

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

TO: Deputy Chief Robert Steele

DATE: June 13, 1972

FROM: A.F. Zornado

SUBJECT: Investigation of Arthur James Palmer and Phillip Richard Bryant

Details: This is a background information report in regards to one ARTHUR JAMES PALMER, PPD #40811, and one PHILLIP RICHARD BRYANT, PPD #38212. This investigation applies to these individuals for applying for a permit to operate a taxi under the provisions of ordinance #34046, the Rose City Cab Co. at 57 N.E. Morris.

The first subject, Arthur James Palmer, is very well known to our local department. Subject was born in Defuniak, Florida, May 19, 1927. He completed both elementary and high school in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1942 he enlisted in the United States Navy in New Haven and received a medical discharge for a rheumatic condition. This discharge took place in Fort Worth, Texas in August of 1945. During the year of 1946 he attended Florida A. & M. College and in 1947 he was employed by the Federal Government as an automobile mechanic at Oakland, Calif. In January 1948 to June of 48 he continued in the United States Civil Service as a ship messman for the Army Transport Service. In July 1948 he worked for the Morrison & Knutsen Contractors as a carpenter at the Hanford Atomic Plant, at Hanford, Washington until December 1949. From January 1, 1950 to June 1951 he resided in Anchorage, Alaska where he continued his employment with Morrison & Knutsen Contractors as a carpenter and construction of the Elendorf Army Barracks. In July 1951 he was recalled by the United States Civil Service Military Sea Transport Service as a ship store keeper in the Pacific area until June of 1954. In July 1954 he returned to Anchorage and was reemployed by Morrison & Knutsen until September 1954. In October 1954 he came to Portland, Oregon area where he engaged himself as a building contractor and operator of the Dessert's Motel at 109 S.E. San Rafael St. His six year marriage ended in divorce and his two children went with the mother. The subjects employment and business activity are somewhat vague until March 31, 1962 where he was arrested for violation of Federal Narcotics Laws. It was disclosed that he also operated the Palmer Dessert Hotel at 2651 N. Williams until it burned. Also he was associated with the Albina Businessmen Association as a director and he tried to form a social club called the Carvers Economical and Social Science Association for which he was the president and corporate manager. After a lengthy investigation in which there were numerous discrepancies in the application and was subsequently denied by the action of the City Council. On March 31, 1962 the subject was arrested in Portland for violation of Federal Narcotics Act for the sale of narcotics including heroine. He was subsequently tried in the Federal Court and received 7 1/2 years sentence in the Federal Penal Institution. He was paroled from this institution September 30, 1965 and this parole was active until 1969; however he was arrested again in 1967 and was returned to the Federal Institution, McNeil Island, and remained there until 1970. From 1970 until this date Mr. Palmer has been involved in the construction business and also an organization known

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as the Descendants of Angola Africa Society. He was involved in this situation with the other subject Phillip Bryant.

Prior to his difficulties with the authorities which involved narcotics he was active in political circles. He formed the Booker T. Washington Democratic Club and had offices on N. Williams Ave. in which he became friends with many influential people in the Democratic Party circles. Apparently there was some disagreement between Palmer and the Democratic Party when he withdrew his support from the late president John F. Kennedy and publicly supported the presidential candidate Richard Nixon.

Mr. Palmer has resided in the Portland area at 57 N.E. Morris for several years. This is Palmer's known address and he is listed as a teacher in our city directory. This is probably due to the fact that he is also listed as a teacher for the Anglo-African Society. Mr. Palmer, since residing in Portland, has been very hostile towards Portland Policemen and police authority and has made very strong accusations of police brutality and harassment. Palmer has become very militant in his attitude towards Civil Rights since his release from Federal Institutions.

The second subject PHILLIP RICHARD BRYANT, PPD #38212, has been associated with Mr. Palmer as far back as 1959. The following is a background as best we can report. Mr. Bryant was born March 1, 1928, Wichita, Kansas where he completed his elementary education. In 1943 he and his family moved to the Portland area where he graduated from Sabin High School in 1947. During the summer months he worked part time as a waiter at the Pago Pago Night Club. Also the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads were part time employment during this period. From 1947 through 1948 he was employed as a waiter at the University Club. In 1949 to June 1950 he worked in a similar capacity in Wichita, Kansas. July 1950 the subject Bryant returned to the local area and was employed by Libby's cannery until he was inducted into the United States Army October 18, 1950. He received an Honorable discharge on July 17, 1952. For the balance of the year he worked as a coach car cleaner for the Northern Pacific Terminal Co. From 1953 to August of 1954 he was employed as a maintenance man for the General Airways. During this latter period he attended Portland State College for three months. In September 1954 he was employed by the Veterans Administration as a janitor for six months followed by employment as a steam cleaner for the Aero Transportation Co. until December 1955. From December 55 to December 57 he worked for Northwest Clarion as advertising manager and from January 58 to March 58 he sold insurance. From 58 to 59 Mr. Bryant was associated with Mr. Palmer in the contracting business.

On November 2, 1957 an article appeared in the Journal with the headlines "African Society Loses Claim to money confiscated from suspected Smugler". This was the time Arthur Palmer was arrested the second time for possession of narcotics. It was at this time when Palmer was arrested and money confiscated that he had in his possession that they determined the money as belonging to the Afro-American Society. It was also in this article that the subject Phillip Bryant's name appeared and at that time identified himself as the organizer for the Anglo-African Society.

He also testified about the nature of the group and said that it's purpose was to create harmonized atmosphere between black people of this community and other countries. Also in this article it was stated that they were attempting to use the money that was confiscated to purchase a wrecking yard in Portland or Skapoose, Oregon.

Copies of the newspaper article of 1967 and other articles that we feel will be pertinent to the background information will be sent with this report. Also rap sheets regarding the backgrounds of both subjects and their records are being attached to this report. Mug shots will also be sent.

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By O. A. Kane
Director

LISTED OR RECEIVED	DEPARTMENT AND NUMBER	NAME	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
F.P. 1-30-42	OS Comm, Wash., D.C. Panama City, Fla. #--	Arthur J. PALMER	Position: Laborer Tyndall Field, Fla.	
5-27-44	City of Detroit, Dept. of St. Polys., Detroit, Mich. #20914	Arthur James PALMER	Coach operator (temp)	
1-20-45	Commandant, Twelfth Naval Dist. #NB-36	Arthur James PALMER	Auto Mec.	
F.P. 1-18-45	OSComm, Wash., DC #212 Navy 1	Arthur J. PALMER	Position: Auto mech- anic USN Tr & Dist Center, Treasure Is- land, Cal.	
ES 4-21-45	PD, Oakland, Cal. #--	Arthur James PALMER	cleaner	
6-29-45	DCNO 12th Naval Dist., San Francisco, Cal. #012-1	Arthur James PALMER	carman	
7-7-45	PHB, War Dept., #109- SEP-4	Arthur James PALMER	Mechan	
7-21-45	DCNO 12th Naval Dist. San Francisco, Cal. #012-1-12296312	Arthur James PALMER	Ident. Card	
5-16-45	PHB, War Dept., #109-SEP-13	Arthur James PALMER	Ship Cleaner	
F.P. 2-26-46	OS Comm., Wash., DC #212-Navy-1, Oakland, Cal.	Arthur J. PALMER	Position: Mess Attend Hq Oakland, Cal.	

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ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	DEPARTMENT AND NUMBER	NAME	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Ext. Rec. 5-16-46	OS Comm., Washington, DC (City & State not given) #	Arthur J. PALMER	Position: Auto mech min NAS Oakland 14, Cal	
10-10-46	PMO War Dept. #109-SEP-4	Arthur James PALMER	Messenger	
2-17-48	US Atomic Energy Comm. Washington, DC #83871 2 Q	Arthur James PALMER	Appl.	
8-14-48	PD Alameda, Cal. #7997	Arthur James PALMER	PT	
11-6-49	PD Anchorage, Alaska #2479/3252	Arthur J. PALMER	Reckless driv.	posted \$100 bail
9-20-50	CSC-A #11-51-5009	Arthur James PALMER	--	terminated 3-23-53
10-12-50	USCO #7-509395	Arthur James PALMER	--	
6-20-52	SO Seattle, Wn. #38189	Arthur James PALMER	PL	case dismissed bail forf
11-14-53	SO Tacoma, Wn. #BA-18488	Arthur J. PALMER	DWLS	2 day Co J1 & \$2.50 cost 11-10-53 time served rel 11-15-53
2-19-58	PD Seattle, Wn. #49478	Arthur James PALMER	Traff (Invest for Harc)	
6-5-58	PD San Diego, Cal. #152906	Arthur James PALMER	S Robb	Rel 849(b) (1) PC Detention only not an arrest

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CREATED OR RECEIVED	DEPARTMENT AND NUMBER	NAME	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
1-31-62	SO Portland, Ore. #43770	Arthur James PALMER	Viol. Fed. Narc. Act	Rel. to USM 4-17-62
1-31-62	USM Portland, Ore. #00147	Arthur James PALMER	Sale etc Heroin	
1-31-62	Narc. Bureau Washington, DC #Ore-2002	Arthur James PALMER	Viol. Federal Narc. Act	indict dism 9-13-62
1-14-62	USM Portland, Ore. #00147-A	Arthur James PALMER	19 cts sale & conspiracy of Heroin	to USPrison McNeil Island, Wn. 9-25-62 7½ yrs 9-13-62
1-30-62	Narc. Bureau Washington, DC #Ore-2009	Arthur James PALMER	Viol. Federal Narc. Act	7½ years
12-15-62	USPrison Leavenworth, Kans. #A-80347-L	Arthur J. PALMER	Narc. Act 1956 Poss	7½ years 9-30-65 Parole
1-14-67	USM Portland, Ore. #00147	Arthur James PALMER	Conspiracy to smuggle Heroin	
10-11-67	PD Portland, Ore. #10911	Arthur James PALMER	PV (Poss Narc)	

CREATED OR RECEIVED	DEPARTMENT AND NUMBER	NAME	CHARGE	DEPOSITION
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23-60	FD, Portland, Ore #38212	Phillip Richard BRYANT	Chk. Vag.	

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A search of the fingerprints on the above individual has failed to disclose prior arrest data.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PHILLIP RICHARD BRYANT (W) 26/B8598 3-23-60
3407 NE 12th LF 49395 PD #38212

Inskeep/Safeway Store

CHECK VAG

SW 2/Oak

32

NBC

57/297

~~4-7 Def.~~

4/14/60 180 DAYS PROBATION. (TO EXPIRE 10-11-60)

PHILLIP RICHARD BRYANT
300 NE Fargo

24-3711
LE 65994

11-9-58

XP

PPD 32212

Greenfield/Warfield

DK ON ST

N Wms/Russell

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NBC

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NG.G. \$25 Susp

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BRYANT, Philip

11-2-67

Intelligence Division file #3204.

BRYANT, Philip Richard
3407 NE 12th

DA 73251
72-34611
Cit #8401-A

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Gleason/Josephine F. McNeil

PETTY LARC

8900 N. Vancouver

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BRYANT, PHILLIP RICHARD
57 NE MORRIS

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PPD #38212

TURNER/COLLINS

DIS COND
RESIST ARREST

4224 NE 15TH

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7-24 NH Dismissed / Proff. Evidence
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