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SUBJECT: WHITE, JOSEPH TIMOTHY, PFC, 492-80-2196, DPOB: 5 NOV 81,
ST LOUIS, MO (U)

A. MSG, IAGPA-OP-1, 091240Z SEP 82, SAB.

1. (U) SOURCE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF HIS IDENTITY TO
SUBJECT.

2. (U) ON 10 SEP 82, JOSEPH C. MERLINO, (323-54-0935) (U) USAR,
DPOB: 26 APR 62, BOSTON, MA, COMPANY A, 20 BATTALION, 104TH INFANTRY
MASSACHUSETTS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF MASSACHUSETTS CAMPUS, AMHERST, MA, CONCERNING SUBJECT. SOURCE
PROVIDED SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (MSG PARA 3 THRU 12
3. (U) MERLINO FIRST MET WHITE ON 28 AUG 80, WHEN BOTH ARRIVED AT
KEMPER MILITARY SCHOOL & COLLEGE (KMSC), BOONVILLE, MISSOURI, AS
FRESHMEN (PLEBES), ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT COMPANIES. MERLINO'S LAST
CONTACT WITH WHITE WAS ON ABOUT 28 SEP 81, TWO DAYS BEFORE WHITE
DROPPED OUT OF KMSC. THROUGHOUT ACADEMIC YEAR 80-81 AND DURING
SEP 81, MERLINO SAW WHITE DAILY, USUALLY AT FORMATIONS, OCCASIONALLY
IN CLASS, BUT MADE PERSONAL CONTACT ONLY ON ABOUT FIFTEEN OCCASIONS.
THEY ALSO MET BRIEFLY AT THE AIRBORNE SCHOOL, FT BENNING, GEORGIA, IN
JULY 1981. THEY WERE WELL ACQUAINTED, BUT WERE NOT CLOSE PERSONAL
FRIENDS.

4. (C) MERLINO DID NOT KNOW OF WHITE'S FAMILY BACKGROUND OR FINAN-
CIAL SITUATION, ALTHOUGH WHITE DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS. NOR DID MERLINO KNOW IF WHITE USED NARCOTICS OR ABUSED
ALCOHOL. WHITE WAS PHYSICALLY HEALTHY AND FIT, BUT NOT ATHLETIC. HE
DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY DEVIANT SEXUAL TENDENCIES OR HANG-UPS, TO
INCLUDE HOMOSEXUALITY. WHITE WAS REPUTED TO BE A MORALLY STRAIGHT
INDIVIDUAL WHO VALUED HIS OWN HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. HE WAS EXCEPTI-
ONALLY BRIGHT AND CONSISTENTLY EARNED HIGH GRADES IN ACADEMIC SUB-
JECTS AND MILITARY SCIENCE.

5. (C) WHITE WAS ALSO A VERY SERIOUS, EXTREMELY INTENSE, AND HIGHLY
IDEALISTIC PERSON. HE WAS USUALLY MILD-MANNERED, BUT WOULD GET
QUITE AGITATED DURING SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS. IN PAPERS HE WROTE AND
DURING DISCUSSIONS IN HISTORY CLASS, HE EARNESTLY DEFENDED THE MARX-
IST PHILOSOPHY OF EQUALITY. IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS HE REVEALED AN
ADMIRATION FOR HOW ADOLF HITLER HARNESSSED THE ENERGIES AND NATIONAL-
ISM OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE. HOWEVER, WHITE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE PRO-
NAZI OR ANTI-SEMITIC. IN FACT, HE SEEMED TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO MIN-
ORITY GROUPS IN THE U.S., AND THEIR BID FOR EQUALITY.

6. (C) WHITE NEVER SHOWED ANY DISLOYALTY TO THE U.S., ALTHOUGH DURING
CONVERSATIONS HE WOULD CONSTRUCTIVELY CRITICIZE AND CRITIQUE
BOTH AMERICAN SOCIETY AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. HE TALKED SERIOUSLY
AS THOUGH HE HAD HIS OWN PROGRAMS FOR IMPROVING THE LOT OF OTHER
PEOPLE. WHITE NORMALLY RESPECTED SUPERIORS AND THEIR AUTHORITY, AS
LONG AS THEY MADE SENSE TO HIM. BUT, HE WOULD BALK AT OBEYING SOMEONE

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FOR WHOM HE HAD LOST RESPECT. THIS TENDENCY LED TO AN
INCIDENT AT ROTC ADVANCED CAMP AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS, IN THE SUMMER
OF 81, WHEN WHITE REFUSED TO OBEY A CADET'S ORDER (NO FURTHER INFOR-
MATION), AND WAS ALMOST BOARDED OUT OF THE CAMP.

7. (C) WHITE'S SERIOUSNESS, INTELLIGENCE, AND INTENSITY SEEMED
THREATENING TO SOME CADETS AT KMSC. HE TENDED TO REMAIN ALLOOF FROM
HIS PEERS. ON TOP OF THIS, HIS POOR SKIN COMPLEXION, NERVOUS MANNER-
ISMS, AND ERRATIC DRESS (ONE DAY - NEAT, THE NEXT DAY - SHABBY)
MADE WHITE THE BUTT OF DERISION AND PRANKS AT KMSC. HE WAS OSTRAC-
IZED AND UNIVERSALLY DISLIKED. HIS PEER RATING AT ROTC ADVANCED
CAMP WAS REPORTED TO BE LOW.

8. (C) WHITE TRIED HARD TO SUCCEED IN EVERYTHING HE DID. HOWEVER,
HIS SELF-ESTEEM WAS CONSTANTLY BATTERED BY THE ATTITUDES OF HIS PEERS
AND A STRING OF DISAPPOINTMENTS. DURING HIS FIRST YEAR AT KMSC HE
GOT INTO SEVERAL FIGHTS WITH OTHER CADETS. ALSO, HIS GIRLFRIEND (NFI)
BROKE OFF THEIR RELATIONSHIP, ALLEGEDLY UNDER PRESSURE FROM HER
PARENTS. (WHITE PAPERED A MYRIAD OF PICTURES OF HER ON HIS DORMITORY
WALL.) WHITE DATED SELDOM, IF AT ALL. ONE OF HIS INSTRUCTORS, A
CAPTAIN DAVID, REPORTEDLY GAVE WHITE A ZERO FOR TURNING IN A PAPER
LATE, BUT DID NOT PENALIZE OTHERS WHO HAD DONE SO, AS SEVERELY.
CPT DAVID WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO EITHER LIKED OR HATED OTHERS,
AND IT SEEMED THAT HE DISLIKED WHITE INTENSELY FOR UNKNOWN REASONS.
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