

# Stolen FBI Documents Reveal U. Supplied Details on Administrator

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Files stolen last month from the Media regional office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have revealed that the Personnel Office here has supplied the FBI with information concerning a University administrator.

The FBI documents, which were received Tuesday night from the Swarthmore Phoenix, reveal that Euphemia Thompson, records officer in the Personnel Office, early this year provided the FBI with data on Dr. Herbert Lansing Shore, who recently resigned as director of performing arts at the Annenberg Center.

A page from Shore's dossier, dated Jan. 29, 1971, reads: "Mrs. E. THOMPSON (PROTECT), Personnel Records, University of Pennsylvania, advised that there is an extensive file on HERBERT LANSING SHORE inasmuch as he is now Director of Performing Arts, Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania. Records indicate he does have a son, NORMAN JON SHORE, born 4/1/56.

"Inasmuch as subject is identical with the father of NORMAN JON SHORE, his entire record will be reviewed at the University of Pennsylvania and reported."

The FBI, according to the stolen documents, has been investigating Shore's son, aged 15, because of activities in East Germany last summer.

Mrs. Thompson confirmed Tuesday night that, in response to FBI telephone inquiries, she had verified that Shore was employed at the University and that he had a son.

However, she denied telling the bureau's agent that there was an "extensive file" on the administrator in her office.

Following regular personnel procedure, Mrs. Thompson noted, she informed the agent he must come to the office for further information. She said that the FBI representative then "probably came in and was given the folder," although she did not remember whether it was she who provided the information when he arrived.

"I do not handle this (FBI requests for data) as a rule," the records officer declared, explaining that her name was on the FBI document

because she just "happened" to answer the telephone call in question. She added that anyone in the office is authorized to hand out such information.

However, Dr. Fred C. Ford, personnel director, asserted Tuesday night that as records officer, Mrs. Thompson personally handles all FBI requests. Further noting that the office "always" cooperates with the Bureau, Ford remarked, "Because of her position, Mrs. Thompson is probably on record at the FBI as a source of information on the University faculty."

Ford also noted that an agent is not actually supposed to be given the folder; rather, he said, Mrs. Thompson is supposed to hold the folder and answer questions.

Discussing his office's policy on providing information, Ford declared it is standard procedure to provide information to properly identified parties, including firms seeking in-

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formation for credit-card applications, government and regular job security clearances. Stressing that there is no confidential data in any personnel records, Ford declared that the statements in the FBI document are a "complete fabrication. I have no idea what their story was about," he noted. "We have no information on his son except that he has a son," Ford said.

Declining to comment on the ethical implications of supplying information for surveillance files, Ford replied only that the data given involves exclusively nonconfidential employment history.

In the event of an FBI inquiry, both Ford and Mrs. Thompson noted, there is no attempt made to determine why the agency wants the information. "How much difference is there if we give the information to another group (such as credit card firms) calling?" Mrs. Thompson asked.

While noting that the incident was "greatly embarrassing for us," Ford declared, "We will continue to provide information to the FBI when asked."

When denying she had indicated to FBI agents the existence of a lengthy file on Shore, Mrs. Thompson had noted that there were in fact "only six papers in Shore's folder." She then said she did not remember the date of the occurrence, and said she had not heard before Tuesday night of her identification on the FBI file. When asked how, if this was the case, she was immediately familiar with the number of pages in the folder, Mrs. Thompson was at first reluctant to answer the question. Then she asserted she had actually just been "guessing at six, since he (Shore) had only been at the University a short time."

The FBI documents relate that Shore's son, Norman, had, in March 1970, contacted an individual named Joachim Kiessling in East Berlin at the international division of the Free German Youth, the youth organization of the East German Communist Party. Norman, the documents continue, mentioned a meeting in East Germany between his father (Shore) and Kiessling, and went on to discuss with Kiessling an

East German summer camp which he had previously attended - one in which he had "learned a great deal about socialism."

In May 1970, the files say, Norman was in contact with another agent of the Free German Youth, Werner Engst. At that time, he informed Engst that he would again be attending the summer camp, the documents say.

The dossier further reveals that a "sensitive source" told the FBI that during June 1970, "an individual by the name of MEGCHELINA SHORE of 97 Palmer Mill Road, Media, Pa., was in contact with the above-mentioned KIESSINGER (sic) at the 'Free German Youth'" to inform him of Norman's flight arrangements.

The documents go on to say: "Source advised during July 1970 that an individual by the name of H.L. SHORE of 97 Palmer Mill Road, Media, Pa., who presumably is subject's father, contacted subject during July 1970 at the International Pioneer Republic . . . (in) Eberswalde near Altenhof, East Germany, to tell subject of the physical and emotional well-being of 'Mom,' who presumably is the subject's mother. H.L. SHORE mentioned to the subject the war of liberation in Mozambique and that everyone is proud of the material on Mozambique that subject took along and of the use he will make of it.

"Source advised during September 1970 that subject, during the same month, was in contact with both KIESSLING and ENGST, mentioned above, at the FDJ Zentralrat in East Berlin."

The documents received Tuesday by The Daily Pennsylvanian are incomplete, and reveal nothing of Norman Shore's activities since Sept. 1970.

Shore was unavailable for comment Tuesday night.