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SECURITY VIOLATION REPORT

DETAILS OF VIOLATION:

On Monday, 29 April 1968, at 6:50 P.M., USSP W. Sullins reported finding safe Number 1637 improperly secured in room 636C, Ames Building. Security Duty Officer C. Robey responded and found that the safe had been found closed but unlocked, and the char force had not been through the area prior to this discovery. Mr. Robey secured the safe and departed at 9:15 P.M. A notice to effect combination change was given to the Security Services Section on Tuesday, 30 April.

INVESTIGATIVE FACTS:

Mr. David L. Christ, the custodian of the safe, which contained material classified through TOP SECRET, acknowledged complete responsibility for this occurrence when interviewed in his office on 1 May. He stated that he worked late and apparently failed to secure the safe before departing at 6:45 P.M., and he had no reason to believe anyone else would have been subsequently responsible.

Mr. Christ had accepted the security check responsibility for his area and is singly charged with this violation.

SECURITY HISTORY:

Mr. Christ has been employed by the Agency since November 1950. A review of his record indicates that he has been previously charged with an Open Safe security violation which occurred on 14 June 1952, and an Exposed Classified Material security violation which occurred on 27 October 1953.

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