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ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM. INVESTIGATION PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED
GREENSBORO, ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS IN EFFORT LOCATE WOMEN

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In view of the consideration being made concerning the ultimate disposition of this case, it is recommended, after considerable study and thought, that the following factors should be borne in mind relative to future action. It is believed highly desirable that the following three possibilities should be taken into consideration before any interviews of subjects are conducted:

(A) POSSIBILITIES TO BE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO CONTEMPLATED "MASS INTERVIEWS"

I. Possible Interview with Helen B. Tenney

Briefly, Helen Tenney, a subject in this case, was, at Golos' instructions sent to Washington in 1942 to obtain a position with OSS and subsequently she furnished information to Gregory and Golos in the same manner as other subjects in this case. She was discharged from her government position in June, 1946. She applied for a passport to travel to Europe in August, 1946, and the application was granted. After her passport was issued, it was subsequently taken up by the State Department because it had been ascertained that she had furnished her maiden name and had failed to produce a certificate of divorce.

On January 13 and 14, 1947, advice was received that Helen Tenney had been confined in a mental hospital in New York due to a shock that she had received when her passport was revoked and she was reported to have a severe psychosis. When she was visited in Washington in the summer of 1946, according to Gregory, Tenney was greatly disturbed claiming that people had been following her, that her telephone had been tapped, that her friends were under surveillance, and that Tenney was muttering about being a Russian spy. She became hysterical and mentioned that she was a spy and shortly thereafter took an overdose of a drug which was regarded as an attempt to commit suicide. She has recently expressed her desire to see Gregory in New York City on Sunday, January 19, 1947, and arrangements are being made by the New York Office for Gregory to see Tenney in an effort to learn what she has on her mind.

If this meeting between Gregory and Tenney does produce results, it is believed highly desirable that Tenney be interviewed by the Bureau in connection with her recent statements to the effect that she was a Russian spy, it being further recalled that as late as December, 1946, while in the hospital in New York, she made these statements during her moments of hysteria to physicians. These outcries might be a basis for a logical introduction toward an interview without exposing the informant or jeopardizing the investigation.

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II. Possible Reactivation of Informant Gregory

You may recall that Gregory was originally placed into this espionage setup by Golos and Earl Browder at the time of the formation of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. Both of these individuals, of course, had the utmost confidence in her ability, and she is known to have contacted Browder subsequent to his recent return from Russia and still appears to have his confidence. Now that the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation is in the course of liquidation, Gregory will remain with the corporation until March 1, 1947. Thereafter, she has no plans for the future.

It is strongly suggested that Gregory be instructed to contact Browder in the near future and point out to him that he and Golos were primarily responsible for her activities in connection with the Russians and ask Browder what plans he has for her in the future. It is possible that he may have a "spot" for her somewhere in an existing new espionage parallel.

Again it is pointed out that this would be a logical procedure and it would not jeopardize this case as a whole.

III. Possible Interview with John Hazard Reynolds

Reynolds, as you will recall, is president of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, New York City, which was formed by Jacob M. Golos and Earl Browder in 1941 for the ostensible purpose of shipping food and other packages to Russia, and which corporation, according to Gregory, was known to her as a front for Russian espionage activities.

It is recalled that in connection with the formation of this corporation the money representing the capital had been obtained from both Earl Browder and John Reynolds. Reynolds put up \$5,000. and Earl Browder, on behalf of the Communist Party, put up \$15,000. The latter amount has been variously termed as money belonging to Browder, and also, Len Harris, a high Communist Party functionary, has stated that this money belongs to him, and still on another occasion, Gromov, formerly of the Soviet Embassy known as "Al" in this case, stated that the \$15,000 was "Russian funds." As of October 31, 1946, the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation terminated its contract with Intourist in Moscow and the corporation is in the process of being dissolved. *(u)*

Reynolds, on October 14, 1946, advised informant Gregory that he was becoming aggravated with Earl Browder and others in connection with the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation and he has indicated that he was considering coming to the FBI to furnish information. He further indicated to the informant that he intended to withdraw from his business connections with the Russians which, as stated above, he has subsequently done.

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In view of the apparent fact that Reynolds certainly must have some interesting information in connection with the activities of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation and its association with Browder, Golos, Gromov, and others, it is deemed highly desirable that Reynolds be presented an opportunity to disclose any information voluntarily to the Bureau concerning the Corporation and its activities. This interview could be well arranged by the New York Office having an agent contact him in connection with other matters and if, on this occasion, Reynolds does not mention anything about his activities in connection with this case, consideration might be given to asking him what his past connections have been with Earl Browder, pointing out that he has been seen in company with Browder on occasions. ~~(S)~~ (U) (S) (U)

The proposed interview with Reynolds can be handled without jeopardizing the investigation of the Gregory case and putting other subjects on notice. It can also be handled without jeopardizing the informant in this case.

(B) PROPOSED INTERVIEWS WITH SUBJECTS

1. It has been suggested that the subjects in this case be interviewed before it is finally disposed of. It has also been suggested that before blanket interviews be made, at least one of the subjects, believed to be the weakest, be contacted in an effort to make him a double agent.

In connection with these proposed interviews, a detailed study of this case has failed to reveal that there is at present any one subject who from all surrounding circumstances might be approached as a possible double agent. In substantiation of this statement, there does not appear to be a subject that is suitable for development as a double agent from the standpoint of being active and in known and frequent contact with sufficient other subjects.

2. It is believed that an interrogation of the subjects is, of course, necessary before the case can be concluded. However, it is not believed that we will obtain anything of value from them, but on the other hand, we will apprise them of just "how little" we know concerning their activities rather than "how much" we know about what they have been doing.

Furthermore, it is believed that considerable difficulty will be encountered in interviewing subjects en masse because as has been experienced on the past in other cases, particularly the Arthur Adams case, the key subjects refused to be interviewed and nothing could be done about it since there was no process outstanding for their arrest. Such will be the case here, assuming that prosecution will be declined. If some of the subjects do not refuse to be interviewed, the others may submit to interview at their convenience which will destroy the effects of a proposed mass interview. A delay in interviewing any of the subjects will materially effect the results desired.

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3. At this date we are not ready to interview the subjects because the investigation has been handled in a most discreet manner and such material information needed for an intelligent interview has not been obtained. This material is available, for instance, in subjects' personnel files in governmental agencies such as leave records and expense voucher statements which would show their whereabouts on a given date. Efforts are now being made to obtain this information and further efforts are being made to determine exact dates of meetings such as the meeting of several subjects in the apartment of John Abt in New York City in the spring of 1944. Gregory is being reinterviewed in connection with this meeting after examination of some of the leave records

(C) PROPOSED INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURE
ALONG AN INTERNAL SECURITY LINE

It is suggested that further consideration should be given toward continuing this case from an internal security standpoint, narrowing it down to a select group known to be most active at the present time and that the investigation as such be continued until such time that every possibility has been exhausted except the interviews. It is realized that obtaining information from an intelligence standpoint is a different proposition from obtaining evidence of a prosecutive nature. For example, through the investigation of this case we have obtained invaluable information as to the operation of the Soviet intelligence service and the Communist Party within the framework of the United States Government, and that when this case is closed we will have no further access to their activities and from past experience, such will certainly continue regardless of the outcome of this case.

We know, for example, that Mary Jane Keeney, until recently an employee of the State Department and described as a Communist sympathizer, is in close contact with numerous subjects in this case as well as individuals in New York City who have entered into other Internal Security - C and R investigations and who appear to be part of an espionage parallel concerning whom we have little or no information. One of her contacts in New York City is Joseph M. Bernstein who, according to Keeney's diary, visited Washington in 1943, 1944, and 1945 every two weeks and contacted Keeney. Bernstein, you will recall, is a close associate of Philip Jacob Jaffe, a subject in the Jaffe case, and many high ranking Communist Party functionaries in New York City, and the possibilities are being pursued that he is a Soviet courier.

In addition, the investigation has served the Bureau with highly important political information developed through technical sources on the more important subjects which has been made available to you and other high officials in the government.

(D) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ULTIMATE
DISPOSAL OF THE CASE

Assuming that there will not be any prosecution, it is recommended that the facts in this case be made available to a competent and strong Congressional Committee in order to properly and factually bring before the American public what Communist activity has been going on in the government for many years. This recommendation is made for the following reasons:

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1. To educate the public concerning Communism in the government and to dispell the fact that Communistic activities are a mere fantasy.
2. Such a disclosure may lead to some new legislation to deal with activities of this kind. The need for this has been apparent for some time as a result of our attempted prosecution of espionage agents. For example, as a result of the Supreme Court decision in the Heine case, the Department has adopted the policy that they will not authorize prosecution unless it can be shown that the information being transmitted is classified by the armed services. In the Comer case we find that the Army will not introduce evidence to prove the restricted nature of the information because of "security reasons." The cardinal difficulty of an intelligence service is to evaluate the information received from the foreign country. For this reason, information obtained in the foreign country, particularly in the United States, although available to the public, can be much better evaluated if it is received through an agent at its source than if it is received through the newspapers in view of the fact that the Russians, being of an extremely suspicious nature, are always doubtful whether the published information is actually accurate or sponsored by a government press.

Therefore, it is believed that as a result of a Congressional Hearing, it will be shown that information obtained by an agent of a foreign power does not have to be restricted or confidential to be of value to a foreign intelligence service. Legislation might be passed making "intent to benefit a foreign power" the controlling factor, rather than whether the information is restricted.

3. The publicity which would be brought out as a result of such a hearing might have one of three effects on Russian agents operating in this country:
 - (a) The agents may discontinue their activities entirely such as some did in German espionage following the publicity in the Ducase.
 - (b) Others might turn themselves in as double agents to the Bureau.
 - (c) Some Russian agents who have been approached and recruited by the Russians but have remained dormant may identify their contacts in this country to the Bureau as happened in two cases following the publicity in the Ducase.

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(E) CONCLUSION

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In view of the fact that the obvious lack of evidence in this case might and undoubtedly will lead to an unsuccessful prosecution, it is believed that the Bureau should do everything possible to forestall such action. The thought also becomes apparent that due to the numerous allegations of the infiltration of Communists into the present Administration, the Administration might do everything possible to attempt to prosecute this case and upon its failure, they will then be in a position in 1948 to say that such charges of Communist infiltration made by the Republicans were investigated by the Bureau and shown to be without foundation.

Therefore, it is believed that we should make every effort to prevent this case from becoming a "political football" and utilize it to the best interest of the American public and the Bureau's responsibility for protection of the internal security of the country.

ADDENDUM BY LADD - 1-20-47

I agree with the recommendations in this memorandum with the exception of the recommendation that the facts be turned over to a competent and strong Congressional Committee. Our experience with Congressional committees is such that I doubt it could be handled without them playing a great deal of politics and resulting in it being grief for everybody involved and in result not accomplishing a thing.

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DIRECTOR ATT D. M. LADD U R G E N T

GREGORY. ESPIONAGE R. CHARLOTTE TELETYPE APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT

ADVISES MARY PRICE DEPARTED SIX AM THIS DATE FOR BIRMINGHAM ACCOMPANIED BY MILDRED PRICE VIA AUTOMOBILE. INDICATIONS ARE PRICE CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH SCHW OFFICE BIRMINGHAM. TS FIFTEEN AND ME TWELVE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS YET AS TO HOTEL OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF MILDRED OR MARY PRICE DURING STAY THIS CITY FOR CONFERENCE. THE FACT THAT MILDRED PRICE IS ~~ALSO~~ ACCOMPANYING HER SISTER MARY MAY MAKE IT SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO INTERVIEW HER ALONE. HOWEVER SINCE MILDRED IS ALSO PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IN THIS INVESTIGATION THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO INTERVIEW BOTH OF THESE WOMEN IN BIRMINGHAM. SINCE THE PRICES CANNOT BE EXPECTED ~~TO ARRIVE~~ THIS CITY BEFORE TEN OR ELEVEN PM THIS EVENING NY AGENTS BELIEVED IT ADVISABLE TO WAIT UNTIL TOMMORROW MORNING FOR THIS INTERVIEW. BUREAU ADVISED IS REQUESTED CONCERNING

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. REURTEL FIFTEENTH INSTANT. NEW YORK AGENTS INSTRUCTED

TO INTERVIEW MILDRED AND MARY PRICE TOMORROW. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED

SEPARATELY IF POSSIBLE. FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONDUCTING INTERVIEW WITH MILDRED

PRICE, GREGORY STATED AS FOLLOWS: IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN FORTY THREE WHEN

MARY WENT TO MEXICO SHE INTRODUCED GREGORY TO MILDRED PRICE AND THEREAFTER CON-

TACTS HAD BETWEEN MILDRED PRICE AND GREGORY TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND OTHER

ACTIVITIES OF MARY PRICE. GOLOS REQUESTED GREGORY TO SOLICIT MILDRED'S ASSIST-

ANCE IN TURNING OVER INFORMATION TO HIM. GREGORY TOLD MILDRED THAT BROWDER

WAS PERSON WHO DESIRED INFORMATION AND THAT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MILDRED

PRICE WAS GIVEN TO BROWDER BUT EVENTUALLY IT WENT TO GOLOS. THIS WAS CLASSED

AS POLITICAL INFORMATION WHICH MILDRED GATHERED THROUGH HER KNOWLEDGE OF

CHINESE ACTIVITIES IN U.S. AND THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE WITH PERSONS ACTIVE IN

CHINA AND U.S. WITH CHINA AID COUNCIL. LAST INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MILDRED

PRICE IN NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FORTY FOUR. GREGORY STATED MILDRED PRICE AND

MILDRED HAROLD COX WERE AMONG THOSE WHOM UNKNOWN JACK NAMED TO RECEIVE CHRIST-

MARY IN NINETEEN FORTY FOUR. GREGORY ADVISED SUBJECT LEE KNOWN TO

MILDRED. GREGORY STATED SUBJECT GREENBERG DREW TO ATTENTION OF GOLOS THROUGH

MILDRED PRICE. MILDRED SUGGESTED TO GOLOS THAT GREENBERG MIGHT BE OF USE AND

ARRANGED FOR GREENBERG TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO MARY PRICE. (S)(u)

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Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to acquaint the Bureau with information concerning PALMER WEBER and his class in Political Philosophy which he is presently conducting at the King-Smith School, 1751 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W.

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It is pointed out for background purposes that the King-Smith School has existed in Washington, D. C. for a number of years, having been established in 1920 in its present form. Its basic courses are in the fields of dance music, design and dramatics. It also affords courses in languages and social studies, and may rightly be considered a traditional liberal arts educational institute.

Officers of the school are AUGUST KING-SMITH, Director; and EAGLESTON KYDD, Assistant Director; LILLIAN V. FOOTE, Registrar; and BLANCHE A. GIRARD, Secretary-Treasurer.

PALMER WEBER first came to the attention of this office in this investigation. [Redacted] However, WEBER and the King-Smith School became of additional interest when on March 26, 1947, Confidential Informant [Redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported a conversation between DORIS PLENN, wife of ABEL PLENN, and JOAN COPPOCK. It will be recalled that JOAN COPPOCK is the wife of WILSON COPPOCK, formerly an employee of Foreign Broadcast Intelligence, and presently employed by CIG. During the conversation, DORIS told JOAN that on the previous evening she had attended a class in Political Philosophy at the King-Smith School. She told JOAN it was conducted by a most prominent young man, Dr. PALMER WEBER, formerly of the University of Virginia. DORIS described Dr. WEBER as "one of my favorite people at this moment".

On this same date, DORIS PLENN talked to DEWITT ELDRIDGE of the Division of Romance Languages, George Washington University, and encouraged him to attend PALMER WEBER's class. ELDRIDGE mentioned

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that he knew WEBER at the University of Virginia years ago. It should be pointed out that DEWITT ELDRIDGE is a friend of DORIS and ABEL PLENN, and includes among his friends and acquaintances, numerous other individuals who subscribe to Communist policy. *qu*

Under pretext, Special Agent WILLIAM H. MARR interviewed Mrs. ~~BEACH~~ at the Registrar's Office, King-Smith School. It was ascertained that the King-Smith School has decided that it should incorporate in its curriculum a course in Political Philosophy. As a result, ~~FREDERICK PALMER WEBER~~ was selected to conduct this course. Mrs. BEACH indicated that Dr. WEBER holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy. He received his education at the University of Virginia, was later a Rhodes Scholar and his most recent position was that of Research Director for the CIO-PAC (1945-47). It was further ascertained that for two years he was research associate in Economics at the University of Virginia; from 1940-42 he was Assistant Staff Director of the Tolson Committee, House of Representatives; and from 1942-43 was Staff Director of the Pepper Committee, U. S. Senate. From 1943-44 he was Chief Economist for the Kilgore Committee, U. S. Senate.

Mrs. BEACH indicated that Dr. WEBER's course had been met with great enthusiasm and that his lectures were highly interesting and thought provoking. She stated that among the members of the class were individuals employed in various Government departments as well as individuals in various private walks of life. The course consists of 15 lectures and meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM for approximately two or three hours. Some of the more interesting lectures are as follows:

- The Present World Situation
- The United Nations
- The American Foreign Policy
- American Monopoly Power
- Labor Legislation -- its Significance
- The Importance of the South in American Life
- What is Democracy (political and economic)
- The Crisis in Modern Values
- A Working Basis for Human Relations
- A Theory of Values for Modern Man
- The Organization of Social Action
- A General Welfare Program for America

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Class Suggested reading for the class includes such literature as The ~~Communist Manifesto~~; speeches of JOHN FOSTER ~~DULLES~~ and Senator ~~PEPPER~~; daily columns of ~~PEGLER~~, O'DONNELL, LINDLEY and PEARSON; ~~TOLSTOY's "My Life, My Religion"~~; ~~WEBLEM's "Theory of the Leisure Class"~~; Manual of Political Action (National PAC); ROOSEVELT's speeches; Programs of the CIO-PAC; Programs of the Southern Conference of Human Welfare; and texts of such legislation as the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act.

On Tuesday night, April 1, 1947, Agent MARR attended the class in Political Philosophy, which on this occasion was conducted by IRVING RICHTER of the CIO, who has come to the Bureau's attention on numerous occasions in the past, due to his Communist tendencies. Later in the evening, RICHTER was assisted in his discussions by Dr. FREDERICK A. BLOSSOM of the Library of Congress, who has also come to the Bureau's attention in the past as a friend and associate of known Communists and persons of Communist tendencies. RICHTER spoke for approximately 45 minutes and discussed the historical background of the American Congress. He stressed the fact that Congress is dominated by American big business and explained that as a result, legislation often has a strong anti-labor bias. He pointed out that the founding fathers of the American Constitution were predominantly landowners and lawyers who wished to prevent, rather than promote true democracy. After spending considerable time explaining the physical structure of Congress and the procedure by which bills in Congress actually become laws, RICHTER called upon Dr. BLOSSOM to join him in the discussion. BLOSSOM and RICHTER then collaborated in a discussion which lasted until approximately 11 PM, in which the following premises, which are being set forth in summary fashion, were advanced.

- 1 - American aid to Greece and Turkey is fostered principally by big business, particularly the oil interests. America is being asked to assume Britain's role of imperialism.
- 2 - The American press is controlled and dominated by capitalists and other interests which are hostile to Russia and to American labor. "Time" and "Life" and the Hearst publications were cited as leaders in this field.
- 3 - During the 1930s at the time of the American depression there was no depression in Russia; on the contrary, there was constant and steady economic progress.
- 4 - Capitalism fears the Russian way of life because it knows that it cannot favorably compare with Communism in the open light of day.

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5. Capitalism and big business are doomed.
6. Russia has more political and social democracy than the United States.
7. The United States has nothing to fear from Russia — Russia will never wage an aggressive war because the Russian people would not support such a war.
8. The nations of Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Czechoslovakia are for the first time in their history achieving a degree of self-government. They are not Communist or Russian controlled and Russia is not seeking to run these nations.

It should be pointed out that in the discussions of the above topics, BLOSSOM took the lead and was backed up by RICHTER. BLOSSOM mentioned that all of his spare time is now taken up with editing and assisting in the preparation of the publication "World Events", which is produced by SCOTT NEARING. BLOSSOM recommended that the class members be placed on the mailing list to receive "World Events" and that they also read the writings of EDGAR SNOW and the publication "In Fact", which is edited by GEORGE SELDES.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the students attention was called to the fact that quantities of literature were available, which included such publications as "World Events" by SCOTT NEARING, publications of the CIO, speeches of Senator CLAUDE PEPPER, etc.

Among those present at the meeting, in addition to those already mentioned, was JAMES C. MASON, editor of Pulse Magazine, which is a negro periodical that champions negro rights and flays discrimination, and in the current issue contains a pro-Russian article by the Russian journalist ILYA EHRENBURG. Several copies of Pulse were furnished to interested students.

CATHERINE HURLEY, who is active in pro-Communist Washington circles, and HOPE SIMMONS, of the League of Women Shoppers, was also present.

Unless advised to the contrary, Agent MARR will continue to attend these lectures so that the identities of the various individuals attending the class may be obtained, particularly those who are contacts of subjects in the GREGORY Case.

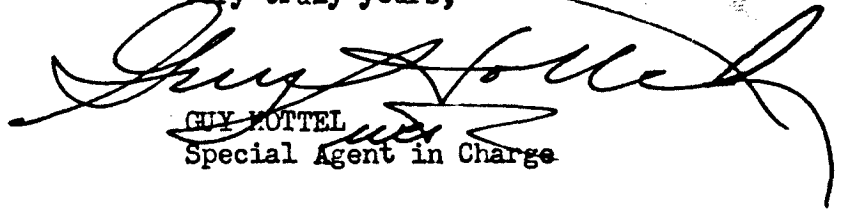
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It is also believed that additional information of considerable interest may be obtained.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd
FROM : E. G. Fitch
SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

DATE: April 17, 1947

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ASAC Belmont called and requested the Bureau's views today in connection with a problem that has arisen in this case. Mr. Belmont pointed out that Tom Donegan has been representing Gregory in a civil suit against the company which formerly employed her for the purpose of securing back salary and reimbursement for her services. He stated that this suit has now reached the point where it is necessary that a bill of particulars be filed and that he, Donegan, does not desire to file such a bill of particulars and have his name on record as the attorney in the case for fear of possible embarrassment in the event he should later appear as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in prosecuting the Gregory case either before the Grand Jury or otherwise. It has been Donegan's suggestion, which Belmont believes is a good one, that Donegan advise Gregory of his intention to withdraw and suggest at that time the name of John B. Griffin, an attorney in the Lincoln Building, and who was a classmate of Donegan, as his successor. Donegan states that Griffin is both reliable and discreet.

Belmont pointed out that in the final analysis, the decision will be up to the informant, but he desired the Bureau's views in order that the New York Office will be in a position to proceed appropriately.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that New York be advised that John B. Griffin would be an acceptable successor to Donegan.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: WOODROW WILSON BORAH

In connection with current investigations concerning known and suspected Soviet espionage agents in the United States, it has been learned that Woodrow Wilson Borah, who is presently employed in the Division of Research for American Republic Affairs, U. S. State Department, and who resides at 1929 16th Street Northwest, Washington, D. C., is suspected of being engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

Borah is a known contact of several subjects in the Gregory Case, about which information has been previously made available to you, and is suspected of being engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

I deem it advisable, therefore, that you authorize a technical surveillance on the residence of Woodrow Wilson Borah at 1929 16th Street Northwest, Washington, D. C., telephone number Adams 4286, in order to determine the extent of his Soviet espionage activities and, further, to determine the identities and nature of his contacts.

Respectfully,

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cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Donohue

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WHO STATED HE IS WORKING ON A BOOK APPARENTLY TRANSLATING NEW CONSTITUTIONS
OF ELEVEN COUNTRIES INTO ENGLISH. THEY DISCUSSED COLLINS'S IMPENDING DIVORCE
AND SILVERMAN OBSERVED COLLINS HAS BEEN VERY FORTUNATE THUS FAR AS SUSAN COULD
GREATLY EMBARRASS HIM IF SHE CHOSE TO EXPOSE CERTAIN OF DOINGS.

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MARCH EIGHT, MAGDOFF, NYC, CONTACTED WIFE, ADVISING HE WAS COMING HOME AND
WOULD REMAIN IN WASHINGTON ALL WEEK. MAGDOFF INDICATED ROB TRUBECK HAD AGREED
TO BACK INSTITUTE WITH OR WITHOUT NEW COUNCIL AND WOULD CAMPAIGN FOR FIFTY
THOUSAND DOLLARS. HE STATED IF NCAP DESIRED, THEY WOULD MERGE ORGANIZATION
WITH IT. MAGDOFF ADVISED BEANIE BALDWIN WAS AT WILLARD HOTEL IN WASHINGTON.
THEREAFTER, BEADIE MAGDOFF RELAYED INFORMATION TO KAPLAN AND FITZGERALD. IN
CONVERSATION WITH FITZGERALD, LATTER MENTIONED WIFE BEADIE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO
REACH HAROLD YOUNG, WHICH WAS HIS ASSIGNMENT, AND HERB (SCHMIDT) HAD NOT
CALLED HIM REGARDING CONTACT WITH HARLOW SHAPLEY. FITZGERALD MENTIONED THAT

TWO OF HIS STAFF HAD BEEN FIRED (AL BLACK AND SAM) AND WITH PHIL HAUSER

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RESIGNING THAT LEFT ONLY BASSIE, FITZGERALD AND BOB. ON MARCH NINE, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR FITZGERALD, BASSIE, KAPLAN AND MAGDOFF TO MEET EVENING MARCH TEN AT FITZGERALD RESIDENCE TO PLAN AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE INSTITUTE. AT NOON ON MARCH TEN, KAPLAN AND MAGDOFF VISITED WILLARD HOTEL ROOM OF C. B. BALDWIN REMAINING APPROXIMATELY FORTY MINUTES.

ON MARCH EIGHT, ALIX (REUTHER) CONTACTED MARY JANE KEENEY, ASKING IF MARY JANE SAW WAHL ABOUT NAMES SHE GAVE MARY JANE (IN PASSPORT BRANCH, WAR DEPARTMENT). MARY JANE STATED WAHL DID NOT KNOW ANY OF THEM BUT THAT DAVE WAS GOING TO SEE SOMEBODY TODAY IN HILLDRING'S OUTFIT. ALIX INQUIRED IF MARY JANE KNEW HERB FIERST AND MARY JANE SAID YES. ALIX MENTIONED HE IS IN HILLDRING'S OFFICE AND MARY JANE COMMENTED SHE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF

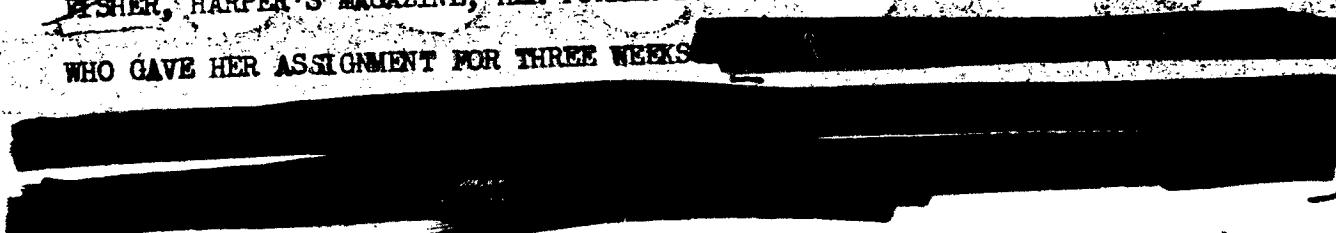
FIERST IS THE GUY DAVE IS GOING TO ASK. ALIX MENTIONED FIERST IS ENGAGED

AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A PARTY FOR HIM TONIGHT AND MARY JANE STATED DAVE WOULD SEE HIM SOCIALLY. ON MARCH EIGHT, MARY JANE TALKED WITH HELEN SILVERMASTER WHO ATTENDED CAN RECEPTION AND THOUGHT GENE WELTFISH WONDERFUL. MARY JANE

STATED SHE WAS GOING TO WAHLS SUNDAY AND WOULD STOP BY SILVERMASTERS. SAME DATE MARY JANE CONVERSED WITH LUCY (CONKLIN), TALKING OF HER TRIP TO NEW YORK,

WHERE SHE SAW HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER AND PHIL AND HENRIETTA HERTZ AS WELL AS LUCY'S FRIEND, TED IRWIN (PHONETIC). MARY JANE MENTIONED CONTACTING JACK

FISHER, HARPER'S MAGAZINE, HER FORMER BOSS IN BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, WHO GAVE HER ASSIGNMENT FOR THREE WEEKS



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INFORMED MILLER JACK MARSALKA WOULD BE UNABLE TO MEET MILLER IN NEW YORK AS
HE HAD MEETING WHICH HE MUST ATTEND (YALE UNIVERSITY). ON MARCH NINE,
JENNIE MILLER ADVISED BOB SMITH THAT BOB MILLER WENT TO NEW YORK DAY BEFORE
AND WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO WASHINGTON FRIDAY, MARCH FOURTEEN. ON MARCH
EIGHT, CARL SHERMAN, NYC, CONTACTED PERLO, WHO STATED HE HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED
BY TREASURY OFFICIALS FOR POSITION AS TREASURER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES, WHICH IS INTERIM ORGANIZATION PENDING ESTABLISHMENT OF IRO. HE
STATED HE HAD HEARD CARL WAS ASSOCIATED WITH JEWISH RELIEF ORGANIZATION AND
WANTED TO USE CARL'S NAME AS CHARACTER REFERENCE. PERLO ALSO INQUIRED IF
SHERMAN KNEW (GEORGE WARREN) AND GENERAL HILLDRING, STATE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL
AS MC DONALD (ANGUS MC DONALD?). CARL STATED HE HAD NOT HAD MUCH TO DO WITH
JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN RECENT YEARS BUT WAS CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
AJC FOR MANY YEARS. ON MARCH NINE, ONE "ACE" ADVISED PERLO HE WOULD VISIT HIM
AT ONE THIRTY P.M. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE DISCLOSED THAT CHARLES KRAMER,
ACCOMPANIED BY HIS CHILD, APPEARED AT PERLO RESIDENCE AT APPROXIMATELY THIS
HOUR ON SUNDAY. ON AFTERNOON MARCH EIGHT, EMILY CONDON CONTACTED SILVERMASTER,

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WHO ADVISED HELEN HAD JUST LEFT. EMILY REMARKED SHE WOULD SEE HELEN WHERE SHE WAS GOING (MEETING OF CONGRESS AMERICAN WOMEN). IT IS RECALLED EDWARD U. CONDONS CONTEMPLATE VISIT TO SILVERMASTER HOME SATURDAY, MARCH FIFTEEN.

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FROM : H. E. Ladd

DATE: April 11, 1947

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TO : D. M. Ladd *RLA*

DATE: 4/16/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch *est*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON
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DATE: 4/16/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch *EGF*

SUBJECT:

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