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Mr. Pontifex is not aware of Searle's current whereabouts and it has been determined the address (53 York Circle) given by Searle at Newport News is fictitious.

On March 2, 1967, Lawrence M. Farmer, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Norfolk, advised that their files contain no information regarding Searle.

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