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FROM

Chief, []

INFO: []

SUBJECT

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REFERENCES: A.
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1. Your suggestions in paragraphs 1 and 4 of Reference A came first to us. We are attaching information which was acquired through [] sources, State Department files and [] You have previously received the information contained [] (Reference B).

2. Because Subject's source of funds and true mission are unclear, we are forwarding the information as received without attempting to distill or analyze it. We felt that any conclusions we might draw would be misleading. We do know that Subject is "slick" & probably to the point of misrepresenting himself, and we do not discount []

3. You now have all the information immediately available here. If it should prove necessary, [] to can ask [] delve deeper.

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Silberman

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [] SOURCES:

1. Leo Villiers-Silberman
DOB: 19 May 1918
POB: Frankfurt, Germany
Citizen of Union of South Africa.

2. Silberman has been described as short, dark complexion, black hair, fast talker, and is regarded as a "smooth operator." He was also described by another source as glib, slick, quick-tongued, fast talker, and creates impressions which are not true. It was also stated that he writes exceedingly well, and has had considerable experience in Africa.

3. Silberman was originally described as being attached to the Planning Department at the University of Chicago in Anthropology. Further information indicated that he was a senior research associate and professional lecturer in planning at the University of Chicago from February 1955 through January 1956. From February 1956 through June 1956, he was simply a lecturer in planning, not a staff position. (professional)

4. Silberman's current mailing address is reported to be c/o Balliol College, Oxford University.

5. Silberman's alleged connection with Oxford University was checked through various publications with negative results. He is not listed at all in a 1957 catalog regarding Balliol College. He is not listed in another 1957 Oxford index relating to their Political Science Department. Nor is he listed in the "Commonwealth University Yearbook for 1957" which is a general index of all people associated with U K and Commonwealth educational institutions.

[] serious doubts of his alleged connection with Oxford.

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7. [] Silberman notified [] that he had been awarded a grant by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He said that this grant was in the amount of eleven thousand dollars and was for the purpose of making a study of the Somali-Ethiopia Border Dispute.

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9. Other miscellaneous information on Silberman:

- a. That he was associated with the Free French during World War II.
- b. That he has connections in the British Airline Industry.
- c. That he spent the years 1948-52 at the Institute for Social Medicine, Oxford University.
- d. That he is a pilot, a sociologist, and a statistician.
- e. That his BBC talk, "Ethiopia Elects" was published in "The Listener" of 14 November 1957.