

Law Enforcement Research Publications, 1255 Post Street, Suite 609, San Francisco, CA., telephone (415) 673-4922, touting a "security coded and registered Journal of Terrorist and Radical Group Identification Encyclopedia" for a \$75 to \$80 fee is the latest scheme of exconvict James Eugene Tunnell.

James Eugene Tunnell, DOB 2/12/31, SS# [REDACTED] CDL# B0849908, has a criminal record which includes felony convictions for arson in Minnesota and a second degree burglary charge in California in 1959 for which he served time in prison.

Subsequent to his release, Tunnell endeavored to secure a certificate of rehabilitation and pardon in order to obtain a license as a private investigator. Tunnell was never pardoned or licensed as an investigator in the state of California.

However, this lack of official status did not deter Tunnell from pursuing his intended career. By January, 1972, Tunnell established the "California Criminalistic Laboratory (Strike-force)" with a post office box in Oakland, California, an address of 1255 Post Street, San Francisco, and a telephone answering service. During this period he represented himself as an agent for a federal bureau.

Tunnell's credibility as a "private investigator" was apparently sufficient for him to be accepted as a witness in a hearing by the Assembly Select Committee on Industrial Safety in 1972 which was investigating the fatal Sylmar tunnel explosion.

Tunnell, described in a news article as "a consulting criminologist -- who specialized in investigations involving product liability for lawyers handling personal injury and

wrongful death cases --" told legislators he had warned top safety officials six months prior to the Sylmar explosion in which 17 men were killed, that the project lacked adequate emergency respiratory equipment. Tunnell claimed he was asked to look into conditions at the worksite by a group of State Division of Industrial Safety Inspectors to whom he had lectured. Despite repudiation of Tunnell's testimony by officials of the State Department of Industrial Relations, the chief of the Industrial Safety Division resigned shortly after the hearings began.

His audacity apparently knows no bounds for over the years Tunnell has claimed to be a police officer (on one occasion he flashed a badge) and he alleges he is an expert in weapons, photography, electronic surveillance and is available as an expert witness. He is known to have had early training and experience as a photographer.

Tunnell has been reported attempting to establish contact with various law enforcement agencies. In 1972 he tried to involve himself in a homicide investigation with the San Francisco Police Department, and in another instance indicated to a corporate security officer he was "working hand-in-glove with the Oakland Police Department and the California Highway Patrol."

Tunnell has also been known to approach private business firms and offer his services as an investigator to solve their inventory losses.

It appears that Tunnell has recently, or is now in the process of canvassing and contacting law enforcement agencies nationwide in an attempt to promote the sale of his terrorist

reference book and to affect a reciprocal exchange of information. This latest Tunnell venture will most certainly generate questions by those law enforcement agencies who are unaware of his history and proclivity for claiming to be what he is not.

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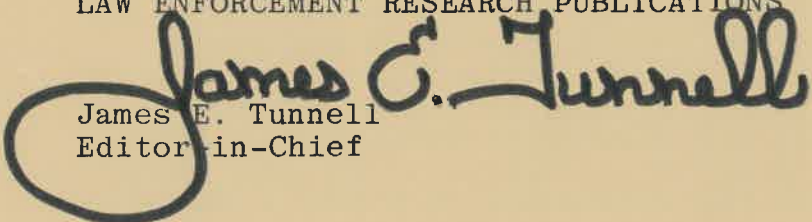
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