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ADVISED HER THAT SHE WOULD BE GIVEN A MONTH-S NOTICE PRIOR TO HER
APPEARANCE BUT THIS WAS NOT DONE. REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE OF THE FACT THAT MISS BENTLEY IS ILL AND WILL BE UNABLE
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SAC, New York (65-14603)

March 12, 1952

Director, FBI (65-56402)

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet March 4, 1952, enclosing a carbon copy of a release and a receipt which you had prepared for execution by Elizabeth Bentley when you paid her \$2,000 for services rendered. Enclosed we the original and one copy of a combinati receipt and release paper which has been prepared by the Department. You are requested to pay Bentley \$2,000, at which time she should sign the original and copy of the enclosed

Advise the Bureau when payment has been made.

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Office Memorandum: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : UAS H. BELMONT

DATE: March 11, 1952

FROM

SUBJECT:

UR. C. E. AFTIRICH

ESPIONAGE - R

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

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On March 11 I talked with Assistant Attorney General Joseph Duggan regarding the proposed payment to Elizabeth Bentley of \$2,000 in lieu of the \$2,000 which she received in October, 1945, from Anatoly Gromov, with "no strings attached." I explained the manner of acquisition of the \$2,000 by Bentley from Gromov and, in turn, our acquisition of the money from Bentley. I told Mr. Duggan that the Office of the United States Attorney in New York had indicated the and therefore Vested in the United States.

I explained to Mr. Duggan that Miss Bentley has made inquiries regarding this \$2,000 and that her attorney has advised he sees no legal reason why the money should be forfeited to the United States Government.

I pointed out that Miss Bentley has been an extremely valuable source of information to the Bureau; that we have never paid her any funds as an informant; and that in order to retain her good will and to avoid the possibility of losing her cooperation, the Bureau proposes that she be paid \$2,000 as an informant from funds available to the Bureau, and at \$2,000 which she obtain from her a release insofar as the \$2,000 which she obtained from Gromov is concerned and which she later turned over to the FBI.

I exhibited to Mr. Duggan the proposed release and receipt which were prepared by the New York Office and also the proposed instructions which have been prepared in the Espionage Unit for handling this payment. Mr. Duggan, after examining these documents, stated he thought they were fundamentally sound; that, however, he thought certain changes should be made in the wording. He stated he would like to retain them temporarily and draft for the Bureau a release to be obtained from Bentley which would be binding. He stated he would do this promptly and would try to make it available this afternoon.

ACTION: I will follow this matter with Ur. Duggan in order that it may be handled promptly.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

Director, FBI

DATE: March

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SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT:

GREGORY

ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet January 24, 1952, concerning the payment by this office to ELIZABETH BENTLEY of \$2,000 from the confidential fund.

There are attached carbon copies of a release and a receipt which are to be executed by ELIZABETH BENTLEY in connection with the payment to her of this sum of money. It is suggested that the Bureau review the attached, and if they appear to be in order, the New York Office should be advised and the driginals will be executed by Miss BENTLEY.

Miss BENTLEY has been ill for several weeks and advised that she intends to be in New York City on March 6 and 7 for extended medical examination. In the event the attached are in order, the Bureau may desire to send a teletype to this office so that the attached can be signed while she is in New York and the money paid to her.

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I, ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, hereby acknowledge the receipt on this date of the sum of TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS in cash from THOMAS G. SPENCER, Special Agent of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION in full payment for any and all services heretofore rendered by me to the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, its Officials, Agents and Representatives.

I hereby state that none of the bills which constitute the sum of TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS paid to me on this date are identical with the ones given to me in October, 1945, by ANATOLI B. GROMOV and which were subsequently turned over by me to the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION on November 17, 1945.

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

Witnesses:

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On the

day of March

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one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two

before me personally came

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

to me known, and known to me to be the individual instrument, and duly acknowledged to me that he

described in, and who executed the foregoing executed the same.

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLET

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, 1ta Officials, Agents and Representatives.

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To all to whom these Presents shall come or may Concern,

Greeting: KNOW YE, That I, ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, residing at New Road, Madison, Connecticut,

for and in consideration of the sum of TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS

lawful money of the United States of America to THOMAS G. SPENCER, Special Agent of the FEDERAL BURKAU OF INVESTIGATION

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have remised, released, and forever discharged and by these presents do for wyself, my

heirs, executors, and administrators and assigns, remise, release and forever discharge the said FEDERAL, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION together with any and all Officials, Agents and Representatives thereof, their

heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of and from all, and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckoning, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law, in admirality, or in equity, which against the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, its Officials, Agents and Representatives, I

ever had, now have or which my

heirs, executors,
or administrators, hereafter can, shall or may have for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing
whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the day of the date of these presents.

This release may not be changed orally.

In Edithers Edhereof, I have hereumo set my hand and seal the day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of



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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

A. H. Belmont

FROM:

W. A. Bro

SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

ESPIONAGE - R

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

DATE: Warch 6. 1952

<u>PURPOSE</u>

To advise that New York submitted for approval carbon copies of a release and a receipt which are to be executed by Elizabeth Bentley in connection with the payment to her of \$2,000, which payment was authorized by Bureau letter dated June 24, 1952.

BACKGROUND

In October, 1945, Anatoli Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., gave Bentley \$2,000 in \$20 bills stating "there were no strings attached."
It was Bentley's impression that this payment to her was for past activities on behalf of the Russians, as well as an attempt on Gromov's part to secure her good will. On November 1 1945, the New York Office received the \$2,000 from Bentley. The money has been kept in a safe-deposit box by the New York Office since receipt of same.

The Director approved the retention of the \$2,000 Bentley received from Gromov and the payment of \$2,000 to her for services rendered to the Bureau. New York was instructed by letter dated January 24, 1952, to pay Bentley from its confidential fund and obtain a complete and total release from her wherein she waives any claim she may have to the \$2,000 she received from Gromov.

By the attached letter dated March 4, 1952, New York enclosed carbon copies of a release and a receipt which are to be executed by Elizabeth Bentley in connection with the payment to her. The Bureau was requested to review the papers and determine if they appear to be in order. It was suggested that if these papers are in order the Bureau may desire to send a teletype to New York in order that it could pay Bentley on Applanch 6 or 7, at which time she would be in New York.

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The release submitted by New York is of the "General Release - Individual" type wherein Bentley releases the Bureau from any and all claims which she may have against Bentley acknowledges receipt furnished by New York, Elizabeth services heretofore rendered by her to the Bureau and states that none of the bills which constitute the \$2,000 paid her is identical with the ones given to her in October, 1945,

It is believed that it is unnecessary to have a general over-all release and a separate receipt executed by Bentley. It is believed that she can acknowledge the receipt and waive all claims to the Gromov money by executing the statement as follows, it being noted that all we are interested in here is obtaining a receipt from Bentley for \$2,000 and from Gromov.

"I, Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, residing at New Road, Madison, Connecticut, acknowledge receipt on (date) of the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, lawful money of the United States of America from Special Agent (name) of the FBI in full payment for any and all services heretofore rendered by me to the FBI, its officials, agents and representatives. For and in consideration of the above two thousand dollars and assigns, do remise, release and forever waive, totally and completely, any claim I hereafter can, shall or may have to the two thousand dollars, which I received from Anatoli B. November 17, 1945."

RECOMMENDATION

If you agree with the above, there is attached a teletype to New York instructing it to pay Bentley \$2,000 and obtain a statement from her as set forth above.

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March 5, 1952

W. A. Branigan

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PURPOSE:

To advise the Internal Security Unit concerning the status of the \$2,000 cash which Elizabeth Bentley received from Anatole Gromov in October, 1945.

BACKEROUND:

The attached necoranium dated March 4, 1952, from Mr. Beamgardner to you referred to a telephonic inquiry from Mr. Hoel Story, attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department. Mr. Story stated that Elizabeth Bentley was scheduled to testify on March 10, 1952, before the Subversive Activities Control Board in connection with the captioned matter. He recalled that Bentley received \$2,000 from Annuals Gromov in 1945. He advised that it would be highly desirable to either produce the \$2,000 cash before the Board or some evidence which would prove conclusively that Bentley had received this money from Gromov which would substantiate her oral testimony.

Mr. Baumgardner's memorandum was referred to the Espionage Unit for advice as to whether or not any evidence of this type is available which could be introduced into evidence before the Board. His memorandum noted that the except enting evidence should be of such a nature that it could be introduced without utilizing a Special spent of the FBI.

The following is a chronology of the \$2,000 which Bentley received from Gromov:

Prior to May, 1945, Jack (Joseph Mats) introduced Bentley to Al, later identified as Ametole Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Machington, D.C.

Bentley a fur cost, suggested that she quit her job and take a vacation. He also offered to supply her with an air conditioning unit when she complained of the summer heat and on all of the occasions of her meetings with Gromov, after the first one, he mentioned his willingness to establish of New York City and perhaps in Philadelphia or Mashington. Bentley recalled that she had conversations with Gromov about setting up a small he dress shop.

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In October, 1945, Bentley saw Gromov by prearrangement, and on this occasion, he handed her \$2,000 in twenty dollar bills and at the time he gave her the money he stated that there were "no strings attached." It was Bentley's impression that this payment to her was for her past activities in connection with the Bussians, as well as an attempt on the part of Gromov to secure her good will.

The above facts were related by Miss Bentley on Hovember 16, 1945, to Special Agents Thomas G. Spencer and Joseph M. Kelly in the Prince George Hotel in New York City. The interview of Miss Bentley was continued on the morning of Hovember 17, 1945, at the Hotel. On this eccasion Bentley entered the room and before taking off her coat and hat, opened up her purse, took out an envelope, and threw it on the bed, Stating, "Here's some Moscow gold."

Miss Bentley was informed that the FBI would take possession of this money and although no offer was made to give her a receipt for the same, she did not request one. Thereafter, the money was taken to the New York Office and subsequently placed in the safe-deposit box that is maintained by the New York Office at the Park Row Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company. The money still remains in this safe-deposit box.

Inasmuch as no receipt was given to Bentley for the \$2,000 it appears that if this money is to be used to corroborate Bentley's oral testimony a Special Agent would have to introduce it in order to show the chain of evidence.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Internal Security Unit for appropriate action.

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It is recommended that Mr. Weel Story of the Department be furnished the facts herein evally, and that he be advised that corroboration of Bentley's story cannot be furnished by introduction of the money, as this would necessitate testimony by a Special Agent.

Office ivemore sau. **VEKNMENT** TO DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402) FROM DATE: March 22, 1952 SAC, WFO (100-17493) SUBJECT GREGORY ESPIONAGE - R YLVER MASTER, STAC Re Bureau memorandum (0-1) dated March 7, 1952, regarding the status of this case. Please be advised that pertaining to Gregory's subjects is being reviewed and letters or reports will be furnished to the Bureau regularly in the Gregory case in the immediate future. A report setting forth the in the case of NORMAN BURSLER has been dictated LANFORMATICA CONTAINED LENGUERATION CONTAINS MAT:EIW ELT WHERE SHOWN APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY RA SLIP(S) OF/ DATE 65-56402-395 RECURDED - 66

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SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

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PURPOSE

To authorize New York to pay Bentley for services rendered, at which time she should execute in the a combination receipt and release paper prepared by the Departme

BACKGROUND

In October, 1945, Anatoli Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., gave Bentley \$2,000 in \$20 bills stating "there were no strings attached." On November 17, 1945, the New York Office received the \$2,000 from Bentley. The Director approved the retention of the \$2,000 Bentley received from Gromov and the payment of \$2,000 to her for services rendered to the Bureau. By letter dated Yarch 4, New York forwarded for Bureau approval a carbon copy of a release and a receipt which it planned to have Bentley execute when she received the \$2,000. Inasmuch as it was believed unnecessary to have a general over-all release and a separate receipt executed by Bentley, the Espionage Unit prepared a combination receipt and release for Bentley to execute upon receipt of the \$2,000 from New York.

Mr. C. E. Hennrich discussed the proposed payment of the \$2,000 to Bentley with Assistant Attorney General Joseph Duggan on March 11, 1952, and exhibited the proposed release and receipt prepared by the New York Office and the proposed receipt and release statement prepared by the Espionage Unit. Mr. Duggan stated that he thought the papers and procedure were legally sound; however, he thought certain changes should be made in the wording. He drew up a proposed combination receil and release to be signed by Bentley. RECORDED - 82

RECOM! ENDATION

There is attached for proval a letter to New Yor instructing it to pay Bentley \$2,000 and have her execute the paper prepared by the Department whereby she it knowledges receipt of \$2,000 for services rendered to the Bureau and releases any claim that she may have to the \$2,000 she received from Gromov.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE:

March 18, 1952

Director, FBI

SAC, New York

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specific Bureau instructions. tion has been placed on the exhibit that it is not to be destroyed without Bureau instructions are being maintained as an exhibit in this file. A notaof these bills were recorded and are being made part of the file in this case. The two releases were properly witnessed and notarized, and in accordance with \$2,000 in cash. This money consisted of twenty \$100 bills. which was attached to the Bureau's letter of March 12, 1952, and she was given York Office, at which time she signed the original and a copy of the release On March 14, 1952, ELIZABETH BENTLEY personally appeared at the New The serial numbers

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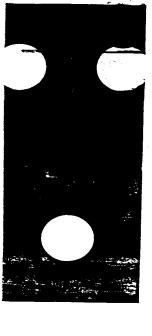
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Bentley testified before the HCUA on testimony in file.

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January 15, 1952. To place two Photostats of her

BACKGROUND

By letter dated February 15, 1952, in the case captioned, "Max Granich, was.; Grace Granich, was., Internal Security - R," Washington Field Office forwarded the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley before the HCUA on January 15, 1952. Two Photostats of Bentley's testimony have been made.

RECOMMENDATION

That Photostats be placed in Bentley's file, 65-56402.

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"Buden Exhibit No. 4.5" - Photostatic copies of the Daily Worker for July 31, 1980 and August 1, 1980.	
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Tuesday, Jenuary 15,1952

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEES OR CHAMBATCAN ACTIVITIES, Anchington, D. C.

FUBLIC HEARING

The Committee on Un-American Activities met pursuant to adjournment at 10:45 a.m., in room 226, Old House Office Building, Hon. Olyde Doyle, presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Clyde Doyle Bernard W. Kearney, and Charles E. Potter.

Stalf members propert: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel; Thomas W. Boale, Sr., assistant counsel; Courtney E. Owens, investigator; John W. Carrington, clerk; end A. S. Poore, editor.

He. DOYLE. Let the record show that a subcommittee has been appointed for this hearing this morning consisting of Doyle, Chairman, Kearney, and Fotter.

Are you ready, Coursel?

Mr. TAVISTER. Yes, cir.

Miss Ellizabeth Beneloy, please.

AM. DOYLE. Ficuse wise and be sworn.

Do you solemnly sweet what the testimony you give in this matter will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the stath, so help you God?

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Mr. TAVENMER. Flease state your full name, Miss Bentley.

TESTIMONY OF ELLZABETH T. BENTLEY

Miss BENTLEY. Elizabeth T. Bontley.

Mr. TAVENNER. Miss Bentley, you have testified before the committee on previous occasions in respect to your participation in the Communist Party activities and the Communist Party underground. That is correct, isn't it?

Miss BENTLEY. Yes, that is correct.

Mr. TAVERNER. For whom did you work in your underground experiences in the Communist Party?

Miss BENTIEY. Well, I worked for Russian Intelligence, first under Mr. Jacob Golos, and then under various subsequent Soviet agents, including two unidentified ones, and Mr. Anatole Gromov, who was then First Secretary of the Russian Embassy.

Mr. PAVENNER. How was this association with the underground work headed by Mr. Golos formed?

Miss BENTLEY. You meen how did I get into it originally? Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Miss BEUTLEY. Originally through my own efforts I obtained a position doing research work with the Italian Library of Information in New York, and that was the American branch of the Propaganda Ministry. And because of that headquarters of the Communist Party told me I should





go underground and that instead of going to a Communist meeting, a group meeting, I should be attached to just one man. The one man I was introduced to was Mr. Jacob Golos.

If TAVENNER. Well, what was Mr. Jacob Golos's function in the Communist underground?

Miss BENTLEY. Mr. Jacob Golos was a higher-up in the Russian Intelligence Service. He was in contact with the Embassy and consulate people and in turn in touch with the higher-ups in the Communist Party, such as Earl Browder, and he also was in touch with various agents who were used to infiltrate the U.S. Government, factories, and that sort of thing.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did your connection with that work begin and end?

Miss BENTLEY. Vell, actually, my connection with infiltrating the U.S. Government began in 1941, but my connection with other of these underground activities began in 1958, in the fell.

Mr. TAVELMER. I meant particularly with reference to your work under Mr. Jacob Golos.

Miss BENTLEY. Oh, in October 1938.

Mr. TAVENIER. And ended when?

Miss BETTLEY. At his desk, which was November 25th, 43.

Mr. TAVENDER. Did you werein in the service of the apparatus after the death of Mr. Golos?



Miss BENTLEY. Yes, I did. I was picked up by a subsequent Soviet contact named Bill -- that was his code name -- and continued on until August of 1945, when I went to the FBI, and then, under the instructions of the FBI, I continued on for some time after that.

Mr. TAVENNER. In the performance of your work in the apparatus conducted by Mr. Jacob Golos, did you have occasion to meet a person by the name of Helen Tenney?

Miss BENTLEY. Yes, I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you state just what Helen Tenney's connection was with the underground apparatus conducted by Mr. Golos?

Mr. DOYLE. I wish to state to the photographers that any shots that are to be taken should be taken as the witness begins, and then the pictures should be discontinued, sothat there will be no interruption. It would seem, however, that if you did not take the pictures in the beginning, we could have them taken now and have that part over with. That only refers to the movies.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you read the pending question, Mr. Reporter?

(The reporter reads, as requested.)

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Miss BENTLEY. Helen Tonney was an agent who was planted in the OSS in order to give information to Soviet Intelligence.

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Er. TAVENNER. How long, approximately, did she engage in that work? And can you tell us more of the character of that work conducted by her?

Miss BENTLEY. Originally, she was a member of the Communist Party in a unit, that is, in the ordinary setup of the Communist Party, and had done quite a great deal of work during the Spanish war, for example. And then she became connected with an organization which was subsidized by the OSS in New York City. The organization existed for the purpose of picking up men who would be useful for undercover work abroad for the OSS. At that point, she was in contact with Grace Granich, who was then head of Intercontinent News. And Grace Granich, who was working with Mr. Golos, came to him and told him that she would be useful for the underground.

So she was told to sever her connections with the open party and to report only to him. Then she was told to go to Mashington and get a job with the OSS, which she did.

On Mr. Golos's death, I took her over, checked up the whole story and the background she had told me, and continued to use her until the end of '44, and I know from talking to her subsequently that she continued on through '45, at which point I believe the lost her contacts.

13. MANDETER. Now, whose was Hiss Tenney placed in the

Government service?

Miss BENTLEY. Well, she setually placed herself.

to had sent her in with the idea that she would end up in the Latin American Division of the OSS. We had some one in there. Instead of which, she turned out to be so valuable that the OSS put her in their hush-hush Spanish Division, where she functioned until the OSS split up; and then, when the OSS split up, a part of it was turned over to the War Department, and she went with that section of the War Department. She is now out of Government, has been for thiee years.

Im. REFERRY. I did not hear that last.

Miss BINTLEY. She is now out of the Government service. I have forgotten the exact date when she left her job. I believe it was in 1946 sometime, early.

LA. TAVENMER. Are you personally acquainted with Grace Granich?

hiss BENTLEY. I don't think I have ever met her, no.

Mr. TAVELNER. Mr. Chairman, I have no further questions to ask of Miss Bentley now, except that I would like to call her before an executive session of the committee to ask her for some lead information relating to matters. But I have no further question to ask her about this.

IM. KEARMEY. Do you know what Miss Terney is doing at the precent ilue?

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Miss BENTLEY. No, I don't. I know that she had intended to get back into private industry, but I have lost track of her in the last two years.

Mr. KLARNEY. Do you know where she lives?

Miss BENTIEY. The last I heard of her, she was living in New York City. I imagine she is still there.

Mr. POTTER. Miss Bentley, you stated that you had a person in the Latin section who would place Miss Tenney. Who was that person?

Miss BENTLEY. It was the head of the Research and Analysis Division, Latin American Branch. That was Mr. Maurice Halperin.

Mr. POTTER. Is he still in Government, do you know?
Miss BENTLEY. No, I believe he sent out, too, in about
1946, possibly earlier. I am not sure of the date of that.

Mr. POTTER. Was he a contact for you, or did he serve the purpose of placing persons that you were interested in having placed?

Miss BENTLEY. Well, his main function was in obtaining information for us, but secondarily if he could get some
one in, of course, we would use him for that.

Mr. POTTER. Do you know where he is located now or what his occupation might be?

Miss RENTLEY. Someone told me, I believe, he was connected with some social work organization, but I am not

sure of the title of it. In New York City, I believe.

Mr. POTTER. That is a private organization?

Miss BERTLEY. I understand so, but I am not sure.

Mr. POTTER. And located in New York?

Miss BERTLEY, In New York City, I believe.

Mr. POTTER. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DOYLE. May I ask you this, Miss Bentley: Do you know under what conditions this woman and the man were separated from the Government employment? Was it at their own request, or the Government's request?

Miss BENTLEY. No, I understand that the Government requested that they be removed.

Mr. DOYLE. Counsel, when do you wish the executive questioning?

Mr. TAVENIER. I believe just before we go to lunch this morning would be the best time.

Miss BENTLEY. Yes, that would be best, Mr. Chairman.

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been calling persons before the great Person Rev Best City with respect to the print Revise Keplan. In this is that cast, we would like your epinion relative to action under Norther BO(a) either Mintly or severally relative to Alexander Royal, Director Borges Aliverent and Methon Borges Milvermenter. You have graliable the reports reflecting the Edwards of these individuals and the following points are under surely to sometime very trially some of the wreliable evidence: RECORDED 12 15-50-902-3966

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He said at the second meeting he believed he was followed and he therefore teld Frank he did not want to handle the matter any lenger. Herel claimed not to have known that he was involved in espionage, but said that at the time of the publicity in Ganada regarding Soviet Intelligence operations, he began to suspect the purpose of the activity in which he had engaged.

Alexander Keral was the identifying witness on a passport application filed in 1935 by a men calling bimself William Greinhe. This was a franculant passport, the real William Greinhe having died shortly after birth. Hade Massing will testify that she was active in the United States in Soviet expiguage during the middle 1930's and one of her superiors was William Greinhe. She will identify the photograph on the passport application as that of the person: she knew as Greinhe. The FRI laboratory will identify the signature of Alexander Horal as being that of the person under consideration berein. When an attempt was made to interview Haral concerning the Greinhe passport matter on the advice of souncel he declined to furnish any information.

Abraham George Bilverman Summary

Elizabeth Bentley can testify in detail concerning the involvement of Silverman in the espionage network functioning in Washington under the direction of Mathan Gregory Silvermater. Silverman was furnishing documents on aircraft production, allocation and deployment of aircraft, and other like information.

Whiteher Chembers can testify regarding the involvement of Silverman in the underground apparatus in Mashington which was Seviet directed
and which included Alger Hiss and Silverman. Chembers can further testify,
along the lines of his testimony at the Hise trial, that in late 1936 his
espionage superior Beris Byber suggested giving rugs as gifts to Alger Hise,
Entry Dexter White and Silverman. Chembers purchased three rugs and sent
then to Silverman's home. Chembers and Silverman participated in the delivery
of a rug to Hise. Florence Souphins, Silverman's former mail, can correlevate
the receipt of the three Persian rugs. She will state that Silverman stated
one of the rugs was for Marry Dexter White and the other for Alger Hise.
Other evidence correlevative of the rug transactions was developed in the Hise

If there were a proceeding against Bilverness and Bilvernester Jointly, Bestley could testify Bilvernester told her that Heavy Dector White while involved in explaness activities at an earlier period had possived a Persian Fog from the Bussians.

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Missboth Bestley would be shie to testify in great detail conterning the explorage involvement of Exthem Gregory Milvermeter, William Indeig Mimm, and Belén Milvermeter. This covered a partial from 1941 to 1945 during which Milvermeter furnished her voluminess information to be passed to Soviet Intelligence, and he had full knowledge as to where it was going. The photographing of documents obtained by Milvermeter's network from the files of Government agencies was accomplished in large measure in the Milvermeter home.

As outlined above, the mosting between Keral and Silvernator on December 1, 1945, was witnessed by Special Agents of the FRI. In addition, the educations of Alexander Escal wave outlined above.

The "Machington Browing Ster" for May 3, 1947, contained a photograph and advertisement concerning the residence at 5915 90th Street, Serthwest, Machington, D. S. (the Silvernaster residence). In the Generalized of the residence it was stated that it contained an excellent photographic room. Silvernaster also admitted in an interview on April 15, 1947, that Ullman considered photography a hobby and had a dark room in the basement of the Silvernaster home. Silvernaster exhibited this dark room to the interviewing Agents. Silvernaster also admitted knowing Jacob Golos (the original founder of the network). Silvernaster also admitted knowing Bentley, stating she frequently stayed at the Silvernaster residence on weekends.

It is felt that the criteres sutlined show would show that the persons much had an assignment in the explorage dervice of the Seriet Coverment and therefore should be populsed to register within the purview of Series 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1990. We particularly have in mind the possibility that through such proceedings it my be possible to solicit successfully the registration of one or more of those individuals, a full disclosure by them would correlevate Elimbeth Bentley and eachle proceeding the betweek. Your attention is called to the fact that wise tagging was utilized in the investigation of this network, but the criteres without more actions willized beauty stem from such wise tagging.

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For are instructed to complete arrangements with Miss Bentley so that the documents mentioned in referenced letter my be displayed to her as soon as possible. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in having the Control Intelligence Agency locate these documents and, now that they have been found and are to be made available for review, it is not desired that there he any delay on the Bureau's part in handling this matter.

The Bureau should be preaptly advised when the arrangements have been made for Miss Bentley to see these deciments. The results of her examination should also be promptly reported.

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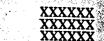
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