



"A" DIVISION

DIV. FILE NO. [REDACTED]

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Re: Security Screenings

1. A number of investigations which were recently conducted at this Division have led me to the conclusion that there is a constant danger that a case of mistaken identity on the part of a source could easily lead to erroneous information being reported or adverse information being missed.
2. A suggestion has been made that a photograph of the subject attached to the P.H.F. would be a very valuable aid in establishing the most basic requirement of proper identification of a [REDACTED] subject to a source. In a recent case here an investigator ascertained certain adverse information concerning the subject of a [REDACTED] file. It was only upon a recheck that it was learned that the information applied to a person with an almost identical name. That such an error, if undetected, would be most embarrassing is certainly appreciated. Conversely, if through a similar error, a source fails to provide adverse information a breach of security could quite possibly result.
3. A further supporting factor in the case for photographing subjects in [REDACTED] investigations is our present difficulty in identifying homosexuals who may apply for Government Service. It is our understanding that normal field enquiries are almost completely unproductive in identifying homosexuals. If, however, a photograph were available of a subject, and there is even a surface indication that this character weakness may exist, it would be possible to have our sources in the homosexual world attempt to identify through a photograph.
4. A photograph would also enable our investigators to positively confirm the past addresses of a subject. It would be possible, for example, to detect an illegal who might attempt to gain government employment.
5. It is appreciated that the institution of such a policy would probably present certain problems and involve some amount of expense and extra effort. It is understood, however, that photographs are presently available in the case of members of the Armed Services, D.R.B., N.R.C. - C.B., External Affairs, and in some case of Trade & Commerce. As this covers a fairly broad field of our more sensitive departments perhaps a test period, utilizing these photographs which would now be available, would indicate the value of our submission.

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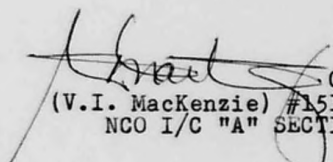
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6. It seems evident here that besides the basic fundamental of providing more positive identification this procedure would also assist investigators when making enquiries at apartment houses, construction companies, etc.

7. The above is respectfully submitted for your consideration, please.

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