12 July, 1966

Lt. Col. (retired) William Henry Whalen, arrested by FBI on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union while serving at the Pentagon in a staff position with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The indictment covers the period between early 1959 and early 1963. "Asked ... why there had been such a long time between the alleged offenses and the arrest, an official insisted that there had been no unwarranted delay. He said the intervening period had been taken up with assembling all the facts for presentation to a grand jury." (NYTimes, 7/14/66.) The arrest was announced by J. Edgar Hoover. filed FBI - II, 12 July, 1966

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The State Department revealed espionage attempt by two Ozech diplomats, involving John Mrkva, an employee of the Passport Office. Mrkva continued contacts from Nov. 1961 to July 1966, "with full knowledge and guidance of the department and the FBI."

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Rep. Charles S. Joelson (Dem., New Jersey) charged that national Communist party leaders had conducted a summer youth leadership school at Camp Midvale in 1965. Joelson said he had been given his information by J. Edgar Hoover. A spokesman for the FBI said that the bureau "stood" on Joelson's statement and that there would be no elaboration. filed FBI - II, 14 July 1966

(filed with William Henry Whalen)