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December 20, 2010

## Subject: FBI FILE NUMBER 62-HQ-405001

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Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy Section Chief Record/Information Dissemination Section Records Management Division

Enclosure

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Mr. Tolson Viperto April 12, 1957 DATE: L. B. Nichol FROM : Person SUBJECT: 1.6. Rosen Tamm Trotter Neas Tele. Fb6 furnished the following information to me in Hollomb confidence. A retired Army colonel, John Revbold, 1661 Crescent Place Northwest Washington D. C., had called to see him. Reybold was a full colonel in the Army. He got out a few years ago when he got into a controversy with the Catholic Church and, as a result of this controversy, his retirement was forced. Reybold admits he is a homosexual. He professes to have b6 knowledge of the leading homosexuals in Washington, some of whom are in b7C Government. He talked to on the basis of the treatment of homosexuals b7D when they are arrested and taken to the precinct stations. is to see him further. thought, if we did not know him, we might want to get b6 ' a discreet line and perhaps he might talk to us and, if he did talk, he could b7C b7D probably furnish a tremendous amount of information. cc - Mr. Boardman cc - Mr. Belmont LBN:rm (4) 62-105001-X KECORDED - 83 INDEXED - 83 神话 化马胡尔 APR 24"195

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Mr. Tolson Mr. Belmont Mr. Mr September 26, 1958 Mr laisons Mr. Rosen Mr. Tamm Mr. Trotter Mr. W.C. Sullivan Tele. Room MR. TOLSON: Mr. Holloman Miss Gandy . called on me this afternoon. He stated that an individual known to him as Colonel Reybold, telephone Adams 4-5011, calls on him frequently. He stated that Reybold is a retired Army colonel, is a graduate of West Point, served in Japan, has an uncle who is a general, his father is believed to have been an editor in Delaware, and he is a member of the Army-Navy Club. Reybold admits that he is a homosexual and he is very much angered at the b6 b7C ACLU because the Union will make no comment on laws regarding homosexuals. b7D He has numerous complaints concerning the Washington vice squad and the manner in which it handles and entraps such people as himself. In this regard, 1 stated that the police department does treat these people very roughly and there is no question about their using entrapment to prove charges. He stated that some day there is very likely to be a blowup in this regard. HUMOSEXUAL The purpose of furnishing this information is that Reybold has indicated to him that Mr. Hoover is "one of the boys" and also that there are supposed to be a considerable number in the Central Intelligence **b6** Agency and the State Department. stated that Reybold is very talkative b7C b7D and has undoubtedly peddled this falsehood concerning the Director to others. He stated that if we desired to interview Reybold he did not think it would be 5 embarrassing to him, in any way so long as his name was not mentioned. Bureaufile 105-34074 contains a memorandum by Mr. Nichols indicating that John Reybold, 1661 Crescent Place, where incidentally the above telephone number is listed to, had previously been reported by J.as a b6 b7C homosexual. (The current Washington telephone directory lists a Marian S. b7D Beybold at 1661 Crescent Place, N.W. Ytelephone Adams 4-5011.) BORN 7-6-77 MGT - 46 I have asked SAC Boardman, Washington Field Office, to scentain what credit and criminal records reflect concerning Reybold, after which it is contemplated having the members of my staff interview him vigorously. ENCLOSURE Respectfully.

JOHN BLACK REYBOLD, Colonel, USA (R)

Credit Report

Report dated 8/29/58, requested by

Single, has lived in Washington since 1950, previously resided at 911 S. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, Va. Resides with sister, MARIANA REYBOLD, Apt. 208, 1661 Crescent Place, N. W. Born 7/6/99. Since 1948, has been employed as an agent on commission by the United Services Life Insurance Company, 1625 Eye Street, N. W., estimated salary, in excess of \$8,000 per year.

He is said to have traveled extensively, having served in the Army from 6/14/18 to 4/30/47. Receives an estimated retirement of \$5,000 per year and is considered well regarded. No law suits, judgments or bankruptcies indicated.

### Traffic Record

On 1/23/58 elected to forfeit \$5 for making a left turn where not allowed. Drives a 1954 Oldsmobile club coupe, 1958 D. C. tags EH 251.

Fingerprinted by Army 7/2/20, ASN 0-12842. FBI #468169B.

Only arrest, according to records FBI Identification Division and Metropolitan PD (MPD #138332) occurred 10/18/53, 1:40 A.M., at which time REYBOLD approached Officer NICHOLAS CAPASILE at 21st and Q Streets, N. W. After engaging him in conversation, REYBOLD asked if VASILE had a room nearby and talked of going into business. VASILE said he was going home and REYBOLD asked if he could walk with him, suggested they go for a ride, which they did. During conversation, REYBOLD said at one time he had been an actor, that he had been in a Greek play that the police had closed. He said he liked young friends but sometimes had to beat them to keep them in place. Further stated he liked young men, liked to make love to them, liked to go to bed with them and to embrace them. He said he also liked young men to go to concerts with him as this made him feel young.

At the Morals Division Office, REYBOLD said he has never been either the active or passive partner in any homosexual activity but admitted he "liked to love young men and embrace them." Case was Malle Pros.

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September 30, 1958

MR. TOLSON:

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## RE: COLONEL JOHN REYBOLD 1661 Crescent Place, N. W. Washington, D. C. INFORMATION CONCERNING

Captioned individual is a homosexual, a graduate of West Point, member of the Army-Navy Club. and apparently retired from the United States Army. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_advised me September 26, 1958, that Reybold has indicated to him that'Mr. Hoover is one of the boys.'' I had DeLoach and Hoxie, with the Director's approval, arrange an appointment with Reybold this morning relative to pinning him down. It was initially arranged that Reybold would be interviewed at his home at 3:00 PM. On his own initiative, however, he later advised telephonically he preferred to come to the Bureau immediately inasmuch as his sister was entertaining this afternoon.

Reybold was interviewed beginning at 10:50 AM in DeLoach's office. Mr. Hoxie was present during the entire interview and assisted in the questioning.

Reybold very obviously is a psychopathic case. He appears to have a warped twisted but cunning mind. He admittedly stated he is a homosexual by nature and has been one for a long time. He openly bragged of doing considerable reading and states he is currently carrying on a fight to change laws and social practices which besmirch homosexuality.

It was necessary to pin Reybold down in a very harsh manner. He denied that he had made the specific statement "Mr. Hoover is one of the boys." He denied ever making the statement that Mr. Hoover is a homosexual. He admitted that on several occasions, in company of other homosexuals, he had made the statement "J." Edgar Hoover is either an active homosexual or else has the potentialities of being a homosexual." Upon the unmediate demand that he produce facts to support such statements, he attempted to defend himself by stating: (1) the Director is a bachelor; (2) the Director loved his Mother very dearly; and (3) the <u>Director</u>

frequented the Mayflower Bar. CDD:HEH:ejr OCT 3 1958 (2)

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He stated that the "New Yorker Magazine" was the basis for such facts. He immediately added that he did not know which issue of the "New Yorker Magazine" or if in fact it was actually the "New Yorker Magazine." Reybold was considerably nervous and confused at this point.

With respect to the above statements, Reybold was told in no uncertain terms that his accusations were absolutely ridiculous and represented an unwarranted attack not based upon fact. He was told it was not uncommon in the least for a man to be a bachelor and profess great love for his mother. He was told that Mr. Hoover did not frequent the Mayflower Bar. Reybold then attempted to further defend himself by stating he was entitled to his own opinions. He was told that there was no doubt about him being entitled to his opinions but when he verbally voiced those opinions, which were not based upon fact, he committed the unpardonable sin of attempting to destroy the Director's reputation. He was told that the FBI had no quarrel with any individual that made statements based upon facts, but certainly if he had any decency whatsoever he should be correct in his facts. He was told in no uncertain terms that if he persisted in making such ridiculous statements, the Director would have no recourse but to refer this matter to the courts as any decent citizen would do in order to protect their reputation.

Reybold attempted to stray from the point of the conversation during the interview. At one point, he mentioned that the cause for making such statements concerning Mr. Hoover was based upon his dislike of the FBI and "all secret police" because of what "the secret police" had done to smear homosexuality. He then attempted to go into a diatribe pointing out the intelligence agencies of the United. States Government had fired numerous homosexuals because of the opinion advanced by Congressional committees that homosexuals represented security risks and could not be trusted in intelligence work. He was told that we had not requested the interview with him for the purpose of arguing policies of the United States Government relative to homosexuals in the intelligence field, but that to the contrary the entire purpose of the interview was to definitely pin him down as to whether he had any factual basis for his slanderous and rotten statements. He was told at this point that his unwarranted and ridiculous assumptions should cease and cease immediately. Reybold attempted to draw himself up with an air of haughtiness exclaiming "I did not come down here to be insulted." He was told it made no difference whether he was insulted or not but that he should definitely realize that he was making himself open for a slander suit and that he should put up or shut up. At this time, Reybold stated this sounded like a threat from the "secret police." He was told this was merely a statement of fact.

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Reybold then attempted to adopt a rather controlling air as if he was pontifically looking down upon DeLoach and Hoxie. He was asked if he would execute a signed statement to the effect that he had no facts whatsoever indicating that Mr. Hoover was homosexually inclined. He then stated he had no personal knowledge of the fact that Mr. Hoover was a homosexual but that he would not execute such a statement. Additional approaches were made in this regard but Reybold persisted in stating he would not comply with this request. After repeated warnings, he was told the interview had come to a conclusion and that he should leave. He got up and left but 15 minutes later telephonically contacted DeLoach and stated he would like to come back.

Upon his return at 12 noon, Reybold indicated he had been told by an undisclosed informant that a person whom this informant had recommended for a Federal judge had been investigated by the FBI. This investigation developed that the prospective judge was a drunk and a homosexual. Reybold was insistent that information from this report made its way back to him. When pressed as to details concerning this alleged disclosure of information from an FBI report, he declined to furnish any facts. He also declined to give a signed statement concerning his unwarranted charges regarding the Director and the interview was immediately terminated.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

(1) That the Liaison Section check the military file of Reybold for appropriate background data.



(2) That the Liaison Section see to it that the unwarranted statements by Reybold are made a part of his military record. It should be clearly explained that he had no factual basis for his charges.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. R. R. Roach FROM : Mr. B. A. Wells

following information:

DATE: October 1, 1958

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Clayton Tele, Room Holloman . W. C. Sullivan

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COLONEL JOHN BLACK REYBOLD U. S. ARMY (RETIRED) INFORMATION CONCERNING H.M. FXUNL

A review of captioned individual's personnel record, Adjutant General's office, Department of the Army, reflected the

Reybold was born July 6, 1899, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He entered the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, in June, 1918, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular Army on July 2, 1920. He retired from the Army as a colonel in April, 1947. His efficiency ratings ranged from excellent to superior. He was captured by the Germans in October, 1944, in France and was confined to a prisoner of war camp until May, 1945. Prior to his capture he was wounded in action. Reybold received a commendation for his conduct in the prisoner of war camp as he was the highest ranking U.S. officer in the camp and as such had control of the prisoners. He aided two prisoners to escape from the camp. After his release, he served in the Pacific Theater. He has been awarded the Bronze Star medal, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Ribbon with an Oak Leaf Cluster. His medical file indicated, that he suffered from chronic arthritis (mild).

- --- No derogatory information was contained in his personnel file: Investigative files are maintained at Fort Holabird, Maryland. The Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI) is checking the records at Fort Holabird and you will be advised of the results of that check.

"Major Frank P. Breitenbach, ACSI, who is causing the above records to be checked, was advised that Colonel Reybold is an admitted homosexual. Major Breitenbach stated that he would see that a statement to this effect was included in Reybold's file.

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Office	Memorandum · UNITED	STATES GOVERNM	ENT
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FROM :	MR. B. A. WELLER	113 7-1	Tolson Boardman Belmont Nease M
SUBJECT:	COLONEL JOHN BLACK REYBOLD U.S. ARMY (RETIRED) INFORMATION CONCERNING		Parsons Rosen Tanin Trotter Clayton

My memorandum October 1, 1958, reported that investigative v<sub>r</sub> files, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI), Fort Holabird, Maryland, would be checked concerning Colonel Reybold.

Holloman . Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On October 2, 1958, the investigative file was reviewed. This file reflected that in 1945, after Reybold had been released from a German prisoner of war camp and had returned to the States, ACSI received an allegation that Reybold had made pro-German remarks. Inquiry reflected that Reybold was not pro-German but had made remarks favorable to German officers at the prisoner of war camp, who had treated American prisoners with military courtesy. He had also made several derogatory remarks concerning other German personnel who he claimed were sadistic in their treatment of the prisoners.

Reybold's file also reflected that he was arrested on October 18, 1953, by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., on a charge of soliciting for a lewd and immoral purpose. The arresting officer's report stated that he was picked up by Reybold. Reybold advised the officer, prior to his arrest, that he liked to embrace boys. The report also reflected that Reybold had stated that he did not engage in any other type of immoral acts. The charge against Reybold was more nolle prossed.

In 1955 ACSI received a report that Reybold had made procommunist remarks. These remarks consisted of statements to the effect that the U. S. was fascist, that there was no decency left in the U. S., and that the U. S. was a police state. In checking this out, ACSI had Reybold approached by one of its agents on the pretext that the, agent wished to buy insurance from Reybold, who at that time was ap insurance agent. After spending considerable time with Reybold, the agent concluded that Reybold was not pro-communist but that he did like to argue on controversial matters. The agent was also of the opinion that Reybold was definitely a homosexual, and that if he had spent much more time with Reybold, Reybold would have propositioned him. Reybold also mentioned to the agent two "boys" that he used to have.

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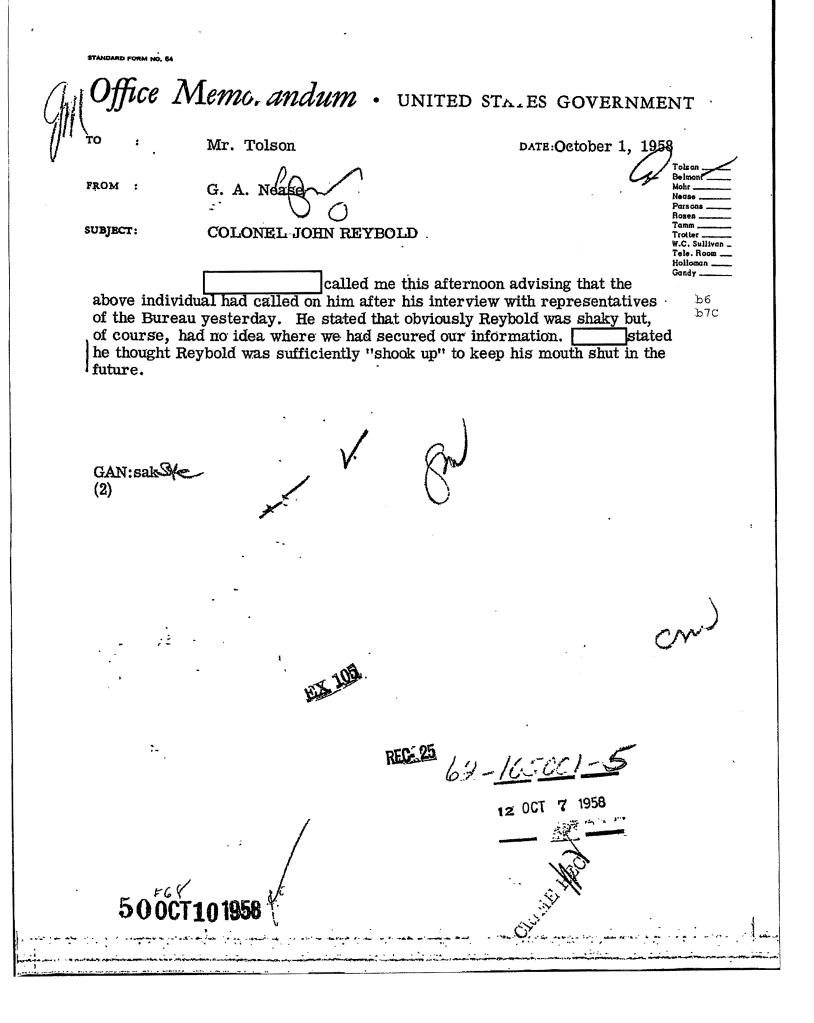
Major Frank P. Breitenbach, ACSI, was furnished a copy of Reybold's arrest record under FBI No. 468169B. This arrest record will be included in Reybold's file. Major Breitenbach is also including a statement that Reybold is an admitted homosexual.

## ACTION:

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