

OVERT DATA COLLECTION

Overt data collection is information gathering that can be done openly by anyone. One of the main things to remember about overt data collection is this:

If the person to whom you are speaking to either get data or a source of data does not have the information that you want, or doesn't know where to go get it, ask, "WHO MIGHT I TALK TO OR WHERE COULD I GO TO GET THAT INFORMATION?"

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RE: ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

In large city libraries, there is a special section which can be reached by phone, whereby you can obtain an address and phone number of any person in the U.S.

This has been proven to be superior to dialing information in various cities (especially in large cities), where the operating policy is not to give addresses, only phone numbers.

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INVESTIGATION

The basic idea in investigating is "get facts". This is the basis

of intelligence work. To show why, I give the following two examples of different reports given by two different investigators after observing the same event:

#1 - Went to Bruce James' home on Fulton St. to watch his place and see if I could see him. After I was there for awhile I did see him. He talked to his neighbor in the front yard for about 5 minutes; he looked like he had good TRs, but was yelling at the guy and waving his arms around like a real dramatizing SP. He then got into a sort of blue compact car and left.

#2 - 11:00 AM - Arrived at 1830 Fulton St., home of Bruce James. I parked across the street in my car. Photo of 1830 Fulton attached.

11:40 AM - Subject came out front door. Physical description: very curly blond hair, 5' 11" - 6', 180 lbs., average build, light complexion, wearing blue jeans and white T-shirt. Spoke with his neighbor.
11:45 AM - Subject got into blue Simca ('67 - '70), license No. KWZ 102, and drove to Max's Meats at 1650 Main, where subject has previously been reported to be a butcher.

It's quite obvious why the second report is superior - it has the facts - something that someone else can be given and duplicate and use. The first report is useless.

There are probably several untold ways to get info through public records and various books, which would probably all come under the heading of "Overt Intelligence". I have certainly not delved into all the channels and ways possible to get info, and that is a continuing project which we must continue and keep record of. (Just as an aside here, often when you are dealing with civil employees or government employees, they will get into a big bureaucracy thing and it tends to look all bewildering. The thing to do in such cases is to make it very specific to them exactly what you want, and that you expect them to give you the information, and they'll usually come through for you; you just have to be a little tough sometimes.) The following is a list of places to get info and what kind of info can be obtained there:

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Department of Motor Vehicles

DMV Check - This is a service given by the state where you go to the information window at the department, give them 40¢ and a license plate number (Calif. only), and they will telex the number to Sacramento. The office in Sacramento will then return with the name of the person whose car it is, what kind of car, address of the owner, legal owner if the registrant isn't, and several other pieces of data regarding the car itself, such as its engine number.

Driver Check - This is another service for 40¢. This one must be mailed to Sacramento:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Division of Drivers' Licenses
P.O. Box 1231
Sacramento, Calif. 95806

All you have to do is give them the name of someone you want to know about (who, of course, must have a Calif. driver's license) and they will give you such data as: complete physical description, driver's license number, social security number, birthdate, violations on record, license plate number, and others.

Court Records

Civil Actions - These are domestic suits like divorce, change of name, and other civil actions of at least \$5,000. It has been learned by Intelligence US that when you find some kind of a suit filed on a person you are investigating, you can usually get some very good data from them. Practically all such documents, and the rest in this section, can be copied officially wherever you get them for 50¢ a page, with an additional charge of \$2.00 for certification, which makes the document useable in a court of law.

L.A. County Courthouse
114 North Hill St., 1st and Broadway
Los Angeles, Calif.
Phone: 625-3414 Ext. 61325

Misdemeanors - These are Municipal court matters of record.

L.A. County Courthouse
114 North Hill St. Room 429
Los Angeles, Calif.
Phone: 625-3414 Ext. 61356

Felonies (Municipal Court) - These are records of felonies which have been tried in municipal court.

Hall of Justice
Room 723
211 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Phone: 629-2451 Ext. 61951

Felonies (Superior Court) - Those are records of felonies which have been tried in Superior Court.

Hall of Justice
Room 448
211 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Phone: 629-2451 Ext. 61255

Sanity Hearings -

USC Medical Center (Old General Hospital)
1200 North State St., 1st floor
Los Angeles, Calif.

Property

When you want to know what kind of dealings a person has had with property, you go to:

Office of the County Recorder
Room 25
L.A. County Hall of Records
320 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Phone: 628-9211

Documents are on microfilm, and can be copied at these prices:
Certified copies - \$2.00 for the first page, 50¢ for each page thereafter.

Non-certified copies - \$1.00 for the first page, 50¢ each for each page thereafter.

If you are interested in a piece of property and don't know who owns it, go to:

County Assessor
500 West Temple St., Room 205
Los Angeles, Calif.

Police Crime Reports

Reports made on individuals or groups, by an individual or group can be obtained by the reporting group or person at police headquarters. The person or group reported on cannot obtain a copy, except by subpoena for a trial. This is done locally at:

Criminal Records Room (second floor)
Parker Police Center
1/2 block number of 1st St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Incorporation Papers

Any incorporation papers of a corporation can be looked at and copied at:

Corporate Division
L.A. County Courthouse
114 North Hill St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Such documents will tell you who started the corporation and what people legally own it, and when it was begun.

Professional Directories

Most professional and trades have some type of directory or member-

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ship lists. Following are just a few which have been of use or come to my attention. Some exist in our Intelligence library.

Lawyers - Martindale-Hubbell Law Dictionary. Type of information given: birthdate, date admitted to bar, college attended, degrees obtained, which law firm he belongs to, etc.

Psychologists - Directory of the American Psychological Association. (See Int US Library) Type of information given: birthdate, colleges attended, jobs held, current address.

Psychiatrists - Directory of the American Psychiatrist Association. (See Int US Library) Type of information given: birthdate, education, jobs held, current address, associations belonged to.

Doctors - Directory of the American Medical Association. This is a three-volume set which lists all the doctors alphabetically and geographically in the US, tells what they do, birthdate, societies belonged to, address, education.

A good terminal to call is a reference librarian at any large library, for other directories on specific professions. An excellent terminal for research info is the reference librarian at the UCLA Research Library.

Following are some books and what they contain for your info:

Yearbook of International Organizations
Lists all international organizations, their officers, their abbreviations.

Encyclopedia of Associations, National Organizations of the US
Gives address, founding date, number of staff members, number of local groups, number of members, purpose, publications, annual conventions, etc.

The Foundation Directory
A directory of all foundations, a summary of what they do, and their officers.

On the "Covert Intelligence" side, it is obviously optimum to have as many people working for you in enemy territory as possible. It needs to be done on as broad a basis as possible in enemy groups, or in places where information is available.

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