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MEMORANDUM FOR: Central Cover Staff, Non-Official Cover

SUBJECT : Cover for Edward G. Tichborn

1. Edward G. Tichborn, a Contract Agent, is presently assigned to Mexico Station under non-official, personal cover. He is in Mexico ostensibly as a consultant with a Mexican legal firm and acts as editor/publisher of a left-wing intellectual publication, Dialogos. He has requested reassignment to the United States, preferably the East Coast and particularly the New York City area. WH Division has concurred in his request to leave Mexico City in mid-August 1966 and desires to arrange suitable cover which would permit rapid disengagement at any time from regular day-to-day cover duties to undertake temporary duty assignments throughout Latin America at the request of this Division.

2. WH Division in its investigation of cover possibilities discussed the problem with Mr. Stanley Gaines, DO/H, Mr. Robert Fallow, CA/3 and Mr. Gale Allen, DODS. Mr. Gaines investigated the possibility of Tichborn's assignment to the Domestic Operations facility in New York but the New York office did not believe it could devise suitable cover; Mr. Fallow checked on the possibility of inserting Tichborn into two of the Covert Action Staff run operations in the New York area but these were finally judged as not providing the necessary flexibility; and finally, as you have seen in cable traffic, Mr. Allen came up with a possibility of assigning Tichborn to WUSALINE.

3. On the basis of information made available by Mr. Allen, WH Division believes the WUSALINE proposal has merit and wishes to develop this cover proposal further. It would appear that a satisfactory resolution at this time ultimately rests upon WH Division agreement with Tichborn on terms of his contract, primarily salary, and WUSALINE agreement that Tichborn's background is of sufficient depth to provide a modicum of credibility and his personality is of such a nature that he would be compatible with the principal agent. This will be resolved after Labor Day when Tichborn will be in the United States and the WUSALINE principal agent will have returned from a vacation which he is starting about 1 August. In the meantime, in compliance with regulations for the establishment of non-official cover, the following background information is provided concerning Tichborn and is keyed to your memorandum, "Non-Official Cover Request":

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**A. General Information:**

- 1) Edward G. Tichborn. Central cover has been queried concerning possible covers to be used by him for a number of TDYs in Latin America as well as for his original location in Mexico.
- 2) Contract Agent; \$12,000 per annum with a housing allowance at present of \$3,000. His contract is now under review.
- 3) He is fit for overseas duty.
- 4) To the knowledge of officers presently available in the WH Division, he has always operated under personally arranged, non-official cover. However, the Central Cover Staff has provided a non-attributable funding channel for transfer of KUBARK funds to the Tichborn operations on a number of occasions. This information should be available in Central Cover Staff files.
- 5) Approximately 1 September 1966.
- 6) Mid-August 1966.
- 7) There is no project at present. Authority for the relocation of this individual will be included in orders transferring him from Mexico. Following this and his establishment under the proposed WUSALINE or other cover, a project will be written.

**B. Biographic Information**

- 1) DPOB: 28 May 1920, Denver, Colorado. Male; Caucasian; Catholic; U.S.; married; three children; Mexico City, d.f., Mexico; Los Angeles, California.
- 2) Wife and three children presently in residence with him in Mexico City.
- 3) University of Denver, 1942-45, BA Pol Sc. Harvard University, 1945-46, MA Economics Harvard Law School, 1946-48, LLB.

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- 4) See attached memorandum.
- 5) See attached memorandum.
- 6) Extremely gregarious; highly presentable; intellectual interests.
- 7) Not known.
- 8) Extensive travel in Latin America and Caribbean area both privately and under KUBARK sponsorship (see attached Memorandum).
- 9) Bi-lingual in Spanish and has a smattering of French, German and some Portuguese.

C. Security Considerations:

- 1) KUBARK employment initiated in 1959 and he has maintained this association since then. Security approval was last granted by KUDERK/OA on 8 November 1965. This approval was given for his use in "...publishing and furnishing intellectual guidance re Dialogos magazine and furnishing FI information on the intelligentsia of Mexico." Apparently derogatory information, developed or provided by Tichborn, was resolved in an LCPLUTTER given in Mexico City on 14 May 1965, a copy of which is available in his 201 file.
- 2) He is aware that he is in the employ of KUBARK.
- 3) Not known.
- 4) In LCPLUTTER it was revealed that his wife was the only individual to whom he has revealed his relationship with KUBARK.
- 5) Not known.
- 6) Not known.
- 7) Not known but it is highly doubtful that he has ever utilized such cover.
- 8) It is planned that he will remain in non-official cover.
- 9) Not applicable.

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- 10) His wife who is witting (see C 4 above).
- 11) He carries KUBARK life and hospitalization insurance. His wife is listed as beneficiary.
- 12) N.A.
- 13) His wife is witting but no formal clearance procedure has been initiated. Last LCPLUTTER was on 14 May 1965.

**D. Operational Information**

- 1) It is presently planned to cover Tichborn under Project WUSALINE. He will be utilized in highly sensitive political operations. It is not planned to make any other individual or organization in the United States witting of the KUBARK/Tichborn relationship with the exception of the principal agent of the WUSALINE Project.
- 2) Location: New York City.
- 3) He should be sufficiently mobile to permit his travel to any country in the world, but particularly Latin America and Africa.
- 4) Any strata of commercial or political life in Latin America or Africa.
- 5) Contract is presently being negotiated but his salary will be on the \$12,000 to \$15,000 level.
- 6) Cannot be judged at present.
- 7) Not known at present. However, communications for this type operation is usually directly to and through the Chief of Station.
- 8) As noted above, the WUSALINE cover would appear to be excellent for Tichborn.

/s/ Donald C. Marius

William V. Broe  
Chief,

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**Attachment: As stated**

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BIOGRAPHIC DATA SHEET - EDWARD G. TICHBORN

1. Edward G. Tichborn, 46, is bilingual and has a wide range of business and social contacts throughout Latin America. Following graduation from Harvard Law School in 1948, Tichborn became affiliated with a law firm in Los Angeles which represented many Latin American corporations with California business connections. In the mid-1950's he became active in California State politics and served in various capacities in Democratic Party state and national organizations. He participated actively in the California gubernatorial campaign of James Roosevelt, the senatorial campaign of Helen Gahagan Douglas and both the 1952 and 1956 Stevenson campaigns for the presidency. He has been President of the Southern California Young Democrats, a member of the California Democratic State Central Committee, a member of the Host Committee for the 1956 Democratic National Convention and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Democratic Minority Conference. In 1960 he served as Los Angeles coordinator of the Kennedy Movement for Americans of Mexican Extraction which, it is reported, contributed substantially to the success of the Kennedy campaign in Southern California. His only try for elective office was in 1958 when he was defeated in his bid for the position of California Secretary of State.

2. In late 1959, Tichborn was hired by the Agency as a political action advisor for Agency-sponsored election operations throughout Latin America. In 1961 he became a fulltime contract agent and was assigned to Mexico City, under personal cover, to establish a degree of security and mobility which would permit him to travel readily on third country political action assignments. Since the beginning of his relationship with the Agency, he has participated in Agency-sponsored political operations in Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Argentina, Chile and the Dominican Republic.

3. Tichborn has contributed stories, articles and interviews to a variety of United States publications. An interview by Tichborn of Catherine Anne Porter, Pulitzer prize winner, appeared in a recent edition of Harpers and a Tichborn essay concerning the cultural dichotomy under which Mexican Americans exist, will appear in an early edition of the American Heritage publication. He is working on a series of articles and a book on the population problem in Latin America and is considering a book on Mexican political institutions, particularly the Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI).

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4. At present Tichborn runs a Mexico Station funded left wing intellectual publication (LIREAM). His cover in Mexico is nominal and he attributes his presence and activities primarily to his connections in the legal field through his former partner's law firm and his own intellectual interests.

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