAT TYPE IS HE EXPECTED TO FURNISH IN THE FUTURE? GIVE AN EVALUATION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED.

SUBJECT IS IDEALLY SUITED AND LOCATED IN COVER JOB WHICH BRINGS HIM INTO CONTACT WITH MANY POTENTIAL AGENTS AND VALUABLE CONTACTS.

48. IF SUBJECT'S DUTIES ARE OTHER THAN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING, SO INDICATE.

SUBJECT WOULD START AS "SPOTTER" AND PERHAPS RECRUITER.

49. HAS HE BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL TRAINING AS AGENT? IF SO, DESCRIBE THE TRAINING.

IF SECURITY CLEARED WILL BE TRAINED IN PARIS.

50. IS SUBJECT INTEGRATED WITH ANY OTHER OPERATIONS?

NOT YET RECRUITED.

51. DO WE KNOW GENERALLY HOW AND FROM WHOM HE OBTAINS INFORMATION?

NOT YET APPLICABLE.

52. IS HE PAID A REGULAR SALARY BY US? AMOUNT:

RECOMMEND BETWEEN \$200 AND \$300 MONTHLY.
RETAINER FEE OF \$100 RECOMMENDED DURING TRAINING AND BRIEFING PERIOD.

53. HAVE ANY UNFULFILLED PROMISES BEEN MADE TO HIM?

NOT YET APPLICABLE.

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- 5L. REMARKS: (IN ESSAY FORM, MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON FACTORS OMITTED WHICH ARE DEEMED BY THE CASE OFFICER TO BE PERTINENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND HIS PERSONAL RECORD. ADDENDA SHOULD BE MADE TO THIS FORM FROM TIME TO TIME.).

SEE COVERING LETTER.

SUBMITTED BY SYDNEY P. GLASER
VIA ^(use perionomy) Dan Garver

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TO : Chief, FDW
FROM : Chief, Paris Station *M/S*
SUBJECT: GENERAL John Augustus McVICAR, Jr. 201-33408
SPECIFIC: PARI-4214

DATE: 15 December 1949

URGENT

1. We regret that circumstances beyond our control prompted us to dispatch PARI-4214 on the off chance that Subject might be of sufficient interest to you as a potential candidate for recruitment, thus bringing to a head a question which normally would have followed its course through the mill. In this case, however, due to Subject's alleged resignation **from TWA**, we felt that a cable such as the one we dispatched was justified, due to the fact that unless some quick action is taken, Subject will definitely leave his present job **with TWA** and seek employment elsewhere.

2. On 10 December, Subject had luncheon with HARE and unloaded all his financial troubles. In a casual way HARE asked him if by any chance he would be willing to stay on **at TWA** if his salary were supplemented. Subject took eagerly to this possibility, since it is well-known that Subject likes his job and desires very much to remain, but is resigning merely for financial reasons. In consultation with CUNYED and HARE, both of whom knew Subject well, it **is apparent** that probably \$300 monthly would allow Subject to decide to stay **with TWA**, provided we are sufficiently interested in recruiting him for intelligence activities.

3. Attached hereto is CUNYED's latest report on Subject, dated 8 December, and prepared prior to HARE's luncheon with Subject. There seems to be some question as to whether Subject has actually submitted his resignation to **TWA** in writing. According to CUNYED, he has, whereas Subject denies this to HARE. In any event, it is well known in Paris that Subject is taking terminal leave at present, prior to leaving **TWA**.

4. We now await your reaction as to whether you feel that principles McVICAR is worth recruiting. It is too early, not having had specific and detailed talks with McVICAR, to submit a project outline, but all here are agreed that the organization could benefit considerably by Subject's extensive contacts in all countries of Western Europe.

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6 December, 1949

Subject: McNICKAR, JOHN AUGUSTUS JR.

Address: 28 Avenue Montaigne Paris

Telephone: TLY 46-65

Subject is quitting his position as traffic representative with Trans World Airline as of 31 December, 1949. In August, 1949, subject advised his superiors, including WARREN LEE PIERSON, Chairman of the Board of TWA and a personal friend, that he could not continue unless a larger salary and a more liberal expense account were forthcoming. He was informed in due course by Vice President COX that it was impossible for the company to give him more money within the present wage structure. Subject therefor decided to seek other employment. On or about 15 November subject was advised by Overseas Manager THORNTON that he could proceed to make new arrangements as of the end of the year. Whether subject actually resigned or was asked to terminate his connection due to his repeated demands for more money is not completely clear to the writer.

Overseas Manager THORNTON was never sympathetic with the subject. According to STANLEY MARKUSEN, TWA Overseas Public Relations Director, THORNTON was jealous of subject's popularity. On the other hand, JOHN WIDCHILL, Traffic Manager for Paris, and subject's immediate superior, was, and continues to be, his strong supporter. On the basis of business produced WIDCHILL has told the writer that subject is the company's most valuable employee overseas. MARKUSEN concurs in that belief.

Subject is highly regarded by OSCAR HOLDCOMB and PALMER BRADLEY, directors of TWA. In addition he is a close friend of PIERSON, Chairman of the Board, who engaged him directly in the first place. None of these, however, seem willing to run counter to the economy drive now in progress within TWA sponsored by new President RALPH DAJON. Unless there is a last minute change in policy subject's termination will stand.

Subject's future is uncertain. He has been in touch with a friend of his in New York named HARVEY DWIGHT. DWIGHT makes frequent business trips to Europe on behalf of his own company which deals in spare parts for airplanes. He has intimated that he might use subject in Europe for six to eight months and then bring him back to the U.S. for employment in Washington. As of the above date DWIGHT has made subject no definite offer but has advised him in a letter seen by the writer not to worry about his future.

Ex-Postmaster General JAMES FARLEY, now with the Coca-Cola Company, was interested recently in hiring subject for work in France but that idea seems now to have been dropped.

CHARLES ROBERTS, Paris automobile dealer, has asked subject to work for him but subject has refused.

Subject is hard pressed for money. He has outstanding debts and his salary from TWA, in the vicinity of \$550 monthly, had never been sufficient for his needs. In October, 1949, TWA cut the living allowance paid to employees overseas. According to subject that cost him about \$150 monthly and forced him into debt. Subject was

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Subject: NEVICKAR, JOHN AUGUSTUS JR. (continued)

married in June of 1959 and his expenses have risen sharply. Subject has told the writer that he needs a thousand dollars a month, salary and expense account combined, in order to live in Paris and do a decent job.

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OUTGOING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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PAGE No.

To: PARIS ROUTINE
 From: SPECIAL OPERATIONS 15 DEC 49
 Confirmation: FDR (1-2) OUT 95459
 Information: ADO (3-4), STD (5), IID (6), STD (7)

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WASH 5570

To: PARIS CITE: WASHF
 RE: PARI 4214 (1H .. '58)

1. ALTHO SUBJECT SOUNDED GOOD IN PRINCIPLE WE UNABLE APPROVE
 REF PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. PRIOR COMPLETION PRELIM FOUR WAY CHECK PROVISIONAL
 CLEARANCE UNOBTAINABLE.

B. EVEN IF CLEARED AND DEFINITE TARGET IN MIND, \$300
 CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE FOR UNTRIED, UNTRAINED (ALTHO WELL PLACED)
 INDIVIDUAL COMPARED OTHER STARTERS.

2. AS RESIGNATION APPEARS FAIT ACCOMPLI WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT
 ADVISABLE ATTEMPT PERSUADE SUBJECT RETAIN PRESENT POST THEREBY
 INCURRING HEAVY MORAL OBLIGATION SUPPORT HIM FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD
 IN FUTURE.

3. NEW COVER SHOULD STILL GIVE SUBJECT LATITUDE OUR WORK IF HE
 REMAINS IN EUROPE. WILL SUBMIT RESULTS CHECK AND REQUEST YOU FORMULATE
 NEW PROPOSAL ON BASIS NEW COVER WHEN WE WILL REEXAMINE AND ADVISE.

R. BOULTON

FILE IN 201-33608
AS S. H. LEUNGTON

RELEASING OFFICER

ORIGINATING AND TRANSMITTING OFFICER

AUTENTICATING OFFICER

TO:D:

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INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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PAGE NO.

FROM: PARIS
TO: SPECIAL OPERATIONS
ACTION: FDW (1-2)
INFORMATION: ADSO (3-4), STA (5), STB (6), IID (7)

ROUTINE
11 DEC 47
IN 11158

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PAR1 4214

TO: WASHF CITE: PARIF

- 1: UNMOVED REPORTS SUBJECT WFPA 3489 RESIGNED **FROM TWA** EFFECTIVE 1 JAN.
2. SUBJECT APPEARS OPTIMISTIC RE POSSIBILITY SECURING WORK **IN EUROPE, HQ PARIS, WITH HARVEY DWIGHT, IMPORTANT AIRPLANE SPARE PARTS DEALER.** **IF DWIGHT** CONTACT MATERIALIZES SUBJECT WOULD REMAIN PARIS SIX OR EIGHT MONTHS, THEN RETURN STATES TO WORK **FOR DWIGHT**, POSSIBLY IN CASH.
3. AT LUNCHEON WITH HARE 10 DEC SUBJECT TOLD HARE ALL HIS FINANCIAL TROUBLES AND INDICATED WILLINGNESS REMAIN **TWA** IF INCOME COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED. UNMOVED CONCURS WITH THIS. SUBJECT STATED (RCVD DEHKS) TO HARE HE HAD ACTUALLY RESIGNED **FROM TWA**, STATING HE NOW TAKING TERMINAL LEAVE PRIOR TO RESIGNATION.
4. RE WFPA 3032. IN VIEW DEVELOPMENTS ABOVE WE FEEL DECISION ONE WAY OR OTHER OUR PART MUST BE MADE SOONEST. THEREFORE REQUEST PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE AND YOUR AUTHORITY APPROACH SUBJECT, IN PRINCIPLE, OFFERING SALARY \$300 MONTHLY, SUBJECT TO FINAL SECURITY CLEARANCE. THIS IN ORDER PERSUADE SUBJECT REMAIN WITH IDEAL **TWA** COVER JOB AT LEAST UNTIL WE MAKE FINAL DECISION.
5. TRUE, IN THIS CASE, IS OF THE ESSENCE.

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TO: 1211Z 11 DEC 47

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AIR

KPPA-3500

Chief of Station, Paris

23 November 1949

FBI

Subject of KPPA-3509

i/c Weller

1. On the basis of the information submitted in reference dispatch, we have initiated an investigation of subject, who appears to have, as you suggest, many facets worth exploiting. To expect this preliminary four-way check to take at least six weeks to complete and in the meantime would appreciate a further list of subject's contacts, sketched briefly at the bottom of page 8a of his personal record form. Since operational clearance is given only for a specific purpose, we also request UNMOVED's preliminary views on exploitation.

2. Subject personal record form (as well as that submitted with KPPA-3500) is unusually complete, which greatly facilitates checking at this end. UNMOVED should be congratulated on his painstaking reporting in this matter.

R. C. Ryndell

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP

FEB 23 1950

DATE

TO: I.I.D - Mr Brady

BUILDING

ROOM NO.

REMARKS: For your files.

Mrs Thompson
Please open 2028
referred to FDW.

TDB

FROM: Bonnet

BUILDING

ROOM NO.

EXTENSION

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

10 Library 1950

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FROM:

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DATE

WFFA - 4114

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FDG'D		
1.	FDW	2016	20 Feb 21	P/C	This is Vickar - file does not exist?
2.					Dropped in security line. Cancelled.
3.					
4.					CSO inv. # 40104 - (4-way check) returned to CSO - No further investigation re- quired.
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OFFICIAL DISPATCH

VIA: AIR
EMERGENCY AIR OR SEA POUCH

DISPATCH NO. WPPA-4114

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TO : Chief, FBI
FROM : Chief, Paris Station
SUBJECT : GENERAL: WPPA-3724; NYE-S-370
SPECIFIC:

DATE: 10 February 1950.

1. UNKNOWN has just informed me that Subject has definitely decided not to return to Paris and is now staying at the Hotel Stanhope on 5th Ave., New York. UNKNOWN further assures me that Subject is definitely unemployed for the moment and is desperately looking for suitable employment.

2. Apparently Subject has been able to borrow a considerable amount of money, he having sent to his wife who remained behind in Paris a sufficient amount of dollars to cover local debts in French Francs which Subject had accrued at the various Paris hotels, bars, nightclubs, etc. Subject's wife is at present liquidating all these debts, closing up and returning to the owner the apartment in which they lived and plans to depart for New York to rejoin her husband within a few days.

3. UNKNOWN has also assured me that Subject is very anxious to return to Europe and, if possible, Paris. UNKNOWN has maintained his contacts with other high **UNA** officials in Paris, who have told him that they are "lost without Subject" and would be very glad to see him back in Paris. It also seems apparent that Subject left **UNA** under favorable circumstances and would be willing to return (and they would accept him) provided his financial situation were satisfactorily settled.

4. If Subject still interests you, I suggest you endeavor to contact him at his hotel in New York.

Dan C. Warner
Dan C. Warner

DDG:jms

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FROM: CSO
via w/w

BY HARRIS

SO.

DATE

17 February

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. w/w		17 Feb		LL	
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3.					Subject was in U.S.-possibly permanently. Therefore, further investigation required
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

FDW/JL
TO , Staff C/S/CIO Action Mr. Donnet
FROM , Research Branch, ICIS Staff
SUBJECT: McVICKER, Jr., John Augustus
#40104

DATE: 2-25-59

In accordance with your request, a covert name check was conducted on the above named Subject. The results are attached.

A review of the information furnished as a basis for this name check indicates that active covert inquiry and/or searches of other public and quasi-public records should be productive. However, in view of the limited nature of your request, no effort to develop such information has been made.

The attached data simply represents the results of inquiry at the designated U. S. Government agencies. Should independent domestic inquiries be required under the provisions of the Director's memorandum dated 14 February 1949, entitled "Security and Operational Clearances", we would be pleased to conduct them and furnish the results to you as promptly as possible.

FOR THE CHIEF OF INSPECTION AND SECURITY:

David W. Christensen
for: ROBERT H. CUNNINGHAM

Attachment
Name check data

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FO-2M NO. 39-104
MAR 1949

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Staff C/OSO Attn: Mr. Bonnet

TO Research Branch, IS&S Staff

DATE:

FROM Movickar, Jr., John Augustus

11-950

#40104

SUBJECT:

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ROBERT H. CUNNINGHAM

Name check data

Attachment

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MAR 1949 39-104

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Lettice, Jr., John Amico

NO. 46104

On 27 December 1949, the files of Confidential Government Agency L-2 were checked in the name of Subject with negative results.

On 28 December 1949, it was determined that there was no record of Subject in the files of Confidential Government Agency L-3.

Confidential Government Agency L-1 reported no record of Subject on 8 January 1950.

On 9 January 1950, a representative of Confidential Government Agency L-3 advised that no investigation of Subject has been conducted by that Agency.

On 20 December 1949, it was determined that there was no record of Subject in the files of Confidential Government Agency L-3(a).

The Master Index of the United States Civil Service Commission was checked in the name of Subject on 21 December 1949 with negative results.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were checked on 1 January 1950 but revealed no record of Subject.

On 30 January 1950, the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, were reviewed in the name of Subject:

Passport No. 1468 was issued on 17 December 1949 for travel to England, Holland, Norway, Denmark and Belgium on business for the American Overseas Airlines. Subject was employed as District Traffic Manager.

Subject was born on 12 February 1908 at Tarrytown, New York. He resided at 11 West 80th Street, New York, New York and resided in France from 1938 to 1940. His occupation was that of Sales Executive.

Subject registered at Amsterdam, Netherlands on 3 November 1947. He had resided in Amsterdam since 14 January 1947 as a representative of American Overseas Airlines.

Passport was renewed for two years at Paris, France on 2 December 1948. Subject resided at that time at 161 Avenue des Champs Elysees and his legal residence was given as in care of Mrs. Robert Miller, 21 Liberty Street, Westbury, Long Island, New York. At the time of registration, he represented American Overseas Airlines.

Paris, France, subject to 6 subjects and their names _____, born in St. Louis, Missouri on 18 July, 1910, and resided in Paris, their permanent place of abode. All six subjects are citizens of New Zealand.

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McLean, Mr., John at pages

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for subject and his wife on 27 July 1949. It was stated that Subject married on 3 June 1949 at Alexandria, Virginia.

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23 November 1949

MEMORANDUM

To: CSO

From: FOB

SUBJECT: Request For Name Check

Name: McVIKAR, John Augustus, Jr.

Nickname: "Johnny".

Present Address: 28 Avenue Montaigne, Paris, France

Date and Place of Birth: 12 February 1909, Long Island, New York

Citizenship: U. S.

Relatives: Father - John Augustus McVikar (sic), U.S. citizen at birth; living at home of Theodore McVikar (sic) on Long Island, New York; former member of U. S. Foreign Service

Mother - U. S. citizen at birth; now deceased

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Ralph McVikar (sic), living U. S.

Sister - Dorothea Dawson, living U. S.

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Born St. Louis, Missouri; U. S. citizen from birth

Daughter - Barbara McVikar (sic), 19 years of age (daughter by previous marriage); living in San Francisco, California, with remarried mother.

Educational Background:

St. Bernard's New York, U. S. A.
Harvey School, Paris, France
McJanner School, St. Cloud, s/o France
no college education

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Present Employments

Special Sales Representative for Trans World Airlines
in Paris

Previous Employments

General Sales Agent in France for various American products,
including Jantzen Bathing Suits, Three-in-One Oil, the Franklin
Motor Car, the Le Baron Motor Car. (at age 16)

General Sales Agent in France for Dusenberg Motor Cars and
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Car Co. (until early 1931)

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1932)

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Assistant General Manager of St. Regis Hotel, New York

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American Red Cross (Australia, New Guinea, Philippines)

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Transair, Inc.

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subject has been for past 15 months.

Organizations

Never a member of any club, organization, union, party
or society.

Financials

Bank account with Chemical Bank and Trust Co. of New York

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References

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Warren Lee Pierce
Chairman of the Board
Trans World Airlines
New York, New York

Subject holds U. S. Passport No. 227 and Social Security No. 091-09-8737.

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