

With regard to Ken's O'Hare memo, for some reason the name Colonel Gray seems familiar but I cannot place it.

The report begins more like a story-book account of a CIA operation than a real one, and in the early pages I find myself wondering if it was not some self-starters. Who may or may not have been CIA. I also wondered if Poole could have been "chief of CIA operations in Chile" and doubting it.

That apparently out of nowhere so many files appeared seems strange.

But if what Ken reports is what he was told, as I presume it is, it is, I think, certain that both the FBI and the CIA would have had interest - and files.

The story of the Russian trawler is at best dubious. I don't believe it.

The CIA would have used its own facilities for any such training and avoided the risks of using Union College.

I take Lansdale's failure to send a CIA security agent to meet with Ken as proof it was not a CIA agent and as a possible hope it would kick back on Bud and critics in general.

Perhaps not of any significance but on p/16 Kalinowski had reason to believe that O'Hare was not dead. Further questions about ~~him~~ this on 24, 27.

Barnett, on p. 20, does seem to connect O'Hare with the CIA.

After reading all of this I still have trouble believing it was a CIA operation. However, I also have no trouble at all believing that the federal government, at least FBI, CIA and DJ, have pertinent records and that the most perfunctory search would have disclosed their existence. If as the fingerprints seem to indicate, the real O'Hare is still alive, getting him recorded as dead and someone else buried in his name represents quite an operation. Not exactly easy for any self-starters.

Except as some kind of Ber Bel type operation, this whole thing makes little sense. Like the Byron Watson business, of which I was reminded when reading.

The recent record you recounted to me is of another phony but why there were lies about the original searches is not clear. With these criminal types it is always possible that they are detached from any official connection yet serving a disinformation one. Or that they see another possible scam and what they might regard as fun.

I'll file this under O'Hare.