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Washington

R. S. Travis 2268

New York

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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 OPC 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 HOVARD HAVE BEEN GIVEN COVERT OPERATIONAL
CLEARANCES. FOLLOWING IS THE BACKGROUND OF THIS CASE. THERE IS A MAN BY 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 OPC. 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, OPC WISHES
TO ~~HELP~~ 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 ~~INVESTIGATION~~ 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,

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VSECRET TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK

TO ASHCRAFT FOR TRAVIS FROM LEA -- SECURITY INFORMATION -- CITE NY 0392

CASE 9145.

THIS IS SENSITIVE. RE W-3622 RPT W-3622. LEO CHERNE RPT ~~LEO CHERNE~~
IS THE MAN. WE HAVE SET UP AN APPOINTMENT FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY AT 3:30
RPT 3:30 PM SO [ROSE] RPR [ROSE] BETTER BE HERE IN THIS OFFICE BY 2:30 RPT
2:30 PM.

PLEASE CONFIRM.

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Rose advised 110
will be there at 2:30
on 23 Jun

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New York

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TO LEA FROM ASHCRAFT BY SPECIAL SERVICES (TRAVIS) WA 8651

THIS IS SENSITIVE. RE CASE 9145 AND UR NY 0392. ROSE ADVISES THAT HE WILL
BE IN YOUR OFFICE BY 2:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD - 23 JANUARY. THANKS VERY
MUCH.

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WILLIAM JAMES ALLEN**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 6/43-8/44

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, GS-7, in 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's Section of Hq. Twelfth Army Group. Duties consisted mainly of availability and requirements studies connected with food needs of the German population

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SECRET TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK

TO ASHCRAFT FOR TRAVIS FROM LEA -- SECURITY INFORMATION -- CITE NY 0470

THIS IS SENSITIVE.

CASE 9145.

THE MEETING TODAY WITH CHERNE RPT 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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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. [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 [redacted] agent in question, who had been employed on the economic research side of ECA specializing in [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 [redacted] employ the [redacted] agent and send him as a representative of the Institute to [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 [redacted] agent personally as soon as could be arranged. This has been communicated to Mr. [redacted], the case officer, who will oblige at the earliest opportunity.

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3. This case may be referred to for further discussion and/or information as Case Number C/101.

EDWARD A. ROSE
OD/OP

OD/OP/EAR/rs
25 Jan 52

Distribution:
OD/OP (Rose): orig
Contacts
Division/00 : 1
WE-4 (Engels): 1
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7 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Edward A. Rose

SUBJECT: Cover Story for Research Institute of America

1. Mr. Acon, 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. 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.

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. Acon will have called on Mr. Cherne.

DANIEL J. WHEALTON
WE-4

DJW/atp

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INSTRUCTIONS: Officer's initials should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to respond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

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FROM:				NO.	
WE-4 X3863				DATE 7 Feb 52	
TO	ROOM NO	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. ODIOP Mr. Rose	1704 4	Feb 7 1952	Feb 8 1952	EK	Bob - Will you please see that the New York Office gets this to pass on to LC as rapidly as you can. EK
2. 00/CO Mr. Travis.					
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13 February 1952

Chief, New York Office

Chief, Contact Division

Case 9145

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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SECRET OO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK

TO ASHCRAFT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES (TRAVIS) FROM LEA -- SECURITY INFORMATION -- CITE NY 2315

CASE 9145.

1. WILL YOU TELL (ROSE) RPT (ROSE) THAT THE APPOINTMENT WITH LEO CHERNE RPT LEO CHERNE HAS BEEN SET UP FOR WEDNESDAY, 4 RPT 4 JUNE AT 11:30 RPT 11.30 A.M.
2. PLEASE CONFIRM.

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3 June
Rose advised - he will make appointment
RPT

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3 June 1952

Washington

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New York

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TO LEA FROM ASHCRAFT BY SPECIAL SERVICES (TRAVIS) W 10301
CASE 9145 AND UR NY 2315. (ROSE ADVISES THAT HE WILL KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH CHERNE
AS SET-UP IN YOUR TELETYPE MESSAGE.

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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

DATE: 6 June 1952

FROM : Chief, Cover Division, PLANS/OSO [initials]

SUBJECT: Field Trip to Interview Leo CHERNE

Reference: CS-1337

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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 backstopping an operation 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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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Files

DATE: 4 MARCH 1954

FROM : Coleman

SUBJECT: Case 2048-9145

On 3 March (Ormond) requested that a meeting be set up for him with Leo Cherne, President of the Research Institute of America. Ormond said that he would not need more than a half an hour. Galled Connor who had Bob McCann set up meeting with Cherne for Monday(8th March) at 3:00 p.m. Ormond will go to the New York Office at 2:15 on Monday to meet McCann and take off for the meeting. This meeting was requested as a Cat III, and McCann will have to bow out after introduction. Ormond is happy, New York is happy.

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SUPPORT
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6 MARCH 1954

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NEW YORK

ROUTINE

TO LEA FOR CONNOR FROM ASHCRAFT BY SUPPORT (COLEMAN)
CASE #NSC 9045. RE CONNOR/COLEMAN TELECON OF 3 MARCH. CONNOR WILL BE IN
YOUR OFFICE AT 2:15, MONDAY THE 8TH OF MARCH PRIOR TO THE CAT III APPOINTMENT
YOU HAVE ARRANGED FOR HIM WITH LEO CHEENE. THANKS.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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CS-1337 (Ormond)

DATE: 4 March 1954

TO : Chief, Contact Division, OO
FROM : Chief, FI/Plans/Cover Division
SUBJECT: 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 McCann 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.

J. C.

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17 March 1954
CS-1337 (Ormond)

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Contact Division, OO
FROM : Chief, FI/Plans/Cover Division *pk*
SUBJECT : OO/C case 9145

1. On 8 March 1954, pursuant to arrangements that had been made by your office, Bob McCann of your New York office introduced Mr. Ormond to Mr. Leo Cherne of the Research Institute of America, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City. As a Category III interview had been requested, Mr. McCann departed soon after the introduction was made.

2. We would like to inform you that Mr. Cherne was cordial and agreed to cooperate with the Agency as requested.

3. On 15 March 1954, Mr. Ormond again met with Mr. Cherne in his office at New York City to discuss further the operational matter. You were previously informed of Ormond's appointment on 15 March 1954 and while in New York on that day, he visited your New York office.

4. Your assistance in this matter is indeed appreciated by Cover Division.

J. Lee
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SUP-OFF
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23 March 1954

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ROUTINE

FOR CONNOR
TO LEA/FROM ASPIRANT BY SUPPORT(COLEMAN) 2499
⁰⁶
CASE 9145. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, OLIVER O'NEILL WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON 23 MARCH FOR
A 10:30 A.M. MEETING WITH KEN LEO CHEENE. HE WILL COME TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE ABOUT
1 P.M. ²⁴ FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERING A CHECK TO ANOS ⁰⁶ ELDEN IN RE CASE 8417.

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COMINT FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 8244

CASE 9145 REOPENED. RAY MILLARD HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU TRY TO SET UP APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH LEO CHERNE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. REQUEST FOR SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO SEE CHERNE ABOUT EXTINGUISHING COVER ARRANGEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TIME. REQUEST THAT THIS APPOINTMENT BE COORDINATED WITH ONE REQUESTED FOR MILLARD UNDER CASE 18945(COLEMAN). THANKS VERY MUCH.

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SUPPORT (TRAVIS) FROM MCGANN

CASE 9145 X 9145

RAY MILLARD X RAY MILLARD HAS APPOINTMENT WITH LEO CHERNE X LEO CHERNE
ON THURSDAY 26 X 26 JANUARY AT 2 PM X 2 PM. CHERNE'S ADDRESS IS
292 X 26 RADISON AVE.

APPOINTMENT UNDER CASE 18945 X 18945 IS FOR SAME DAY AT 3 PM X 3 PM.

SUGGEST RAY MILLARD DROP BY THIS OFFICE AT 1:30 PM ON 26 X 26
JANUARY X AT 1:30 PM ON 26 JANUARY, BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH CHERNE.

PLEASE CONFIRM.

Millard ^{26 Jan}
advised
me I will make appt
& contact office
pw

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R. S. Travis 2268

New York

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RECCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) MA 8456

CASES 9145 AND 18945. REUR ID NYGR 1191. MILLARD WILL MAKE APPOINTMENTS AS
SET UP BY YOU. HE WILL CHECK INTO THE OFFICE BY 1:00 PM ON THE 26TH. THANKS
VERY MUCH.

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SUPPORT (TRAVIS) FROM MCCANN

CASE 9145 X 9145

MILLARD HAD SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH LEO CHERNE WHO AGREED TO PROPOSITION

MILLARD WILL DRAFT A LETTER FOR CHERNE WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO [REDACTED]

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CS-1337 (Millard)
2 February 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contact Division, OO

SUBJECT : Research Institute of America

1. On 26 January 1956, Mr. Millard of this office, together with Mr. Robert McCann, New York OO/C Office, interviewed Mr. Leo Cherne of the above captioned organization.
2. The results of this meeting were extremely satisfactory for our purposes and we are deeply appreciative of Mr. McCann's assistance in this matter.
3. Your cooperation is appreciated.

John R. Southard
John R. Southard
Chief, CCR/NC

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DRAFT

Dear _____:

I am happy to know that you are agreeable to assisting on a continuing basis as set out in your recent communication. However, this letter is being prepared to formalize our understanding and to make it a matter of record.

Effective April 1, 1956, you are appointed a Research Consultant for a period of two years with an annual salary of \$5,000.00.

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CS-1337 (Willard)
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 "Poujadists".
5. We appreciate your and Mr. Cherne's courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Raymond J. Willard
Central Cover Branch
Non-Official Cover

Attachment
As stated above

REMs:dmw
cc: CS-1337

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CS-1337 (Millard)
2 February 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contact Division, OO
SUBJECT : Research Institute of America

This is confirm the verbal concurrence given to Mr. Millard on 2 February 1956 by Mr. Travis for the hand-carry of the original of the attached memorandum to Mr. Robert McCann, New York OO/C Office.

John G. Southard
John G. Southard
Chief, OCB/NC

Attachment
As stated above

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15 Feb 56

Washington

R. S. Travis 2266

New York

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MCCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) W 4789

CASE 9145. MILLARD WONDERS IF YOU HAVE HAD ANY SUCCESS IN OBTAIN CHERNE'S SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER FORWARDED TO YOU IN DRAFT FORM ON 2 FEB? WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. THANKS.

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SUPPORT (TRAVIS) FROM MCCANN

CASE 9145 X 9145.

CHERNE HAS WRITTEN AND DISPATCHED THE LETTER.

WE HAVE COPY OF THE LETTER HERE, WHICH APPROXIMATES PROPOSED DRAFT
BY MILLARD.

17 Feb 56
Millard advised
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2 March 50

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New York

MCCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 0350

CASE 9145. MR MILLANE ADVISED THAT COPY OF LETTER WRITTEN BY CHERNE WAS
SENT TO HEADQUARTERS ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. LETTER WAS NOT RECEIVED. YOUR NYOR
1685 INDICATED THAT YOU HAD COPY, BUT NO RECORD HERE OF ~~EVER RECEIVED~~
A COPY EVER COMING TO HEADQUARTERS. WILL YOU PLEASE FORWARD COPY. THANKS VERY
MUCH.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Contact Division
Attn : Support (Travis)
FROM : Chief, New York Office

SUBJECT: Case 9145 *pst*
WA 0350

DATE: 5 March 1956

1. We mistakenly advised Mr. Raymond Millard, last week, that we had forwarded to your division a copy of the letter which Leo Cherne had dispatched to Mr. [redacted]. As you pointed out in your WA 0350 we merely advised you that we had a copy and did not forward it to Headquarters.
2. Attached you will find a replica of the letter written by Mr. Cherne.

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ATTACHMENT*R. W. McCann:cr*

Attachment

Charles A. Lea

*7 Mar 56
Letter from G. Millard.
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R. T. America
Turkmen
Russia

CS-1337. Case 9145

Mr. Carr

Cherne is aware that our boy
is writing for a magazine
^{Sam Report of Purchaser}
named . Knows the
editor of this magazine is going
to the area where our man is
located, but is not writing.
She may know editor and ^{boy} be
going to tell Editor that he ^{does not} works

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for SDS and other.

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

Boag will send in report
of his conversations with Editor
so that if necessary, his name
can be advised of it

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MCCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 8598

CASE 9145. RAY MILLARD HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU ~~ME~~ PASS SOME INFORMATION ON TO LEO CHERNE. ~~YOU KNOW~~, AS DOES CHERNE, THAT ~~OUR~~ OUR MAN WHO IS DOING WORK FOR LEO, HAS ALSO BEEN WRITING FOR ~~THE "NEW LEADER"~~, AS WELL AS ~~EXTER~~ 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 SEES ~~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 ~~ON~~ 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 WITTING OF THE FACT THAT THE ~~BOY~~ ~~BOY IS CONNECTED WITH THE AGENCY~~, AND THAT HE SHOULD NOT INDICATE TO ~~LEVITAS~~ OR ASSUME THAT ~~LEVITAS~~ KNOWS, ~~THE AGENCY~~ RELATIONSHIP. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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SUPPORT FROM MCCANN

CASE 9145 X 9145

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26 PM
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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 S. 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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CASE 9145 X 9145

THIS IS 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 ²⁴ ₆₆ OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND TELLING HIM
THAT HER BROTHER ^{OL} 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 WITNESS 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 fwd to
Wheeler

Melland advised And will
get sister name. He also wants
bio data on Ardleigh's
brother

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SUPPORT FROM MAJOR

REF. NYOR 6845 X 6845

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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 24 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 WEBB 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. ARDLEIGH IS MRS. HELEN B. ^{do} BLODGETT (MRS. ^{do} EMMONS). BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ARDLEIGH
RECEIVED AND MILLARD IS INITIATING SECURITY CLEARANCE ON HIM. WE WILL ADVISE YOU
AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.

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7 August 1977

Washington

R. S. Travis 2268

New York

Secret

COSMR 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 TRIED TO CONTACT CHERNE, FOUND THAT HE WAS OUT OF TOWN. WILL YOU PLEASE SEE IF YOU CAN FIND OUT DESIRED INFORMATION. THANKS.

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SUPPORT (TRAVIS) FROM DAME

15 Aug 1968 AM
15 Aug 1968 PM

CLOSED CASE 9145 X 9145

REUR WA 21187 X 21187

1. MISS KREUGER X KREUGER, LEO CHERNE'S X LEO CHERNE'S SECRETARY, ADVISES HE IS EXPECTED BACK IN NYC 19 X 19 AUGUST, EXACT HOUR UNKNOWN X UNKNOWN.

2. ANYTHING FURTHER?

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13 Aug 68
Millard advised. He
will advise if action

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19 August 1957

Washington

R. S. Travis 2268

New York

Secret

NAME FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 21593

CASE 9145(CLOSED). REUR NYOR 9236 AND LEO CHERNE. ~~HOLDING~~ AT THE PRESENT TIME
THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER TO BE DONE. THANKS FOR YOUR ANSWER.

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DATE

ACTION

Dec. come at
a
new
OPC
intervis
to ECA as a for his leaving
some organization which will be and as new
employee of the ECA man, and which will be
willing to acknowledge, if necessary, that they have
hired the man. OPC is working on permanent
cover to send the man to Stally on a research
but must avoid clearance on the outfit.
is believed to be the National Planning
Engel is submitting biographic data
that the organization who will
the man will have full knowledge of the man.
Rose has assigned case # C-101 to this case

Rose

10 Jan

Rose brought biographic on Engel's man. Rose indicated he may want to go to NY to contact a firm re the cover. Trans raised the question as to whether or not the NY field office could make preliminary inquiry. He wants to see Research Inst. of Amer.

11 Feb

Close case

Holley

17 Mar

Holley requests that we make an
with Cheyne for 18 or 19
without C-1A

Clarke(NY)

7 Mar

Clarke advises

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Security Inform

Office Memorandum • UNIT

TO : Chief, Contact Division, OO
FROM : Chief, Cover Division, PLANS/OSO
SUBJECT: Appointment with William A. BARON,
 and Leo CHERNE
Reference: CS-1512 and CS-1337

Case 4195

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1. This will confirm Mr. [Redacted] Rose's verbal request that Contact Division/00 ask its Boston field office to arrange appointments for Mr. [Redacted] Edward Rose of Cover Division, PLANS/OSO to see Mr. [Redacted] William A. Baron, Chairman of the Board, Gillette Safety Razor Company, and Mr. [Redacted] John S. 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.

2. This will also confirm Mr. [Redacted] Rose's request that the New York City field office of the Contact Division/00 arrange an appointment for Mr. [Redacted] 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. [Redacted] found to his regret that he was unable to cooperate with the Agency at the present time. Mr. [Redacted] 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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