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RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BL 2200, December 1951

L stated that a fantastic and sensational story had been brought to him. He felt it essential to try to check at any point we could, in order to see whether it has a presumption of truth. Involved is a man named Lt. Col. STOUTENBERGH. It is stated that on 31 March 1946 STOUTENBERGH was found shot dead by a bullet in his home in Washington, D. C. His wife and daughter were also shot, presumably also dead. Apparently they were murdered, although the facts were never established. STOUTENBERGH is said to have had a secret job in connection with the atomic bomb, perhaps in something involving British-Canadian-United States liaison.

There is said to be an E. M. LEE now living at 1100 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. LEE is supposed to have worked in the same office as STOUTENBERGH, though it is not certain whether he was working there at the time of STOUTENBERGH's death. L said that I could call LEE, and tell him that I did so at the suggestion of BILL OFFENHAUSER, of Telenews in New York. OFFENHAUSER is apparently a friend of LEE's, and of a white house in New York.

The Washington telephone directory lists an EDWARD M. LEE, 1511 Red Oak Drive, Silver Spring, Md. - telephone Shepard 3408.



STOUTENBURGH CASE

At 1300, 16 December 1951, I telephoned SHepard 3408, the listed phone for EDW. M. LEE. A woman's voice answered, and then a man who announced himself as Mr. LEE. I gave my name, and stated that in connection with an article which I was preparing, LEE's name had come up. It had done so through a friend of mine (whom I named as JOHN BRENTON) who was in turn a friend of BILL OFFENHAUSER of Telenews. LEE indicated at once that OFFENHAUSER was a good friend of his. I then brought up the STOUTENBURGH case. For a minute or two, LEE shied away from the matter, and said nothing to indicate that he knew what I was talking about. Then, he stated that he had not been personally acquainted with STOUTENBURGH but had had certain relations with him. He said that STOUTENBURGH was working in the Patent Office of the ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (He then corrected himself and said that at that time it was called the Manhattan Project). He (LEE) had been transferred to the Navy, and had certain "business" with STOUTENBURGH, which was transacted by telephone. He said that half a dozen or more times he had telephoned STOUTENBURGH at the latter's office. He stated that he knew nothing further about him, and nothing about the deaths except of what he had read in the papers. (It was my impression that LEE probably knows a good deal more about STOUTENBURGH than he indicated in his telephone conversation, and that he has thought a good deal about the case.

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