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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TSD/Pers		24 June
1 DC/TSD		[illegible], would you please include this case & if any DOE officers [illegible] make the file accordingly
2 [illegible]		
3 [illegible]		
4 [illegible]		2-3,5
5 [illegible]		Any [illegible] interest?
6 DCB		[illegible]
7 [illegible]		
8		If possible – would like to see him before [illegible] any contact. 5-9
9 TSD/Pers	13 July	
10 TSD/Security	13 July	[illegible]
11 TSD/[illegible]	27 Apr	
12 [illegible]		[illegible]
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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT (Optional)

FROM: DC/Recruitment
TOM GAMES

DATE: 5/26/66

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. Placement				This man was re-referred to the Agency by [redacted]
2. [redacted]		6/6		[redacted] X-3593 (See new SF-57) Unusual and complex background. file stop for possible interest in TSD-CRD-et al —
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10. [redacted] /ERT				
11.				10 - CRD interest
12. SOD/[redacted] /SEC/				10 & 12: Ask CRD or OSP to [redacted]
13. TSD/Sec				
14.				13 - Any TSD int?
15.				

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

12/31/61

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:

NO.

DATE: 19 Dec 61

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1.		24		
2. MAA				
3. M [redacted]				
4. [redacted]	26 Jan	29 Jan		
5. AFS				
6.				
7. AC [redacted]				
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10.				
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12.				
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(SEE add should ... 553 Mentioned ... Hazel)

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT (Optional): [illegible]

FROM: [illegible]

NO.

DATE: 18.27.61

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. [redacted]				Mac you pls handle this?
2. ISD- [redacted]				
3. A/DD				Let me know when you have made contact with
4. E.B ? no interest		10/		
5. S/B ? [illegible]		1/11		
6. RB ?				
7. BIB ?				Coming in [illegible]
8.				
9.				
10.				
11. [illegible]				
12. [redacted]				
13.				
14.				
15.				

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4 October 1966

Mr. John L. Hoke
5421 Wapato Road
Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear Mr. Hoke:

Since receipt of your employment application, operating officials of the Agency have made a careful analysis of your background / experience against our present requirements. Unfortunately, we cannot at this time utilize the qualifications which you have made available to us.

We appreciate very much your offer to work with us and regret that our response could not be more favorable.

Sincerely,

E. D. Echols
Director of Personnel

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file to afs/inactive

29 January 1962

Mr. John L. Hobs
[illegible] Monticello Drive
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hobs:

Since your interview with a member of my staff, operating officials have been reviewing your qualifications and background.

We do have occasional openings which call for unusual experience and unique combinations of abilities and training which are not available among our career officers and in these cases we feel [illegible] fortunate to be able to attract the interest of men who possess the specialized qualifications needed. Although we have found no immediate opportunity for your service with us, we have noted your name for consideration in the event a suitable opening should develop and shall advise you if this should occur.

Thank you for your interest in our organization.

Sincerely,

E. D. Echols
Director of Personnel

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file [illegible] to AFS

Memorandum

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] D.C., and [illegible]

[illegible]

5611 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20015

[illegible] Flagstaff [illegible]

Maryland

[illegible] 4 215 lbs

[illegible]

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

[illegible] 30, 1921 [illegible] 10 [illegible]

GS-13

Communications Resources Development Officer

[illegible] March 12, 19[illegible] June 30[illegible], 1960

[illegible] GS-13 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Development Engineer (none)

$11,180 a year — Alexandria, Virginia — Research

Atlantic Research Corporation, Alexandria, Virginia — Mr. Ted Crump (or John Bright), Process Engineering

Return to Government Service

Served as Coordination Officer between different ARC divisions to stimulate conception, development and design of new products, which included technical coordination of a program that developed a high sensitive, self-balance device applicable to a broad spectrum of civilian and military requirements. Provided vision picture, photographic, and other [illegible] of Corporation's proposed efforts and project [illegible] prototype and demonstrational systems and [illegible] of [illegible] in this operation.

[illegible] year — Alexandria, Virginia — Research

[illegible] — Mr. Frank [illegible] - Director, Research and Evaluation

[illegible] Division - [illegible]. [illegible] effects of tropical vegetation [illegible] system of classification [illegible] to [illegible] with radio transmission [illegible] Developed and [illegible] field use [illegible]

[illegible] year — Washington, D.C. — National Service

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] - Chief, Conservation Resources Division

June 2, 1965

Consultant

(Consultant)

Washington, D.C.

(Agent)

Federal Service

Agency for International Development
Washington, D.C.

Dr. Gerald L. Winfield - Chief
Communications Resources Division

Sept 1963 - July 1965 (self employed)

(self employed)

Washington, D.C.

(DSS)

(DSS)

Dr. Gerald L. Winfield - Chief

[illegible]	[illegible]	Santiago, Chile	[illegible]

Mr. Gerald L. Winfield - Chief
Communications Media Staff

[illegible] Washington, 25, D.C.

[illegible] Description of Assignment

Produced, [illegible] partially filmed a motion picture that [illegible] the successful completion of a housing project on [illegible] the Valley in Santiago, Chile. Administered development of script, [illegible] material and activities of production personnel.

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] June 1950 - February 1957 Photo Specialist [illegible] Federal [illegible] Tech.

[illegible] year [illegible] year	[illegible]	Washington, D.C.	[illegible] Radio Association

American Interstate Association
1112 "G" Street, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Edgar Parsons - Radio and TV Dir
US Chamber of Commerce, Washington DC

[illegible] Charge of Personnel facilities

[illegible] Responsible for the technical aspects of motion picture [illegible] Laboratory, [illegible] television [illegible] film dealing with automotive [illegible] legislative subjects.

[illegible] February, [illegible] 1958	Consultant		Destruction of Nazis [illegible]
[illegible] day	[illegible] Consultant	Panama City, Republic of Panama	Foreign Service

[illegible] of Congress
[illegible] Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gerald L. Winfield - Chief
Communications Media Staff, [illegible]

[illegible] of Position [illegible] from AID
[illegible] Contract [illegible] in Spanish [illegible] at a regional [illegible] Panama City, R.P. Course material [illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 10-00

Publications: Textbook [illegible] of books for young people, technical papers [illegible] journals; articles, speech writing, television [illegible] radio receiver.

			Bronx High School of Science and Public Affairs				
	1911						
Antioch College Yellow Springs, Ohio	1944-1950	6			100	EA	1500
Biology Major Field Education							
Biology							

[illegible]

Office of Vice President Alfie Christensen

Corporation, Page [illegible]

Filing Cabinet, D.C. [illegible]

[illegible] - Assignment to [illegible]	1952 Assignment to USOM, Santiago
22 Regional Radio-Visual Workshop	as Communications Media Officer
[illegible] - Instructor	1960 - 1961 [illegible]
1961 Reassignment to Chile	35 see full employment record
[illegible] with USIA, as a	
Radio Program Producer	

Confidential

16 May 1961

Resume of Occupational
Skills and Pertinent
Academical Activities

While serving abroad in Surinam, applicant engaged in numerous field trips in which the organization and logistic support aspects were the responsibility of the applicant. These trips involved long excursions into the interior of the country.

While at the Surinam post, applicant began design of power systems discussed under item 4 of occupational record. A prototype craft was fabricated that was collapsible and light weight - and designed to operate on a noiseless electric drive, in vegetation choked waterways difficult to navigate by conventional craft.

Applicant's trips into the interior (including three week in the above mentioned craft) resulted in the carrying out of studies of a [illegible] of the Guiana forests, and the subsequent preparation of an illustrated article for the National Geographic Society. Applicant employed several specialized photographic devices of his own design as reflected this in this and several other endeavors.

Applicant is familiar with both the technical and supervisory aspects of [illegible] media of communication. Has produced documentary films and been active commercially in a number of photographic fields. Has appeared on radio and television programs presenting both occupational and avocational interests such as natural history, photography, nature power sources, marine biology, etc. Writing experience includes published technical and popular consumption articles as well as several books published for [illegible] through recording [illegible] in the [illegible].

[illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] fields of [illegible] both [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] proposal to conduct a [illegible] in great jungle expedition [illegible] solar powered equipment

[illegible] development of techniques for directly converting solar energy into electrical potential, has been the development of electrically operated equipment that taken comparatively minimal demands upon power, in order to operate efficiently.

[illegible] state of the art is such that an environmental test of solar energy, as a central source of power, seems warranted.

Several pieces of equipment are now available that make such a test technically practical. Among these is an electric motor for propelling a small boat that uses a maximum of 140 watts at twelve volts D.C. It has been calculated that a three by four foot panel of silicon solar cells will provide sufficient power to operate such a craft - and power for many other electrical needs as might be encountered on an extended trip, away from conventional sources of power. These would include radio reception and transmission equipment, pumps, floodlights, repair equipment, etc..

It is proposed that an effective means of conducting an environmental test of solar energy as a central power source, would be to conduct an expedition on a tropical jungle river - into a region where primitive conditions and paucity of power would place a realistic burden upon this source of power.

The craft suggested needs not be of a specific design, however, experiences of the author of this proposal have resulted in the construction of an electrically-operated boat that has been in operation in a jungle environment, for over a year - and has been highly suited for the proposed venture. It is of simple - [illegible] - design, makes efficient use of electrical drive - [illegible] in operation. It was designed as a craft to [illegible] operation, where noiseless operation [illegible] to approach elusive animal life. [illegible] - and [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

The drive motor was provided by a 60 ampere-hour battery - yielding from four to eight hours running time, depending upon the operating speeds used.

To provide for solar operation of this craft, it has been determined that a panel of solar cells, sufficient to provide 80 to 100 watts of power, at 12 volts, is needed. Such a panel (about twelve square feet, of 5%-efficiency cells) can easily be supported by the craft - and will serve to charge two twelve-volt storage batteries, on which all power demands will be made. As the boat is not expected to operate during all daylight hours - yet the batteries will be under constant charge by the solar panel - the wattage output of the solar panel does not need to be greater than what represents an average consumption of power.

The craft would also be provided with power outlets at varying voltages, to provide for the charging and operation of other pieces of electrical equipment carried on the trip. In this manner, the stored potential of the boat batteries - backed up by the solar panel - would serve as a central source of electric power on such a trip. In a very real sense, the solar powered boat could be considered a mobile power supply - yet a supply not periodically bound to a source of power replenishment.

The location proposed for conducting a solar expedition, is the country, Surinam (Dutch Guiana). It is suggested for several reasons:

a.) The Surinam jungle - and its waterways - is representative of many tropical jungle areas over the world, yet is readily accessible from the United States.

b.) The Government of Surinam is efficient, stable, and enjoys good friendly relations with the United States. They would [illegible] cooperate in providing permission to make such a trip [illegible] country, and could be counted upon for other help that [illegible] furthering the trip's objectives.

[illegible] proposal (and other personnel who would [illegible] the trip) has spent four years in Surinam, [illegible]

[illegible] with the interior and its people.

[illegible] The jungle environment, while primitive, has been regarded [illegible] administrative areas - each equipped with radio communication [illegible] the capital city of Paramaribo. This would implement radio communication to and from the expedition.

The physical objective of the expedition would be the penetration of the jungle - by a waterway to be chosen later - to the headwaters near the Brazil border. On this trip, various river conditions would be encountered - from quiet water to running rapids. It is estimated that such a trip would take about a month, during which time various weather conditions would serve to influence the expedition's progress.

It is suggested that the expedition consist of two crafts - the solar powered boat, and a native dug-out, paddled by local nationals from the town. The second boat would serve to carry equipment and articles to be tested - but not otherwise considered part of the logistics of the solar powered boat. Also accompanying the expedition would be another American technician to assist in the photographic coverage, and technical logistics of the solar expedition. Aside from basic camp gear, medicines, hunting arms, tackle, and an 'iron ration', the trip would be made such as to require living off the land.

The technical objectives would be realized in the resulting data which would be the performance of all pieces of equipment - and their overall interrelationships in a realistic assessment of solar power as a reliable source of energy, in the field. To implement [illegible] would be kept during the expedition. In addition, previously specified tests, field training, [illegible] would be carried out - and the results [illegible] published in the [illegible] would be the human factors [illegible] trip. These [illegible] as a [illegible] in the physical requirements [illegible] - and the limitations that [illegible] unexpected power failure [illegible] and those imposed [illegible]

[illegible] of personal gear - to determine actual need, and an [illegible]-of-priority on what should be carried on trips where [illegible] limitations must be considered.

[illegible] successful accomplishment of the venture would result in the following benefits:

a. The practicality of the electrical conversion of solar energy as a useful, constant, widespread source of power would be firmly established. Adaptability to other than sophisticated applications would also be apparent in this venture.

b. A practical 'packaged' drop-craft could be developed from the results of analysis of the trip log: a craft that would be capable of navigating tropical waterways, without requiring fuel. This craft could carry several men - noiselessly - on mission-objectives that might include originating broadcasts from remote areas - after considerable periods of standing by (which would be possible, with such a power supply.

c. Widespread recognition of the down-to-earth capabilities of solar energy - through appropriate, approved publication of trip results - would result in a valuable stimulation of interest in the field of solar power, and an increased industry-wide incentive to further develop the silicon cell to higher levels of efficiency, while lowering production costs.

The personnel required to carry out the proposed expedition - with all preparatory aspects, would consist of an expedition leader, and associate who would assist in the logistics of the expedition itself - and with the technical and reporting tasks, and several nationals to guide the and arranging native lore-[illegible], and the other.

[illegible] temporarily assigned to assume the tasks as expedition [illegible] and [illegible] leader, are - respectively - John Hoke, [illegible]. Both have been stationed in Surinam for [illegible] years, and have spent considerable time exploring the [illegible] on several occasions, this included

[illegible] trips involving a number of perils - and the material [illegible] associated with conducting such trips. The trip included the previous Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General [illegible] White - and his party.

Mr. Coke departed Surinam in June of 1961, after serving four years with the United States Operations Mission to Surinam (USOM) as communications media officer, and technical advisor to the Surinam Government Information Service Motion Picture Unit. As anthropological ventures, Mr. Coke traveled in the jungle to conduct studies on the behavior of the South American three toed sloth. Film studies were compiled. An illustrated article for the National Geographic Magazine. In addition, Mr. Coke prepared a book for young people, titled, "The First Book of the Jungle," for Franklin Watts, Inc - a publisher of children's books.

Mr. Garrett, currently stationed in Surinam, is the Agricultural Information Advisor for USOM in Surinam. His tour-round has included rain forestation, [illegible] work with fish growth groups - and the same experiences in Surinam's interior as those described for Mr. Coke.

Both Coke and Garrett are familiar with living in the jungle - and are able to operate, repair and maintain equipment usually associated with jungle penetration: outboard motors, photographic equipment, fire-arms, etc. In addition, both men have had extensive experience in working closely with native people of the country - both in connection with their assigned responsibilities, and in avocational ventures.

[illegible] the water expedition consists of two parts. One is trips [illegible] the water general [illegible] and the expedition, and the [illegible] the development of the water [illegible] craft and expedition costs [illegible] in the neighborhood of $[illegible]. [illegible] of all concerned, the construction of the unit, [illegible] and [illegible] of people and [illegible] material and equipment, [illegible] travelling [illegible]

[illegible] and beyond the immediate needs of the expedition [illegible] along for test purposes) - or the construction of the solar panel and its accouterments.

The solar panel - if constructed from the ground up, complete with newly-minted silicon cells (5%) - would cost in the neighborhood of $15,000 - $20,000. This cost can be lowered, if existing cells can be mustered into suitable assembly in a panel delivering the appropriate voltages and wattage.

Stateside travel associated with the developement and testing of a suitable solar panel for the solar boat is estimated at $1,500. Publication costs of a final report are estimated at $[illegible]. The total cost is estimated at about $40,000.

At the present time, several other parties are being asked to sponsor this venture. These include the International Rectifier Corporation (IRC), the Silver Creek Precision Corporation (SCP). IRC is one of the leading manufacturers of silicon cells, and SCP is one of the leading manufacturers of electric boat motors - and maker of the motor used on the prototype electric boat. Negotiations are currently being undergone to determine the role they will play in the proposed venture. Principles of the National Geographic Society have been consulted on the nature of this venture, and they have expressed interest in its potential for treatment in the society magazine. Appended to this proposal is a file of recent active correspondence between interested parties, a breakdown of anticipated expedition costs, and a resumé on Dr. Hone's background. Illustrated material is available, whenever needed, showing pertinent trip aspects.

It is felt that the accomplishment of the objectives of this expedition will provide results of direct benefit to the [illegible] of the Army. In order to carry out these objectives, financial assistance is respectfully solicited.

John Hone
October 14, [illegible]

SECRECY AGREEMENT

January 1962
Date

1. I am aware of the fact that the Central Intelligence Agency by reason of the sensitive nature of its work must observe very strict security measures.

2. I agree not to inform anyone that I am being considered for a position in the Central Intelligence Agency unless specifically authorized by a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is understood that it is permissible for me to indicate that I have applied for employment with the Central Intelligence Agency in connection with any Federal employment application that I may execute.

3. I agree not to disclose the recruiting or processing procedures of the Central Intelligence Agency.

4. I agree not to name or discuss any individuals with whom I have talked in the course of my application for employment with the Central Intelligence Agency.

5. I further understand that if during the course of any subsequent investigation it is discovered that I have revealed without authorization my application for employment with the Central Intelligence Agency or otherwise violated this agreement such action may constitute grounds for disqualification for or dismissal from employment with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Signature

Witness