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UNDERHILL visited Washington to call the attention of CIA to certain AXELBANK pictures and was advised that Colliers might be interested in some of them for an article on Russia. UNDERHILL discussed AXELBANK with "Ricky" Haskins of CIA.

3. On the basis of the foregoing an inquiry was made of director, Domestic Contact Service, whose office provided the attached reply.

4. The following information about Samuel George CUMMINGS, 201-178343, was compiled from his 201 file and from information provided by the Office of Security and by C/CI/SPG.

a. His date and place of birth are 4 February 1927, Philadelphia.

b. He entered on duty with CIA as a staff employee in December 1950. He was then a GS-9 assigned to Ground Branch, Weapons and Equipment Division, OSI. In January 1952 he was transferred to the Office of Procurement and Supply. During 1952/1953 he travelled abroad extensively, buying foreign weapons.

c. He married a German national and consequently resigned in November 1953, when he became a career agent in Guatemala.

d. Cables of the 1951-1952 period state that CUMMINGS was then buying arms for CIA and that the arms were intended for resistance elements behind the Iron Curtain.

e. On 17 August 1954 CUMMINGS became the principal agent of the CIA-owned companies known as International Armament Corporation and Interarmco Lt., both incorporated in Canada, Switzerland, and the U.S. CUMMINGS engaged in sharp practises in his conduct of business and was also extremely difficult to control.

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f. A 1957 cable states that a business man in Panama, an Agency source, knew CUMMINGS to be providing information to the FBI and also knew him to be "careful about keeping the appropriate U.S. Government agencies informed of his deals."

g. In early 1958 CUMMINGS assumed sole ownership of International Armament Corp. and of Interarmco. (An Agency audit established the net worth of these companies as \$219,000.00.)

CUMMINGS bought them with a non-interest bearing promissory note in the amount of \$100,000, payable in four annual installments of \$25,000, and certain items of inventory which had a cost value of \$67,000 and a market value of \$250,000. These items were to remain the property of CIA, and their cost was to be returned to the Agency after they were sold.

h. On 28 June 1961 the West German publication Der Spiegel reported that CUMMINGS had been employed by CIA as an arms expert during the Korean War and that he had cooperated with CIA in "supplying arms to various trouble spots".

i. Shortly after CUMMINGS left his staff position for Interarmco, contact with him was established by the WH Division. This contact was taken over by C/CI/SPG in September 1954. (CUMMINGS knows him only by alias.) This contact is still maintained. Until recently the principal purpose was to dispose of arms. (and CIA made a sizeable profit on these transactions.) The current contact is not operational. It is not based on a project, and no payments are made to CUMMINGS who volunteers information resulting from his extensive travels and high-level contacts. An operational clearance for CUMMINGS' use by the CI Staff as an informant was granted in March 1958.

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