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Dr. Louis

J. West

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- Regents of un. ca me cks
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- consult work of VA people

- cards initialed in box
once a month

- budget money, based
times signed in

- 1977 stamps box sometimes
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- kept w/ personal sec.

- Dir of Hospital John Waldman
ask to stop the work

Memorandum



To : DIRECTOR, FBI

Date 6/4/81

From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (17B-4194) (WCC-2) (C)

Subject : LOUIS JOLYON WEST, M.D.
DAM
OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM. One copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (17B-4194) (P)

Date 5/7/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : LOUIS JOLYON WEST, M.D.
VAM
OO: Los Angeles

On 5/7/81, SA [redacted] attempted to interview Dr. West; however, apparently there was a misunderstanding regarding the appointment time. An appointment has been made to interview Dr. West on 5/15/81.

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Louis Jolyon West, M.D., was contacted at the Neuro-Psychiatric Institute at University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), 760 Westwood Plaza, UCLA Health Center, Los Angeles, California, telephone 825-0085. Dr. West was advised of the official identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry.

Dr. West stated that he performs consulting work at the Veteran's Administration Hospitals in Los Angeles. Dr. West stated he is paid \$75.00 /hour for the consulting work which he performs at the VA. Dr. West stated that the money he receives as a result of the consulting work he performs at the VA is given to the Regents of UCLA. Dr. West stated that he does not receive any other money that is paid to him by the VA.

Dr. West stated that for a period of time, while conducting consulting work at the VA Hospital in Brentwood, he would initial his time cards at one time at the end of the month. Dr. West stated that he was paid by the hour and that, on the time card he initialed the time period that he said he worked at the VA for that month. Dr. West stated that the money budgeted by the VA to pay him was based on the number of times he signed in on the time card at the VA Hospital. Dr. West stated that he did, in fact, perform the consulting services at the VA Hospital; however, due to the fact that the time cards were sometimes locked up and the fact that he was often in a hurry to make another meeting, he was unable to initial the time cards for the time spent providing consulting services at the VA. Dr. West stated that his secretary did keep a calendar of the times he spent providing services to the VA. Dr. West exhibited to the interviewing Agents a copy of such a calendar.

Dr. West stated that he has had numerous conversations with the Director of the Brentwood Hospital, [redacted] regarding the time card situation and, as a result of his conversations with [redacted] he has stopped signing time cards and the VA has changed their method of billing for his services.

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Investigation on 5/15/81 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 17B-4194-12
by SA [redacted] and SA REL/ed Date dictated 5/22/81

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California 90024
June 4, 1981

LOUIS JOLYON WEST, M.D.
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OO: Los Angeles

By communication dated March 16, 1981, [redacted] Inspector General's Office, Veteran's Administration (VA), Los Angeles Field Office, Los Angeles, California, referred to the FBI allegations concerning Dr. Louis Jolyon West. These allegations concerned the consultant services provided to the VA by Dr. West who is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), Director of Neuro-Psychiatric Institute at UCLA, and Chairman of the Dean's Committee at the VA Medical Center, Brentwood, Los Angeles, California.

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The allegations made were that Dr. West was billing the VA for consulting services that he did not perform. Specifically, it was alleged that Dr. West would visit the Brentwood Medical Center on approximately the last day of each month and fill out his time card for providing consulting services at the Brentwood facility. The Inspector General's Office of the VA made copies of Dr. West's time cards on numerous occasions, showing no consulting services provided up until the last day of the month, at which time, the card would be filled out by Dr. West. The Inspector General's Office of the VA also determined that on some occasions, when Dr. West billed the VA for consulting services, he was actually in Dean's Committee meetings.

Documents referred to the FBI by the Inspector General's Office of the VA date back to November 3, 1975, when this allegation was first received. On July 10, 1979, this matter was

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presented to the United States Attorney's Office, specifically Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] by the Inspector General's Office of the VA. AUSA [redacted] advised that there was insufficient evidence to support prosecution against Dr. West for filing false claims against the United States Government at that point.

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On May 15, 1981, Dr. Louis Jolyon West was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. Dr. West stated that he performs consulting work for the VA. Dr. West stated that he bills the VA for his consulting work at the rate of \$75/hr. Dr. West stated that he is given a check by the VA based on the number of hours of consulting work which he provides. Dr. West stated that once he receives the check, he endorses the check over to the UCLA Regents, who receive the monetary benefit of his consulting work at the VA. Dr. West readily admitted that he had, in fact, in the past filled out time cards on the last day of the month, and stated that he had done that as a matter of convenience. Dr. West stated that he never attempted to defraud anyone, specifically the VA, since he has spent many hours recruiting medical doctors for the VA. Dr. West stated that his personal secretary has kept records of the time that he has been at the VA providing consulting work and stated that this was the method he used to fill out his time cards. Dr. West stated that the problems concerning his filling the time cards out at the end of the month have been discussed with him on numerous occasions with the Director of the VA Hospital in Brentwood, [redacted]. Dr. West stated that he no longer fills out time cards in that method.

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On May 19, 1981, this matter was presented to AUSA [redacted] Los Angeles, California, at which time AUSA [redacted] declined to prosecute in this matter due to lack of prosecutive merit.

Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (17B-4194) (P)

Date 4/15/81

From SA

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Subject : DR. LOUIS JOLYON WEST, M.D.
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OO: Los Angeles

On 4/21/81, an attempt was made to contact Dr. West at UCLA Hospital; however, it was determined that Dr. West is on vacation until 5/1/81. A message was left with his office for him to contact writer upon his return to Los Angeles, California.

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