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Director of Security

FROM : John F. Blake

Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Security of Documents Involved in the

Moore and Boyce/Lee Cases

On behalf of Les Dirks and myself, may I ask your comments soonest on Les' attached memorandum. I believe those comments should go forward with this memorandum to the Acting Director. As time is of the essence, your earliest attention would be appreciated.

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By Lance Gay Washington Star Stall Writer

During the Watergate crisis, residents of affluent Sumner, a Bethesda subdivision, got used to seeing camera crews and reporters on Fort Sumner Drive.

Jeb Stuart Magruder lived up the tree-lined street of \$100,000 homes and for a year, you could always tell when something was going on because you would see the reporters out interviewing on the street," one woman recalled.

So it was that last night, as they returned from Christmas shopping and spotted the television crews and trucks in front of the two-story red brick home at 4800 Fort Sumner Drive owned by former CIA employe Edwin Gibbons Moore II, they knew something had happened.

And it was the children in the neigh-

borhood who were the first to find out. "We saw the FBI running down the hill; out of their cars and down from

Mr. Moore had come out of the house to talk to The Star paperboy, and they came tearing down the road with their guns drawn and got him?

ANDY YOHN, 11, was returning from a nearby ice skating rink afterward and remembered an incident earlier in the afternoon.

He had been on his way to the rink when he passed in front of Moore's house and spotted a "reddish-green" box near a fire hydrant on the field across the street.

"I went over to find out what it was because I was curlous, and he (Moore) came running out of the neighbors who knew Moore, his wife house - really running - and came

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The boy left for the frozen pond, still wondering what the box contained.

He did not know it was part of the payoff money planted by the FBI in an investigation of an espionage plot. And it was only after 55-year-old Moore's arrest, when he was quizzed extensively by FBI agents who told him he might be a key witness, that he realized it must have contained something important.

The afternoon excitement in the quiet community just across the District line in suburban Maryland, came as a surprise to most of the

Maribelle, a legal secretary, and their four children during the 15 years they have lived there.

MOORE IS DESCRIBED as odd or eccentric, and a fervent anti-Communist who used to stop people walking down the street to discuss his philosophy and rant against the evils of communism.

"He had two main points, the ills of society and the dangers of the Communists," said one woman. "I think I would characterize him as outspoken on communism," said another neighbor.

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Moore, who was born on July 4, 1920, worked for the "logistical branch" of the CIA and was posted to Vietnam during the last years of the war there. His activities in the CIA are not clear, although CIA insiders point out that the logistical branch is not connected with the undercover branch of the agency.

Moore left Saigon in 1972 and retired reportedly "under pressure" from the CIA in the summer of

Since that time, he has stayed around his house, and has remained one of the few adults at home during the day in the neighborhood of working families Moore's employment by the CIA was no great secret in the neighborhood, and Moore did not hide it.

After his retirement, however, drug traffic in the woods across the street from his home disturbed the burly man.

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"OFF AND ON, THERE have been rumors of drug business in the woods, and he mentioned that once or twice." said one woman

Neighbors at first dismissed this as speculation, but then some of the their children found money in

the sand of the creek near Moore's home. One youngster found \$120 and then a yellowed \$50 bill about a year later and there had been some speculation that the money had been lost in a drug drop. (The money was turned over to Montgomery County Police, who didn't find out where it came from and so returned it to the children after period of time);

The mysterious discovery of the money prompted Moore to embark on a campaign to clean up the woods and provoked the anger of some of the younger people in the neighborhood.

"He was very conservative and very outspoken," said a 19-year-old who was home from Tulane

University for Christmas vacation. "This is all so ironic. He was always the man who

put himself in charge of other people's business," said the student, who admitted he didn't like Moore.

HE SAID MOORE TRIED to break up teenagers' parties in the neighborhood and once engineered a police raid on the woods, where some of the youngsters were talking, No drugs were found.

He remembers once as a bny having to deliver a written epology to Moore for squirting his children with a water balloon.

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And his next-door neighbor, a physician who shares his driveway with the Moore home, said he was en good terms with Moore. "My position is that good fences make good neighbors;" said the physician, who arrived home early from work to find his driveway packed with FBI men and cars. dr

Mike Yohn, a State Department press officer who lives four houses up the street from Moore's, said he knew him only well enough to say hello as he walked by, but he and his wife had often been stopped by Moore to talk about the neighborhood drug problems and communism.

MOORE'S SON, GREGG, speaking at their home through the front door, which was emblazoned with a Christmas wreath, declined to say anything to reporters about the case.

None of those interviewed could recall Moorehaing involved in any civic affairs in the community, but most remember spotting him puttering around his house and taking care of the family cats. "They have about 20 cats, and that's no exaggeration. That's about half the number they used to have.

Moore lost an eye, reportedly as the result of a traffic accident, about 10 years ago.

After his retirement, Moore toyed with the idea

of making furniture, and at one point had a truckload of wood delivered to the house. But it lay in the drive way to the home for a time and then was taken away as refuse.

Another woman said she often wondered why the white metal construction trailer on the hill across, the street from the Moore home had not been taken away after construction on a nearby apartment complex was ompleted morethan a year ago.

THE FBI WAS USING the trailer as a hondquarters site last night, watching the house as they waited for a search warrant and photographing cars that passed by. Some of the youngsters who play in the field below the trailer and across from Moore's home thought they had seen men using it before yesterday. The FBI, however, said there had been no long-term surveillance on Moore, or his

"The kids know the most about all this," observed Yohn. "They are all experienced with rethe street.

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