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Security Violation Report

MARKHAM, John F.
 CORNISH, Richard J.
 GOODPASTURE, Ann L.

1. The attached report is forwarded to you for your information and for such administrative action as you deem the circumstances warrant.

2. Your attention is invited to paragraph nine which indicates that this is the third security violation charged to Mr. [Cornish], the previous violations having occurred on 1 December 1950 and 27 January 1951. However, since more than two years have elapsed since these violations, any administrative action should be based on one official violation.

3. In compliance with CIA Security Regulation No. 10-7, Section B (6), it is requested that this office be informed of action taken as a result of the security violation. It would be appreciated if such report could be furnished in quadruplicate.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, CIA:

John D. Salb

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 Violation Report

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Acting Chief, Physical Security Division

13 December 1954

Acting Chief, Physical Survey Branch

Security Violation Report - Exposed Classified Material

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1. On 24 November 1954 at 8:20 P. M., Mrs. Pinkie E. Baker, a member of the CBS Char Force, found a SECRET cable dated 10 June 1952 on the floor under a desk in Room 1310, "I" Building. Night Security Officer [Ray C. Calton] responded to the telephone call from the Guard Office and secured the material in his safe at 8:40 P. M., after leaving an explanatory note on the desk.

2. On 24 November 1954 Mr. [Walter A. Hanley]⁰³ of this Branch, accompanied by Mr. [Charles E. Flick] Security Officer, DE/P/NEA, investigated the violation. During the course of the investigation Mr. John F. Markham, Intelligence Officer, NE-2, Miss Ann L. Goodpasture, Intelligence Officer, NE-5, Mr. [Richard J. Cornish] Intelligence Officer, NE/SP, and Mr. [Glen F. Hall]⁰³ Acting Branch Chief, NE-2, all of DE/P/NEA, were interviewed.

3. Mr. Markham advised that he was responsible for the security violation. He stated that on 24 November 1954 he was cleaning out old files as a part of a general security clean up, and that apparently the cable in question had fallen under the desk at which he was working. He stated also that he had left the room at about 5:00 P. M., but that apparently he had overlooked the material.

4. Miss Goodpasture advised that she had been assigned responsibility for conducting the Staff Duty Officer inspection of Room 1310 on the date in question. She stated that she had conducted her inspection of the room at about 5:20 P. M. but that apparently she had overlooked the cable due to its position under the desk.

5. Mr. [Cornish]⁰³ advised that he had also been assigned responsibility for conducting the Staff Duty Officer inspection of Room 1310 on the date in question. He stated that he conducted his inspection of the room at about 5:20 P. M. but that apparently he had overlooked the cable.

6. Mr. [Hall]⁰³ advised that, in his opinion a compromise of the cable would jeopardize no personnel, plans or operations of the Agency, because the subject matter was administrative and the cable was dated 10 June 1952.

7. Mr. [Flick]⁰³ advised that by Internal NEA Division Security Regulations, two people are assigned responsibility for conducting the Staff Duty Officer check and that they are responsible for checking all floor surfaces under desks.

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CONCLUSION:

8. The circumstances in this case indicate that Mr. Markham, Miss Goodpasture and Mr. ⁸[Cornish] are jointly responsible for the security violation.

SECURITY HISTORY:

9. Mr. ⁰³[Cornish] previously has been charged with an improper transmission of classified documents security violation which occurred on 1 December 1950 and an unlocked safe security violation which occurred on 27 January 1951. In addition, he lost a Building #14 Badge on 11 August 1949. However, in connection with Section 10-7, B (7) of CIA Security Regulations, it is noted that such violations occurred more than two years prior to the date of the instant violation. In connection with the same section, it is to be noted that Miss Goodpasture and Mr. Markham have been employed by the Agency for more than six years and three years, respectively, without previously having been charged with a security violation.

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