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JOHN: This is my synopsis of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security file on Bishop.

March 23, 1994

William Bradford Bishop, Jr.

Personal

Born August 1, 1936, Pasadena, California (only child)

Physical Characteristics:

Height - 6'1", Weight - 180 pounds, Eyes - Blue, Hair - Brown
Bishop may have a private pilot's license

Father: William Bradford Bishop (Born April 17, 1903, Illinois)
Independent Petroleum Geologist
(deceased early 1970s)

Mother: Lobelia Amaryllis Bishop (nee: St. Germain)
(Born December 19, 1908, Duluth, Minnesota)

Married: San Clemente, California, August 2, 1959

Wife: Annette Kathryn Bishop (nee: Weis) (April 18, 1938) (Toledo, Ohio)

Son: William Bradford Bishop, III (1961)

Son: Brenton Bishop (1965)

Son: Geoffrey Bishop (1971)

Residences

Aug 1937 - Sep. 1954	920 Oliver Street, South Pasadena, California
Sep 1954 - Jan 1958	Yale University, Calhoun College, New Haven
Feb 1958 - Sep 1958	920 Oliver Street, South Pasadena, California
Sep 1958 - Jun 1959	Yale University, Calhoun College, New Haven
Jun 1959 - Aug 1959	Riverside Alpine Hotel, Truckee, California
Aug 1959 - Oct 1959	23d Inf., Fort Benning, Georgia
Oct 1959 - Jun 1960	Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland
Jul 1960 - Aug 1961	1313 Josselyn Canyon Road, Monterey, California
Sep 1961 - Oct 1962	Via Montello 5, Verona, Italy
Oct 1962 - Oct 1963	Via Arsenale 45, Verona, Italy (Il Cubino Dinner Club - Bianca Gaspari Vaccari)
Oct 1963 - Jun 1964	Lungarno della Zecca 30, Florence, Italy (Landlady, American Citizen, Mrs. Ann Autenrieth)

Jun 1964 - Aug 1964	Forest West, Middlebury Coll., Middlebury, Vermont
Sep 1964 - Oct 1964	920 Oliver Street, South Pasadena, California

Education

1942 - 1951	<u>Polytechnic Elementary & Junior High Schools,</u> Pasadena, California
1951 - 1954	<u>South Pasadena High School,</u> Pasadena, California
BA 1954 - 1959	<u>Yale University,</u> New Haven, Conn BA Granted, June 8, 1959, American Studies Delta Kappa Epsilon College Fraternity - DKE College Grade Point Average "C" Leave of absence, senior year February 6, 1958 to September 1958, unspecified personal reasons, claimed he wanted to help father in family business, Worked- B. Bishop Oil Co. - Leaseman during period Jaywalking arrest, October 1, 1955, nolle, Rec. 131-301
1956 & 1957	<u>University of Southern California,</u> Attended Summer School, Los Angeles, CA
1960 - 1961	<u>U.S. Army Language School,</u> Monterey, California
1963 - 1964	<u>University of Florence,</u> Florence, Italy, (under auspices of Middlebury Graduate School - 24 credits)
MA 1964	<u>Middlebury College,</u> Middlebury, Vermont Attended Summer Session, Summer, 1964, (6 credits) MA Granted, August 11, 1964, Italian (30 credits)
MA 1971	University of California, Los Angeles, African Study
1974 - 1975	Economics Course FSI (26 weeks) July 15 - Jan 10

Travel

Canada	August 1948 - September 1948	Vacation
Mexico	August 1954 - September 1954	Vacation
Cuba	March or April, 1956	Spring Break
Canada	April 1956	Vacation
Jamaica	December 1956 - January 1957	Vacation
Germany	1961 - 1963	Army Duty
France	1961 - 1963 (while in Army)	Travel / Wife
Austria	1961 - 1963 (while in Army)	Travel / Wife
Switzerland	1961 - 1963 (while in Army)	Travel / Wife
Italy	September 1961- June 1964	Army/ Study
Yugoslavia	March 1964 - April 1964 (16 days)	Travel

Washington, D.C.	October 1965 - December 1965	FSO Assign.
	October 1965 FSI, Basic Officers	
	December 1965 FSI Consular Officers	
Ethiopia	1965 - 1967	FSO Assign.
	December 1965, Junior Officer	
	January 1967, Consular Officer	
Milan, Italy	1968 - 1969	FSO Assign.
California	1970 - 1971 Univ. Training/Economics	FSO Assing.
Washington, D.C.	1971 - 1972 Int'l Relations Officer	FSO Assign.
Botswana	September 1972 - 1974, Charge/DCM	FSO Assign.
	(Curious memcon with Soviet	
	Ambassador dated September 22, 1972	
	contained in security file)	
Washington, D.C.	July 1974, FSI, Economics Course	FSO Assign.
Washington, D.C.	January 1975, Econ Bus Affairs Bureau	FSO Assign.
Geneva, Switz.	January 27, 1976 - February 6, 1976	Meeting

Military

Enlisted U.S. Army, August 7, 1959, New York City, NY
 Served in United States Army, 1959 - 1963,
 MOS - Military Intelligence Specialist (Investigator)
 Served in German for 1 year, 11 months and thirteen days
 Address at separation from the Army was Verona, Italy
 Serial Number 12-582-987
 Social Security Number 556-48-3489
 Selective Service System Number 4-92-36-228
 Security File Number H9-001-930, Counter-Intelligence Records Facility,
 G-2, U.S. Army Intelligence Corps, Fort Holabird, Maryland
 Background Investigation Completed August 26, 1959,
 U.S. Army Intelligence Training Center
 Secret Clearance Granted - November 9, 1959
 Honorable Discharge as PFC, for immediate re-enlistment, June 14, 1960
 Re-enlisted Regular Army, June 15, 1960, Fort Meade, Maryland
 U.S. Army Intelligence School, 1960 (14 weeks) Military Intelligence
 Specialist Course and a further (6 weeks) course titled "DASE"
 Army Language School, Monterey, California, July 7, 1960 -
 August 23 1961 Serbo-Croatian
 Top Secret Clearance Granted - March 14, 1962, Dossier H9-001-930
 Received physical examinations on June 12, 1959, June 13, 1960 &
 June 21, 1963, (functional heart murmur).

Honorable Discharge as Staff Sergeant, August 14, 1963, Verona, Italy, and
Transferred to U.S. Army Reserves with terminal date of his
reserve obligation of August 6, 1965

State Department

Passport Issued July 6, 1961, Number B-441123 (no fee regular) Issued for
official travel to Italy for two years for the Army Department
passport canceled and replacement student passport issued 1963
Passport Issued October 23, 1963, Number Z- 319614, Issued in Florence,
Italy, for use as a Student
Date of Written Examination - March 1964
Date of Oral Examination - October 20, 1964
Background Investigation Ordered by SY - November 12, 1964
Medical Clearance Denied by letter dated December 24, 1964, and Foreign
Service Candidacy terminated (possible heart murmur)
Background Investigation Canceled - December 30, 1964
Letter from candidate Bishop requesting reconsideration of MED
clearance denial - January 18, 1965
Medical Clearance Granted after Reconsideration and background
investigation reopened - January 26, 1965 (also Dr. Mishtowt's
letter to Bishop dated January 22, 1965 granting MED clearance)
Joined State Department, Foreign Service Officer, August, 1965 (FR-08)
Assigned - October 1965, Foreign Service Institute, Basic Officers Course
Promoted (FO-07) November, 1965
Assigned - December, 1965, Foreign Service Inst. Consular Officers Course
Assigned - December 1965, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Junior Officer
Assigned - January 1967, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Consular Officer
Promoted (FO-06) April, 1967
Security Violation Received (LOU), April 20, 1967, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Assigned - Milan, Italy, January 1968 - 1969, Economic/Commercial Off.
Received Cryptographic Clearance March 1, 1968, Milan, Italy
Promoted (FO-05) March, 1969
Assigned - August 1970, University Training, Univ. of California L.A.
Assigned - June 1971, AF/E, Washington, D.C., Somali Desk Officer
Promoted (FO-04) May, 1971
Assigned - January 1972, Gaborone, Botswana, DCM
Diplomatic Passport 068020 Issued January 26, 1972, to Bishop, also his
wife was issued 068018, his son Bradford was issued 068017,
his son Brenton was issued 068019 and Geoffrey 068016
Lobelia Amaryllis Bishop (mother) issued Passport (tourist) Z1723654
in Botswana on April 19, 1974
Reported loss of State Department ID, Botswana, July 13, 1974

Assigned - July 1974, Foreign Service Institute, Economics Course

26 weeks - July 15, 1974 - January 10, 1975

Assigned - January 1975, Economic & Business Affairs Bureau, R. 3531C

January 25, 1976, Bishop seen by Eileen Mahoney of the ITC and Anne

Marie Doyle (members of Canadian delegation) with a light

complexioned female companion at Courmayeur, a ski resort in Italy

January 27, 1976 - February 6, 1976 attended meeting for EB in Geneva,

Switzerland

February 28, 1976, Saturday, Bishop was seen by his second level

supervisor, Karl Schmidt, EB/ITP/OT at approximately 6:00pm in

the Department parking garage being either picked up or dropped

off by his wife and youngest son

As of March 1976, Bradford Bishop was an FO-04, Step 5, being paid at an

annual rate of \$25,962.00

March 1, 1976, Monday Afternoon, 5:30pm, Bishop left office, Rm. 3531

(Assistant Chief, Division of Special Trade Activities and

Commercial Treaties, Office of International Trade, Bureau of

Economic and Business Affairs) after stating that he was not

feeling well. He was not seen again.

March 2, 1976, Bishop's wife, three sons and mother were found dead in

a wooded area in North Carolina, one of the family cars was in

the driveway of their home in Maryland, the other was missing as

was Bradford Bishop.

March 8, 1976, That Monday morning a neighbor called Bishop's office to

say that she was not getting any answer when she was knocking

on the door

March 12, 1976, Montgomery County, Maryland, warrant issued for

Bishop charging him with murder; federal warrant issued the

same date charging Bishop with violation of 18 U.S.C. §1073,

Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution - Murder

March 15, 1976, letter from Marian Federal Penitentiary inmate, A. Ken

Bankston

March 17, 1976, INR reports that Bishop does not have and never had

any SI or other code word clearances, not even while DCM in

Botswana

March 17, 1976, Bishop's supervisor William Clarke, EB/OT/STA, was

interviewed and said he had absolutely no reason to believe

anything was wrong with Bishop. The last time he saw him was

the afternoon, approximately 5:30pm, of March 1st when Bishop

indicated that he was feeling "weird" and felt he was coming

down with the flu. Bishop indicated at the time that he felt he

would be back in the office no later than Thursday. Clarke said

that Bishop was disappointed for not having been on the last

promotion list and had mentioned that his 1974 tax return was

being audited but Clarke did not feel that either of these things was particularly bothering Bishop.

March 18, 1976, Susan Mosley, Bishop's secretary from 1971 to 1972 was interviewed by the FBI and stated that she felt from observing Bishop that his wife and mother were "running his life." She further recalled a comment Bishop had made to her that "at 35 a man is no more good," which she took to mean that Bishop was sexually impotent. She stated that once or twice a week in the mornings Bishop would disappear for an hour saying that he was going to a conference but there was never anything scheduled when he did so. Mosley found a bill for psychiatric services in Bishop's desk and recalled it had an address on Virginia Avenue, N.W. in Washington, D.C. She felt that Bishop could not handle a hardship post and that he would return from Botswana with a nervous breakdown.

March 25, 1976, CIA reported that Bishop's knowledge of its operations were harmless and that they did not consider Bishop as being a possible espionage target

August 24, 1976, Bishop's employment with State Department terminated for abandonment of position.

July 5, 1978, 4:20am, 5:10am & 6:15am - Anonymous caller telephoned command center claiming to have information he wanted to sell to the Department concerning Bishop's location. He claimed he obtained the information overhearing a conversation and that Bishop could be located close to or in a foreign embassy in the U.S. In the last conversation, caller stated that he was more interested in obtaining a passport rather than money as he was on probation and just wants to leave the country. He claims he heard two foreign nationals discussing the matter in a bar in N.Y. City and that he had since verified the information through a female employed in a sensitive position in a foreign consulate in New York.

January 3, 1979 FBI Press Release, Baltimore Field Office, Police investigating the possibility that Bishop was recognized on a Stockholm street briefly on two occasions during July 1978 (the 1st & 4th). The report was by an old friend (Barbara Egertie) who knew him well when he served in Addis Ababa. She reported Bishop had a beard, and believed that he had been attempting to follow her on two separate occasions. Swedish police have her house under surveillance. She was 75% certain that it was Bishop.

January 12, 1979 cable from Rome addressing possible sighting of Bishop in Sorrento, Italy. Another close associate reported seeing him, attempting to speak to him and stating that Bishop had a beard.

The sighting occurred on January 11, 1979, and was reported to the RSO the next day
 July 17, 1979, Bishop case closed, Bishop DS Investigative File #SB01-0479-254-0001
 March 1994, Bishop has not yet been found.

Friends

Dayton M. Lummis, Jr.	Yale Roommate	1958 - 1959
	Reginald Jones Design Assoc.,	1922 Larkin Street, San Fran., CA
Ted Probert	Yale	New Vernon, New Jersey
		Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.
Tad Lincoln	Yale	East Coast
Frank Polk	Yale	New York, NY
Frank Pierce	Yale	Chicago, IL
Roger Garretson	Friend	United California Bank, Pasadena, CA
Robert Maxwell	H.S. Friend	William O'neil & Co., Beverly Hills, CA
William Wilson, III	H.S. Friend	William Wilson Co., Pasadena, CA
Bruce McManigal	H.S. Friend	Clayton Manufacturing Co., El Monte, CA
Ray Ewing	Friend	Pasadena, CA
Mr./Mrs. Joyce Robinson	H.S. Friend	Pasadena, CA
Armando/Maria Russo	Friend	Verona, Italy
Angelo Aprile	Friend	Verona, Italy
Peter Karan	Friend	Split, Yugoslavia
Jeffrey F. Thomas	Friend	San Francisco Chronicle
Hanson R. Malpass	FS Friend	North Carolina
Ron Currie	Friend	Riverside Investment
(Best Man at wedding)		Management, San Diego, CA (714) 271-7050

FBI

FBI No. 497, 002 L7
 NCIC Classification 23PI1719161913DIP116
 Fingerprint Classification 23 L 19 W I00 16/L 2 U OII
 FBI Wanted Flyer 485, March 15, 1976
 Federal Warrant Issued March 12, 1976, Baltimore, Maryland

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charging Bishop with unlawful interstate flight to avoid prosecution for murder (Title 18 U.S.C. § 1073)
Bishop is being sought in connection with the bludgeon slayings of five members of his immediate family. Bishop reportedly is under psychiatric care and uses medication for depression.
S/A Kenneth J. Haser reviewed Bishop's Security File March 12, 1976

Letter

#6

March 15, 1976
A. Ken Bankston
Box 1000 Poss B 93065-131
Marion Federal Penitentiary
Marion, Illinois 62959

Mr. Bradford Bishop Jr.
United States Department
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Bishop

After reviewing everything I set forth and your suggestions I can see that you would be in a Better seat to see the facts. Needless to say I have no way to express my heart felt thanks. As I stated in my February letter, #4, David Paul Allen knew the route this was taking and since then we have Contacted Mrs K. Graham and the Attorney General in Mexico. Though a mistake I failed to send copies however I feel the impact will be justified in just the letter.

Now in Answer to your question. Yes I am most sure she is in the North Carolina State penitentiary. I do not know why Sonny would tell you something that Could Very easily be proved. When I wrote you in February, letter #5 I explained that she was there and that David Paul Allen knew this "Sonny" in Atlanta. I Am sure he is a Capable person and that he knows all about Creswell. In fact David said you Could walk to Phelps lake from Creswell. I think its about five (5) miles. I really don't see what this has to do with me Mr. Bishop. I was only interested in Mexico and/or Central America as you know. I suggest you and David get together on this as he is well know in the Area.

Mr. Bishop I will not write you Again until I transfer to North Dakota. I am really glad of this as I am fed up with the feds Ha. Ha.

Sincerely

A. Ken Bankston
93065-131

Cable From Italy

1. Roy Alvin Harrell, Jr., AID employee in Niamey, Niger, presently on R and R in Italy called on the RSO this date. He stated he was 95 percent certain he saw William Bradford Bishop, wanted for questioning and unlawful interstate flight to avoid prosecution for murder in the bludgeon slaying of five members of his family in 1976 in Maryland.
 2. Harrell is in Italy on R and R from Niger. He was formerly a member of the governing board of the American Foreign Service Association in Washington as legal consultant. Bishop's office was just down the hall in the new State building. Harrell knew Bishop well, gave him legal counsel on one occasion and over a period of a year and a half had frequent coffee breaks and lunches with him. In effect, he knew him quite well.
 3. He last saw Bishop in the U.S. at the office on the last Friday before the killings and his disappearance. Bishop was quite despondent over not having made the promotion list. Harrell commented that he might have better luck next year. Bishop answered "if there is a next year".
 4. Yesterday, (January 11) Harrell was visiting Sorrento and had stopped in a public urinal just below Piazza Tasso. He became aware of someone stepping up next to him. He looked at the man and recognized him as Bishop. He said "you're Brad Bishop, aren't you?" The man trembled, said "Oh my God, no", turned and fled. Harrell attempted to follow him. However, when he emerged on the square, he had lost sight of him in the blinding rain.
 5. The man was shabbily dressed with a loose, neck high brown sweater and scarf and grey trench coat. He also had shoulder length hair and a fairly long beard. Harrell is pretty well convinced it was Bishop. . . .
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Security Evaluation

John St. Denis security evaluation dated April 16, 1965, stated the following:

Attention is invited to a letter of reference, DSP-77, from Mr. Charles Peterson, an Intelligence Operations Specialist, with whom the applicant was in Europe. Peterson graded the applicant as weak in 1) judgment; 2) flexibility; 3) ability to apply common sense and sound judgment [v]; and 4) ability to select, train and supervise a staff. In the narrative of his letter the following is quoted at length:

Candidate was orally admonished on several occasions for poor security practices, such as failure to secure classified information, leaving classified containers unlocked and unattended, etc. In Spring 1963, exact date not recalled, he was verbally reprimanded for failure to properly secure a classified document with which he had been working after duty hours, and which he placed in the desk drawer of a colleague. Candidate then forgot that he had placed this document there, and when the document later came to light and the reprimand was administered, Candidate rationalized his behavior by stating that it had seemed like "too much bother" to open the safe and properly secure the material.

Candidate travelled to Yugoslavia for several weeks in Spring, 1964, some 8 months after his separation from active military duty. There is no question that this was a very enjoyable and personally profitable experience, especially in view of Candidate's language and area background training. However, it was not particularly discreet in view of Candidate's specific duty assignments from 1961-63. What is more important, Candidate did not appear to even consider that such a trip could have disastrous personal and international consequences, which in view of the circumstances was a possibility.

The undersigned enjoys Candidate's friendship very much, and feels that he would be well qualified for research, administrative or closely supervised field work. However, because of apparently serious weaknesses in judgment, discretion and ability to evaluate possible courses of action, undersigned is reluctant to recommend his appointment as a Foreign Service Officer.