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Dear

Enclosed you will find the information you requested. I was not able to do as complete a job as you asked, due to the difficult time we had getting to the files. To ask for a report from the file of a CIA agent is asking for a lot of attention and asking for a report of 4250ece agent is almost an impossible task. It took over six months to get the information contained herein.

We do feel that 4250ece agents are dangerous to the democratic way of life and they should be halted. These men bear no love for the USA they serve the CIA and what is more they serve only a part of the CIA for they would kill a fellow agent as fast as they would arrange your death.

The 4250ece Section is a part of a long range planning commission of some type and it does not reveal in any report what their master plan may be, but it is certain that they operate within a very dangerous pattern. I have felt for a long time that it should be made public and the CIA agents should be made to reveal under oath what they mean by their Internal Security Section and Disruption Agents such as Fred Crisman should be retired from government service.

I would urge you to send copies of this report to friends on the Coast and allow them to make Crisman's role as an agent public. No one believed Jim Garrison when he stated that Crisman was a CIA agent. It might do no good to make any statements out there after all he is liable to be able to seek out how this information was acquired. God help us here if it is ever linked to our section.

You realize that we never heard of you! Hold this report until after Sept 30 and then we do not care what you do with it but once you use it you can never get another.

Good luck!

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The following statements and records have been extracted from the Central Intelligence Agency file (current) concerning CRISMAN, Fred Lee File Number 033/CIA 4250000. The file is located at Central Records Dispatch, Devonport, Iowa. File Number 033/CIA 4250000 contains an incomplete record, as some of the material has not been classified low enough to be placed in this Pers. File rank. A great deal of material is left out and some of the pages of the file simply are "deleted" and give no reason for the deletion. The most important information the file reveals that Crisman has served many years as an active agent for the old OSS and later the CIA. He is rated an "extended agent". He is an information specialist and highly trained in Internal Security. He has worked overseas and has served as a regular USAF and AF officer but his primary training has always been slanted in that direction of disruption work inside the borders of the U.S.

CRISMAN was an original recruit in the service of the old Office of Strategic Service in 1942 when he was selected to be trained as a liaison officer with the British Royal Air Force. He was an aviation cadet and completed his training as a pilot. He was assigned to the 1st Air Commando Group and later the 2nd Air Commando Group in the China-Burma-India theatre of war. His mission was to establish liaison with the British V-Force then at odds with the OSS 101 Detachment to bring both units into direct liaison and cooperation. His recent training as a special liaison officer with the British was considered valuable and he appears to have accomplished his mission. He was rated by a Col. Arthur Hunak as a top man and his records marked for further training.

Most of his service in World War II seems to have been straight military with the provision that he would be further trained at a later date. He was sent to Tokio, Japan at the close of the war and was given intensive training in a school that is only referred to as Iscon. He was in Saigon, Indo-China in December or January of 1945-46 and his reports from there were marked "excellent". There are no copies of these reports in Central Dispatch as they were removed in 1967 on "draw and study order" by Col. M. Dovernaux, of the USAF.

CRISMAN was returned to the United States in 1946 and supposedly discharged from the military. He went directly to Washington, D.C. and entered a special Internal Security school of the OSS. He was transferred from OSS to CIA duty and returned to the same school under the CIA to be given more training. He was then officially assigned as an "extended agent" and returned to the state of Washington.

He was appointed a special investigator for the state of Washington and served as such while becoming deeply involved with the politics of that period. He was a valued worker in the campaign of a PAUL OLSON for mayor of the city of Tacoma and reports that he sent to the CIA show that OLSON was a suspect in a large effort of the Communist Party in Washington. CRISMAN gave the information to HARRY P. CAIN that assured OLSON'S defeat at the polls. The information was gathered in Washington and sent to CRISMAN with direct orders to use it to defeat OLSON. The records contain film that indicate that CRISMAN sent the CIA over a thousand reports on the political situation in Washington and on political leaders of the state. The year 1947 shows that he submitted a request to the CIA Assignment Bureau requesting permission to return to college and the request was granted on the proviso that he go to either the Univ. of Wash. or the Univ. of Oregon. The request was changed by the Assignment Bureau to Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.

CRISMAN studied Political Science and Education, with minors in Psychology and History. His course of study was an odd patch work of courses that brought him the attention of the officers of the university and CRISMAN submitted a report to the Assignment Bureau that was highly critical of the Education & Training School and requested that he be left alone to finish his directed studies. His reports were used as a basis for re-drawing the complete civil training methods of the school and CRISMAN was ordered to report to Ft. Lewis for "summer training" in 1948.

Las Vegas and certain copies of gambling debt checks were found in Seattle when they were turned over to CRISMAN. He sent in a report that he was not satisfied with this method and went to Las Vegas where his CIA contact reported to him that the Conquistadors Corp. would not cooperate further. CRISMAN evidently went to Washington, D.C. and from there to New Orleans. His report stated that he was to get help in New Orleans and upon his return to Las Vegas, the Conquistadors Corp. cooperated with no objections. The report does not state what pressure was used on the Cosa Nostra but it is evident that they fear the CIA more than any branch of any law enforcement agency.

Oblique references in the reports lead one to the conclusion that the EASY Section of the CIA would not hesitate to enter into a full fledged gang war with the underworld to get the cooperation they feel they need. The hoodlums also are aware that the CIA EASY Agents are not interested in crime fighting unless it is part of one of their control efforts. The Cosa Nostra cooperate and they stay out of the way of all CIA agents. The CIA does not make arrests. They have been known to kill an enemy and they consider all persons in their way as an enemy.

It was later ascertained that it was the effort to block John O'Connell that was responsible for giving Jim Garrison the information that CRISMAN was an actual agent and a specialized agent of that department. He was informed by Cosa Nostra friends in Las Vegas that CRISMAN was interested in the complete New Orleans and Washington state operation of both Boeing and the politics involved. This led Garrison to later accuse CRISMAN of being a government-military CIA complex agent.

CRISMAN was given orders in 1968 to enter the political fight to remove the form of government that is known as Manager-Council government from the city of Tacoma and he has made no effort to keep his name in the background of the political fight and no effort has been made to give him a special cover. This may be due to the fact that he claims Tacoma, Washington as his place of birth and rearing. His most novel move to date has been to launch a radio program wherein he has made a steady attack on the Tacoma government for a year.

There is a copy of an order for him to enter this operation but there is no reason given as to why it is felt by the EASY Section of the CIA that this form of government is wrong for this area. Reference is made to Project W-21 but there is no clear cut reference that will tell what Project W-21 might be. The CIA does not appear to be unduly upset or interfering in other places where there has been Manager-Council form of government.

Most of CRISMAN'S recent reports have not stated progress reports but have been pleas for help. He has asked for money, (granted) assistance, (granted) and he has asked for interference of the CIA with the FCC in a license matter for station KAYE in Puyallup, Washington (the station he broadcasts over) this help was also granted to him and he has not stated how long he feels the project will take but he has been ordered to Viet Nam by November, of 1969. There is a copy of a later request asking cancellation of the Viet Nam order.

Currently his reports state that the situation is well under control and that might not be needed to remove the Manager form of government from Tacoma but he is not allowing his efforts to slacken. His control of the situation seems to be very complete and he has asked for an investigation into the beginning of regional government in Seattle. The project has not been started as of this date (9/8/69).

There does not seem to be any short range purpose in this effort in Tacoma and it appears that CRISMAN has submitted reports that have not been taken from the current file and placed in this record file. All that is known at the present time is that the EASY 4250000 Section of the CIA is active in Tacoma and that it has assigned one of its best Disruption Agents to the local job there.