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Major Wellman from Headquarters Detachment referred Colonel Kelly AGO, to Major Sharrar. Major Sharrar was requested by Headquarters Detachment to call him back and answer his questions.

- S. This is Major Sharrar with SSU; I have been referred to you to answer some questions concerning a Major Robert Bishop now overseas. Major Wellman of Headquarters did the referring.
- K. Do you know Bishop?
- S. I know him personally as well as officially.
- K. I don't know how much we are going to tell these people -- the inquiry comes from a Senator. What has Bishop's status been during the last six months?
- S. For about the last six months he has been detained in Italy, first around Naples, later at Caserta.
- K. What do you mean by "detained?"
- S. He was on his way back from a mission to a Balkan country which was a highly secret operation. He was brought out, but on his way back to the US he was detained because some questions were asked concerning his operations, and in one form or another some charges were made. He was detained there pending the investigation of those charges.
- K. What were those charges?
- S. A cable was received by General Donovan from General McNarney right after the preparation of the charges in formal manner. The cable directed that OSS, now SSU, keep its hands out of the Bishop matter and that the Army was going to handle it to conclusion. As a result of that we do not know definitely whether those charges were filed and prosecuted, because the whole thing seems to have been taken over by the Army. Apparently, an inspector-general officer was in on it, probably a JAG officer as well. Incidentally, there is a cable in our possession here that says that at that same stage of proceedings Major Bishop himself countered with a charge against his own command-officer under the 121 article of war for unfair treatment, and saying that the Army was going to investigate all the charges, including Bishop's counter-charge and that he was going to be kept there until the investigation was completed and then returned to the US. We have been expecting him here within the last week or ten days with the entire record of the proceedings. As far as this branch is concerned, we have felt that this matter should be handled here.
- K. You think he will be back very soon. What is your name again, and your telephone number?

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- S. (Major Sharrar gave him name and phone number.)
On an official inquiry from the War Department -- and we are now part of the War Department -- we are willing to show the properly accredited people the complete file. On an unofficial inquiry we are very anxious that the matter be handled with the greatest of discretion.
- K. The answer is -- we have no official notification of any charges being preferred against him.
- S. We do know they were prepared.
- K. Not officially. We will tell them the records are confidential. Since he is expected back, at that time they may inquire from him direct.

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