

Notes on People [Albin Krebs?]

Herbert Itkin, the informer who gathered evidence that helped convict several organized crime and political figures in New York while working with the Federal Bu-

reau of Investigation, has been named by a former British Secret Service official as a toiler in the vineyards of the Central Intelligence Agency as well. In The Daily Telegraph of London, E. H. Cookridge said that Itkin, known under the code name "Portio," was sent to London by the C.I.A. in 1966, following the escape from a British prison of George Blake, a Soviet spy. Itkin was said to be part of a crack C.I.A. team whose mission was to determine just how serious a breach in British security the escape of Blake represented, according to Mr. Cookridge.