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| Title | FBI file 65-HQ-68169: Charles Pyne, Edward Ross, et al (merged) |
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| Abstract | FBI file on Charles Pyne, Ed Ross, Tony Lauck, and others at Harvard in 1963. |
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| SU | BJECT: CHARLES F. PYNE TELEPHONE FACILITIES - | b6 |
| | MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING | b7C |
| | On 4/24/63, Mr. PETER MASON, General Securities pervisor. New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, a | und |
| | oth Boston, Mass., furnished the following information to | b6 b7C b7D |
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Mr. DESMOND and Mr. MASON both advised that they have been reviewing this notebook and felt that this should be called to the attention of the FBI since it contains information concerning tie lines from various defense establishments in the Boston, Mass. area, in addition to tie lines to defense establishments in other areas of the country such as Lincoln Laboratory, Raytheon Company, Arthur D. Little Company, Hanscom Air Force Base, Millstone Radar Installation, IBM, Kingston, New York, Mitre Corporation, Bedford, Mass., and General Electrics Company, Lynn, Mass.

Mr. MASON advised the telephone company is presently reviewing this material on a discreet basis to determine the type information and how much information is contained therein and specifically what facilities it affects.

They advised learned that the subject has accumulated sufficient information and has obtained electronic equipment which would enable him or any other individuals to place calls from any telephone to any point in the world without any record ever being made that these calls had been placed at no cost.

Mr. MASON briefly described the procedure he believes being used is that the subject dials a distant point (information or a dead station) using automatic toll dialing which would use a #4 system. Having gained access to a toll trunk and by using a 2600 cycle frequency tone, disconnects the terminating equipment thus leaving him with use of the toll facilities on an unmonitored basis. He then uses a multi frequency key tone set to dial any distant point.

Mr. DESMOND furnished a copy of the subject's notebook which is being forwarded to the Bureau with a request that the Bureau, if deemed advisable, make a copy for themselves and a copy for Boston returning the enclosed copy to Boston so that it can be returned to the telephone company.

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It is to be noted that this notebook contains Secret and other type classifications which Mr. DESMOND advised were classifications, placed on this by the subject.

They requested that the information contained in this notebook not be disseminated at this time since it was felt by the telephone company that any dissemination outside the Bureau could lead to wholesale use of telephone company facilities at no cost.

Mr. DESMOND and Mr. MASON were of the opinion that this knowledge could be utilized in the following manner:

- 1. Tie up circuits and/or transmit false messages
- 2. Sold at a very high price to gambling interests for transmission of bets and information with no record being kept of calls

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 6 (Rev. 12-13-56) HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 01-15-2009 BY 60322 UC/LP/PJ/KM FBI Date: 4-27-63 PLAIN TEXT Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plain text or code) AIRMAIL AIRTEL Via ___ (Priority or Method of Mailing) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI SAC, BOSTON (62-4265) FROM: PYNE .SUBJECT: CHARLES F. TELEPHONE FACILITIES - MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING Re Boston airtel 4/24/63. On 4/25/63, the records of Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts were reviewed concerning the subject and reflected CHARLES FRANCIS PYNE was born 1/29/44 at Doston, Massachusetts. the son of MRSCHARLES CROSBY PYNE and _______ Subject' Ъб b7C Subject's father was formerly Bursar at Harvard University and died of a heart attack during 1962. Subject is a first year student at Harvard. P_{VNC} PYNC Ъб On 4/26/63, Mr. JOHN DESMOND, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, advised b7C b7D had been contacted on Wednesday EDWARD ROSS, a student at Harvard by University 6816 Bureau 9-1963 Boston negastered Mail Sent _ M ent in Charge special Mick

BS 62-4265 b6 b7C b7D Mr. PETER MASON, General Security Supervisor, advised that the line referred to by ROSS had only been installed on Wednesday, April 24 at the request of a Government Services Group and he could not under-stand how ROSS could get this information so quickly. He also advised that he was unable to understand the interest of the subject and ROSS inthese lines. interviewed by /26/63. <u>:</u>4 Ω'n SA's and his name was b6 b7C b7D ÷ 3. 16

confirmed the information which is set forth in re airtel furnished a copy of the subject's notebook which was forwarded to the Bureau with regaintel ·b7C b7D It is to be noted that the Harvard students reside at Wigglesworth Hall which is a dormitory located on the campus at Harvard University. It would appear that this situation evolves around the placing of free toll calls throughout the world by these Harvard students which is a fraud against the telephone company subject and ROSS in defense lines and defense securities. The Franklin Street Building which. ROSS desired the master keys to and in which he expressed an interest in the floors under the subbasements where he thought there were defense facilities, is a New England Telephone Company Building located at 185 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts, a key facility with geographical reference number 34710 with the Army having security. responsibility. Lincoln Laboratory which has been mentioned in relativel is also a key facility with geographical reference number 34515 with the Air Force having security responsibility. Boston will maintain close contact with the telephone company at Boston, Massachusetts to ascertain whether any further requests, are made of upon receipt of additional details appropriate recommendations will be made to the Bureau to the Bureau

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The records at Harvard University as furnished by Registrar's Office, Harvard College, to on 4/30/63, reflect that EDWARD SHEEMAN ROSS was borp 2/5/44 at New York City, the son of GARY ROSS and LILLIAN SHAPIRO, and that his permanent residence is 649 Arnow Avenue, Bronx 67, New York, with his local residence being Dunster House, Harvard University. His field of concentration is Mathematics, and he was admitted in May, 1960, from the Bronx High School of Science, New York City, at which time he was granted Sophomore standing (unassigned credit equivalent of 4.0 courses) by the Committee on Advanced Standing on the basis of work done at the college level prior to admission. He is scheduled to be a member of the Class of 1963. This record also noted that his parents were separated.

Mr. DESMOND also advised that they have received a request for the copy of subject's notebook from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York. This notebook was furnished to the Bureau as an enclosure to Boston airtel of 4/24/63, and it is requested that the return of this notebook be expedited.

Boston Airtel of 4/27/63 noted that there were two phases to this complaint, one involving free toll calls throughout the world, which was a fraud against the telephone company, and the other concerning the interest of these students in defense telephone lines and defense facilities.

On 4/29/63 the facts concerning the placing of free phone calls throughout the world were presented to Mr. THOMAS P. O'CONNOR. Assistant U. S. Attorney, Boston, Mass., who advised SA ______ that the facts did not constitute any violation of Section 1343, Title 18, USC, the Fraud by Wire section, which would appear to be the only applicable statute. The facts concerning the interest in defense lines and facilities were not presented.

In view of subject's and ROSS' interest in defense lines and facilities, Bureau authority is requested to interview these individuals so that a determination can be made as to their interest in these lines and any possible violation of the Espionage Statute.

New York is requested to search their indices concerning ROSS and suairtel any information which would be pertinent to this matter.

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To: SAC, Boston (62-4265) From: Director, FBI

CHARLES F. PYNE TELEPHONE FACILITIES -MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Boston airtel dated 4/27/63.

Eoston should maintain extremely close contact vith the telephone company for further information in connection with the captioned matter. Boston should be alert and advise the Bureau incediately concerning any violations of interest to the Bureau that are revealed, and should advise the Bureau most empediately of any contemplated investigation.

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This is to advise that Charles F. Pyne, a Harvard student, has according to the telephone company, accumulated sufficient information and obtained electronic equipment to place telephone calls to any point in the world without any record ever being made and at no cost. Another Harvard student, Edward Ross, appears to have similar information and has attempted to get photographs of a telephone employee identification card and keys to a telephone exchange. Ross and Pyne have also shown extreme interest in telephone lines of defense establishments.

This memorandum is being prepared so that the various divisions can make appropriate recommendations as to action desired. The Domestic Intelligence Division would be interested since the subject has information concerning telephone lines from defense establishments and could possibly jam communication; the Special Investigative Division would be concerned with the availability of this information to gambling interests; the Laboratory Division would be interested in the technical information the subject has assembled; the General Investigative Division would be interested in possible criminal violation; and the Administrative Division would be interested in the possible threat to the security of Bureau telephone facilities.

The Boston Office has been instructed to maintain extremely close contact with the telephone company for further information and to advise the Bureau immediately of any violations and any contemplated investigation.

The information concerning the subjects was furnished by Peter Mason, General Security Supervisor, New England Telephone and who is Telegraph Company, and John Desmond Security Supervisor for the New England Telephone Company.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: CHARLES F. PYNE

Desmond and Mason advised that a review of subject Pyne's notebook shows that it contains information concerning tie lines from various defense establishments in the Boston, b6 Massachusetts, area and to defense establishments in other b7C areas of the country. The telephone company is presently b7D reviewing the notebook to determine the type of information and how much information is contained therein concerning these facilities.

The notebook contains secret and other type classifications at the top of each page. Mr. Desmond advised that these classifications were placed on the material by the subject.

Peter Mason, Telephone Company General Security Supervisor, advised that the line referred to by Ross had only been installed on Wednesday, April 24, at the request of a Government Services Group and he could not understand how Ross could get this information so quickly. He also advised that he was unable to understand the interest of the subject and Ross in these lines.

 Mr. Mason advised that they will follow this information

 in an effort to determine whether any violations within

 the Bureau's iurisdiction exist. They have requested that the

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 concealed, but that he would be made available if

 a Bureau violation is determined to exist.
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: CHARLES F. PYNE

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Boston has been instructed to maintain close contact with the telephone company and advise the Bureau immediately of any information of Bureau interest, as well as of any contemplated investigation by the Boston Office. It is noted that the development of possible criminal violations, if they exist, will consist primarily of tracing the telephone calls which will be done by the telephone company and we will be advised.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the possible interest of the other divisions, copies of this memorandum have been routed in order that all interested divisions will be aware of the situation. It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division, the Special Investigative Division, the Laboratory Division and the Administrative Division. It is further recommended that with regard to instructions to the Boston Office each division make appropriate recommendations so that the entire investigation will be coordinated. These recommendations should be sent to the General Investigative Division so that results of investigation can be properly channeled.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont Re: CHARLES F. PYNE

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RECOMMENDATION OF SAC, BOSTON

Boston states that in view of the subjects' interest in defense lines and facilities, Bureau authority is requested for Boston to interview these individuals to determine any possible violation of the Espionage Statute.

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Since there is no prosecutable Federal criminal violation, the General Investigative Division recommends that the Domestic Intelligence Division issue the necessary instructions concerning investigation of the espionage violation.

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To: SAC, Boston (62-4265)

From: Director FBI

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Interview subjects in accordance with exacting interview subjects in accordance with including provisions set out on pages 24 and 25, Section S7D, Manual of Instructions.

In the interviews ascertain their reasons for instituting instant telephone project: whether it was their original idea or suggested by someone else and if the latter, what why they included Air Force establishments and Strategic Air Command as well as companies engaged in defense work; whether they have other than and if so, to whom and for what reason; other than and if so, to whom and for what reason; whether they realize that their attempts to obtain Air Force code words and coded telephonic methods might involve classified information; and any other information you deem pertinent. Submit letterhead memorandum to reach Eureau no later than 5/13/63 and include therein summary of information in your previous communications this case as well as results of interviews. Eufiles contain no identifiable data re subjects for your request there are enclosed subjects' notebook and copy thereof.

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| | Upon re UACB Boston wi individuals lo telephone line | SMOND also advised that another individual that involved was a PAUL HICKEL at MIT. ecceipt of Bureau authority to interview subject, C ill also interview EDWARD ROSS and such other ogically determined to be interested in defense es to determine whether there are any violations the Bureau's jurisdiction. |
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED OPTIONAL FORA NO. 17-DATE 01-15-2009 BY 60322 UC/LP/PJ/KM Tolson UNITED STATES GOVER ENT Belmont. Mohr emorandum allahan Conrad DeLoach 4 Evans C. Sullivan 5/7/63 Gale то DATE: Rosen Sullivan 🗶 Tavel Trotter W. R. Wannall Tele. Room FROM Holmes Gandy in, î 0 1 CHARLES F. PYNE SUBJECT: EDWARD SHERMANGROSS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING Ċõ (NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE) ir. Frigai 5703 Č.3 Subjects should be interviewed in order to resolve why are engaged in project of attempting to ascertain telephone code numbers and telephone coded routes, particularly in defense establishments. -----The subjects are students at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachüśetts, who have accumulated sufficient mathematical information and have obtained enough electronic equipment to enable them or anyone else so knowledgeable to place telephone calls from any telephone to any point in the world without any record being made and at no cost to them. The notebook indicates that calls were made to for $\tilde{sign}_{2}^{\tilde{4}\,b7D}$ countries (Pyne placed a call to Lima, Peru, utilizing his telephonic equipment); to various cities in the U.S.; and to military installations. The notebook also indicates efforts to obtain coded telephone numbers and coded telephone routes as well as telephonic coperational methods for Air Force installations and companies holding classified Government contracts in NewsYork 5 State, Massachusetts and Washington, D. C. On 5/1/63 Pyne described to Reid how to contact Strategic Air Command (SAC) operator; stated he knew the SAC code words which were changed daily; and advised he was attempting to ascertain how to answer the operator with the code word within the allowed, four seconds so she would.not disconnect. FX-T15 REC'D - SULLIVAN b6 € .b7C Enclosure -6-63 JFW: VMS whe Ъ7D 3 46 PN 163 (8)邸自版的四 1 -Conrad - Wacks Sullivan 1 - Belmont 1 1 DeLoach 1 - Wannall1 - Evans 1 4 .11 MAY 13 5 5 MAY 22 195

Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan Re: CHARLES F. PYNE EDWARD SHERMAN ROSS

OBSERVATIONS:

The subjects why they are conducting their telephonic experiments; however, it is possible that this is an v instance of two brilliant student; mathematicians embarking on an unusual research problem, finding initial success and now endeavoring to ascertain just how far they can go with this work. Their interest in defense establishments, however, does indicate potential security They or tothers, if full access to defense establishment problem. lines is obtained, could cause the lines to be jammed or could use them to transmit false messages or tie up the circuits. In view of this possible harm to our national security, it is felt we should take steps to ascertain definitely why the subjects are engaged in their telephonic endeavors and, specifically, to determine what is their interest in the military installations involved. This can be accomplished through interviews with the subjects and at the same time we can ascertain facts which can be presented to the Department for possible violation of a Federal statute. In this regard, the available information does not constitute any violation within our jurisdiction, it being noted that on 4/29/63 the Assistant United States Attorney, Boston, advised that the facts did not constitute a violation of the Fraud by Wire section of Title 18.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data on subjects

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. If approved, Boston will be instructed to interview the subjects. An airtel to Boston is enclosed.

2. Upon receipt of the results of the interviews of the subjects, appropriate agencies, including Air Force, will be furnished details of this case.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 01-15-2009 BY 60322 UC/LP/PJ/KM Mr. Tolson Mr. Belmont FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Mr. Mohr_ Mr. Casper COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Mr. Callahan MAY 8 1968 Mr. Conrad ķ Mr. DeLoa TELETYPE Mr. Evas Mr. $M_{\rm M}$ Ťavel Mr. Trotter Tele. Room. URGENT 5-8-63 Miss Holmes 12-00 PM MA Miss Gandy. TO DIRECTOR, FBI FROM SAC, BOSTON 62-4265 CHARLES F. PYNE, TELEPHONE FACILITIES DASH MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING. . RE BOSTON AIRTEL MAY ONE LAST, BOSTON TEL MAY TWO LAST 3 AND BOSTON AIRTEL MAY SEVEN LAST. JOHN DESMOND, NET, AND T CO. CONTACTED OFFICE INSTANT AND ADVISED COMPANY ANXIOUS TO HAVE COPY OF SUBJECTS BOOK RETURNED PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED BUREAU. ALSO COMPANY IS MOST ANXIOUS TO LEARN TODAY IF BUREAU DESIRES TO INTERVIEW SUBJECT BEFORE TELEPHONE COMPANY CONDUCTS OWN INTERVIEW. STATES COMPANY LOSING REVENUE AND PRACTICE OF FRAUDULENT CALLS IS SPREADING. END ACK PLS 1.1.1 12-02 PM OK FBI WA MSL TU DIS -REC- 69 Jul 8 Boston 18 OSEA NO U1 MAY 13 1963 Ist: Vms to B T

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TO SAC BOSTON

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INTERVIEW SUBJECTS AND ENCLOSED COPIES OF SUBJECTS' BOOK. CONDUCT INTERVIEWS PROLIPTLY AND DO NOT INTERPOSE ANY OBJECTIONS TO INTERVIEWS BY TELEPHONE COMPANY.

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The notebook indicates efforts to obtain coded telephone numbers and coded telephone routes as well as telephonic operational methods for Air Force installations and companies holding classified Government contracts in New York State, Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.

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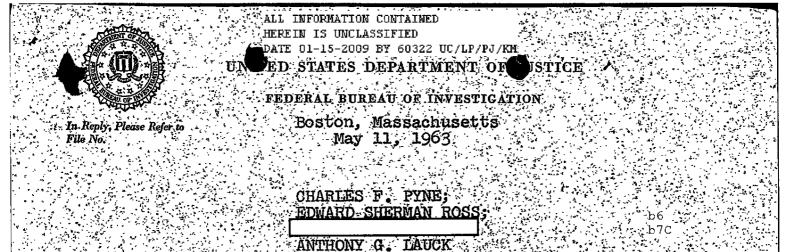
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Mr. Tolson FD₂36 (Rev. 12-13-56) HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Mr. Belmont. DATE 01-15-2009 BY 60322 UC/LP/PJ/KM Mr. Mohr_ Mr. Casper. Mr. Callahan FBI Mr. Conrad. Mr. DeLoach Mr. Evans. 5/11/63 Date: Mr. Gale. Mr. Rosen PLAIN TEXT Mr. SoMvan Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plain text or code) MA Mr. Trotter AMSD (REGISTERED) AIRTEL Tele. Room Via Miss Holmes. (Priority or Method of Mailing) Miss Gandy_ TO: DIRECTOR, FRI SAC, BOSTON (P) FROM: 62-4265) SUBJECT: CHANGED CHARLESY F PYN EDWARD ANTHONY G LAUCK MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING bб (NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE) b7C ReBuairtel, 5/7/63. The title is being changed to include names of additional and ANTHONY G. LAUCK. subjects Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. For the Bureau's information, 302's are being separately prepared in connection with the interviews of subjects and they will be forwarded promptly in report form. In the absence of the development of information indicating a violation falling within /the Bureau's jurisdiction, no further action is contemplated in this matter at the present time. JMC:lc/eth (4) A MAY 17 1963 Encs. Envil OSURE AGENOV REO RECTO DATE FORE YOW PRESS C. C. Wick Per Sent . Approved; . M ial Agent in Charge ວວ



On April 24, 1963, Mr. PETER MASON, General Securities Supervisor and Mr. JOHN DESMOND, Security Supervisor, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Boston, Massachusetts, furnished the following information to the FBI, Boston:

MASON requested that the identity of MC be restricted to those government agencies having a primary interest in this matter. Mr. DESMOND and Mr. MASON advised, after reviewing

notebook, that notebook contained information concerning tielines from various defense locations in Boston, Massachusetts-

area, as well as other areas of country. PYNE had obtained electronic equipment which would enable him to place calls from any telephone to any point in the world at no cost and without any record. being made of calls. Mr. MASON believed procedure used by PYNE was to dial a distant point using an automatic toll dialing system, thereby gaining access to a toll trunk line. Then by using a 2600 cycle frequency tone, he would be able to disconnect the termination equipment, thus leaving him with unmonitored toll facilities. Then by use of a multi-frequency key tone, he could dial any distant point.

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On April 29, 1965 the facts concerning placing of free phone calls throughout the world were presented to Mr. THOMAS P. O'CONNOR, Assistant United States Attorney, Boston, Massachusetts, who advised that facts did not constitute a violation of Section 1343, Title 18, U. S. Code, the Fraud by Wire Section.

In connection with the above, on May 10, 1963 the following individuals, all students at Harvard University, were separately and simultaneously interviewed: CHARLES F. PYNE, EDWARD SHERMAN ROSS, ______ and ANTHONY G.

They advised that they became interested as a group in telephone communications and the operation of telephone automatic dial systems. In connection with this project they determined that through various telephone tielines from Harvard University to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the use of two digit numbers they were able to connect with various points such as Lincoln Laboratory, Lincoln, Massachusetts, Hansom Air Force Base, Bedford, Massachusetts and LEM, Kingston, New York. They advised that their interest in these various tie-lines was purely academic and they were attempting to determine if at these distant points they could locate dial tones from which local calls could be made, but it was not their intention to circumvent toll charges. They had no interest in the fact that these tie-lines terminated at defense facilities. They lost interest in the project once they determined that the termination points did not provide dial tones in the New York City area.

Subsequently they conducted experiments on private line phones. They determined by dialing certain code numbers that they had obtained by pretext calls to various exchanges as telephone test men, on by experiments, they could dial telephone company distant lines. By use of these codes they could dial an "inward" operator who would not question their identity. Through this operator they could determine toll call routings

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and make various toll calls throughout the United States. By the use of certain seven digit codes they could make calls to various places, for example, the first three digits would select a long distance tandem line (671), or a Boston Metropolitan dial line (331), or a tandem line to areas adjacent to Massachusetts such as New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The last digits used would select an "Inward" operator such as 121 + any digit, a Boston information operator 131 + a digit, or a toll routing operator 141 + a digit. The operator would assume that the request was being made by a telephone company test man since the subjects used the test dial codes.

In their various studies concerning telephone company toll facilities, they determined that the company used multi-frequency tones to replace dial digits which is a time saving telephone company device. With the help of an MIT senior, <u>PAUTHECKEL</u>, they built a multi-frequency oscillator. This unit had a 2000 cycle tone. By use of this tone they could disconnect terminating equipment on certain long distance toll trunks. They would then pulse various tones on this trunk line which would connect them to different locations throughout the United States. $M_{exceeded}$

They advised that their primary purpose in all their, experiments was purely academic. When using the tie-lines out of Harvard and MIT whenever they secured an operator on what they considered a defense line they realized that this could get them into difficulty and desisted such activities since they had no interest in defense matters.

They advised that they did not make known to any individuals outside of their own group the various codes with regard to the above calls.

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On some occasions some of the group during their experiments on the tie-lines secured a BOAD (PH) switchboard which they considered an Air Force line. When they reached BOAD, a male operator requested their priority and realizing this was a government line, they immediately desisted from any further activity on this circuit. By use of these tielines; they also located an outside dial tone through the Millstone Radar Installation, believed to be hear lowell, Massachusetts.

unknown to them. However, it is possible this relates to the fact that by use of tie-lines at Hanscom, they determined from an operator at Hanscom that there were additional tie-lines from that point to Stewart Air Force Base in New York or Rome Air Force Base, New York.

They advised they had no interest whatever in SAC nor had they made any experiments concerning same.

They advised that they intended to furnish none of the information developed during their experiments to any individuals

They advised that they have no interest in any defense facilities or any classified codes or information.

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Since interviews of subjects concerning their telephone / project failed to indicate violation within our jurisdiction, we are taking no further action with respect to this matter.

My memorandum 5/7/63 pointed out that subjects Pyne and Ross are students at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who have accumulated sufficient mathematical information and enough electronic equipment to enable them to place telephone calls to any place in the world without any record being made and at no cost to them. The notebook they prepared which contained results of their research indicated they had been in telephonic contact with Air Force installations on 5/1/63 Pyne allegedly indicated an interest in Strategic, Air Command circuits.

It was felt that Pyne and Ross and any others associated with them if they gained full access to defense lines could cause the lines to become jammed or could transmit false messages or could tie up the circuits with possible harm to our national defense. Accordingly, Boston on 5/7/63 was instructed to interview the subjects and others connected with them in this endeavor to ascertain why they were engaged in their telephone project and what interest they had in defense establishments.

Boston has advised that the four subjects, all Harvard students, were interviewed separately and simultaneously on 5/10/63 (Boston determined that ______ and Lauck were involved subsequent to Bureau instructions to interview Pyne and Ross). The subjects advised that they became interested as a group in telephone communications and the operation of telephone automatic dial systems but their primary interest in all their experiments was purely academic. They pointed out that when using the telephone tie-lines out of Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology whenever they secured an operator on what they considered a defense line they stopped such activities since they realized that this could get them

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into difficulty and since they had no interest in defense matters. They stated that they did not make known to any individuals outside of their group: the various codes involved in their calls utilizing defense lines. They emphasized they had no interest in any defense facilities or any classified telephone codes or information.

ACTION:

For information. Since there appears to be no violation within our jurisdiction (U.S. Attorney's Office, Boston, has previously advised facts did not constitute violation of Fraud of Wire Section of Title 18) we will conduct no further investigation in this case. The military agencies and the Internal Security Division, however, are being furnished copies of the letterhead memorandum submitted by Boston detailing the interviews with the subjects.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED FD-263 (Rev. 5-1-59) DATE 01-15-2009 BY 60322 UC/LP/PJ/KM FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE PERIOP 4/24-5/14/63 * DATE 5/15/63 BOSTON, MASS. OFFICE OF OFICIN TYPED BY REPORT MADE BY TITLE OF CASE CHARLES F. PYNE ras C SA ROSS; / Edward Ross , CHARACTER OF CASE EDWARD SHERMAN MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ANTHONY G. LAUCK CONCERNING (NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE) Jal 7-**REFERENCE:** Kabe 6. Boston airtel to Director dated May 11, 1963. b6 b7C ADMINISTRATIVE: Five copies of this report are being designated for the Bureau in the event dissemination is to be made. - <u>A</u>* COVER PAGE SPECIAL AGENT APPROVE DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW COPIES MAI REC- 21 Bureau 2 - Boston (62-4265) MAY 17 1963 EVDERNIOU. 1 xerox copy. 5-20-63 JFW/2 Notation 111 **Dissemination Record of Attached Report** ONA; Usming Agency Request Recd. Date Fwd. How Fwd Q1.5 Вy \mathcal{C} FUS 1963

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on information furnished by Mr. PETER MASON and Mr. JOHN DESMOND, New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., Boston, Massachusetts, alleging that the Subjects were misusing telephone Sacilities by making improper toll calls and were unduly interested in certain defense lines.

On April 24, 1963, Mr. PETER MASON, General Securities Supervisor, and Mr. JOHN DESMOND. Security Supervisor, advised that on April 21, 1963

Mr. DESMOND and Mr. MASON advised that after reviewing PYNE's notebook, they noted that the notebook contained information concerning tie-lines from various defense locations in Boston, Massachusetts as well as other areas in the country such as Lincoln Laboratory, Raytheon Company, Arthur D. Little Co., Hanscom Air Force Base, Millstone Radar Installation, Mitre Corp., all within the Massachusetts area, and IBM, Kingston, New York.

DESMOND and MASON learned that PYNE had obtained electronic equipment which would enable him to place calls from any telephone to any point in the world at no cost and without any record being made of the call.

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Mr. MASON believed that the procedure used by PYNE was to dial a distant point which used an automatic toll dialing system, thereby gaining access to a toll trunk line, and then by using a 2,600 cycle frequency tone, he would be able to disconnect the termination equipment, thus leaving him with unmonitored toll facilities. Then by the use of a multi-frequency unit, they could dial any distant point.

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Mr. DESMOND and Mr. MASON were of the opinion that knowledge gained by PYNE could be utilized to:

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ROSS had heard that there were defense activities in the sub-basement of the Franklin Street Exchange and he wanted to know what these were. that a new line had been installed from Mitre Corp., Building F, to Bangor, Maine and ROSS wanted to know what this line was b7D being used for.

Mr. MASON advised that the line referred to by ROSS had only been installed on April 24, 1963 at the request of a government service group and he could not understand how ROSS could get the information so quickly.

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that a PAULAHECKEL, a <u>student</u> at the Massachusetts institute of Technology, assisted this group with regard to building multi-frequency equipment.

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ERNEST CAMPBELL REID advised that he has been employed by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. from May 16, 1962 to the present time and is a central office repairman, unrated, assigned to 185 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

He advised that he had had no military service due to a history of mental illness, but that he has had no problem in this regard for approximately five years. He became acquainted with CHARLES PYNE and EDWARD ROSS through a blind student at Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts. His name is ROBERT HOLDT who is a freshman at Harvard College and whose home address is Huntington, West Virginia.

REID is a "ham" radio operator and through this activity became acquainted with HOLDT while HOLDT was at the Perkins Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts in September, 1961. HOLDT had talked to REID about meeting PYNE and ROSS for approximately two months and on April 21, 1963, he was introduced to them as an employee of the Telephone Co.

HOLDT introduced REID to PYNE and ROSS because of their mutual interest in telephone communications. They inquired of REID if he were happy with his job and whether he liked his work and sold they could undoubtedly help him since they desired to obtain information concerning Telephone Co. techniques.

PYNE and ROSS showed REID how to make a long distance telephone call at no charge and placed a call for REID to Lima, Peru, utilizing a multi frequency tone instrument. In addition, PYNE showed REID a notebook concerning information on telephone lines and permitted REID to borrow this book.

REID said that in addition, one of them called London, England via Montreal, Canada, telling the operator that he was the testman in White Plains, New York. The operator put him through to London to the Weather Bureau.

Later, on the same evening, PYNE and some of his college friends went out to REID's home and while there, observed Telephone Co. books which they requested to borrow. These books were "#5 Crossbar" and "#5 Crossbar AMA" and a training text on N1 Carrier.

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On April 24, 1963, EDWARD ROSS contacted REID and asked him if he could take a picture of his Telephone Co. identification card and could have duplicates made of keys which would give him access to the Franklin Street Exchange of the Telephone Co. where REID worked. REID said that these items were not available and did not comply.

ROSS also informed REID that a new line had been installed from Mitre Corp., Building F, to Bangor, Maine and ROSS asked REID to find out the purpose of the line. ROSS also inquired of REID if he could arrange a tour of the Franklin Street Exchange. ROSS also questioned REID about the sub-basement at the Franklin Street Exchange and said he understood that there were certain defense facilities located in that area.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name: ERNEST CAMPBELL REID Address: 58 Palfrey Road Belmont, Massachusetts Sex: Male Race: White Date of Birth: January 13, 1943 Place of Birth: Boston, Massachusetts 5¹ 7" 147 pounds Height: Weight: Eyes: Blue Hair: Brown Telephone Co. ID Card: No. 54295 Social Security No: 022-32-3233 Occupation: Repairman, New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

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CHARLES F. PYNE was interviewed at the office of the Dean of Freshmen, Harvard College. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and told that he did not have to furnish any information; that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law; and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

He was told that information had been developed that certain individuals, including himself, were involved in the misuse of Telephone Company communication facilities.

He furnished the following information: b7c

He and three of his associates at Harvard, EDWARD SHERMAN ROSS, ______ and ANTHONY G. LAUCK, became interested as a group in telephone communications and the operation of telephone automatic dial systems.

In connection with this, they were interested in trying to discover the different operations of telephone equipment and any codes that would be of interest in their experiment which would permit them to dial distant points and locate dial tones in these distant areas.

They determined through various telephone tie lines from Harvard University to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, that, by the use of two-digit numbers, they were able to connect with various points, such as Lincoln Laboratory, Lincoln, Massachusetts; Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, Massachusetts; and IBM, Kingston, New York.

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In connection with these tie-line experiments, their interest was to locate dial tones in those areas from which they could make local calls and specifically in the New York City area. He advised that their primary interest in these tie lines was purely academic and it was not their intention to circumvent Telephone Company toll charges. They had no interest in the fact that these tie lines terminated at defense facilities and, when their experiments indicated they could not locate dial tone in the New York City area, they lost interest in the project.

In connection with their experiments in the operation of dialing networks and how dial tones operate, they obtained a book on #5 crossbar dialing systems through a friend, PAUL HECKEL, at MIT.

He also obtained a 1956 direct distance dialing system book from a former roommate at the Governor Dummer Academy.

Based on his experiments and the literature that he had previously read, he became interested in the telephone system as a hobby.

He recently obtained some Telephone Company literature from an ERNEST REID, a Telephone Company employee, who is assigned to the Franklin Street, Boston, office. REID made available to the group books concerning general information on telephone switching and dialing equipment. He met REID through a blind student at Harvard named ______ REID and _____ had previously herome acquainted because of their "ham" radio activity. ______ recently brought REID to his, PYNE's, room at Harvard and introduced them because of their common interest in telephone communications.

The group saw REID a few times, but they did not request from him any Telephone Company dialing code information, a photograph of a Telephone Company identification card, copies of keys to Telephone Company facilities, or any physical plans with regard to Telephone Company facilities.

Subsequently, the group conducted experiments on private-line phones. They discovered some old codes by dialing various sequences of numbers and, in one instance, were able to dial British Columbia and through the British Columbia operator, using the pretext of a Telephone Company test man, they were able to have the operator place calls to anywhere in the United States without charges or any record being made of the call. For some unknown reason, he got bills concerning some of these calls and, for that reason, immediately discontinued use of this technique.

He recalled that this could be done in the following manner: dial 604, which he believes to be the area code to British Columbia, followed by a series of 7 more digits, which would select the stig end an "inward" operator, the last 4 cigits being 1211.

He identified the "inward" operator as one who would not question their identity, believing them to be a Telephone Company test man because of the code used. They would announce themselves as test men and ask the operator for a line to anyplace within the United States.

They continued their experiments with regard to various codes that they had determined through numerous dialing sequences or by discussions with various Telephone Company test men and operators, using the pretext of being a Telephone Company employee. By use of these codes, they dialed an "inward" operator and would determine toll call routings and make various toll calls throughout the United States.

They determined, by the use of certain 7-digit codes, that they could make calls to various places; for example, the first 3 digits would select a longdistance tandem line (671) or a Boston Metropolitan tandem line (331) or a tandem line to areas adjacent to Massachusetts, which included New Hampshire and Rhode Island (881). The last 4 digits of this 7-digit sequence would select an "inward" operator, such as 121 plus any digit; a Boston "Information" operator, 131, plus a digit or a toll routing operator, 141, plus a digit. The operator would assume that the

request was being made by a Telephone Company test man since they used the test dial codes.

In furthering their experiments with regard to toll facilities, they noted that, by making certain audio tones on toll lines, they were able to operate various relays, which would cause calls to go to any area. They noted that, by whistling tones on toll lines and by the recording of audio tones on hi fi tape equipment and playing them back on the toll line, they could activate certain relays that would place the call to various areas.

Their experiments indicated to them that the Telephone Company made use of audio tones to replace the dialing of digits, which was a Telephone Company time-saving device. They also learned that the Telephone Company used multi-frequency keying to achieve this effect.

In addition, they determined that a 2600-cycle tone would disconnect the terminating equipment on certain long-distance calls.

In connection with this, with the assistance of PAUL HECKEL, the MIT student previously mentioned, they built a multi-frequency oscillator incorporating a 2600-cycle tone. They built this equipment from parts obtained through surplus radio stores.

He said they would use this equipment in the following manner: They would dial a distant point, using an automatic toll dialing system, gaining access to a toll trunk line. They would then disconnect the terminating equipment by use of the 2600-cycle frequency tone, which would give them an unmonitored toll line. They would then pulse various tones on the trunk line, which would connect them to different locations throughout the United States, depending upon the sequence of tones used.

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The primary purpose of all their experiments was purely academic. Their purpose was to see where these lines terminated. On occasions, they would get operators at Lincoln Lab and Hanscom Air Force Base and, upon asking her about further tie lines, the operator on occasions volunteered information concerning tie lines to Westover Air Force Base and New York.

When using the tie lines at Harvard and MIT, whenever they discovered that they had alerted an operator on what they thought was a defense line, they realized that this might get them into difficulty and they desisted in such activity, since they had no interest whatsoever in defense matters.

On some occasions when some of the group were conducting experiments on the tie lines, they secured a BOAD (phonetic) switchboard, which they considered might be an Air Force line. When a male operator on the BOAD line requested their priority, they realized that this was a Government line and discontinued such b6 activity.

In connection with their tie line experiments, they located outside dial tone through the Millstone Radar Installation in the Lowell, Massachusetts area.

In connection with at Hanscom Air Force Base, he said that such an individual is unknown to him. However, it is possible that this relates to the use of the tie lines at Hanscom, since they had determined from the operator there that there were tie lines from that point to Stewart Air Force Base in New York and the Rome Air Force Base, New York

They did not make known to any individuals outside of their own group the various codes with regard to their experiments, except ERNEST REID. They had hoped through him to obtain additional information concerning Telephone Company apparatus and facilities to assist them in their experiments.

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PYNE stated that he has in his possession the multi-frequency tone oscillator made from standard electronic components mentioned previously and that PAUL HECKEL also made a transistorized multi-frequency unit.

In addition, he maintained notes on all his various telephone experiments, which he has assembled in a loose-leaf folder.

They had no interest whatsoever in the Strategic Air Command and had made no experiments concerning them. They had no interest in any defense facilities or any classified codes or information.

The following is a description of PYNE:

Name

Address

Wigglesworth G 12, Harvard College

CHARLES FRANCIS PYNE

Home Address

4 Mansion Road Marblehead, Mass.

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Brown

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Date of Birth

Place of Birth Boston, Mass.

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Brown Student, Division of Engineering and Applied

Physics, Harvard College.

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EDWARD SHERMAN ROSS was interviewed at the Dunster House, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and informed that he did not have to furnish any information; that any information he did furnish could be used against him in court and that he had the right to consult with an attorney before furnishing any information. He advised as follows:

He was born February 5, 1944 at New York, New York and his permanent home address is <u>649 Arnow Avenue</u>, <u>New York 67, New York</u>. His guardian is his mother, Mrs. LILLIAN ROSS who resides at the above address.

He entered Harvard University as a member of the sophomore class, as an advanced student. He is now a member of the senior class and although eligible for graduation, he feels that in view of his youth, he will wait until 1964 to graduate. He has previously majored in the study of mathematics and is currently majoring in biochemical sciences. His Harvard address is Room E-52, Dunster House.

Late in 1962, he and three other Harvard b7C and students, namely CHARLES PYNE ANTHONY LAUCK, became interested in the numerical dialing system of the telephone company, from the standpoint of what they could develop through random dialing of various combinations of numbers. Through a "freak" dialing by CHARLES PYNE of a group of random numbers, they were connected with a special operator of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in Boston, Massachusetts whose duty it was to handle only long distance calls from other telephone operators, test men, maintenance men or officials of the telephone company. In other words, she took only calls emanating from within the telephone company itself.

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After this discovery, they made several calls to this Boston operator and through conversations with her in which they represented themselves as test men for the telephone company or led her to believe they were some type of telephone company representatives, they learned that telephone company employees had a certain way of contacting her so she would know she was handling a call from within the telephone company. One of these methods was to dial a certain three digit number.

Based upon what they learned from this operator in Boston, they were able to dial other similar operators at various locations throughout the United States. The other operators called at this stage of their experiments were located mostly in New York or California. When they contacted these other operators, they generally engaged in innocuous conversations as to their identities and then made inquiries as to what other possible destinations the particular operator could connect them with. He explained that the mechanics of this phase of their experimentation happened in this fashion:

They would dial the area code first; next either a zero or a one; then two random digits; then the numbers 121 and finally any other random digits. He said that numerous possibilities would be dialed before a call would be actually completed.

Early in January, 1963, there was a period of approximately three nights when they dialed several hundred numbers. Ninety-five percent of these numbers did not make any connection. The remainder connected them with long distance operators in various points throughout the country.

Shortly after this three day period in which they made a large volume of calls, they noted that they no longer were able to complete the calls with this dialing system and it is his opinion that the telephone company corrected some mistake in wiring which had permitted them to do this.

They also learned in their experimentation with the dialing system that there were certain tie lines from Harvard University to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts which, in turn, would permit direct connection with places such as the Mitre Corporation, Bedford, Massachusetts; the Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, Massachusetts; the MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Bedford, Massachusetts and various other private companies throughout the Northeast area of the United States. By dialing the number 83 on any Harvard telephone, they were connected with MIT, as Harvard has a direct tie line with MIT. Therefore, after dialing 83, they could then dial any MIT extension and be connected directly. Through experiments and through utilization of the MIT Telephone Directory, they discovered that by dialing MIT extension 81, they got the tie They also discovered line to the MIT Lincoln Laboratory. that by dialing other sets of two numbers, they were able to reach directly to Hanscom Air Force Base and the Mitre Corporation.

By means of dialing direct to MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Hanscom Air Force Base and the Mitre Corporation, they learned that they could be connected with tie lines from those places to various other places. This was accomplished by asking the operator with whom they were connected at any of these three places what other tie lines they could be connected with from that point. This, on occasion, led them to being directed to the Millstone Radar Base in the vicinity of Lowell, Massachusetts, a radar base in California called Camp Parks and the IBM Company in Kingston, New York.

ROSS pointed out that they always got telephone operators at the destinations and after brief, casual conversations with the operators, they would inquire if they could connect them with a line at a further distant point. In some instances, such connections would be made and in other instances, they were returned to the point where they had started.

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He stated that at no time did they attempt to obtain any coded or classified information when they were connected with various national defense installations nor did they attempt to talk with anyone at these points other than the operator with whom they were connected.

He said that as a result of these experiments, they became interested in further information about long distance telephone calls as a hobby. In pursuit of this hobby, they visited various telephone company offices; had discussions with telephone company employees such as operators and test men and read several telephone company publications. Through this research, they learned that the telephone company used certain signals or sounds in their switching equipment to expedite long distance calls. They recreated, after experiments, many of these signals or sounds and tape recorded them. They then would call various long distance operators; play the tape recorder and simulate the sounds which in many instances, allowed a long distance call to be executed free of charge.

In conjunction with this phase of their experimentation, they built an audio-oscillator which could produce appropriate sounds to enable them to get control of the telephone switching equipment. The oscillator mimicked the equipment and by using it, they were able to give the switching equipment their own instructions. The audio-oscillator was made from parts purchased in electronic stores and it was constructed by CHARLES PYNE and PAUL HECKEL, the latter being a student at MIT. ROSS said that HECKEL did not participate, to his knowledge, in making any long distance telephone calls. In this phase of their experiments, they reached London, England; Anchorage, Alaska; the President's Palace in Mexico and several other long distance destinations. Several long distance calls were made and completed to the "Lost Dog", San Francisco, California, where they received reports on the number of lost and stray dogs which had been picked up and they also reached the "Weather" in London, England.

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ROSS stated that it was not their intention to circumvent telephone company toll charges to make personal calls. The whole thing was an experimental hobby wherein they attempted to find out how many long distance destinations they could reach. He said the calls and experiments were voluminous and they kept records of some of the successfully completed calls which accounts for some repeat calls.

He said the only other individuals known to him who were aware of their hobby were PAUL HECKEL of MIT and ERNEST REID, an employee of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in Boston, Massachusetts. He said that they met REID through a mutual friend at Harvard in the latter part of April, 1963. At that time, they had already perfected their technique. However, they discussed their project with REID and borrowed some telephone company publications from him to expand their knowledge of the telephone company operations. He said at no time did they solicit from REID the use of any telephone company equipment, identification card or official keys issued to him. ROSS said, in fact, there was no need for such a request inasmuch as they had been able to visit the telephone facilities on Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts in their capacity as students at Harvard College.

ROSS advised that their experiments in telephone calls were made from one or two locations at Harvard for the most part and an occasional call was made from their respective rooms. The Harvard locations are 1) Harvard Computation Center on campus where there is a booth with a Harvard extension in it and 2) the Harvard Department of Social Relations, 5 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge. He said he and worked at the Harvard Computation Center and he, ROSS, also worked at the Harvard Department of Social Relations.

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The following description of EDWARD SHERMAN ROSS was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Sex: | Male | | |
| Race: | White | | |
| Date of Birth: | | | |
| Place of Birth: | New York, New York | | |
| Height: | 5'11" | | |
| Weight: | 155 pounds | | |
| Eyes: | Brown, wears glasses | | |
| Hair: | Black | | |
| Complexion: | Medium | | |
| Marital Status: | Single | | |

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was interviewed at the Office of the Dean of Freshmon, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult with an attorney. is a member of the sophomore class at Harvard University.

On May 9, 1963 explained that he is majoring in mathematics at Harvard University and is doing considerable work in computor processing. He said that during the course of this work he became interested in telephone communications and particularly the systems to be used in distance dialing. He stated that approximately in January, 1963, he made the acquaintance of CHARLES PYNE, ANTHONY G. LAUCK and EDWARD ROSS, fellow students at Harvard University, who had similar interests in this telephone distance dialing system. He b6 said that CHARLES PYNE had been exploring the possibilities b7c of long distance dialing for a longer period than He said that PYNE had a notebook in which he compiled his findings and that about the time he made the acquaintance of PYNE he also started compiling a similar notebook.

explained that he found that he could go through the Harvard switchboard by direct tie-line to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) by simply dialing 81. This would connect him with the MIT switchboard and when he heard a different tone, would dial a second pair of digits which would connect him with Lincoln Laboratory. He said that the numbers that he dialed were all available through telephone directories. On reaching Lincoln Laboratory he would dial another pair of digits which would connect him with the IBM Corporation at Kingston, New York. When connected with that switchboard, he would dial for that particular operator by dialing "O" and when the operator came on the line, would ask for IBM, Poughkeepsie. On being connected with Poughkeepsie, he would ask the operator for the "New York line". He would thus be connected with the Metropolitan area and would be free to dial any number in that area.

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that they had hit upon and he said that he and his associates experimented by dialing different numbers selected at random which would, through the use of tie-lines, bring them to various concerns throughout the country.

He said that the entire purpose of this was to learn how to make long distance telephone calls without paying for them. He insisted, however, that he had made but one long distance telephone call to Poughkeepsie, New York using any of these systems.

He said that he regarded this as a hobby and did not feel that he was defrauding the telephone company in any way. He said that he did not have the ability to cut into any line and overhear a conversation and said that this could only happen by error due to a malfunction of telephone company switchboards.

explained various further On May 11, 1963 procedures that he and his fellow classmates followed. He said that one of the more technical types of operation involved the use of a multi-frequency oscillator. He explained that the distance dialing systems of the telephone company are automatic in many localities and calls are handled by multi-cycle tone systems. He said these tone systems when projected over the wire in pairs are picked up by individual receivers and thus are automatically routed to various cities. He said that they had a telephone directory of about seven years of age that listed the various MF signals utilized in distance dialing. Accordingly, by reference to this they were able to call distant cities. He said the procedure was simple in that they would dial the area code of a distant point and before the manual operator came on the line, would send through a series of MF signals which would have the effect of extending the call to an area that in many cases was not known to them. He explained that as in most of their cases, this was a hit or miss system and they would direct these calls using signals at random until they hit a distant operator. They then would pretend that they were test men and asked this operator in which city she was located, following which they would disconnect, and after recording the results of their experiment.

as to defense lines as such nor did he have any knowledge numbers for various military installations throughout the country. He said that should they find themselves connected

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with an installation that was obviously military, they would disconnect. He said that he recalled that on one occasion when he was dialing a random number on the tie-line system, he found himself connected with the Boston Air Defense (BOAD) and said that he asked BOAD if they had a line to Berkeley, California. BOAD said that they did not but suggested NORAD (North American Radar Defense). He was then connected with NORAD and again asked for the Berkeley line. When they asked for his priority, he said that he had none and they refused to put the call through. He said that he never called BOAD again and that this was the only time that he had ever reached a national defense agency to his knowledge.

With respect to the multi-frequency oscillator referred to above, he said that these are built by parts purchased from the surplus departments of electronic firms in the Boston area and he knows of two in existence in the immediate circle of his acquaintances. said that there are other pieces of technical apparatus that can be purchased and modified through the surplus stores. He referred to one known as the "telephone patch". This technique is used on incoming long distance telephone calls. He said that when the call comes in, the first step is to stop the telephone ringing and this is acomplished by lifting the receiver off the hook for one second. He explained that the automatic billing system of the company requires that the telephone be off the hook a minimum of three seconds before the billing starts. When the receiver is lifted off the hook and then returned in one second, and no charges are recorded. _______ said that you then place the telephone on the telephone patch and then you are free to begin your conversation with the aid of amplification equipment that goes with the telephone patch. He said a substitute system for the patch would be placing an induction coil inside the telephone itself and connecting it to the second headset or amplifier.

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said that he never made this equipment or the techniques available to anybody else and said that there were some of the Harvard students that wanted to make use of this but he refused to permit them to do so because of the fact that it would get around and come to the attention of college authorities. He never attempted to get the Strategic Air Command code words or information that would enable him to get defense lines and he never considered he might be involved in delving into classified matters since this was never his purpose.

Sometime in February he made the acquaintance of ERNEST REID, an employee of the New England Telephone Company. He said that he met REID through CHARLIE PYNE, was never to REID's home, and the only place that he ever saw REID was at PYNE's room at Harvard. He said that he was interested in talking to REID and asked him for details of a new type of telephone switching system known as Number 5 Crossbar. He said this is a completely automatic type of switching system and he was very much interested in it in order to find out how it worked. He also asked REID for details of the telephone system known as automatic message accounting, and felt that this was curiosity on his part. He explained his interest in telephone dialing systems by stating "Some people collect stamps"._______ denied that he had ever attempted to obtain through REID a master key to any telephone facility or to attain a telephone identification

He said that there were many weaknesses in the telephone system and this intrigued him. He said that he found out that the headquarters of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, had direct tie-lines to all parts of the United States. He said that by the simple expedient of telephoning the Lynn, Massachusetts General Electric Office after hours (when inexperienced operators are on duty), he would ask to be connected with Schenectady. When he would reach Schenectady, he could ask that operator to connect him with a given point in the United States and this would be done promptly on the assumption that he was calling from Lynn, Massachusetts General Electric.

He said that he had no knowledge of any ability on the part of his associates to cut in or listen in on lines and knew of no such activity on their part.

at Hanscom Air Base and these names meant nothing to him.

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| Build: | Slight b7C |
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| Residence: | |
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ANTHONY G. LAUCK was contacted at the Quincy House, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and initially advised that an investigation was being conducted concerning certain allegations involving the alleged misuse of telephone communications. Exhibited to him were the credentials identifying the interviewing Agents as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which fact was also made known to him orally. He was told that he did not have to provide any information, that any information he did provide could be used against him in a court of law and that he could consult with a lawyer prior to furnishing any information. He thereafter provided the following information:

He is a junior in the Class of 1964 at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He resides on campus in Room D43 at the Quincy House, Cambridge, and makes his permanent home with his parents on the Lawrenceville Road, Frinceton, New Jersey.

His field of concentration at Harvard is in mathematics. He is also interested in electronics and is a ham radio operator. In the fall of 1962 he learned that three other Harvard students, namely CHARLES PYNE, EDWARD ROSS and were experimenting with telephone communications and he thereupon joined the group because of his interest in similar fields.

He was motivated by curiosity and certainly not by any intention to defraud the telephone company or because of any other ulterior motive.

The idea behind this activity originated with members of this group of Harvard students only and no one outside the group specifically knew what they were doing or what they had accomplished with the exception of a telephone company employee named ERNEST REID.

He understood that this experimenting with the telephone communications was started by other members of the group approximately two or three years ago but their interest, as his, was purely academic and was conducted with no intent of avoiding the payment of toll charges.

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In the course of their experiments and by the use of various combinations of digits on the tie-lines connecting Harvard and the Massachusetts Insitute of Technology (MIT), they telephonically reached a number of defense establishments such as the Mitre Corporation, Lincoln Laboratory, the Millstone Radar Installation and the Hanscom Air Force Base, all located in Massachusetts. He said for example they reached the Millstone Radar Installation, which is located somewhere near Lowell, Massachusetts, by using a Harvard University extension telephone. They found that by dialing 83 on this telephone they would be connected with MIT. Thereafter, by dialing 81 and by subsequently dialing either 56 or 59 they would be connected with the above mentioned radar establishment near Lowell, Massachusetts. He pointed out that actually anyone who dialed these same numbers and used the Harvard University extension telephone would eventually be connected with the Millstone Radar Installation. He stated that no Strategic Air Command bases were ever reached as a result of their experimentation.

They had no particular intention or reason to call defense establishments and did not do so by design. After a connection was made with a defense establishment, they engaged no one in conversation and terminated the call.

They also conducted experiments on private telephone lines. They determined by dialing certain code numbers that they had obtained by calls to various telephone exchanges and by experimentation, they could reach telephone company_lang-distance lines. By use of these codes they could dial an "inward" operator who would not question their identity, presuming them to be in some way connected with the telephone company. Through this operator they could thereafter determine toll call routings and make various long distance calls. In the course of their experimenting in order to determine a certain code they would dial as many as ten thousand different telephone digit combinations before arriving at the proper digits.

During their experiments they also learned that the telephone company used multi-frequency tones in place of dial digits. Accordingly, in order to duplicate these tones they would play a musical instrument known as a soprano recorder to create the proper tones. They then made a tape recording of these tones and subsequently would play the tape on the telephone line which enabled them to reach various distant areas.

In connection with the reproduction of these tones, a multi-frequency oscillator, which he said they continued to possess, was utilized. He said the oscillator was made from surplus high fidelity parts purchased locally. In addition, PAUL HECKEL, a student at MIT who assisted in building this multi-frequency unit, also constructed a transisterized multi-frequency unit for the same purpose.

He asserted that he and members of his group had no intention of obtaining any classified codes or security. data or even realized that these codes might be classified.

In an effort to enlarge on his knowledge of the telephone system, he visited telephone company buildings located in Cambridge, White Plains, New York, and one located on the west side of Manhattan, New York. He went to these buildings just as any outside visitor might and never tried to obtain any information to which he might not be entitled.

He and members of his group talked with ERNEST REID, an employee of the telephone company, merely to obtain additional information regarding telephone company apparatus and facilities. Neither he nor any of the group to his knowledge ever attempted to get a telephone company identification card or duplicate keys which might give them illegal access to telephone company buildings. Furthermore, to his knowledge they have never sold any of their equipment utilized in the various experiments to anyone and he would be in strong opposition to any such transaction or to furnishing to any unauthorized individual the knowledge gained in their experiments.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Date of Birth: | |
| Place of Birth: | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |

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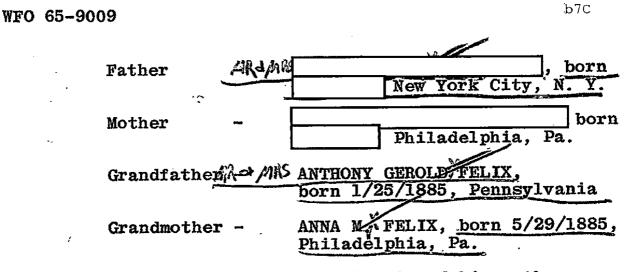
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On April 29, 1963, the facts concerning placing of free phone calls throughout the world were presented to Mr. THOMAS P. O'CONNOR, Assistant United States Attorney, Boston, Massachusetts, who advised that the facts did not constitute a violation of Section 1343, Title 18, U.S. Code, the Fraud by Wire Section.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 01-15-2009 BY 60322 UC/LP/PJ/KM Wack SAC, ITPO Director, IBI (65-68169) CHARLES F. PYNE b6 EDITARD SHERMAN ROSS b7C ANTHONY G. LAUCK MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION CONCERNING (NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE) Inclosed is copy of Bureau's 5-15-63 report. Ascertain at Passport Office, Department of State, whether any information is available on any of the subjects. Sulet containing results of contact. Enclosure JFW:pdb 4) REC. 13 MCT-18 MAILED 20 FX-115 19 MAY 20 1963 MAY 2 0 1963 COMM-FE Tolson Belmont Mohr Casper Callahan Conrad DeLoach Evans-Gale Rosen Sullivan Tavel . Trotter Tele. Roon Gaidy PE UNIT

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The residence of the subject and his mother was furnished as Lawrenceville Road, Princeton, New Jersey.

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No additional information was furnished in LAUCK's passport file.