

HRG-0422/70

MEMORANDUM FOR: Maurice A. Bivern
Chief, PPL Group

ATTENTION: Lee E. Carle

FROM: George L. Marling
Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Request for Records Search --
Robert John Morgan, et al. (U)

REFERENCE: OGC 79-02691 dated 20 September 1979

1. An intensive search of the files and indices of the Directorate of Operations has revealed no information concerning Robert John Morgan, John Duncan LEIBOLT, Robert Stewart COTTON, John Sylvester CARPENTER, Wayne Ernest DANIEL, or Guy Parilton GREN. (U)

2. However, this search has revealed the following information concerning Wiley Gilmore SIMS (AKA: William Gilmore SIMMS) and Mitchell Livingston WERBELL III (AKA: Mitch THREE). (U)

A. William Gilmore SIMS

1) In December 1965 SIMS contacted the United States Embassy in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and talked to a representative of this Directorate. He requested assistance in retrieving an airplane impounded by authorities in Venezuela which they suspected was used in smuggling operations. SIMS also stated that he had been in Guatemala looking for air freight business. The files of this Directorate contain no indication that any action was taken regarding this matter. (U)

2) SIMS was never employed by this Directorate nor has this Directorate ever had any operational interest in him. (U)

B. Mitchell Livingston WERBELL III

1) WERBELL had never been employed by this Agency nor does this Agency have any operational interest in him. WERBELL was a commissioned officer with the OSS during World War II and served in the China-Burma-India

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TO: PRIORITY DCD/MIAMI

REINFORCING FROM ZEINER

SUBJECT: MITCHELL L. WERDELL, III

HAS MIAMI FIELD OFFICE HAD ANY CONTACT WITH WERDELL DURING
PAST YEAR? WHEN WAS LAST CONTACT? CR IMPDET CL BY 030552

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CITE DCD/MIAMI 13136

TO: PRIORITY DCD/WASHINGTON

ATTN: OFFICE OF THE CHIEF (ZEIMER)

SUBJ: MITCHELL L. WERBELL, III

REF : DCD/WASHINGTON 13834

WE HAVE HAD NO RECENT CONTACT WHATSOEVER WITH MITCHELL WERBELL, III.
THE LAST CONTACT BY THIS OFFICE WAS A TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY
JAY GLEICHAUF ON 9 MARCH 1971 AND DISCUSSED IN MIN-026-71.
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CITE DCD/WASHINGTON 13925

TO: PRIORITY DCD/MIAMI

FROM ZEINER

SUBJECT: MITCHELL L. WERDELL III

12-79-00
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED DCD THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN
INDICTED AND TRIAL WILL BEGIN ON 29 MARCH 1976. THERE MUST BE
NO REPEAT NO DCD CONTACT WITH WERDELL EVEN IF HE SHOULD ATTEMPT
TO INITIATE THE CONTACT. EE IMPDET CL BY 83558C
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ATTN: SUPPORT BRANCH/OSS (GRANT) *A-182014*
SUBJ: STEVEN VAN CLEAVE, INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, LTD., ATLANTA,
GEORGIA

REF: GRANT/HERNIMESLEY TELECON, 25 FEBRUARY, SAME SUBJECT

1. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 21 JANUARY 1974 HE RECEIVED A
TELEPHONE CALL FROM ANGELINO ALLIENZO, 3301 ROCKFARM ROAD, MIAMI,
FLORIDA, (A CONTACT OF THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE) WHO ADVISED US
THAT AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, STEVEN VAN CLEAVE,
WANTED TO SPEAK WITH US IN CONNECTION WITH INTELLIGENCE MATTERS
CONCERNING LATIN AMERICA. WE TOLD ALLIENZO THAT VAN CLEAVE
SHOULD CONTACT OUR OFFICE IN ATLANTA; HOWEVER, ALLIENZO SAID
THAT VAN CLEAVE DIDN'T WANT TO DEAL WITH "RECRUITERS", RATHER
HE WANTED TO SPEAK WITH A CIA OFFICER "IN THE BUSINESS OF INTELLIGENCE
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HAD THE SAME STATUS AS THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE, AND THAT WE SHOULD
URGE VAN CLEAVE TO CONTACT OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN ATLANTA. ALLIENZO
WOULDN'T ACCEPT THIS RESPONSE ON OUR PART AND INSISTED THAT WE AT
LEAST HEAR WHAT VAN CLEAVE HAD TO SAY. FINALLY, WE AGREED TO
ACCEPT A CALL FROM VAN CLEAVE SO THAT WE COULD TELL HIM TO CONTACT
OUR ATLANTA REPRESENTATIVE.

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ATL-30-74
23 February 1974

Chief, Domestic Collection Division
Attn: S-17 St Branch (OS/Grant)

Chief, ~~Washington~~ Field Office
Atlanta Resident Office

Resume of Contacts with Stephen Van Cleave

1. Jack Hennessy, Miami Field Office, called on 21 January 1974 to give us a source lead on Stephen Van Cleave and Mitch Herbell, both from Atlanta, Georgia. Jack briefed us on past Miami contacts with Van Cleave and suggested we might want to contact him concerning his activities in Argentina. At that time we were in the process of moving the office to the present location so did not contact Van Cleave until 25 January 1974. On that date we called, identified ourselves and briefly explained the reason for the call. His first reaction was, "Do you know Mitch Herbell" and does this have anything to do with him? He assured him we did not know Herbell, and our interest was not related to him. Van Cleave suggested we come to his office at 1:00 that afternoon.

2. We arrived shortly before 1:00 at his office in N.W. Atlanta, Ga. Van Cleave had a one room office in a modern building located in a suburb to his east district of Atlanta. After presenting credentials and a business card, we asked if we might take the interview. He said he preferred a tape to as well as any future transactions as he wanted to be absolutely sure any information he gave was reported accurately. Enclosed is a rough draft of the first interview. The actual tape has been erased. Some of this information was reported in OS-A(S)-002/0315-74, Secret, CIA Internal Use Only.

3. On 9 February 1974 we received a call from Van Cleave at home. He wanted to report in detail on a recent trip to Oakland, California, where he had supposedly met with police officials and discussed the Herbell kidnapping, the SIA, etc. He told him this was very interesting but not CIA business.

4. Van Cleave called again on 25 February 1974 to fill us in on a visit to the US by Argentine police officials and an operational opportunity in the Bahamas. He prepared this information for dissemination as OS-A(S)'s. In view of recent developments we assure neither report should be disseminated. To complete your record of contacts, both reports are enclosed as Enclosures No. 2 and 3 (disregard the Atlanta report numbers, they will be used for future reporting or cancelled).

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