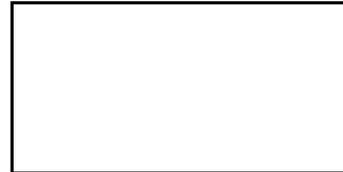


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Mr. W. G. Seaman, Cashier  
The Hanover National Bank  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Alice *jt*  
June *jt*  
Kitty *jt*  
Chris *lee*  
ER DCI *sh*

Dear Mr. Seaman:

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 March concerning a both of whom claimed to be representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I have looked into this matter and find that we have no one by the name of who was authorized in any way to contact your bank. For your information, the National Security Act of 1947, which provided for the establishment of the CIA, also provided that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law enforcement powers or internal security functions.

Since this concerns the impersonation of federal officers, we have turned this information over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for appropriate action. Your thoughtfulness in letting me know about this particular incident is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

I telephoned Mr. W. G. Seaman, cashier of the Hanover National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on 24 March and advised him substantially of the contents of our letter and also that it was being mailed today. I told Mr. Seaman the reason for my call was that I wanted to let him know as soon as possible that neither Messrs. [redacted] [redacted] were employees of this Agency nor had any other employee been authorized to visit his bank. I said that he would have been notified sooner; however, we wanted the opportunity for a careful investigation to ensure that none of our people had by some "hook or crook" been in contact with him. He said he appreciated this and would look forward to receiving our reply. I also told him that we were turning this matter over to the FBI since it is a clear case of impersonation of a Federal officer. Mr. Seaman noted he had already been in touch with Mr. Johnson, the SAC of the Bureau's Wilkes-Barre office.

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[redacted]  
Executive Officer, DCI

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

I have talked to [redacted] about this and he tells me that we have no one employed by the name of [redacted]. There is a [redacted] who is in charge of the [redacted] and a [redacted] employed in [redacted]. Also, there are several [redacted] employed here at Headquarters. However, no one from the Agency was authorized to be in Wilkes-Barre or to contact the Hanover National Bank on 11 March.

*MM*  
AAB

*OK*  
23 March 1968  
(DATE)

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