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DEPARTED WASHINGTON FOR NEW YORK FIVE P.M. MARCH TWENTYSEVEN. ON MARCH
 TWENTYSEVEN KAPLAN CONVERSED WITH HERMAN EDELSBERG AT LENGTH CONCERNING
 NECESSITY FOR PRODUCING SOME EFFECTIVE WITNESSES (IN CONNECTION WITH BILLS
 UNDER CONSIDERATION IN GREECE-TURKEY LOANS). NAMES OF WALLACE, GUARDIA,
 AND JAMES WARBURG DISCUSSED. EDELSBERG STATED WALLACE IS TAKING POSITION
 HE WANTS TO BE INVITED AND KAPLAN THOUGHT THAT COULD BE ARRANGED. KAPLAN
 STATED HE WAS SENDING LETTER TO BEANIE BALDWIN ABOUT SOMETHING AND IN
 TALKING AROUND TOWN HE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT NO ONE IS THINKING ABOUT
 WITNESSES. THEY DISCUSSED PRESENTING FACTS THROUGH UNRRA PEOPLE (GREEKS)
 AND PEOPLE FROM FEA WHO WERE IN ECONOMIC WARFARE GROUP IN TURKEY AND
 SUGGESTED SHOWING POLICE BRUTALITY IN GREECE, USE OF FOOD AS POLITICAL
 WEAPON, AND ARGUMENTS THAT GOVERNMENT IS NOT DEMOCRATIC. ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN
 IRVING KAPLAN ADVISED BEADIE VAN TASSEL THAT GIBBY NEEDLEMAN WAS AT THEIR
 HOME. MRS. VAN TASSEL INVITED KAPLANS AND NEEDLEMANS TO THEIR PLACE FOR THE
 EVENING. ACCEPTED. ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN ONE MERRILL HUGHES INJURED OF
 BEADIE MAGDOFF FOR PHONE NUMBER OF MRS. MORRIS WHO WORKS FOR SENATOR BOOKS.
 GIVEN AS TEL FILE 7276 WHICH APPEARS IN PHONE BOOK AS MRS. BRUCE MORRIS, 101
 WEST UHLER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA. ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN RANDOLPH FELTUS AT MAY-
 FLOWER HOTEL TALKED WITH JENNY MILLER CONCERNING BOB MILLER WHO IS SICK, NYC.
 FELTUS STATED MILLER WAS ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR MEETING WITH

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(c) [HIMSELF AND JOE GILLMAN BUT STATED HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THESE CHARACTERS

(c) [AND ALL HE WANTED TO DO WAS KEEP THEM FROM TALKING TO THIS POLISH GUY

(c) [(IGNACE ZLOTOWSKI ?). IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS NOTED THAT SILVERMASTER AND

(c) [GILLMAN PLAN CONFERENCE AT APARTMENT OF ZLOTOWSKI THIS EVENING, AND THAT b1

(c) [DAVID WAHL APPEARS TO BE INCLUDED. [REDACTED]

(c) [ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN CONVERSATION BETWEEN

(c) [ELLEN PERLO AND HER FATHER INDICATED PERLO'S PLANE RESERVATION MIGHT BE

(c) [CANCELLED AND IT MIGHT BECOME NECESSARY FOR HIM TO TRAVEL BY TRAIN. IT WAS

(c) [MENTIONED HE HAD MEETING AT STATE DEPARTMENT 5:40 P.M. ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN.

(c) [APPARENTLY MEETING AND TRIP IN CONNECTION WITH NEW POSITION WITH INTERGOVERN-

(c) [MENTAL COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES. [REDACTED]

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GREGORY, ESP R. [ON EVENING APRIL TWELVE, LEE PRESSMAN ADVISED WIFE JOHN
KAPT WOULD HAVE DINNER WITH THEM AND REQUESTED HER TO ADVISE THOSE PEOPLE
THAT HE HAD MEETING OR SOMETHING TO ATTEND.] (C/Sew)

(HORNBECK ?) ADVISED ALGER HISS HE HAD QUESTION HE WOULD LIKE ALGER TO
ANSWER REGARDING SOMETHING WHICH ALLEGEDLY HAPPENED AT THE OFFICE AND WHICH
HE WISHED TO DISCUSS PERSONALLY WITH HISS. ALGER INDICATED HE WOULD SEE
STANLEY BEFORE NOON. ON APRIL TWELVE, INFORMANT ADVISED KAPLAN ADVISED WIFE

HE WAS WITH GIBBY (MIDDLEMAN) AND THE RUSSIANS ARE FEEDING GIBBY AND FILLING
HIM FULL OF WINE CELEBRATING FACT THEY ARE GETTING OUT OF HERE MONDAY
(SOVIET GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COMMISSION). ON APRIL TWELVE, ANGUS KEENEY

CABLED MARY JANE, "TRIED TO CALL. MY PAPER COLLECTED. KEEP CHIN UP.
LOVE." MARY JANE INDICATED THE MESSAGE WAS ABSOLUTELY INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

IT APPEARS KEENEY'S PASSPORT HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM HIM. ON APRIL TWELVE,
MARY JANE CONTACTED HELEN RAMSDELL, SECRETARY SENATOR TOBEY, INFORMING
THAT JOHN QUERIFOY IS MOST EFFECTIVE PERSON TO CONTACT CONCERNING PASSPORT
MATTER. MRS. RAMSDELL STATED SHE HAD CONTACTED PASSPORT DIVISION IN USUAL

INQUIRY AND THEY INDICATED THEY WOULD CALL HER BACK BUT WHEN THEY DID SO
SHE WAS INFORMED MRS. SHEPLEY WOULD HANDLE THE MATTER PERSONALLY. SHE
CONTINUED THAT SHE INFORMED TOBEY, WHO INDICATED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO
SPEAK TO DEAN ACHESON, WITH WHOM TOBEY IS WELL ACQUAINTED. HOWEVER, SHE

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STATED TOBEY LEFT AND WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL WEDNESDAY. THEREAFTER, MARY JANE CONTACTED MR. RAGSDALE, OFFICE OF SENATOR MURRAY, AGAIN FURNISHING NAME OF JOHN PUERIFOY. RAGSDALE STATED SENATOR MURRAY HAD REQUESTED FULL STATEMENT FROM MRS. SHIPLEY CONCERNING GROUNDS ON WHICH STATE BASED ITS ACTION AND THEY ARE WAITING REPLY BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. ALSO ON APRIL TWELVE, MARY JANE CONTACTED HELEN SILVERMASTER ADVISING SHE WAS GOING TO DAVE WARR'S AND WOULD STOP BY HELEN'S TO GIVE HER A REPORT.

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[REDACTED] ON APRIL TWELVE, BEADIE
MAGDOFF ADVISED PEGGY NIERENBERG THAT HARRY MAGDOFF THOUGHT HE WOULD GET
ONE OF DAVE WAHL'S SECRETARIES. ON MORNING APRIL FOURTEEN, MILLER DEPARTED
WASHINGTON TEN A.M. IN COMPANY CHARLES FLATO EN ROUTE NEW YORK. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON APRIL TWELVE, HELEN SILVERMASTER CONTACTED DOROTHY TAYLOR DISCUSSING
BERNARD BERNSTEINS, WHO HAVE APPARENTLY MOVED TO NEW YORK. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED
RESIGNATION OF HARRY WHITE AT LENGTH AND AGREED THAT WHITE WAS WISE TO LEAVE
AT THIS TIME AS LATER ON IT WOULD BE UNPLEASANT. THEY ALSO AGREED IT WAS A
SHAME AND VERY SAD AND THAT HIS DEPARTURE WAS TERRIFIC LOSS. THE EXACT
MEANING OF THIS CONVERSATION IS OBSCURE AS NEITHER SPOKE FREELY. [REDACTED]

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SINCLAIRS ARRIVED NINE THIRTY P.M. AND INSTEAD OF ENTERING WAHL RESIDENCE PROCEEDED TO TAKE LONG WALK IN VICINITY IN NATURE OF RECON- NAISSANCE TOUR, AFTER WHICH ENTERED HOUSE. THEY WERE ALSO FIRST TO LEAVE PARTY DEPARTING AT ELEVEN FORTY TWO P.M. AGAIN BEFORE ENTERING THEIR CAR, THEY TOOK EXTENSIVE WALK PASSING BY CAR OF SURVEILLING AGENTS.

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(X) [REDACTED] ON MORNING MARCH THIRTY ED (STONE) CONTACTED FITZGERALD JOKINGLY ASKING "ARE YOU A PREMATURE ANTI-FASCIST?" THEY DISCUSSED EMPLOYMENT AND STONE INDICATED HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM (JOE) [REDACTED] AND IT WAS DISCOURAGING TRYING TO STAY AROUND TOWN. FITZGERALD STATED HE TOO WAS KEEPING FINGERS CROSSED AS HE REALLY NEEDED THE JOB (COMMERCE DEPARTMENT). ON MARCH TWENTYNINE CARL GREEN CONTACTED MARY JANE KEENEY ADVISING HE HAD FILED SUIT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE HIS SERVICES WERE TERMINATED IMPROPERLY BY REDUCTION IN FORCE WHEN HE HAS VETERAN'S PREFERENCE. HE INDICATED ALLAN (ROSENBERG) AND NIP (SHAREMAN) WERE HIS ATTORNEYS. ON MARCH TWENTYNINE MARCUS GOLDMAN CONTACTED MARY JANE TO DISCUSS MATTER CONCERNING BOOKSHOP. HE STATED THEY WISHED TO GET OUT STATEMENT TO MEMBERS AND JOE PIERCE HAD PREPARED STATEMENT SAYING THAT BOOKSHOP EXISTS TO CREATE UNITY BETWEEN NEGRO AND WHITE WHICH IS CERTAINLY A CONSIDERABLE DISTORTION. GOLDMAN STATED THE BOOKSHOP WAS ORGANIZED TO CREATE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGER OF FASCISM WHICH WAS SPREADING AT THAT TIME. HE REQUESTED MARY JANE TO HELP IN REWRITING THE STATEMENT. SHE STATED SHE WAS UPSET BUT WOULD CONSIDER IT. (ON MARCH THIRTY DAN (LEVIN), NYC, CONTACTED MARY JANE TO WISH HER GOOD-BYE. HE INQUIRED IF SHE WOULD VISIT HONOLULU AND SUGGESTED JIM KIMATO (OR KIMOTO) (PHONETIC), A JAPANESE WHO WAS WITH OWI, AS GOOD PERSON TO FURNISH CONTACTS IN JAPAN FOR MARY JANE. DAN ALSO STATED URSULA WASSERMAN WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THINGS IN JAPAN AND MARY JANE STATED IN HIS LAST LETTER MARCUS STATED THINGS WERE DEVELOPING VERY FAST.) ON MARCH THIRTY DOROTHY TODD TALKED WITH MARY JANE MENTIONING PARTY NIGHT BEFORE. DOROTHY STATED, "I HAD SEEN OUR HOST LAST NIGHT BEFORE OF COURSE BUT I HAD NEVER KNOWN WHO HE WAS." 700

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IT IS BELIEVED THIS REFERENCE TO WAHL MAY BE OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE.

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OR NIGHT MARCH

THIRTY MAGDOFF CONTACTED ROBERT TRUBECK, LEONIA, N. J., STATING APPOINTMENT WITH (SENATOR) MORSE WAS SET FOR TUESDAY AND MONDAY THEY HAD LUNCHEON WITH (WENDELL) SERGE, PEPPER AT THREE THIRTY, AND LATER WITH KILGORE. MAGDOFF ALSO ADVISED TRUBECK THAT RUSS (NIXON) WAS OUT OF TOWN. TRUBECK INDICATED HE WOULD TAKE MORNING PLANE TO WASHINGTON. ON MARCH THIRTYONE AMELIA PERAZICH INFORMED BEADIE MAGDOFF THAT GEORGE PERAZICH WOULD BE HOME FRIDAY NIGHT. ON MARCH THIRTYONE MILLER CONTACTED RANDY FELTUS, NYC, WHO STATED HE HAD ATTENDED RALLY WHICH WAS EXCELLENT (WALLACE SPEECH). MILLER MENTIONED NEWS STORY THAT SOME GUYS HAD GOTTEN INTO TROUBLE AROUND HERE AND THEY WOULD DISCUSS IT WHEN RANDY CAME DOWN, POSSIBLY MAKING REFERENCE TO RELEASE CONCERNING INDICTMENTS OF EDWARD BARSKY AND ASSOCIATES. THEY DISCUSSED BUSINESS MEETING AT IGNAC ZLCTOWSKI'S WITHOUT MENTIONING ANY NAMES. MILLER STATED HE CHECKED WITH GILLMAN AND SILVERMASTER AND FELTUS' NAME HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED, BUT FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS IT LOOKED LIKE FELTUS' FRIEND IS UP TO HIS USUAL TRICKS

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Memo to former J.F.

TRYING TO INJECT HIMSELF INTO A SITUATION WITHOUT HAVING MUCH TO OFFER.

ON MARCH THIRTYONE ~~JOAN COPPOCK~~ CONTACTED ~~DORIS PLENN~~ DISCUSSING AT LENGTH ADDRESS BY ~~GENERAL HOLDRIDGE (RET.)~~ JOAN STATED HE IS JUST A GOOD SOCIALIST PROPAGANDIST AND QUITE HONESTLY STATED HE IS A SOCIALIST. SHE STATED HIS REMARKS WERE PRINCIPALLY OFF FOREIGN SITUATION AND HE DISCUSSED ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM POINTING OUT CAPITALISM WOULD NO LONGER WORK AND PROCEEDING TO GIVE LITTLE PLAN WHICH HE HAD BROUGHT DISPLAYING CHART ON THE WALL. SHE STATED HE WAS VERY PROUD OF HIS PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL BY HIS CONTEMPORARIES. JOAN MENTIONED HE HAD PAPER DISTRIBUTED FOR NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR FURTHER MEETINGS WHICH THEY SHED AWAY FROM. ON MARCH THIRTY ROSENBERG TOLD ~~BILL KOPLOVITZ~~ THAT THEY HAD ENJOINED FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY IN DISTRICT COURT FOR LAYING OFF CARL GREEN. HE STATED CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HAD SAID GREEN WAS TO BE PUT BACK AND FWA REFUSED. ~~BEATRICE KOPLOVITZ~~ MENTIONED THEY WERE AT REEN ~~COHEN'S~~ FRIDAY AND DISCUSSION AROSE CONCERNING ~~NRA~~ AND COMMUNISTS. SHE COULD SEE BILL DID NOT WANT HER TO DISCUSS IT BECAUSE OF HAROLD GLASSER ?). ON MARCH THIRTY ~~MARSHALL MCDUFFY (PHONETIC)~~ CONTACTED ROSENBERG WHILE VISITING WASHINGTON. ROSENBERG STATED MARSHALL WOULD NOT BE VERY WELCOME IN WASHINGTON AT PRESENT. ROSENBERG MENTIONED HE HAD THE CASE OF MARZANI WHO WAS INDICTED FOR FAILING TO ADVISE HE WAS COMMUNIST. MCDUFFY RIDICULED PRESIDENT'S SECURITY ORDER AND STATED IT IS MOST SHOCKING THING HE HAS SEEN. ROSENBERG SAID HE IS COMPOSING LETTER TO NEW YORK TIMES. BOTH FEEL THIS IS DENIAL OF RIGHT TO WORK FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND DENIAL OF CIVIL LIBERTY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT.

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TO : Director, FBI

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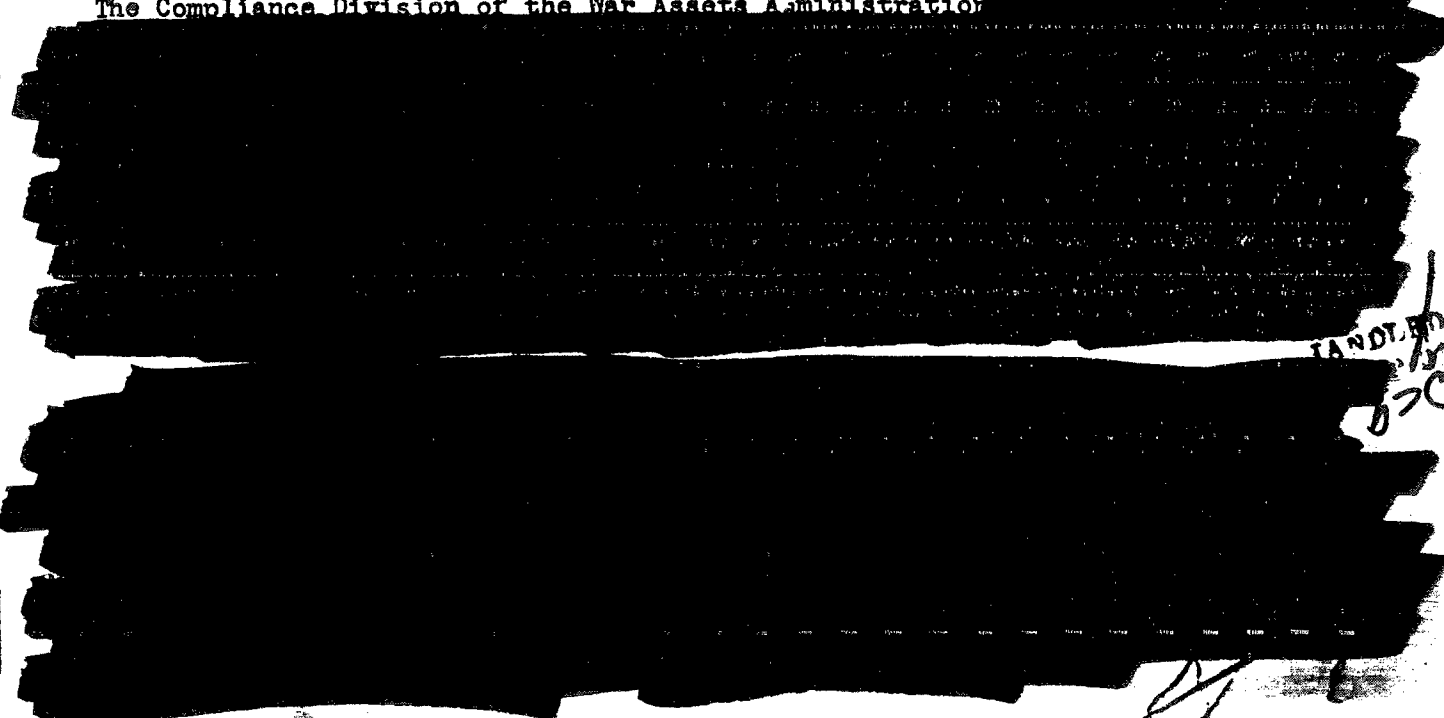
FROM : SAC, Phoenix

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was;
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(Bureau file 65-56402)

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. DONALD ALDRICH, dated March 13, 1947, at Los Angeles, California, which sets forth an undeveloped lead for the Phoenix Field Division to furnish additional information contained in the files of the Phoenix Field Division in the case of LOUIS L. STEWARD; BRIBERY; SURPLUS PROPERTY ACT (Bureau file 58-1726), which pertained to SILVERMASTER'S contacts with STEWARD at Phoenix in June, 1946.

LOUIS L. STEWARD, to whom reference is made, was appointed manager of the Phoenix Branch of the War Assets Administration, Los Angeles Region, in May, 1946, and served in this capacity until his resignation, effective August 9, 1946. The Compliance Division of the War Assets Administration



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The facts developed were discussed with the United States Attorney in Phoenix, who declined to institute prosecution and the matter was therefore closed.

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In connection with the background of STEWARD, the file reflects that he has been a resident of Phoenix and the state of Arizona practically all of his life. His father is quite well known as a real estate dealer and STEWARD, himself, is a graduate of the Phoenix Union High School, and he also attended the University of Arizona. He was connected with the Arizona Highway Patrol for a short time and was also employed by the Commercial Credit Company in Phoenix. STEWARD, during the war, served with the United States Marine Corps and held a commission in that service. He is presently discharged.

There is no information in the files of the Phoenix office which would indicate that LOUIS L. STEWARD has any subversive connections or that he is a disloyal American citizen. The only derogatory information appearing in the files concerning him is that he appears to have been suspected in numerous cases of "shady" dealings. However, he has never been the defendant in any action involving a crime of moral turpitude.

It will be noted that the report of reference indicates that a reservation was made at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix for NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER in June, 1946, by L. L. STEWARD. It will be recalled that STEWARD at that time was holding the position of manager of the Phoenix Branch of the War Assets Administration and further that SILVERMASTER was also employed by the same federal agency during the same period. It would not appear exceptional, therefore, that STEWARD was contacted by SILVERMASTER or that he had dealings with him during SILVERMASTER'S visit to Phoenix in 1946.

It is further noted, however, that WENDELL WILLIAM WESSNER, who was a constant companion of SILVERMASTER in June, 1946, at Phoenix, and who accompanied him apparently on tours of inspection at various war plants in Phoenix, was not, according to the report of reference, officially employed by the War Assets Administration at that time. It is reflected, however, that WESSNER, according to a 1939 credit report, Retail Merchants Association of Los Angeles, was formerly a repossessor employed by the Commercial Credit Company at Winslow, Arizona, prior to his arrival in Los Angeles in 1938. It is also noted in the report of reference that WESSNER and STEWARD were believed to have carried on a guarded telephone conversation. It is further noted that WESSNER, following his discharge from the Metropolitan Finance Company, was employed by the Lease Transportation Company, in charge of a fleet of trucks on the Lompoc-Santa Maria Defense project at Camp Cook, California.

It is also of interest in this connection to note that LOUIS L. STEWARD is presently the proprietor of the Motor Lease System at Phoenix, Arizona, and that he had connections of a similar nature in Los Angeles or the vicinity. It may be well thought, therefore, that STEWARD and WESSNER were connected in some manner in the lease transportation business.

For the reason that the background information of LOUIS L. STEWARD does not indicate any disloyalty or subversive tendencies, the suggestion is

made that the Bureau may desire to have STEWARD interviewed with the view of developing information concerning WESSNER and SILVERMASTER which would be pertinent to this investigation. However, this action will not be taken by the Phoenix office unless specific instructions to that effect are received from the Bureau. RUC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd
SUBJECT: GREGORY
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(Abel Plenn)

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In connection with the investigation of the Gregory Case, it has been learned that Abel Plenn, who you may recall is the author of a book called, "Wind in the Olive Trees", is in frequent contact with numerous subjects in the case.

A technical source on Plenn's residence reflected that on March 23, 1947, Plenn's wife, Doris Plenn, read a letter which she had prepared for the purpose of sending the newspapers, showing her reactions toward the President's recent order concerning loyalty of Government employees.

The letter in substance clearly indicated that she was against such drastic action, and she made the statement that "she wanted to do something about it; that she wanted to be a good citizen of the Republic; that she wanted to go out and shout with somebody or parade with somebody."

In one part of her conversation, Doris Plenn, stated, "Did you know that I've got cousins whom I never see, employed here, in the F. B. I. for instance -- in the Department of Agriculture -- State". She stated that she never sees them, but their fathers and mothers, her uncles and aunts, would feel very upset that their loyalty would be questioned. She said her relatives are not going to like this and that's true of every little town and country throughout the United States.

There has been no indication throughout the investigation of Plenn and his wife as to the identity of any of her relatives in any Government agency, including the Bureau.

Action:

In view of Doris Plenn's statement, it is incumbent that we determine if any relative of Doris or Abel Plenn is in fact employed by the Bureau. Therefore, there is being attached hereto a letter instructing the Washington Field Division to conduct an appropriate investigation into the background of Doris Plenn in order to identify any of her relatives working in the Government and particularly the Bureau.

The technical log covering this conversation is attached hereto.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR KAPLAN CONTACTED OFFICE OF UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE REQUESTING COPIES OF TESTIMONY OF MR. ACHESON BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE TODAY AS WELL AS DOCUMENTS FILED WITH HOUSE ON GREECE. ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR MAGDOFF CONTACTED KAPLAN WHO RELATED VEET BASSIE SAW HENRY (WALLACE) SATURDAY AND LATTER WAS GREATLY INTERESTED IN HIS MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SPEECH ON BEHALF PCA OVER GREEK CRISIS. ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR MARY JANE KEENEY INDICATED SHE WOULD DEPART WASHINGTON ELEVEN FORTYFIVE P.M. TRAIN, SUNDAY, FOR SEATTLE AND PLANNED TO SAIL APRIL NINETEEN.

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ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR
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ROSENBERG INQUIRED OF SECRETARY WHETHER (CARL MARZANI) HAD PICKED UP "THAT STUFF". YES. SUBSEQUENTLY ROSENBERG INDICATED HE HAD COMPLETED THE MATERIAL AND WAS VERY TIRED. THEREAFTER MARZANI STATED IT WAS BEING TYPED AND SHOULD BE READY BY ONE P.M. AFTER WHICH HE WOULD BRING IT TO ROSENBERG'S OFFICE.

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MARZANI INDICATED HE HAD NOT CONTACTED FORD (CHARLES FORD, HIS ATTORNEY)

BUT WOULD DO SO NOW. MARZANI STATED THE FILING HOUR WAS THREE P.M. TODAY.

ON THE MORNING OF MARCH TWENTYFOUR CHARLES (PLATO) AND MILLER CONVERSED

DECIDING TO TAKE ELEVEN A.M. TRAIN TO NEW YORK TOGETHER. ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR

JOAN COPPOCK ENGAGED IN LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH DORIS PLENN. JOAN READ

LETTER SHE HAD PREPARED DENOUNCING FORTHCOMING GOVERNMENTAL PURGE AUTHORIZED

BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN. DORIS THOUGHT LETTER VERY GOOD AND SUGGESTED JOAN SEND

COPY TO ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, A FIGHTING LIBERAL PAPER EDITED BY RALPH

MCGILL. THEY DISCUSSED JOAN'S USING HER OWN NAME AND POSSIBILITY OF USING

HER MAIDEN NAME. DORIS MENTIONED SHE IS SENDING HER LETTER TO ATLANTA

CONSTITUTION, HERALD TRIBUNE, ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH, AND MR. WALLACE.

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IT IS NOTED

HENRY COLLINS AND JOEL FISHER ARE PRESENTLY WORKING FOR THIS ORGANIZATION WHICH, IT IS ANTICIPATED, WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION IN NEAR FUTURE AND THAT VICTOR PERLO IS ALSO ACCEPTING APPOINTMENT WITH THIS ORGANIZATION.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. ON APRIL FOUR AMELIA PERAZICH TOLD DOROTHY KAPLAN
 GEORGE PERAZICH IS COMING TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK FOR WEEKEND. SAME
 DATE DOROTHY KAPLAN INFORMED HER MAID THAT KAPLANS WERE GOING TO NEW YORK
 TODAY AND WOULD NOT BE BACK UNTIL AFTER EASTER MONDAY. ON APRIL FOUR MARY
 JANE KEENEY INFORMED WAHL OF LETTER (PASSPORT DENIAL) INDICATING HER FIRST
 APPELLATION WAS CORRECT. MARY JANE STATED SHE THINKS IT HAS ABSOLUTELY
 NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK (FAREWELL PARTY BY WAHL EVENING
 SATURDAY, MARCH 29). THIS CONTACT MENTIONED IN YESTERDAY'S LOG.
 ON APRIL FOUR MARCUS GOLDMAN CONVERSED WITH MARY JANE. HE INDICATED MRS.
 BLISS HAD SENT HIM AN INVITATION TO SOUTHERN CONFERENCE DINNER WHICH WAS
 CHALLENGE AND HE WILL GO.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. ON APRIL SEVEN MARY JANE KEENEY ADVISED ALEX LEUTHER
SHE HAD INTERVIEW WITH THAT CERTAIN WOMAN (RUTH SHIPLEY, PASSPORT DIVISION)
WHO TOLD HER SHE WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN FILE AND REQUESTED HER TO COME BACK
WEDNESDAY. ON APRIL SEVEN MARY JANE VISITED LUCIEN WILMER, ATTORNEY,
FORMERLY WITH FEA. THEREAFTER PROCEEDED TO OFFICE OF DAVID WAHL. SUBSE-
QUENTLY SHE HAD LUNCH WITH P. BERNARD WORTMAN AND THEREAFTER VISITED
OFFICE OF MRS. SHIPLEY, PASSPORT DIVISION.

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[REDACTED] SEVEN MERVYN LOBIAS CONTACTED SILVERMASTER STATING HARRY SUGGESTED HE CALL GREG TODAY. THEY ARRANGED MEETING AT WILLARD HOTEL. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE REFLECTED MEETING LASTED APPROXIMATELY FORTY MINUTES AND INDICATIONS WERE THEY WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY ACQUAINTED.

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ON APRIL EIGHT PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE DISCLOSED WAHL DEPARTED WASHINGTON TWELVE FIFTYFIVE P.M. VIA EASTERN AIRLINES FOR NEW YORK. NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISED AND REQUESTED TO CHECK ACTIVITIES OF WAHL IN NYC. IT IS RECALLED BARTLEY CRUM WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK APRIL EIGHT ALSO.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. REFERENCE TO MY TELETYPE YESTERDAY INDICATING WILSON

COPPOCK HAD LEARNED HE MIGHT BE DISMISSED FROM CIG. ON MARCH SEVENTEEN
JOAN COPPOCK ADVISED DORIS PLENN THAT WILSON WAS DOWNHEARTED AND DID NOT
KNOW WHAT TO DO. HOWEVER, SHE STATED SHE WAS GLAD RUSS (PHONETIC) HAD
WARNED HIM AND MENTIONED RUSS STATED HE WAS STICKING HIS NECK OUT IN DOING
SO. DORIS URGED HE MUST KEEP FIGHTING HARD SO CIVIL LIBERTIES WOULD NOT
DIE. JOAN STATED HE IS GOING TO GET A GOOD LAWYER TO FIGHT IT ON MARCH

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VERIFY THIS APPOINTMENT AS THIS OFFICE UNDERSTOOD REMINGTON'S SERVICES
WITH GOVERNMENT TERMINATED. ON MARCH SEVENTEEN HAROLD GLASSER ADVISED
ROSENBERG HE WOULD BE LEAVING IN FEW DAYS TO BE GONE TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

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ON MARCH SEVENTEEN DURING CONVERSATION WITH UNIDENTIFIED MAN, PROBABLY
FITZGERALD, KAPLAN MADE REFERENCE TO GREEK SITUATION EXPRESSING OPINION
THE ATMOSPHERE IS MUCH BETTER NOW. AT ANY RATE THERE IS CHANCE TO LICK
IT NOW. ON MARCH SEVENTEEN LESTER KLEPPER ADVISED DOROTHY KAPLAN HE KNEW
OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR JOB OPENING UP IN GERMANY INVOLVING FOUR OR FIVE
MONTHS OVERSEAS AND DESIRED TO INTEREST KAPLAN IN THE POSITION. TODAY
KAPLAN AND KLEPPER ARRANGED FOR LUNCHEON MEETING APPARENTLY TO DISCUSS THIS
POSITION.

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(C) ON MARCH SEVENTEEN MAGDOFF CONTACTED WIFE ADVISING TRUBECK HAD WON OUT AND THE BOARD HAD RESIGNED (NCAB). MAGDOFF STATED THEY WOULD ENDEAVOR TO BUILD ALONG LINES HE SUGGESTED AND MAGDOFF WILL HAVE OFFICE WITH SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON. ON MARCH SEVENTEEN MILLER CONTACTED CARL GREEN DISCUSSING PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT FOR MILLER TO MEET OWEN LATTIMORE. GREEN PROMISED TO SECURE DEFINITE COMMITMENT FROM LATTIMORE AND ADVISE MILLER. BOB STATED HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK ALL NEXT WEEKEND. MILLER MENTIONED HE

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[MET (WAYNARD) ~~NSERTLERS~~ WITH ~~FELTUS~~ IN NEW YORK ONE NIGHT BUT DID NOT HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THEM. ON MARCH SEVENTEEN MILLER TALKED WITH DR.
HENRY ~~SIGERIST~~, MEDICAL LIBRARY, JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL SCHOOL, MAKING
APPOINTMENT TO VISIT SIGERIST AT THREE P.M. MARCH EIGHTEEN.

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ON MARCH EIGHTEEN ~~KAPLAN~~ CONTACTED ~~KLEPPER~~ FURTHER DISCUSSING LATTER'S EFFORTS TO INTEREST KAPLAN IN OVERSEAS POSITION WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES. KAPLAN CLAIMED BY ACCEPTING POSITION AND LATER RESIGNING HE WOULD LOSE PENSION BENEFITS WHICH HAVE ACCRUED BY REASON OF HIS DISMISSAL PREVIOUSLY FROM GOVERNMENT. KLEPPER REFERRED TO ABBA SCHWARTZ AGAIN STATING HE WAS NEW YORK ATTORNEY WHO WAS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN NAVY DURING WAR AND HE BELIEVES WAS STATIONED IN MURMANSK. ON MARCH EIGHTEEN MAGDOFF ADVISED WIFE HE WOULD RETURN WASHINGTON ON FIVE THIRTY P.M. TRAIN]u

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[MARCH NINETEEN. ON MARCH EIGHTEEN ~~FITZGERALD~~ CONTACTED BEADIE MAGDOFF
 STATING THAT THEY HAD SCHEDULED MEETING (CONCERNING INSTITUTE ?) AT
 FITZGERALD'S OFFICE THREE P.M. MARCH NINETEEN. BEADIE STATED MAGDOFF
 WAS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON WITH ROB (TAUBECK) AND BELIEVED THEY HAD
 MEETING SCHEDULED WITH PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC COUNCIL OR SOME SUCH THING.
 THEY DISCUSSED FULL PAGE AD IN NEW YORK TIMES PLACED BY PCA AND PRESENTING
 PICTURE AND SPEECH OF HENRY WALLACE. FITZGERALD EXPRESSED OPINION THE
 THING IS BEGINNING TO GATHER MOMENTUM NO

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May 12, 1947

To: SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 24, 1947.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 65-14603
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Further reference is made to my memoranda to you of this date concerning interviews with subjects in this case.



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This completes the results of the interviews with the exception of those with Mary and Mildred Price being conducted at Birmingham, Alabama, today.

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APRIL 17, 1947

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION **CONFIDENTIAL**
SAC, NEW YORK

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Transmit the following message for:
RE: GREGORY, ESPIONAGE DASH R; JULES KORCHIEN. REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE
FOURTEENTH INSTANT ADVISING THAT KORCHIEN LEFT NEW YORK CITY THAT DATE FOR
WASHINGTON, D. C. TO ATTEND HOUSING CONFERENCE; ^(c) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ROBINSON IS PRESENTLY DIRECTOR OF CONTROLS,
U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT, AND A RELATIVE OF SUBJECT ROBERT T. MILLER, III. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] POSSIBLE THAT CATHERINE
MENTIONED ABOVE IS IDENTICAL WITH WIFE OF HAMILTON ROBINSON. ^(c) [REDACTED]

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cc - WASHINGTON (SPECIAL MESSENGER)

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TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : MR. LADD
SUBJECT: THE GREGORY CASE.

DATE: April 16, 1947

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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated April 16, 1947, concerning interviews in this case.

Abraham George Silverman was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office in New York City last night. Silverman was interviewed in his office at Ohrbach's Department Store. He admitted personal friendship with the Silvermasters, Ullman, Adler, Kaplan, Coe, Perlo and Harry White, all subjects. However, he denied transmitting or being approached to furnish or solicit Governmental information by any of the above persons or any other person. He denied any knowledge or suspicion that any of the above, particularly the Silvermasters, were engaged in espionage for the Communist Party or the Soviet Government.

Subject Robert Talbott Miller, III was likewise interviewed by Agents of the New York Office last night. This interview was conducted in the New York Office. Miller denied furnishing anyone any specific data coming to his attention during his employment with the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. He denied knowing Jacob Golos, but admitted knowing a woman known to him as "Helen" (Gregory in New York and Washington, but was very evasive as to his relations with her. Miller denied any affiliation with the Communist Party or any activities in connection with Russian espionage.



You will, of course, be kept immediately advised of any additional pertinent information and of the outcome of the interviews with Mildred and Mary Price at Birmingham, Alabama today.

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For your information the following subjects were interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office last night: (u)

- Edward Joseph Fitzgerald
- Sonie Steinman Gold
- Bela Gold
- Harry S. Magdoff
- P. Bernard Nortman
- Victor Perlo
- ✓ William Walter Remington
- Nathan Gregory Silvermaster
- Mrs. Helen Witte Silvermaster
- William Ludwig Ullmann

Bela and Sonie Gold, Nortman, Perlo and Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster were interviewed at their residences. The other subjects mentioned above voluntarily accompanied Agents to the Washington Field Office where they were interviewed. (u)

The interviews as a whole were mostly negative and no material admissions were obtained. Victor Perlo declined to admit anything and stated that he wanted to see his lawyer before making any admissions. Ullmann, who you will recall is a boarder at the Silvermasters' and who did the photographing at the Silvermaster home, according to Gregory, admitted knowing the names of individuals mentioned to him but stated that he met them through the Silvermasters and that they were merely social contacts. Concerning Gregory, he stated that he knew her as Elizabeth Bentley and that she was a "psychopathic" case.

Subjects Robert Talbott Miller, III and Abraham George Silverman were interviewed by the New York Field Division, but no information concerning the results of those interviews has been obtained. When these results are received, you will immediately be advised.



and the results of that interview have not been furnished to the Bureau. You will be advised when these results have been received.

Subjects Mary Price and Mildred Price will be interviewed by Agents of the New York Office at Birmingham, Alabama, this morning and you will be furnished with the results of those interviews.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office
Room 1706, Washington 25, D. C.

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April 17, 1947

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: GREGORY
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BERNARD S. EDMONT

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Very truly yours,

Guy Fottel
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