

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE
2-9-63

Attached teletype reports highly unusual situation wherein someone reportedly has contacted Random House Publishing Company, New York City, in an effort to obtain information regarding Richard J. Berger, a former employee of the New Orleans Office. Random House official informed New York Office that a person identifying himself as Special Agent Jack Gilbert of the New Orleans Office requested information concerning Berger be furnished Gilbert at phone number listed to New Orleans Office. Berger was employed as a file clerk by New Orleans Office 11-6-63 and resigned such position effective 10-15-63. His services were satisfactory. SA Gilbert who is assigned to the Monroe, Louisiana, Resident Agency, states he did not place call to Random House and could shed no light on matter. Berger's present location unknown. Inasmuch as New Orleans' District Attorney Garrison and his staff reportedly are seeking out disgruntled former FBI personnel to interview, this may be part of Garrison's activity. We are contacting Random House to get added details regarding this matter and are advising Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans, to take immediate steps to contact telephone company to make certain New Orleans Office telephone lines secure. This matter is being closely followed and you will be kept advised.

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