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12 January 1952

Washington

R. S. Travis 2268

New York

~~SENSITIVE~~~~SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION~~

TO LEA FROM ASHCRAFT BY SPECIAL SERVICES (TRAVIS) WA 8622
THIS IS SENSITIVE
THIS IS NEW CASE 9145. REFERENCE MADE TO LEA: LEA'S CONVERSATION YESTERDAY
WITH TRAVIS AND [ROSE] REGARDING THE CPC REQUEST FOR CONTACT WITH THE RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF AMERICA. AS [ROSE] INDICATED, HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON WEDNESDAY,
23 JANUARY, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH THE
APPROPRIATE PERSON OR PERSONS IN RIA TO DISCUSS A COVER CASE. [ROSE] HAS ADVISED
THAT BOTH LEO CHERNE AND CARL HOWARD HAVE BEEN GIVEN COVERT OPERATIONAL
CLEARANCES. FOLLOWING IS THE BACKGROUND OF THIS CASE. THERE IS A MAN IN THE
NAME OF WILLIAM J. ACON, PRESENTLY WORKING FOR ECA IN WASHINGTON WHO IS GOING
TO RESIGN FROM ECA AND COME WITH CIA, AND WILL GO OVERSEAS FOR CPC. HE IS
GOING TO LEAVE ECA SOMETIME AROUND THE END OF THIS MONTH, AND MUST HAVE SOME
EXPLANATION AS TO THE REASON FOR HIS RESIGNATION. THEREFORE, CPC WISHES
TO SEEK TO LOCATE SOME FIRM WHICH WILL BE WILLING TO BACKSTOP ~~EXC~~ [ACON'S]
RESIGNATION, IN THE FORM OF SUPPOSEDLY HIRING ACON. [ACON] HAS BEEN A RESEARCH
ANALYST ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN ITALY, AND IT IS FELT THAT,
PERHAPS, EMPLOYMENT WITH RIA WOULD BE A LOGICAL ~~EXPLANATION~~ REASON TO
GIVE FOR RESIGNING FROM ECA. THE RIA COVER WILL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR [ACON'S]
COVER OVERSEAS. ABOUT ALL THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF RIA WOULD BE TO ACKNOWLEDGE,

~~SENSITIVE SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION~~

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WILLIAM JAMES AGNEW**Background Information:**

Born **April 6, 1921 in Amsterdam, Netherlands**
Single
American citizen

Education: **Amsterdam High School** - Amsterdam, Netherlands
St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri - **ASTP 6/43-7/44**
Georgetown Foreign Service School - 2 yrs. **6/47-8/48**
University of Chicago - M.A. in International Economic
Relations in **1951**

Languages: German, Dutch, French and Italian

M.A. Thesis: **"Post-war Economic Recovery in the Netherlands and
The Marshall Plan"** (received honors)

Employment Record:

June 1950 - present International Economist, **CS-7, 1A**
European Program Division of ECA. Mainly concerned
with Italian and Trieste economic affairs. Analyzed
economic and financial position of Italy in light of
ECA aid program, and **handled administration of the
aid program itself**. Also prepared two, three and
four year forecasts designed to show expected
economic trends and developments **in Italy**. These
were included in the ECA congressional presentations.

Oct. 47 - June '48 Research analyst in **Historical Division**
of Department of the Army. Engaged in selection
of and formulation of reports on **German documents**
which shed light on the West Europe campaign.

Oct. 46 - Feb. 47 Archivist in **Office of Military Government**
for Germany, Department of the Army. Served as
chief of the **Documents Library**, collected reports,
dispatches, cables, etc and developed an index system.

Jan. 45 - Aug 45 Assistant to **Food and Agriculture Officer**
with **Military Gov't Section of Hq. Twelfth Army
Group**. Duties consisted mainly of availability and
requirements studies connected with food needs of the
German population

Address:

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SECRET TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK

TO ASHCRAFT FOR TRAVIS FROM LEA -- SECURITY INFORMATION -- CITE NY 6470

THIS IS SENSITIVE.

CASE 9145.

THE MEETING TODAY WITH CHERNE RRT CHERNE WAS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL.

WHEN HE GETS BACK TO WASHINGTON, ROSE IS GOING TO SUBMIT TO US THROUGH
YOU ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON [ACON] RPT [ACON] WHICH WE WILL
TURN OVER TO CHERNE.

WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT WHEN [ACON] MAKES HIS PITCH AT ECA RPT ICA AND TELLS
THEM THAT HE IS BEING OFFERED A JOB WITH THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF
AMERICA THAT HE STRESS THE NAME OF LEO CHERNE WHO ACTUALLY WILL BE THE
ONLY PERSON WHO WILL BE ABLE TO BACK UP THIS STORY.

Discussed with Rose. He will
furnish data to us.
Copy sent to Rose.

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SECRET**SECURITY INFORMATION**

25 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Backstopping of Cover by the Research Institute
of America

1. Pursuant to conversations between Mr. [Redacted] and Mr. Engels of CIA/OPC and Mr. Travis of OO/Contacts, an appointment was made for Mr. [Redacted] to see Mr. Leo Cherne, Executive Secretary of the Research Institute of America, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City, to explore the willingness of Mr. Cherne to backstop the cover story of a proposed **agent in training**. The appointment was made, and kept, for Wednesday morning, 23 January 1952 in New York City in the presence of Mr. Clark of the New York branch of the Contacts Division.

2. The proposed story of the **agent** in question, who had been employed on the economic research side of ECA specializing in **Italy**, was that he wished to resign from ECA and take up an offer to be extended to him in civilian employment. Since the Research Institute of America seemed to fit in naturally with his background and activities in ECA, Mr. Cherne was asked:

a. If he would backstop the **agent's** story that he was quitting ECA to take employment with the Research Institute of America during his three months period of **training with CIA**, and

b. Whether he would in fact **employ the agent** and send him as a representative of the Institute to **Italy** at the conclusion of his period of training.

Mr. Cherne replied that unfortunately the latter was impossible inasmuch as his company did not send personnel overseas in any capacity. As regards the immediate backstopping of the **agent's** story, however, Mr. Cherne said that he would be happy to oblige for a period of training only, to wit, three months, after which other cover would have to be sought. Mr. Cherne requested that he be furnished at an early date with more complete information as to what was to be expected of him in his role as a backstop and further stated that he would like to meet the **agent** personally as soon as could be arranged. This has been communicated to Mr. Engels, the case officer, who will oblige at the earliest opportunity.

3. This case

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7 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Edward A. Rose

SUBJECT: Cover Story for Research Institute of America

1. Mr. **Aeon**, who has his MA in International Economic Relations from the University of Chicago, has been working for RIA. He has been hired by the Research Institute of America to do economic research and writing for their weekly newsletter on economic subjects having to do with Western Europe. (Mr. **Aeon** knows Dutch, German, French and Italian.) It could be admitted that he would like eventually to do such writing abroad, but has not yet found a way.

2. His hiring may be delayed for some time. Mr. Leo Cherne will be informed when the story is to be used. By that time, Mr. **Aeon** will have called on Mr. Cherne.

DANIEL J. WHEALTON
WE-4

DJW/atp

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Chief, New York Office

Chief, Contact Division

Case 9145

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13 February 1952

1. When Rose of OPC was in New York on 23 January 1952 to discuss cover with Mr. Leo Cherne, Executive Secy. of the Research Institute of America, Mr. Cherne requested additional information as to what was to be expected of him in his role as a backstop to the ~~cover being established for the OPC man.~~ The following information has been forwarded by OPC, and is quoted below. Mr. Rose requests that you pass this information on to Mr. Cherne.

a. "Mr. ~~Acon~~, who has his MA in International Economic Relations from the University of Chicago, has been working for ECA. He has been hired by the Research Institute of America to do economic research and writing for their weekly newsletter on economic subjects having to do with Western Europe. (Mr. ~~Acon~~ knows Dutch, German, French and Italian.) It could be admitted that he would like eventually to do such writing abroad, but has not yet found a way.

b. "His hiring may be delayed for some time. Mr. Leo Cherne will be informed when the story is to be used. By that time, Mr. ~~Acon~~ will have called on Mr. Cherne."

2. We are closing this case. Should further action be required, we will reopen.

E. M. ASHCRAFT

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Chief, Contact Division, OO

19 May 1952

Chief, Cover Division, PLANS/OSO

Appointment with William A. BARRON, John E. TOULMIN
and Leo CHERNE

Reference: CS-1512 and CS-1337

1. This will confirm Mr. Rose's verbal request that the Contact Division/OO ask its Boston field office to arrange appointments for Mr. [Edward Rose] of Cover Division, PLANS/OSO, to see Mr. [William A. Barron], Chairman of the Board, **Gillette Safety Razor** Company, and Mr. [John E. Toulmin], Senior Vice President of the **First National Bank of Boston**, at their convenience on Wednesday May 21, 1952. The purpose of the visit is to explore the willingness of these gentlemen to act as ostensible donors of funds to support a current operation.

2. This will also confirm Mr. [Rose's] request that the New York City field office of the Contact Division/OO arrange an appointment for Mr. [Rose] to see Mr. Leo Cherne, President of the Research Institute of America at Mr. Cherne's convenience on Thursday May 22, 1952. Mr. Cherne, who has for some time been backstopping the activities of an **agent** in this country, has apparently expressed willingness to provide **cover** for this **agent** abroad. The purpose of the interview is to discuss more fully Mr. Cherne's proposal. Cover Division would be happy to have an OO field office representative present to insure continuity.

3. As a result of the above requests, Mr. [Barron] found to his regret that he was unable to cooperate with the Agency at the present time. Mr. [Toulmin], on the other hand, was most cooperative. Mr. Cherne, unfortunately, was out of town. The New York field office has been asked to try to arrange a meeting with Mr. Cherne, as outlined above, for Wednesday afternoon, June 4, 1952.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CS-1337 (Rose)

TO : Chief, Contact Division, OO
FROM : Chief, Cover Division, PLANS/OSO [initials]
SUBJECT: Field Trip to Interview Leo CHERNE
Reference: CS-1337

DATE: 6 June 1952

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1. On Wednesday, June 4, 1952, an interview was arranged by the Contact Division, OO, for Mr. [Redacted] of the Cover Division, PLANS/OSO with Mr. Leo Cherne, President of the Research Institute of America. The meeting was held at 11:30 a.m. in Mr. Cherne's office at 292 Madison Avenue, New York City, and Mr. [Redacted] was accompanied by Mr. Clark of the New York field office of Contact Division, OO.

2. Mr. Cherne, who is currently [Redacted] within the United States, had expressed the wish to be provided with some form of letter indicating that the Agency was requesting his cooperation, and the purpose of the interview was to inform Mr. Cherne that this was against Agency policy.

3. This information was accordingly conveyed by Mr. Clark and Mr. [Redacted] to Mr. Cherne who accepted it with good grace. In reply to a question by Mr. [Redacted] he indicated that this refusal would in no way mitigate his desire to be of service to the Agency.

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TO : Chief, Contact Division, OO

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CS-1337 (Ormond)
DATE: 4 March 1954

FROM : Chief, PI/Plans/Cover Division

SUSPECT: Requested meeting with Leo Cherne
OO/C case 9145.

1. On 3 March 1954, Mr. Coleman of your office was requested by Mr. (Ormond) to arrange a Category III meeting for him with Leo Cherne of Research Institute of America, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City. The identity of an [agent] and the area in which he will be [stationed] will be discussed. On the same date Mr. Coleman informed that the appointment had been made for 3:00 PM on 8 March 1954. (Ormond) was requested to arrive at the New York OO/C office between 2:00 - 2:15 PM to meet Bob McNamee who will accompany him to Cherne's office and make the introduction.

2. Cover Division appreciates the assistance rendered by your office. Mr. (Ormond) will follow the above instructions.

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GS-1337 (Killard)
2 February 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert McCann
New York OO/C Office
SUBJECT : Research Institute of America

1. Attached is a suggested draft of the proposed Letter of Understanding between Mr. Cherne and his special employee.
2. In addition to the two paragraphs set out in the draft, it is suggested that Mr. Cherne also include either: (a) a brief general statement of the duties and responsibilities or (b) a statement indicating that the employee will continue the agreed-upon functions.
3. Another paragraph might be inserted with reference to the employee's past satisfactory performance.
4. For Mr. Cherne's information, the employee has had another article published in the ~~New Leader~~ which was issued on 23 January 1956, under the title "~~Poujallat~~".
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5. We appreciate your and Mr. Cherne's courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Raymond L. Killard
Central Cover Branch
Non-Official Cover

Attachment
as stated above

REMs:dmw
cc: GS-1337

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R. Toffanin
Riviera

C5-1337. Case 9145

Mr. Carr

Chenne is aware that our boy
is writing for a magazine
~~Sam Rovito or Newholder~~
named . However the
editor of this magazine is young
& the area where our man is
located, but is not writing.
She may know editor and ^{say} be
going to tell Editor that he ^{does not} work

for Leo and others

In the event that the
Editor knows Leo, and should
see Leo and mention the agent
and the writing relationship, Churn
is not to identify the ~~agent with CIA~~

Boag will send in report
of his conversation with Editor
so that if necessary, Leo Churn
can be advised of it

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14 Sept 1968 AMX 56

Washington

R. S. Travis 2268

New York

Secret

MCCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) MA 8598

CASE 9145. RAY MILLARD HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU ~~DO~~ PASS SOME INFORMATION ON TO LEO CHERNE. ~~DO~~ YOU KNOW, AS DOES CHERNE, THAT ~~WE~~ OUR MAN WHO IS DOING WORK FOR LEO, HAS ALSO BEEN WRITING FOR ~~THE "NEW LEADER"~~, AS WELL AS ~~DOING~~ DOING OTHER JOBS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EDITOR OF THE ~~"NEW LEADER", S. LEVITAS,~~ IS GOING TO TAKE A TRIP TO THE AREA WHERE OUR BOY IS LOCATED, AND WILL SEE HIM. WHEN OUR BOY SEEKS ~~LEVITAS~~, HE IS GOING TO TELL HIM THAT HE DOES SOME WORK FOR LEO CHERNE, AND OTHERS, BESIDES SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE ~~"NEW LEADER"~~. HE WILL NOT, OF COURSE, IDENTIFY HIMSELF WITH THE AGENCY. ~~LEVITAS~~ IS UNWITTING OF ANY AGENCY RELATIONSHIP, AND IT IS DESIRED THAT IT BE KEPT THIS WAY. ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT CHERNE MAY KNOW ~~LEVITAS~~, AND ~~IS~~ ON THE FURTHER CHANCE THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO THE US, ~~LEVITAS~~ MAY SEE CHERNE AND TELL HIM THAT HE RAN INTO OUR ~~BOY~~ WHO INDICATED THAT HE WAS DOING SOME WORK FOR CHERNE, WILL YOU TELL CHERNE THAT ~~LEVITAS~~ IS NOT ~~DO~~ ~~SOON AS POSSIBLY~~ UNWITTING OF THE FACT THAT THE ~~BOY IS CONNECTED WITH THE AGENCY~~, AND THAT HE SHOULD NOT INDICATE TO ~~LEVITAS~~ THAT OR ASSUME THAT ~~LEVITAS~~ KNOWS, ~~DO~~ ~~THE AGENCY~~ ~~RELATIONSHIP~~. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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SUPPORT FROM MCCANN

CASE 9145 X 9145

1. ON 19 X 19 SEPTEMBER WE ADVISED LEO CHERNE X LEO CHERNE OF THE CONTENTS OF YOUR WA-8598 X 8598. CHERNE, AS IT TURNED OUT, KNOWS **E. LEVITAS X S. LEVITAS** AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A VERY HIGH-TYPE, PATRIOTIC INDIVIDUAL.

2. WE EXPLAINED TO CHERNE THAT **LEVITAS** WOULD NO X NO DOUBT SEE OUR MAN ABROAD AND CAUTIONED CHERNE THAT HE SHOULD NOT X NOT ASSUME THAT **LEVITAS** KNEW OF ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MAN INVOLVED AND THE AGENCY. CHERNE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD IN NO X NO WAY INDICATE THAT SUCH A RELATIONSHIP EXISTED.

3. RAY MILLARD X RAY MILLARD WAS INFORMED DURING HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK THAT CHERNE HAD BEEN SO ADVISED.

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PRIORITY**SECRET****SENSITIVE****PP ESE****DE ESG 21****P 131341Z****GR180****BT****TVAVN****46473/23****46473/23****PRIORITY****SEC****WA CITE NYOR 6845****FEB 15 1968
AMH 57****THIS IS SENSITIVE****CASE 9145 X 9145**

THIS IT IN REFERENCE TO A REQUEST MILLARD X MILLARD OF COVER DIV.
MADE TO LEA X LEA IN WRITING CONCERNING THE FEAR OF OUR AGENT IN PARIS
THAT HIS COVER MAY HAVE BEEN BLOWN BY HIS SISTER, MEETING MR. JOSEPH
ARDLEIGH X JOSEPH ARDLEIGH ^{DO} OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND TELLING HIM
THAT HER GROTHER WAS IN PARIS WORKING FOR SAID INSTITUTE.

CHERNE X CHERNE WAS APPRAISED OF THE SITUATION ON 14 X 14 FEBRUARY
AND HE REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING:

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1. PLEASE ADVISE HIM OF THE NAME OF THE [SISTER] WHO MET MR. [ARDLEIGH].
[WE ASSUME FROM THE GIST OF HIS QUESTION THAT HE WANTS TO BE
ABSOLUTELY SURE [WHICH AGENT] WE ARE TALKING ABOUT]
2. HE REQUESTS THAT [JOSEPH ARDLEIGH] BE MADE WITTING OF THE OPERATION
FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

WE WILL SEND BIO X BIO DATA ON [ARDLEIGH] AS SOON AS CHERNE MAKES
IT AVAILABLE TO US.

PLEASE SEND US THE NAME OF THE [SISTER] SO THAT WE CAN MAKE IT AVAILABLE
TO CHERNE.

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15 Feb
Copy sent to
Wheeler

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Melland advised And will
get sister name. He also wants
Bio data on [ARDLEIGH] 100
FBI - BOSTON

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Case 9213

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WA CITE NYOR 6870

FEB 18 1968 AM '67

SUPPORT FROM MAJOR

REF. NYOR 6845 X 6845

THE FOLLOWING IS THE BIO. X BIO INFORMATION ON **JOSEPH D. ARDLEIGH** X
JOSEPH D. ARDLEIGH, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, **RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF**
AMERICA, INC., **(589 X 589 FIFTH AVE)**, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

HE WAS BORN **24 MAY 1914** X **(4 MAY 1914)** AT **SCRANTON**, PENN.

HIS PRESENT HOME ADDRESS IS **ALDEN ROAD, GREENWICH**, CONN.

HE WAS PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED WITH THE LAW FIRM OF **MILBANK, TWEED, HOPE**
AND EBB OF NEW YORK, THE **HOOVER** COMPANY OF **NORTH CANTON**, OHIO, HAD HIS
OWN BUSINESS WHICH WAS KNOWN AS **SALES METHODS INC.**, ROCKEFELLER PLAZA,
NEW YORK.

HE JOINED **THE RESEARCH INST.** 1939 X 1939.

PLEASE ASSIGN CASE NUMBER TO THESE EFFORTS.

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20 Feb 57

Washington

R. S. Travis 2268

New York 14330

Secret

FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA

CASE 9145. REUR NYOR 6845. MILLARD ADVISES THAT THE NAME OF THE ~~SISTER~~ WHO MET
MR. ~~ADLEIGH~~ IS MRS. ~~HELEN B. BLOODGOOD~~ (MRS. ~~EDWARD~~). BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ~~ADLEIGH~~
RECEIVED AND MILLARD IS INITIATING SECURITY CLEARANCE ON HIM. WE WILL ADVISE YOU
AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.

FEB 20 3 55 PM '57

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7 August 1947

Washington

R. S. Travis 2268

New York

Secret

COVER FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 21187

RE CLOSED CASE 9145. MILLARD OF COVER HAS REQUESTED THAT WE TRY TO DETERMINE WHEN LEO CHERNE WILL RETURN TO NYC. IT APPEARS THAT OUR BOY, NEED FOR WHOM CHERNE
IS PROVIDING COVER, IS BACK IN THE STATES ON LEAVE, AND WHEN HE TRIES TO CONTACT CHERNE, FOUND THAT HE WAS OUT OF TOWN. WILL YOU PLEASE SEE IF YOU CAN FIND OUT DESIRED INFORMATION. THANKS.

15 SEP 6 1967
FBI - NEW YORK

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

INDIVIDUAL	DATE	ACTION
Fred Engel	26 Dec.	<p style="text-align: center;">563</p> <p>Engel came up at Rose's suggestions to discuss a need for cover. Engel has a man now working for ECA who is coming with OPC at the end of January. Engel desires an interim back-stop which the [redacted] man can give to ECA as a reason for his leaving ECA. Engel desires some organization which will be used as the new employer of the [redacted] man, and which will be willing to acknowledge, if necessary, that they have hired the man. OPC is working on a permanent cover to send the man to [redacted] Stally on a research program, but must await clearance on the outfit. Stally is believed to be the Historical Planning Association. Engel is submitting biographic data [redacted] on the ECA man so that the organization who will backstop the man will have full knowledge of the man [redacted] has assigned case # C101 to this case.</p>
Rose	10 Jan	<p>Rose brought biographic on Engel's man. Rose indicated he may want to go to NY to contact a firm re the cover. Tracy raised the question as to whether or not the NY field office could make preliminary inquiries. Rose will advise. He wants to see Research Sect. D advised.</p>
	11 Feb	Close case
Holley	17 Mar	Holley requests that we make an appointment for Gers with Cheyne for 18 or 19 March. Gers [redacted] will appear alone without CIA representation.
Clarke (NY)	17 Mar	<p>Clarke advises that [redacted] should call direct to Cheyne as the latter is expecting the call to come through that way. [redacted] can use Clark's name if necessary. Holley inquired but she doesn't like it. She will call but Clark will tell them and NY may expect all Clark advises them with his own name.</p>

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Office Memorandum • UNIT

TO : Chief, Contact Division, OO

FROM : Chief, Cover Division, PLANS/OSS

SUBJECT: Appointment with William A. BARRON,
and Leo CHERNE

Reference: CS-1512 and CS-1337

Case 4195

1. This will confirm Mr. [Redacted] verbal request that Contact Division/OO ask its Boston field office to arrange appointments for Mr. [Redacted] of Cover Division, PLANS/OSS to see Mr. William A. Barron, Chairman of the Board, [Redacted] Safety Razor Company, and Mr. John A. Toulmin, Senior Vice President of the First National Bank of Boston, at their convenience on Wednesday May 21, 1952. The purpose of the visit is to explore the willingness of these gentlemen to act as extensible donors of funds to support a current operation.

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