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TITLE PORTER, Bernard Harden		CASE CLASSIFICATION CSO/CS/EO-10422	
FIELD OFFICE AnEmbassy, Caracas	DATE REPORTED April 24, 1967	DATES INVESTIGATED 3/6/67 - 4/24/67	REPORTING AGENT [REDACTED] RSO

SYNOPSIS

Unable to develop information concerning or verify SUBJECT's employment and residence in Venezuela from 2/57 - 8/57. Record checks clear.

STATUS: -CLOSED-

Reference: Headquarters memorandum dated February 8, 1967.

DETAILS: (at Caracas, Venezuela)

EMPLOYMENT

2/12/57 - 8/12/57 Collins Radio Company
Hi-Line Drive, Dallas, Texas

SUBJECT, according to his ISQ form resided in Caracas during the above period. Efforts to locate the Collins Radio Company in Caracas, Venezuela have met with negative results. Further information regarding SUBJECT's employment with Collins Radio in Venezuela will be necessary to verify this employment.

RESIDENCE

February 1957 - August 1957 Caracas, Venezuela

SUBJECT's ISQ form fails to reflect SUBJECT's address while in Venezuela during the above period, and sources available to the RSO have failed to determine

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TITLE PORTER, Bernard Harden		CASE CLASSIFICATION CSC/OS/EO-10422 (7)	
FIELD OFFICE MANILA	DATE REPORTED May 23, 1967	DATES INVESTIGATED 1/25 - 3/29/67	REPORTING AGENT [REDACTED]
SYNOPSIS Investigation at Agana, Guam concerning Subject's activities from about August 1950 until about June 1952, covering employment and including interview of [REDACTED]. Employment in Tasmania confirmed for period September 18, 1959 to January 4, 1960 and that Subject was terminated due to lack of background experience needed in instrument work. Records checks non-derogatory. <u>CLOSED</u> <u>REFERENCE:</u> Headquarters' Memorandum dated January 19, 1967 <u>DETAILS:</u> <u>EMPLOYMENT</u> <u>3/10/51 to 4/25/52: (CLAIMED): Office of Price Stabilization, Agana, Guam</u> [REDACTED] Source related that he was employed by the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) during the Korean conflict, between 1950 and 1952 and held the position of [REDACTED], and that OPS went out of business in about May 1952. Source advised that no records were maintained locally and speculated that records are maintained at the Federal Records Center. Source recalled that Subject was [REDACTED]			
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working for a local firm (identity not recalled) and filed an application with OPS. Subject was hired as the Public Information Officer (PIO) and was concerned mainly with press releases during employment for about a year. Subject was terminated when the local offices began to close and, Source had no further contact with Subject. Source characterized Subject as an intelligent but, by his own admission, an anti-social type person. He explained that Subject was very introverted and mingled with people only to the minimal extent required for his work. Source advised that he occasionally considered Subject emotionally unstable. Source explained that in addition to the aforementioned traits, Subject was also a miserly person who presented a very unkempt appearance. Source stated that Subject was single but implied that he had been divorced for a long time. Source stated that Subject lived alone in a now defunct quonset area and appeared indifferent to the fact that he could have lived in other than a slum area. Source advised that Subject would have been replaced had there been another qualified person available. Source stated that Subject was considered reliable, trustworthy and discreet in his work habits; however, Subject's occasional argumentative attitude and degrading of people made him a difficult person to work with, according to Source. According to Source, Subject was considered basically a loyal citizen; however, Source recalled that Subject was against U.S. involvement in the Korean conflict. In summation, Source stated that basically, he considered Subject suitable for employment with the U.S. Government and recommended him with reservations. Source explained that he would recommend Subject only for work where Subject would be supervised and not come in close contact with other employees or outside personnel.

[REDACTED] was interviewed in his office and claimed knowledge of Subject as a [REDACTED]. Source stated that "if ever there was a person to remember, it was him (Subject)." [REDACTED] explained that Subject was one of the most miserly persons he had ever met. Source recalled that Subject usually wore the same clothes and had a generally unclean appearance about him most of the time. Source claimed Subject rarely bought food, and it was occasionally noted that he ate the food left by others at various tables in a restaurant. Subject's lunches consisted of a bag of fruit or vegetables which he had acquired either from neighbors or in the wild. Source recalled that Subject apparently performed an adequate job in his position, although, his job as PIO was inconsistent with his self-admitted anti-social attitude. Source disclaimed awareness of any adverse information concerning Subject's integrity, sobriety, associations or loyalty. Source claimed that, except for the aforementioned idiosyncrasies, Subject's employment with a Government agency would be consistent with the best interests of the United States.

On February 7, 1967, [REDACTED] was interviewed. [REDACTED]

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He recalled that Subject, who was an employee of the Guam Daily News, filed an application for and was hired as the PIO for about the final year of the agency's operation on Guam. In conversation, Source ascertained that Subject had previously been employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and had come to Guam due to some type of allergy. Source claimed that with the exception of his unclean appearance and miserly attitude, Subject exhibited no characteristics which reflected adversely on his stability, integrity, reliability or loyalty.

Source advised that Subject was self-employed as a junk dealer after termination with OPS. Subject apparently stayed on Guam only a few months after leaving OPS and, according to Source, then transferred his junk business to Okinawa. [redacted] stated that he had no further contact with Subject after 1952; however, an unrecalled person indicated that Subject married a girl from the Virgin Islands and was recently working in the Philippines. Source concluded by stating that he would recommend Subject.

on February 8, 1967, after unproductive efforts were made to obtain employment records, [redacted]

[redacted], was interviewed in his office at the latter location.

[redacted] characterized Subject as a ragged, dirty, miserly, unreliable and untrustworthy person.

a. Source claimed that Subject went to extremes in attempting to save all his money. Source was unaware of Subject's motivations; however, he claimed that Subject's appearance was obnoxious to the office and persons with whom he came in contact. Source advised that various unrecalled persons indicated that Subject was observed taking the tips from tables in various restaurants; however, Source admitted that he was never able to confirm this rumor.

[redacted] and was, therefore, unaware of any other local employments of Subject. The interviewee stated that, based on his foregoing observations of Subject, he would decline to recommend Subject for any position associated with the U.S. Government. The Source stated, however, that he would not be willing to incorporate these matters into the form of a statement or testify at any possible hearing.

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8/1/59 to 2/20/60: Burnie Board, Ltd., Burnie, Tasmania

[REDACTED], American Consulate General, Melbourne, stated Subject's employment with the Associated Pulp and Paper Mills, Ltd., Burnie, Tasmania, as assistant to the Instrument Engineer was confirmed for the stated period. At the time of interview for the position, Subject stated his last employment was in a military capacity in Alaska in a classified position. Subject's employment was terminated as he was found lacking in background experience needed for instrument work. Subject stated he held a degree in Master of Science from Rhode Island University.

RECORDS CHECKS

Records checks of all pertinent sources on Guam revealed no derogatory information concerning Subject. Records checks of all pertinent Australian, Tasmanian and U.S. Government sources revealed no derogatory information concerning Subject.

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May 29, 1967

TO: Mr. Kimbell Johnson
Director, Bureau of Personnel Investigations
Civil Service Commission
Washington, 25, D. C.

FROM: Chief, Division of Investigations *RLB*
Office of Security

SUBJECT: PORTER, Bernard Harden
CSC FILE: INR:HDS:pf
CSC Serial No: 4.24.67.638

Reference is made to your communication dated January 16, 1967, concerning the above-captioned person.

There are attached two copies of report of investigation in

Overseas investigation in this case is completed.

Enclosures:

Manila report dated May 23, 1967
Caracas report dated April 24, 1967

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Surrendering following

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SUBJECT's address while in Venezuela.

RECORD CHECKS

Files of the following agencies were checked concerning SUBJECT with negative results:

RSO, AmEmbassy, Caracas, Venezuela.
Consulate, AmEmbassy, Caracas, Venezuela.
Political, AmEmbassy, Caracas, Venezuela.
Digipol, Caracas, Venezuela.
P. T. J., Caracas, Venezuela.

Files of the Bureau of Ident., Caracas, Venezuela, reflect the following information re SUBJECT:

Name: Bernard Harden Porter Rogers
DFOB: 2/14/11, Haneton, U. S. A.
Father: Lewis Porter
Mother: Etta Rogers
Marital Status: Married
Wife: Preston Margaret
Profession: Publicista
Passport: 1170 dated 7/9/54, issued by Dept. of State, Washington, D. C.
Date & Place
Arrived in
Venezuela: 5/8/57, Maracaibo
Address: 5/13/57, Hotel Del Layo, Maracaibo
Arrest Record: None

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