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**FILE DESCRIPTION**

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**SUBJECT** SILVERMASTER NEWMAN TS10

**FILE NO.** 65-56402 WHITE

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3971	4/12/52	NY let Hqs	1	1	
3972	5/22/52	Belmont memo fall	3	2	1 pg refer
3972	6/5/52	AA let NY w/pend.	1/2	1/2	
NR	8/5/52	Serial change out	1	1	
3973	9/12/55	Shopped	1	1	
3974	7/3/52	AA let DOJ	1	1	
NR	8/5/52	Serial change out	1	1	
3975	10/20/52	Change to sheet	1	1	
3976	2/26/53	Change to sheet	1	1	
3977	10/20/52	Change to sheet	1	1	
3978	6/27/52	DOJ let Hqs	1	0	Refer
3979	10/22/52	Change to sheet	1	1	

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3988B	7/25/52	Sample Memo to <del>file</del> w/land	2/6	2/0	NOT WITH PURVIS FOIA
3988B	7/25/52	HR Let NY	1	1	NOT WITH PURVIS FOIA
3981	8/8/52	Burglar Memo to Belmont	9	9	
3982	10/20/52	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3983	8/26/52	NR TT HQ	1	1	
3984	8/27/52	NY let HQ	1	1	
NR	9/8/53	R/S	1	1	
3985- 3989	2/26/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3990	11/14/52	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3991	2/26/53	" " "	1	1	
3992	9/22/52	Burglar Memo to Belmont w/land	1/3	1/3	
3993	2/26/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	

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3994	9/25/52	Dog list HQ	2	0	b7c
3994	10/29/52	HQ list Dog	3	2	1 pg b7c
NR	11/7/52	NY list HQ	1	1	
3995	12/3/52	Blind memo	1	1	
NR	12/9/52	HQ list NY	1	0	b1
3996	1/21/53	HQ list NY	1	1	
3997	12/15/52	NY list HQ	2	2	
3998	8/10/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
NR	2/7/53	SE list HQ	2	2	b7c b7D
3999*	9/24/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3999X1	9/24/53	" " "	1	1	
4000	8/10/53	" " "	1	1	

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			Actual	Released	
4001	8/16/53	Changed to Secret	1	1	
NR	5/21/37	Serial changed out	1	1	b7c
NR	4/29/53	Belmont memo to Jell	1	1	
4002	4/21/53	Changed to Secret	1	1	
4003	5/11/53	" " "	1	1	
4004	5/16/53	" " "	1	1	
4005	8/10/53	" " "	1	1	
NR	5/11/53	Nickols memo to Tolson	1	1	b7c b7D
NR	5/15/53	Nickols memo to Tolson	1	1	
4006	9/24/53	Changed to Secret	1	1	
4007	9/4/53	Nickols memo to Tolson	1	1	
4008	6/5/53	Nickols memo to Tolson	1	1	

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4009	6/5/53	Martin memo to Belmont	1	1	
4010	9/24/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
4011	6/11/53	Key memo Belmont OG LTR	1	1	b1
4012	6/29/53	NY let HQ	1	1	
4013	7/3/53	Belmont memo Goldw/land.	2/10	2/10	b7c b7D
4014	9/24/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
NR	8/1/53	Bulley Sublist Inventory	1	1	
4015	9-1/5/53 9/9/53	Stand, deep NY TT HQ	5	5	b2 b7c
4016	10/1/53	Key memo to Belmont	1	1	
NR	7/13/53	HQ let NY	1	1	
4017	10/19/53	Gold memo to Director w/enc.	5/1	5/1	
4018	10/23/53	NY TT HQ	3	3	

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Re: Silvermaster

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NR	10/23/53	Bernick memo to Belmont	1	1	
NR	10/23/53	Belmont memo to <sup>Went</sup> Fall	2/1	2/1	
NR	10/26/53	HR TT ND	2	2	
NR	11/24/53	Belmont memo to Fall/Wend.	1/1	1/1	
NR	11/24/53	Belmont memo to Fall/Wend.	1	1	
4019	11/12/53	HR let. Day weekend.	1/2	1/2	
NR	11/10/53	Nichols memo to Tolson	2	2	
NR	11/12/53	Fall memo to Director	6	6	
NR	11/12/53	Belmont memo to Fall	2	2	
NR	11/13/53	Day let HR	1	0	Refer
NR	11/12/53	Fall memo to Director	6	0	Duplicate of 2nd NR after 4019
NR	11/13/53	" " " " weekend	2/1	2/1	
NR	11/13/53	Nichols memo to Tolson	3	3	

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Re: Belmont

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NR	11/13/53	fall memo to Director	1	1	
4020	10/16/55	changed to street	1	1	
NR	11/12/53	Serial Change out	1	1	
NR	11/12/53	Belmont memo to fall	2	2	b2 b7D
4021	11/13/53	Belmont memo to Belmont	1	1	
NR	11/13/53	Belmont memo to fall	1	1	
NR	11/13/53	Belmont memo to fall	1	1	
NR	11/13/53	James memo to Nichols	1	1	
4022	10/24/53	Belmont memo to fall	3	3	b1 b7C
NR	11/16/53	MM TT HQ	1	1	
4023	11/16/53	DA let HQ	1	0	As for
4023	11/12/53	H&let Dal	1/3	1/3	b1

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: JUN 12, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet 6-5-52.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed 6-12-52 concerning statements by her before the Senate Internal Security Committee on May 29, 1952, that "two Red spy rings" still may be operating within the Government and had not been exposed. She said she based these statements on information given her by JACK (JOSEPH KATZ). She said she has previously furnished the Bureau with information that on one occasion while acting as a Soviet agent she had been requested by JACK to obtain some information regarding ALGER HISS, and that she subsequently obtained some information concerning his identity. She furnished this information to JACK, at which time he said that he had learned the identity of HISS and that he was connected in some way with another group in Washington which was furnishing information to the Soviets.

Later during this same conversation while they were discussing the value of the SILVERMASTER group, JACK indicated that this group was indeed valuable, but it was not the only one from which they obtained valuable information. From this conversation Miss BENTLEY got the impression that this concerned another group separate from the one in which HISS was involved. BENTLEY said this conversation took place in late 1944 or early 1945, and that therefore she assumed this group was not the one in which JUDY COPLON was involved. She said she based this assumption on the fact that COPLON did not go to Washington, D. C., until later in 1945.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

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DATE: May 22, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al  
(THE GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R.  
REGISTRATION ACT

LYDIA ALTSCHULER, wa., et al  
(ALTO CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R.  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
REGISTRATION ACT

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On the morning of May 22, 1952, Mr. Hennrich and I discussed these Departmental memoranda with Mr. Ray Whearty and Mr. William Foley, of the Department. We pointed out that the Department was asking for detailed information which did not appear to be warranted for two reasons:

(1) It does not appear that such detailed information is necessary in order to solicit the registration of the individuals involved.

(2) In cases involving serious consideration of prosecution, the Department does need to know the extent of technical and microphone surveillances and any unusual techniques. However, it appears to us highly undesirable that such information in detail be made the matter of written record to be filed in the Records Section of the Department. Such a procedure would defeat the system set up within the Department to maintain information concerning such techniques on a very confidential basis.

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Relative to the need for information at this time, Mr. Whearty advised that in these particular cases the Department is sure in its own mind that the subjects will not register when solicited. Consequently, the Department feels that it must be in a position to decide whether it will go ahead with prosecution prior to the time that registration is solicited. If the subject refuses to register upon solicitation, the Department does not want to be in a position of backing down and, therefore, wants to be sure it can go ahead with the prosecution upon refusal to register.

Relative to item #2, above, Mr. Whearty and Mr. Foley were in complete agreement with us that it is undesirable to furnish the details in writing of these techniques. We proposed and they agreed that in accordance with the previous agreement with the Department, where the Department is seriously considering prosecution, or where it is apparent to us that the Department must seriously consider prosecution, we will put the Department on notice that these techniques were employed. This will be done by a brief memorandum referring to the Attorney General's memorandum of February 26, 1952, and advising that unusual techniques were employed in the case. Thereafter, at the Department's request, we will have a representative of the Domestic Intelligence Division confer with the attorney in the Department handling the case and identify to him the technical and microphone surveillances or other unusual techniques under the symbol numbers set forth in the investigative reports which have been referred to the Department. We will not identify live informants unless we are prepared to release them for prosecutive purposes. (As to any live informants, these will be considered individually in each case and appropriately cleared before any informant is identified to the Department. This is in accordance with our past procedures.) (XU)

It is believed that the procedure set out above will best protect the Bureau's interests and yet enable us

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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to furnish the necessary information to the Department to properly consider whether a case should be prosecuted. Mr. Whearty advised that the attorney handling the case who confers with us will be instructed that he is not to make any permanent record of the identities of the sources divulged by us during the conference so that there will be no permanent record in the Department identifying these sources.

If you agree, we will put this into effect at once.

*OK. but I am not optimistic as to getting any results.*

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SAC, New York (65-14603)

June 3, 1952

Director, FBI (65-58402)

SECURITY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Newspaper accounts of Elizabeth Bentley's appearance before the Senate Internal Security Committee (McCarran Committee) on May 29, 1952, reflect she testified that two "Red spy rings" still may be operating within the Government and had not been exposed. She said that while she was engaged in espionage work, she learned there were four groups, two of which have been exposed.

Elizabeth Bentley should be contacted for details relative to the above. It is assumed that the two groups she refers to as exposed are the Silvermaster group and the Furie group.

The New York Office should determine whether she previously told us of the two other groups and whether she has any identifying information relative to the makeup of these espionage networks.

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cc: 2 - Washington Field  
2 - New Haven

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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(SECURITY)  
 ELIZABETH BENTLEY, FORMER COURIER FOR A COMMUNIST SPY RING, TESTIFIED THAT TWO RED SPY RINGS STILL MAY BE OPERATING WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT. SHE TOLD THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMITTEE THAT WHILE SHE WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE WORK, SHE LEARNED THAT THERE WERE FOUR GROUPS OPERATING WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION. SHE SAID TWO OF THESE GROUPS ALREADY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. SHE ADDED THAT THE OTHER TWO HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPOSED AND SHE ASSUMES THAT THEY ARE STILL OPERATING. MISS BENTLEY PARTICIPATED WITH TWO OTHER EX-COMMUNISTS--WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND NEDE MASSING--FORMER FBI UNDERGROUND AGENT HERBERT PHILBRICK AND ADM. R. H. MILLENKOETTER, FORMER HEAD OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN A DISCUSSION ON COMMUNISM AND ESPIONAGE.  
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 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADD 1 SECURITY (1159A)

MAJ. GEN. CLAIRE CHENNAULT, WAR-TIME COMMANDANT OF THE "FLYING TIGERS" IN CHINA, TOLD THE COMMITTEE EARLIER THAT HE BELIEVES U.S. POLICY IN CHINA AFTER THE WAR HELPED THE COMMUNISTS AND HURT THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS.

CHENNAULT, WHO IS NOW ENGAGED IN BUSINESS IN THE FAR EAST, ADDED THAT SOME ARMY OFFICERS IN CHINA DURING THE WAR TRIED TO INFLUENCE U.S. POLICY TOWARD THAT COUNTRY.

AT ONE POINT, HE SAID, GEN. ALBERT C. WEDEMEYER, WARTIME COMMANDER IN CHINA, HAD TO ISSUE AN ORDER TELLING ARMY OFFICERS THAT THEIR DUTY WAS TO ENFORCE U.S. POLICY -- NOT DEBATE IT.

THE COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS -- A PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION -- IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBVERSIVE FORCES INFLUENCE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE FAR EAST. THE INQUIRY HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR OVER A YEAR.

THE THREE EX-COMMUNISTS AND PHILBRICK AND MILLENKOETTER WERE CALLED BEFORE THE GROUP TO TESTIFY ON THE TECHNIQUES OF COMMUNISTS AND ESPIONAGE AGENTS.

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS BY COMMITTEE COUNCIL ROBERT MORRIS, CHAMBERS SAID THAT AN EX-COMMUNIST IS "FULLY JUSTIFIED IN FEARING REPRISALS OF A BODILY KIND" FOR LEAVING THE PARTY OR SPY APPARATUS.

HE SAID THAT THIS HOLDS TRUE UNTIL HE HAS TOLD HIS STORY PUBLICLY; AFTER THAT, HE SAID, THE DANGER IS LESSENER.

CHAMBERS SAID THAT HE BELIEVES GEN. WALTER KRIVITSKY, REFUGEE RUSSIAN GENERAL WHO DIED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES HERE BEFORE THE WAR, WAS MURDERED.

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Assistant Attorney General  
James M. McInerney  
Director, FBI

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**NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al.**  
(THE GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(Your Reference: JMM:RPV:DJ  
140-7-10-82  
150-012)

**LYDIA ALTSCHULER, et al.**  
(ALTO CASE)  
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Reference is made to your memoranda of June 27, 1952, in the above-entitled cases, wherein you referred to the agreement entered into by representatives of this Bureau with Messrs. Whearty and Foley and in which you pointed out that they were not authorized to enter into any such agreement.

In our discussions in this matter, we did not intend nor did we ever suggest that the Department's files should not reflect the reasons for nonprosecution in proper cases. We did suggest, and the object of our agreement was, the undesirability of the Department's general files reflecting detailed information regarding the extent and ramifications of technical and microphone surveillances. (X)(u)

I note that you are appreciative of the objectives sought and the necessity therefor and, in accordance with your suggestion, this problem will be discussed further with you personally.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DLB*

DATE: July 25, 1952

FROM : E. L. LAUGHLIN *EL*

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY *AB*  
(Testimony before  
Mc Carran Committee,  
October 12, 1951,  
Volume 131)

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### PURPOSE

To describe the nature of the testimony of Bentley before an Executive Session of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (Mc Carran Committee) on October 12, 1951.

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### BACKGROUND

On October 12, 1951, Elizabeth Bentley testified before an Executive Session of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, her testimony being recorded in Volume 131.

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### SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

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A review has been made of the case files of both Earl Browder and Henry A. Wallace without locating any data which indicates that Bentley previously gave us this specific data.

DISPOSITION

The original copy of the transcript of Bentley's testimony (Volume 131) has been photostated and is being returned to the Mc Carran Committee as soon as the representative of that Committee calls at the Bureau to pick up this and other material. One photostatic copy of the transcript is being filed in the Mc Carran Control File - 62-88217. One copy is also being filed in the Gregory case - 65-56402.

ACTION

There is attached hereto a memorandum to the New York Office, instructing them to interview Elizabeth Bentley for any additional details she has on this matter.

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The Bureau has not been able to locate any information concerning the above in the Bureau's files, and it is desired that during your next interview of Elizabeth Bentley, she be pressed for any additional details she has on this matter.

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TO : A. H. Belmont  
 FROM : W. A. Bronk  
 SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE  
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DATE: August 8, 1952

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PURPOSE:

This is to advise of a review of the files of subjects in the Gregory Case who were employed in the Treasury Department to determine if information developed therein was properly disseminated; to consider the need for additional investigation to determine the extent of Communist influence upon the monetary policy of the United States.

DETAILS:

The report of the Subcommittee investigating the Institute of Pacific Relations of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary recommends that consideration be given to investigating possible Communist infiltration into, and influence upon, the Treasury Department and other agencies forming and administering fiscal and monetary policies and affairs of the United States. Inasmuch as the McCarran Committee has recommended this inquiry, a review was made to determine if proper dissemination has been made of the information developed in these cases. A review has been made of the files of those subjects of the Gregory Case who were employed in the Treasury Department. The identity of these subjects is set forth hereinafter. The initial investigation of all Gregory Case subjects was handled in the case entitled "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was., et al, Espionage - R (Gregory Case)," and the investigation was instituted in November, 1945. On March 11, 1949, the field was instructed to report information in individual case files and since that time individual reports have been disseminated as the case dictates.

Two extensive summary memoranda have been prepared summarizing pertinent developments of the Gregory Case. These memoranda set forth the part played by each individual subject

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in the Gregory Case. Insofar as each individual subject is concerned these set forth the allegations of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, background of the individual and the results of our investigation. The first summary memorandum consisting of 194 pages and index was prepared on February 21, 1946. The following pertinent dissemination of this memorandum was made on the dates indicated:

White House	2-25-46
The Attorney General	2-25-46
Secretary of State	2-25-46
Secretary of Treasury	3-4-46

Other dissemination of instant memorandum has been made but is not pertinent to this inquiry.

A second summary memorandum consisting of 296 pages and an index was prepared on October 21, 1946, and the following dissemination was made on the dates indicated:

White House	12-16-46
The Attorney General	11-27-46
Department of State	11-25-46
Treasury Department	3-6-48

(Copy given to T. V. Quinn, Justice Department, for transmittal to Mr. E. Foley, General Counsel, Treasury Department.)

Again other dissemination was made of this summary memorandum but it is not pertinent to this inquiry.

These memoranda were all inclusive up to the time written, and presented a clear picture of the part played by the various subjects in the Gregory Case. The memoranda reflect the association of the various individuals in the Treasury Department as well as the other subjects of the Gregory Case. The Treasury Department would have been able to perceive the extent of each person's involvement from a review of these memoranda. The extent of the dissemination of individual case reports will be handled below.

It is interesting to note that of the Gregory Case subjects employed in the Treasury Department, all but one had resigned by the end of 1947. The policy has been not to make

dissemination of reports in individual cases to the Treasury Department when the subject has left the Treasury Department unless there is some specific reason that the Treasury Department should be advised of the results of the investigation such as an individual employed by the International Monetary Fund.

The one individual who remained in the Treasury Department until 1950, Solomon Adler, was the subject of a Loyalty of Government Employee investigation, and copies of the reports were furnished to the Civil Service Commission for transmittal to the Treasury Department. Set forth hereinafter are the individuals who were employed at one time by the Treasury Department and the dates of their employment with the Treasury Department. There will also be shown the extent of dissemination of individual reports in these cases.

SOLOMON ADLER

12/7/36 - 10/1/42, Economic Analyst, Division of Monetary Research, US Treasury Department.

3/1/44 - 5/11/50, Treasury Department.

In 1950, Adler resigned from the Treasury Department and went to England. He has remained there up to the present time. While employed at the Treasury Department, Adler was the subject of an LGE investigation and copies of the reports were forwarded to the Civil Service Commission for transmittal to the Treasury Department and the Attorney General. Adler resigned prior to a decision on loyalty charges. Dissemination of the reports has been and is presently being made to the State Department, CIA and the Justice Department. On 3/7/47 a special memorandum was prepared for the Attorney General for his presentation to the Treasury Department. This was a memorandum summarizing all available information concerning Adler.

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE

6/20/34 - 9/20/34, US Treasury Department.

6/1/36 - 10/3/36, Economic Analyst, Division of Research and Statistics.

5/39 - 5/25/39, Economic Analyst, Division of Monetary Research.

8/13/40 - 1/16/42, Assistant Director, Division of Monetary Research.

2/16/45 - 6/17/46, Director, Division of Monetary Research.

Present: Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, Washington, D. C.

Dissemination of pertinent reports has been made to the Departments of State, Treasury, and Justice. Dissemination is being made to the Treasury Department in this instance in view of Coe's employment as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund.

HAROLD GLASSER

11/23/36 - 12/31/47, Division of Monetary Research.

Glasser originally entered the Treasury Department as an Economic Analyst, Division of Research and Statistics and was promoted to Assistant Director on November 16, 1938. He was promoted to Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research on August 1, 1939, and Director on August 22, 1946. Glasser was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation, results of which were sent to the Departments of Treasury, Justice and State. A special memorandum was prepared for the Attorney General on 3-7-47 for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury reflecting a summary of the activities of Harold Glasser. Individual reports have been disseminated in instant case to the Department of Justice.

SONIA GOLD

8/25/43 - 8/21/47, Economic Analyst, Division of Monetary Research.

A special memorandum summarizing the results of Gold's activities was submitted to the Attorney General on 3/7/47 for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury. Copies of reports reflecting results of Sonia Gold's activities have been disseminated to the Department.



IRVING KAPLAN

7/12/45 - 5/19/46, Economic Advisor, Foreign Funds Control and Division of Monetary Research.

Pertinent reports have been disseminated in instant case to the Departments of State and Justice.

VICTOR PERLO

12/17/45 - 3/27/47, Economic Analyst, Division of Monetary Research.

Reports in instant case have been disseminated to the Department of Justice. A special memorandum summarizing the results of investigation of Perlo's activities was submitted to the Attorney General on 3/7/47 for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury.

ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

Silverman has never been employed directly by the Treasury Department but was employed by the Railroad Retirement Board. He was on loan to the Treasury Department in 1941, for a short period of time and there worked on the frozen funds policy. He was secured for the Treasury Department through the intervention of Harry Dexter White. Copies of reports have been furnished to the Department, the Air Force and Navy.

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER

During the Summer of 1944, Silvermaster was on loan to the Treasury Department from the Farm Security Administration.

12/44 - 3/46, Chief Planning Technician, Procurement Division, Treasury Department.

Silvermaster was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation and copies of the Hatch Act reports were furnished to the Departments of Agriculture and Justice, the Board of Economic Warfare, and the Civil Service Commission. Summary reports and pertinent reports have been disseminated in instant case to the Department and to INS.

WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR

1/3/41 - 5/21/41, Principal Economic Analyst,  
Division of Monetary Research.

9/14/42 - 12/14/46, Division of Monetary Research.

Taylor was appointed Assistant Director on 4/11/43. He is presently employed as the Assistant Director of the International Monetary Fund. Dissemination is now being made to Departments of State, Treasury and Justice.

WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN

2/16/39 - 10/42, Division of Monetary Research.

11/23/45 - 4/29/47, Division of Monetary Research.

A special memorandum summarizing the results of investigation of Ullman was forwarded to the Attorney General on 3/7/47 for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury. Copies of reports are being disseminated to the Departments of Justice and Air Force. Action has recently been instituted to revoke Ullman's commission as a reserve officer.

DONALD NIVEN WHEELER

4/39 - 5/40, Junior Economic Analyst, Division of Monetary Research.

Wheeler was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation and copies of the reports were forwarded to the Office of the Co-ordinator of Information, the Agency by whom Wheeler at one time was employed. Copies of reports are being disseminated to the Department of Justice.

HARRY DEXTER WHITE

6/20/34 - 5/1/46, Division of Monetary Research.

White was first employed as an economic analyst and was made Assistant Director in October of 1936. He was appointed Director of the Division of Monetary Research in

March, 1938. On August 5, 1941, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of the Division of Monetary Research. He resigned on May 1, 1946, to become the US Director of the International Monetary Fund. On April 7, 1947, he resigned as Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. A special memorandum reflecting the results of the investigation of Harry Dexter White and his associates was submitted to the President on February 1, 1946. White had been the subject of a Hatch Act investigation and copies of the reports were forwarded to the Treasury Department. White died in 1948.

It is interesting to note that all of the above individuals, with the exception of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, were employed in the Division of Monetary Research. White was the first Director and later became the Assistant Secretary of Treasury in charge of the Division of Monetary Research. Coe and Glasser served as Directors of the Division of Monetary Research and Taylor served as an Assistant Director. The others served as economic analysts.

The summary memoranda previously mentioned show the extent of the above individuals' participation in Soviet espionage and their Communist Party membership where that was the case. The McCarran Committee has recommended that an inquiry should be made into the possible Communist infiltration of the Treasury Department. The summary memoranda presented the picture of the Communist infiltration into the Division of Monetary Research. This phase of the contemplated inquiry by the McCarran Committee has been covered by our previous investigation. It must be born in mind that the Gregory Case was an espionage case. The scope of the investigation was directed toward establishing whether or not evidence could be secured which would corroborate the allegations of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley. The investigation was not directed toward ascertaining the extent of the Communist influence upon the monetary policy of the United States Government. Circumstantially it could be said that there must have been some influence upon the monetary policy of the United States, since an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who had formerly been Director, two Directors, who had formerly been Assistant Directors, an Assistant Director, and some of the economic analysts of the Division of Monetary Research were either Communist Party members or sympathizers to the Communist Party policy and were supplying information to a Soviet spy network.

It is realized that this, in and of itself, does not prove the extent of the Communist influence. Our files show an association between these men and their activities but not the extent of their influence on monetary policies.

White, Glasser and Coe have represented the United States at international conferences. White is reported to have been influential in the Treasury Department. This information is contained in the disseminated summary memoranda. The question comes to the fore whether or not at this time further investigation should be undertaken to establish the extent of the Communist influence upon the monetary policy of the United States Government. Some of the reasons favoring a further investigation would be:

- (1) It would be a security investigation.
- (2) The FBI has the responsibility for investigating Communists within the Government.
- (3) The McCarran Committee will study this matter in the near future and we should have all available information.

In reply to some of these arguments it is pointed out that the investigation of Communists that are in the Government today is being handled at present under the LGE program on an individual case basis. Not one of these individuals is in the employ of the Treasury Department at present. The extent of the influence of this group upon the monetary policy of the United States is now history, as all but one left the Treasury Department in 1947, or prior to that. At this time such investigation would not appear to be the direct responsibility of the FBI. It would fall more logically within the province of an administrative inquiry by the Treasury Department, or possibly a congressional committee. The FBI is a fact finding organization; this inquiry would be one of evaluation of the influence wielded by the various individuals within the Division of Monetary Research.

The Gregory Case was an espionage case and not a case designed to determine the extent of the Communist influence upon the monetary policy. Our investigation was directed toward determining whether US Government information was being turned over to the Soviet espionage apparatus. If we were to conduct an investigation now into the influence of this group it would appear to be necessary to advise the Treasury Department of the real reason we are making this investigation; namely, that the McCarran Committee contemplates making such an investigation in the near future. If we were not to advise the Treasury Department of the real reason, the Bureau could be opening itself to unjustified criticism. It would appear very unusual to be making this inquiry five years after the bulk of this group left the Treasury Department and two years after the last one left. The unknowing outsider or the Treasury Department, if not told the real reason for the investigation, would possibly criticize the Bureau for a delayed investigation. This would be unjustifiable since it was outside the scope of our previous inquiry.

From a review of the files it is felt that proper dissemination has been made. Further investigation to determine the extent of the Communist influence, mainly of the Gregory Case subjects, upon the monetary policy of the United States is not being recommended.

ACTION:

This memorandum is for information purposes only and no action is being recommended.

ADDENDUM:

Of the twelve individuals mentioned above, there are pending investigations in all instances with the exception of the case on Harry Dexter White, who is now deceased. The investigations are directed toward ascertaining the current activities of these individuals.

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WA. ESPIONAGE R. HARRY HAINES, CHIEF OF POLICE, HARVEY CEDARS, NJ ADVISED THIS DATE AN INDIVIDUAL FROM WASHINGTON, DC APPEARED AT HARVEY CEDARS, AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST TO SERVE SUBPOENA ON SILVERMASTER. HAINES UNAWARE THIS INDIVIDUAL-S OFFICIAL STATUS, BUT BELIEVES HE IS CONNECTED WITH SOME CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE SINCE HE IS SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVED SUBPOENA ON SUBJECT AND WILLIAM ULLMAN FOUR YEARS AGO TO APPEAR BEFORE HCUA. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION, HAINES ASCERTAINED SUBJECT TO APPEAR WASHINGTON, DC APPROXIMATELY SEPT<sup>14</sup>ERIVE NEXT. FOR INFO.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-56402)  
 FROM : *R.V.B.* SAC, New York (65-14603)  
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Rebulet, 7/25/52.

On 8/21/52, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed concerning her knowledge of the connection between HENRY A. WALLACE and the CP.

MISS BENTLEY advised that EARL BROWDER quite often boasted a good deal but she felt that in this instance he was telling the truth. She stated that after the death of JACOB GOLOS in late 1943 she had occasion to meet with EARL BROWDER. At that time from 1942 to 1945 BROWDER resided in the home of a wealthy CP member, (name unknown) in Monroe, N.Y.

Between late 1943 and early 1945 BROWDER on 4 or 5 occasions, when she saw him seemed quite provoked at HENRY A. WALLACE and on each of these occasions made some remark to the effect that 90 per cent of the time WALLACE follows CP directions and everything comes out all right. However, 10 per cent of the time he tries to do his own thinking and then things get all balled up.

She recalled visiting with EARL BROWDER on Election Day, 1944. At that time BROWDER stated that WALLACE was an idealist and a "screw ball" and expressed the fear that if WALLACE was elected Vice President he would be an idealist and probably more difficult to manage.

MISS BENTLEY assumed that BROWDER maintained liaison with WALLACE before late 1943, when she first learned of it but knew of nothing to back up this assumption. She also was of the opinion that BROWDER and WALLACE did not personally confer with each other but used the services of a third person. She had no knowledge of who this third person was but at the time guessed it might be JOHN ABT since ABT was a friend of EARL BROWDER. In this connection she recalled that some other person prominent in the CP also was of the opinion that JOHN ABT probably was BROWDER'S contact man with HENRY WALLACE. MISS BENTLEY no longer was able to recall the identity of the CP member who also was of the opinion that ABT was BROWDER'S liaison man with WALLACE.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date Sept. 10, 1953 Time 3:18 PM

Miss Mary Riggs, office of  
Deputy Attorney General Rogers

Re: Tele.

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Miss Riggs stated that she was calling to see if an appointment could be approved for the Director to appear in the Attorney General's Office on September 28th at 10:00AM for a conference.

Present at the meeting will be The Attorney General, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Olney, Mr. Bankin, and Mr. Mullen.

The Attorney General desires to discuss at this meeting the question of the 15 "so-called" spies who have refused to answer questions before Congressional Investigation Committees under the 5th Amendment.

The Attorney General wants to pose the problem of what legislative action can be taken in these cases. He also wants to discuss the possibility of a speech being written on this subject to be delivered by him sometime next month at the National Press Club.

Miss Riggs was advised that Mr. Hoover will attend the meeting.

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TO : A. H. Belmont *ABrt*

FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: **NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER**  
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DATE: September 22, 1952

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On September 17, 1952, Mr. M. L. Harney, Technical Assistant to the Secretary for Enforcement, U. S. Treasury, advised Supervisor Bartlett that it had come to his attention that Mrs. Abraham Fox was bitter concerning Harry Dexter White and others whom she felt were partly responsible for her husband's death many years ago. Mr. Harney thought perhaps the Bureau might know something of the matter and if not, might be interested in interviewing Mrs. Fox. He said that Fox had been with the Tariff Commission and then had taken a position in China where he died. Mr. Harney thought there had been some disagreement between White and Fox, and that perhaps Fox had known others of the group named by Elizabeth Bentley.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

There is attached a blank memorandum which has been prepared for delivery to Mr. Harney setting forth the information in our files concerning the above incident. It is recommended that this be delivered to Mr. Harney and after reading it he be asked if he can implement the information in any way, and whether he has any recent indication that Mrs. Cohen (the ex-Mrs. Fox) would be willing to expand upon the information she previously furnished.

*Not to be delivered per Mr. Harney 9/2*

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*Info. orally to Harney. This info is more recent than his source could furnish. No reason to continue the Mrs. Fox angle further.*

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~~ABRAHAM MANUEL FOX;  
DORA CONVISSOR COHEN  
Formerly Mrs. Dora Fox~~

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Abraham Manuel Fox was born May 14, 1889, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was appointed a Special Expert in Economics, U. S. Tariff Commission, on June 1, 1923. On July 24, 1937, he was appointed a Commissioner in the U. S. Tariff Commission. He resigned this position on May 26, 1941, to accept an appointment as the American representative on the American-Chinese Stabilization Fund. Fox died while on this mission to China. Dora Convisser Cohen was born on January 6, 1890. She was married to Abraham Manuel Fox and after his death she married Joseph Jacob Cohen on January 2, 1946. She and her husband, Joseph Cohen, were last reported to be residing at Lakebay, Washington.

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An informant who is believed to be reliable advised that after Fox in 1941 was selected by the Treasury Department to represent the United States as a member of a financial mission to China, some sort of a disagreement arose between him and Harry Dexter White of the Treasury Department. In regard to this disagreement, Abraham George Silverman made a number of calls on Mrs. Dora Fox, the purpose being to have her transmit certain information to her husband in China. Mrs. Fox did not wish to send the material and shortly thereafter Fox wrote he was returning home.

On May 3, 1949, Mrs. Dora Cohen, who was then in Paris, France, was interviewed concerning the above incident. She said that her first husband, Abraham Manuel Fox, had made a speech before a group of Chinese economists and bankers while in China which was not well received in Washington. Following this speech, there was considerable criticism of his remarks in government circles in Washington, whereupon Abraham George Silverman contacted her and suggested that she get word to her husband that he should not make any more speeches and should be more discreet in his public declarations. She said that while Silverman apparently made the suggestion in order to help her husband, she did not take the matter seriously and in fact made no effort to get in touch with her husband regarding this matter. Later when her husband telephoned her from Manila, she asked him if he had

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made any statements in China to which the Chinese had taken exception whereupon his reply inferred he did not know to what she was referring. Mrs. Cohen believed that Laughlin Currie was present at the time of the telephone conversation.

Mrs. Cohen was also questioned concerning the association of her former husband and herself with Abraham George Silverman, Harry Dexter White and others. She said she and her husband had visited the Silverman home two or three times. She said that Silverman had been employed under her husband in the Tariff Commission. He was considered a very brilliant man, although a bit difficult to become acquainted with and not particularly well liked. She said he was a close friend of Harry Dexter White and Laughlin Currie. With respect to Harry Dexter White, she said she knew him only slightly. He was reputed to be very close to Mr. Morgenthau and a very brilliant man. He had an independent character and was a man who perhaps made enemies easily and unintentionally. Regarding Laughlin Currie, Mrs. Cohen stated that she knew very little about him except that he was a member of the "Little Brain Trust" and subsequently a so-called "anonymous secretary" to President Roosevelt. Prior to Mr. Fox's departure to China, he discussed Chinese problems with Mr. Currie and being an authority on China had furnished considerable background information of interest to Mr. Fox. Regarding Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, Mrs. Cohen stated that they were not close friends of theirs and were not particularly well liked. It is to be noted that Abraham George Silverman, Harry Dexter White, Laughlin Currie and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster were all named by Elizabeth Bentley as part of a network operating in government agencies in Washington, D. C., who were furnished data which were being transmitted to Soviet Intelligence.

Mrs. Cohen also stated that she first became acquainted with Priscilla and Alger Hiss through their frequenting a bookshop which had been operated by Mrs. Cohen. Later Mr. Fox came to know Hiss and took an interest in him and his career and had many discussions and conversations with him. Mr. and Mrs. Fox visited the Hisses at their home. Mrs. Cohen expressed the view that Hiss was completely innocent of the charges against him and felt he would eventually be cleared.

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Mrs. Cohen stated categorically she at no time had any reason to believe any of the foregoing persons had been engaged in subversive activities.

It is to be noted that it had previously been determined that Alger and Priscilla Hiss had contributed to the A.M. Fox Scholarship fund which was a fund set up as a memorial to him, and the purpose of the fund was to assist in the education of worthy Chinese students in China. Mrs. Cohen indicated she had not known that the Hisses had contributed to this fund.

A confidential informant of known reliability has advised that she knew Abraham Manuel Fox and his wife, Dora. She stated she did not know them to be Communist Party members but during the period she knew them she considered Dora Fox to be a Communist Party "angel" and felt that Manuel Fox followed the Communist Party line. This informant stated that she also knew their son, Melvin James Fox, and knew that he had joined the Communist Party in his early youth, during which time he was an actor. He later contracted tuberculosis and while in a sanitarium in New York State studied Marxist literature and considered that he was preparing himself for the coming revolution. X4

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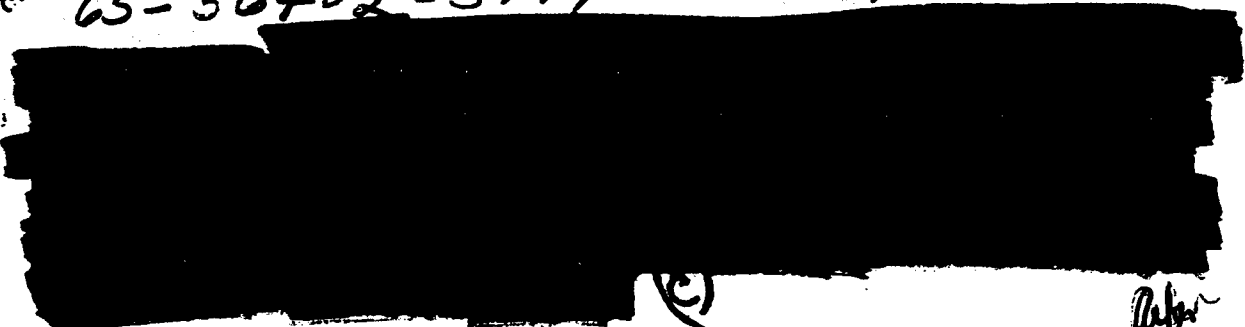
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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Was.,  
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Referenced memorandum reflects with respect to Koral, Silvermaster and Kaplan that there is insufficient evidence in your opinion to sustain a prosecution in the event of refusal to register.

With respect to Abraham George Silverman, it is noted that no opinion is expressed as to the sufficiency of the evidence to support prosecution in the event of refusal to register, although it is pointed out that two serious bars to such prosecution exist, namely, (1) the claim of the privilege against self-incrimination and (2) the doubt that under the terms of the Act there exists a present obligation to register.

In the absence of a statement in referenced memorandum that there is insufficient evidence with respect to Silverman, it is requested that you advise whether your memorandum is meant to be interpreted that sufficient evidence does exist to make a prima facie case against Silverman but that the case would be subject to the two defenses mentioned. In this connection, the evidence available against Silverman appears to be considerably stronger than that available against the other three individuals named above. It will be remembered that both Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley can testify against Silverman and that Florence Tompkins, former mistress of Silverman, can

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corroborate that portion of Chambers' testimony relating to the delivery on behalf of the Russians of Persian rugs to Silverman, Harry Dexter White and Alger Hiss. Other evidence corroborative of the rug transactions was developed in the Hiss case.

With respect to the privilege against self-incrimination constituting a bar to prosecution, it is requested that you elaborate on this in view of our interest in the general application of this statute as well as our interest in this case. It is desired to know whether there can be any successful prosecution for failure to register under Section 20(a) if the privilege against self-incrimination is a valid defense. If this privilege will not completely nullify the provisions of Section 20(a) it is requested that you cite hypothetical examples of cases wherein prosecution would not be barred by such a claim.

With respect to the doubt that there exists a present obligation on the part of Silverman to register, it is noted that Mr. McInerney's memorandum dated June 18, 1952, on the subject of "Cases Under Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950," sets forth in detail your position in this regard. The memorandum of June 18, 1952, points out the general tenor of the Act as applying only to current agency activity, by reason of which it is felt that a court might hold that persons within the class defined by Section 20(a) are not under any duty to register under the Act as amended where it cannot be shown that they currently are acting, or within the effective period of Section 20(a) have acted, as agents of a foreign principal. As there is no known espionage activity on the part of Silverman during the effective period of Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950, your comments are desired concerning the possibility of proceeding against Silverman in a test case for the purpose of resolving the doubt as to how a court might hold.

Your referenced memorandum expresses the belief, in view of Silverman's insistent denials that he has ever engaged in espionage, that he will refuse to register if his registration is solicited. It would seem, however, that Silverman's previous denials may be considered to have been made under circumstances distinguishable from the circumstances under which he would find himself as the subject of possible proceedings under this Act. As the Act authorizes the Attorney General, under certain conditions, to exempt a person otherwise required to register if that person makes a full written disclosure, it is requested that you furnish

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your opinion concerning the advisability of soliciting a disclosure from Silverman and your observations, as a matter of policy, as to whether such a disclosure would serve as a basis for a determination by the Attorney General that a registration by Silverman would not be in the interest of national security. It would appear possible that Silverman, rather than face prosecution done under this Act, might decide to seek exemption from the requirement of registration if a full written disclosure would qualify him for such consideration. A full disclosure by Silverman would, of course, enable further prosecutive action with respect to the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster espionage group.

The Department has previously advised that successful prosecution of the various individuals involved in the espionage network headed by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, as revealed by Elizabeth T. Bentley, requires the development of corroborative evidence to support Miss Bentley's allegations. A review of the over-all Silvermaster case fails to indicate where such corroboration might be forthcoming if not from the admissions of one of the persons involved. Interviews of these persons have all resulted negatively. In view of this, considerable importance is attached to the possibility of obtaining a full written disclosure from Silverman.

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*WALTER GREGORY*

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Re: Washington Field Office letter to the Bureau dated 8/22/52 suggesting that the N. Y. Office re-contact ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY and furnish her the names of PIERRE COT, former Air Minister in France, General AUGUSTE BROSSIN de SAINT-BIBLER, Chief of the Military Mission of the French in Washington, D. C., and General CHARLES LUGUET, Chief of the Free French Air Mission in Washington, D. C. during 1944, as possibilities for further identifying the individual whom she previously described as an acquaintance of the SILVERMASTERS. At the time of mentioning this individual, BENTLEY furnished information to the effect that she had received considerable typed material on the Free French from EARL BROWDER; however, she had no knowledge of BROWDER's source for this information. She advised that she also received information regarding the Free French from the SILVERMASTERS who had among their acquaintances an individual whom she believed was Air Minister for the Free French. She said this individual was a General.

On October 17, 1952, Miss BENTLEY was re-contacted by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER at which time the above mentioned names were discussed with her. At that time, BENTLEY stated that she believes CHARLES LUGUET is the individual who was an acquaintance of the SILVERMASTERS. She now recalls that this individual had spent approximately one year in Russia. Further that his child attended school in Moscow and that the General had a high regard for the type of educational system in Moscow.

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December 3, 1952

**ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY**  
Born: JANUARY 1, 1908  
New Milford, Connecticut

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A review of the records of this Bureau has disclosed that Elizabeth Terrill Bentley was born in New Milford, Connecticut, on January 1, 1908, the daughter of Charles Prentiss Bentley, now deceased. She attended Vassar College in 1929, and Columbia University from September, 1932 to October 1, 1935, receiving a Master of Arts Degree on February 27, 1935, in Italian. She was later employed at the Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Virginia, and at the University of France, Italy.  
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She joined the Communist Party in New York City in 1935. In 1938, she went into the Communist underground and became an assistant to Jacob Golos, a Soviet espionage agent serving in such capacity until the latter's death in 1943. Bentley defected from the Communist Party in 1945, and since that time has cooperated with this Bureau in furnishing intelligence information of value. It appears that she has also cooperated with other interested government agencies including the Immigration and Naturalization Service.  
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**NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al  
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Bourlet dated 12/15/52 captioned "China Stabilization Fund, Foreign Economic Matter," a copy of which is being enclosed with a copy of this letter for the WFO. You are instructed to interview immediately Mr. Arthur Campbell, Customs Agent, 201 Varick Street, New York City, for all information in his possession concerning Harry Dexter White, William Henry Taylor, Virginia Frank Coe and Solomon Adler. This interview should be exhaustive and should be conducted by experienced agents familiar with this case.

It is believed that the Dr. CHI previously mentioned by Mr. Campbell is probably Dr. CHI Chao-ting, who is the subject of a separate "Internal Security - CM" investigation in your Office. The interview of Campbell should, of course, elicit the full identity of the Dr. LIH also mentioned by Campbell.

This matter should be given expeditious attention and thorough handling.

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NOTE: Campbell, former govt. employee in China, was advised NYO that he knew White, Taylor, Adler and Coe, all subjs. of separate espionage investigations, and that he would furnish substantially detailed info. re Taylor and Alder.

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Re WFO letter, 12/30/52, setting forth the identity of Communists who were employed in the same Federal agencies as the subject and who would be logical persons to be interviewed for information of Communist Party membership on the part of the subjects.

The names of SYBIL DINABURG, was., and GRACE GOLUB GREEN COX, were set forth as such individuals.

1. SYBIL DINABURG, nee APPLEBAUM, aka, SYLVIA DINABURG, and SYBIL DINABURG, resides at 1418 Milvia St., Berkeley, California, and is employed by the Crippled Children's Service, State of California, State Office Building, San Francisco.

2. She is married to DR. AARON GORDON DINABURG, who resides at the same address.

3. [REDACTED]

SYBIL DINABURG, according to the records of CSC, listed one HARRY MAGDOFF as a reference in an application for employment in July, 1948. MISS ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, self-admitted Communist and former member of the Soviet Espionage Ring, testified before the House Committee On Un-American Activities, that HARRY MAGDOFF was a member of the espionage group known to be operating in the Federal Government in the early 1940's.

4. AARON DINABURG, husband of SYBIL, according to records of Special Committee Investigating Un-American Activities by Dies Committee, was listed as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and also listed as a member of the Washington Book Shop. The name, AARON DINABURG, appeared on the active indices of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties and the American Peace Mobilization.

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6. No activity on the part of subject or husband has been reported by informants of the San Francisco Office; however, a vehicle registered to AARON G. DINABURG, 1418 Milvia St., Berkeley, California, has been observed to be parked in front of the homes of DR. EPHRAIM KAHN and DR. DAVID W. ELSON, both SI subjects of the San Francisco Office.

1. GRACE GOLUB GREEN COX, resides at 370 Lowell Ave., Mill Valley, California; is of the white race; and her occupation is housewife.

2. She is married to THOMAS ALEXANDER COX of the white race, who is employed through Local 1719 Carpenters Union, AF of L, Mill Valley, California, which local union, according to reliable informants, is Communist dominated.

3. The COXES are reliably reported to have been Communist Party Club members in the Labor Department, Washington, D.C., from 1943 to 1944, or 1945, and to have been members of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland. GRACE COX was active in a joint peace commission, 1938-39, while at Smith College, and in 1936, reportedly was a research secretary for the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Her former husband, AEMER GREEN, reportedly was Publicity Director for this same committee.

Reliable informants, who are acquainted with Communist activities in Mill Valley, California, have not reported either GRACE or THOMAS COX as members of the Communist Party since their arrival in Mill Valley, California; however, have reported them as currently in close association with Communist Party members and active in the Arts, Sciences, and Professions Local, at Mill Valley, and on behalf of the Independent Progressive Party during the 1946 election.

Bureau authority is requested to interview SYBIL DINABURG and GRACE and THOMAS COX, in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. If they are cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interviews to direct their activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to re-contact the subjects as potential security informants.

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**JAMES E. NEWMAN**  
(Jenner Committee Request)

On April 8, 1953, Mr. Robert Morris of the Jenner Committee requested of Mr. Nichols information and particularly the addresses of four hostile witnesses who will probably invoke the Fifth Amendment if they are called before the Committee. One of these individuals was James E. Newman, described as a contributing editor to the "Scientific American," former assistant of Senator Brian McMahon, and reputedly author of the Atomic Energy Act. Newman was also reported to have been a commissioner in the American occupation zone in Hesse, Germany, and intervened in behalf of the Communist Party in Hesse.

James Roy Newman, as one of the subjects in the Gregory Espionage - R case was under investigation during the Summer of 1946. This investigation revealed that Newman had been in contact with various subjects of the above-mentioned case; however, it failed to establish any espionage activities on his part. (65-56402-3200; 123-7443-16)

The attached memorandum for the Jenner Committee contains background information concerning criticism of him while he was serving as American Military Governor for the State of Hesse in Germany, as well as public source information reflecting his association with alleged left-wing individuals in the drafting of the Atomic Energy Act. In the preparation of the memorandum review was limited to main file summaries dated July 8, 1946, October 17, 1946, and June 17, 1948, and to reviews of "See" references subsequent to the latter summary. (65-56402-1359, page 96; 65-56402-1600-3200)

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If you approve, the attached memorandum will be furnished the Jenner Committee. 12/8/88 3042 PWT/JS

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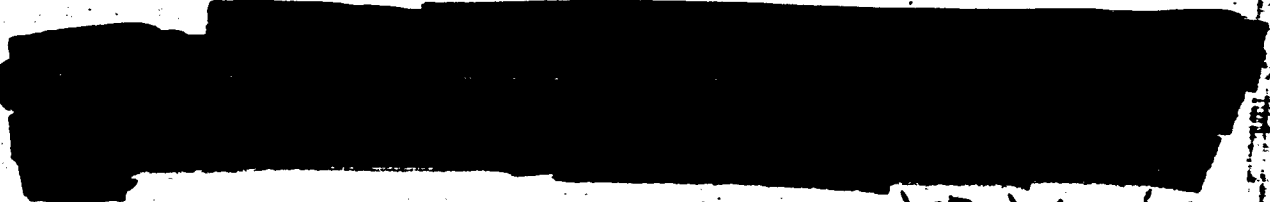
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Mr. Tolson: ✓

You requested an explanation, as a result of the George Sokolsky column of May 8, 1953, referring to the testimony of Frederick Palmer Weber and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, wherein both claimed their Constitutional privilege when asked about Max Lowenthal, for the failure to advise the Director of this.

I had previously reported that Silvermaster was to testify on April 16th and Palmer Weber was to testify on April 21st. I also reported that Palmer Weber was kicking up a fuss and that Morris was thoroughly briefed on Weber and his association with Max Lowenthal.



Palmer Weber was called to testify in Executive Session on April 20th and Public Session, April 21st. We received the testimony under date of May 5th. The testimony was reviewed in the Domestic Intelligence Division and a summary memorandum was submitted dated May 8, 1953. This was sent to me as has all of the testimony of the McCarran Committee. I should have checked it over to you and I frankly thought that I had. At any rate it never reached you and the failure to call this to your attention was solely mine.

In checking I can find no record of having received the Silvermaster testimony. I am checking with Bob Morris as to why this was not furnished the Bureau.

Respectfully,

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*I am concerned about this failure. I require transcripts in all hearings in which we have an interest. Apparently it is our fault in failing to...*

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May 15, 1953

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MR. TOLSON:

With reference to my memorandum of May 11, wherein the Director expressed concern for our failure to secure transcripts, I wish to advise that with reference to the transcript on Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, when I checked with Morris he reported back that their records showed the transcript had been furnished us. Subsequently, however, in getting a copy of the transcript one of the girls in his office called my office and stated that they had the transcript and guessed it had gotten in their files by mistake.

We will just have to set up our own system of following on the transcripts and requesting them.

Respectfully,

LBN:hmc

L.B. Nichols

( This is elemental. - H. )

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

DATE: June 4, 1953

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Roy Cohn of the Senate Investigating Committee just phoned Mr. McGuire advising he had been endeavoring to reach Elizabeth Bentley at the College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, Louisiana (telephone Grand Coteau 1702). This is where she teaches. The school states Miss Bentley is not there today and will be gone for the next several days and her whereabouts are not known.

Cohn stated he also called Bentley's home at Sunset, Louisiana, phone Sunset 141J, and has been unable to find out her whereabouts. He is most anxious to reach her telephonically tonight or the first thing in the morning. He has asked if we could help locating her for him.

ASAC Whelan of New York advises they have not had contact with Miss Bentley in the last several weeks and have no knowledge of her immediate whereabouts.

It is recommended we have the New Orleans Office make an immediate contact at the school in order to find out Miss Bentley's whereabouts so that we can give this information to Cohn and he can call her on the phone.

If approved, we will call the New Orleans Office at once.

JJM:FML

CC - Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Belmont

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*6/5 - 9:50 am*  
*ASAC Gortchell at New Orleans*  
*requested to check and advise*  
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TO : Mr. Tolson *V.M.*

DATE: June 5, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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*L. B. Nichols*  
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Reference is made to my memorandum of June 4, 1953, concerning the desire of Roy Cohn of the Senate Investigating Committee to ascertain the present whereabouts of Elizabeth Bentley as he wanted to talk to her on the telephone as soon as physically possible. With the Director's approval, the New Orleans office ascertained that Miss Bentley had gone to Progreso, Texas, to talk to the Kiwanis Club there yesterday. ASAC Bailey of the San Antonio office ascertained that Elizabeth Bentley was staying at the home of Mr. M. A. Mumert of Progreso, telephone 423 on the Mercedes, Texas, exchange, but that she would be leaving there at approximately 12:10 Central Standard Time to take an Eastern Air Lines flight out of Brownsville, Texas, to Lafayette, Louisiana, today, and thereafter she would be at home at Sunset, Louisiana, for the weekend.

This advice was immediately furnished to Roy Cohn in order that he could place a phone call to Elizabeth Bentley prior to her leaving Progreso, Texas.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 5, 1953

FROM : L. H. Martin *LHM*

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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Mr. David Shine of the McCarthy Committee called from the Stork Club, New York City at 11:45 P.M. and asked whether the Bureau had any further information on the whereabouts of Elizabeth Bentley. He said he wanted very much to talk to her before the Committee Hearing tomorrow, 6-5-53, primarily to get her travel plans. He mentioned that he had been unable to contact Mr. Roy Cohn at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. He requested that we call him back at the Stork Club, Plaza 3-1940.

ACTION:

Pursuant to your instructions, Night Supervisor Doran, New York office, was requested to call Mr. Shine and tell him we had nothing further on Miss Bentley and that the appropriate officials of the Bureau would be advised of his call.

cc -1- Mr. Nichols

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT  
FROM : V. P. KEAY  
SUBJECT: CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE

DATE: June 11, 1953

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Mr. William Kilmane, Investigator, Local Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 939 D Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., at the suggestion of Mr. Mario T. Noto of the Central Office telephonically contacted Supervisor John E. Foley to advise that he had inquired of the British Embassy for information concerning the captioned individual who is subject to denaturalization and whose name appears on the Attorney General's program. The British Embassy informed Mr. Kilmane, he said, that information [redacted] which can only be obtained through the FBI. Therefore, Mr. Kilmane contacted this Bureau to request that the information [redacted] be obtained and made available to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for the purpose of denaturalizing Belfrage. (S) (X) W

A review of the records of this Bureau has disclosed the only information pertinent to the INS inquiry is that [redacted]

[redacted] (65-56402-96X; 40-58589)

However, a further review of the records of this Bureau has disclosed information reflecting that Elizabeth Bentley, an admitted courier for Jacob Golos, a known Russian espionage agent, on November 30, 1945, identified Cedric Belfrage, described as the editor of the "National Guardian," as a British intelligence agent who was furnishing information regarding British intelligence operation to Jacob Golos. On June 31, 1947, Belfrage in a signed statement to agents of this Bureau admitted Bentley's allegations. (100-355861-41, p. 20)

Attached is a request [redacted] requesting that the information concerning Belfrage, [redacted] be made available so that it can be furnished to INS. (S) (X) W

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached request should be forwarded to [redacted] (S)

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JUNE 11, 1953

**CERRIC HENNING BELFRAGE**

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Another governmental agency has made inquiry concerning Belfrage for information in connection with a denaturalization proceeding and has informed that information is in your possession concerning this individual. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if you would furnish any available information concerning Belfrage which might be furnished to the inquiring agency.

2 - Legal Attache  
London, England

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

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On 6/25/53 WILLIAM T. LYNCH, an investigator for INS who regularly contacts the New York Office, advised of the following:

WILLIAM T. FLAGG, Assistant Chief Investigator, INS, was interested in knowing if the New York Office has any objection to an interview with ELIZABETH BENTLEY by the Immigration Service. This proposed interview with Miss BENTLEY would be for the purpose of developing her as an informant for INS.

As the Bureau is aware, Miss BENTLEY recently returned to this area from Grand Couteau, Louisiana, where she had been teaching at the College of The Sacred Heart. Miss BENTLEY is presently at her home in Madison, Conn., and is attempting to sell her property in that city. She has advised this office if she is successful in selling her property within the next month or so, she intends to return to Louisiana, but that in any event she will return to the College of The Sacred Heart to commence teaching there in September of this year.

INS was advised that in the event they desire to cultivate Miss BENTLEY as an informant for that Service, that this arrangement would have to be made through channels in Washington, D.C. The local office of INS has been so advised.

The above is for the information of the Bureau in the event that INS calls on the Bureau in an attempt to obtain the services of Miss BENTLEY as an Informant for that agency.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd  
 FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont  
 SUBJECT: JAMES ROY NEWMAN (u)

DATE: July 3, 1953

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The Washington City News Service for June 18, 1953, reported that Emanuel Bloch, lawyer for the Rosenbergs, contacted Joseph Newman, formerly General Counsel of the Atomic Energy Commission, who helped Congress draft the Atomic Energy Act. The Director requested, "What do we know about Newman? H." It is believed that the Joseph Newman is identical with James Roy Newman who held the above-described position. In addition to the Director's inquiry, Mr. Lewis Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission requested on June 18, 1953, that a name check be made on James Newman.

An investigation was conducted during the Summer of 1946 concerning the captioned individual based on an allegation from Joseph A. Panuch of the State Department that Newman and other high government officials were engaged in espionage activities for the purpose of giving information concerning the atomic bomb to Russia. Newman was then made a subject of the Silvermaster case. Investigation failed to substantiate the allegation of espionage; however, it revealed he was a personal friend of Edward W. Condon, Director of the Bureau of Standards, who was described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as "one of the weakest links in our atomic security." Newman also maintained contacts with Harold Stein, reported to be a friend of Alger Hiss and Richard M. Bissell Jr., alleged to be a friend of William Remington. Both Hiss and Remington are presently serving prison terms for perjury. (65-56402-907-3268; 123-7443-16) (u)

In December, 1946, John R. Steelman, Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion advised that he had fired Newman because of derogatory information he had received concerning him.

In her appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in July, 1948, Elizabeth Bentley stated she did not know James Roy Newman. The Jenner Committee was furnished background and public source information regarding Newman on April 29, 1953, after having advise the Bureau that he might be called as a witness before the Committee. The Bureau has not received any testimony from that Committee indicating that Newman has appeared before it, (u)

ENCL The attached memorandum for Mr. Strauss contains background information concerning Newman; allegations made against him concerning espionage activities; public source information concerning association with alleged left-wing individuals in the drafting of the Atomic Energy Act; his pro-Communist statements made while he was Military Governor of Germany; and contact with Bloch, lawyer for the Rosenbergs

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Mr. D. M. Ladd from Mr. A. H. Belmont  
RE: JAMES ROY NEWMAN

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve the attached memorandum will be furnished  
Mr. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission through liaison channels.

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JAMES ROY NEWMAN (U)

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BUREAU INVESTIGATION (U)

An investigation was conducted of James Roy Newman during the summer of 1946 when an official of another government agency advised that Newman and other high government officials were involved in a Soviet espionage ring operating in Washington, D. C. The informant stated that the ultimate objective of the group was to obtain all information with regard to atomic energy for the purpose of making this information available to the Soviet Union. Investigation by this Bureau failed to substantiate the allegation that Newman was engaged in espionage activities. The investigation conducted did reveal that he was a personal friend and contact of Dr. Edward U. Condon, Director of the Bureau of Standards, who was described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as "one of the weakest links in our atomic security." Newman also maintained contacts with Harold Stein, reported to be a friend of Alger Hiss and Richard M. Bissell, Jr., of the Commerce Department, alleged to be a friend of William Remington. Both Hiss and Remington are presently serving prison terms for perjury. (65-56402-907; 123-7443-16; 65-56402-3268) (U)

BACKGROUND (U)

SUMMARY

A review of the files revealed that James Roy Newman NY DC was born in New York City on August 3, 1907. His parents were born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and are naturalized United States citizens. Newman's wife, Ruth Gallert Newman, was born in New York City on June 16, 1916.

Newman attended the City College of New York from 1923 to 1926 where he earned an A.B. degree. From 1926 to 1929 he attended Columbia University where he obtained an LL.B degree. From 1933 to 1936 he did graduate work at Columbia and during this period he also practiced law in New York City.

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He is a member of the New York State Bar, having been admitted in 1929. He reads and speaks French and German. Newman is the author of a number of books, among which are "Mathematics and the Imagination" and "Tools of War."

Newman formerly resided at the following addresses, 245 East 72nd Street, New York City, from September, 1936 to September, 1940; 303 East 79th Street, New York City; 6019 North 19th Street, Arlington, Virginia; 1321 Kelly Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. He is last known to have resided at 3409 - 34th Place, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

During the period from April, 1939 to December, 1941, Mr. Newman practiced law in New York City and during this same period he was a member of the American-Jewish Committee engaged in survey work at a salary of \$5,000 per annum. While practicing law in New York, Newman resided at 303 East 79th Street, New York City. It has been reliably reported that one of his employees at that time was Michael Edelman, identified by Elizabeth Bentley, self-admitted member of a Soviet espionage ring which operated in Washington, D. C., as a Soviet espionage agent who formerly operated in Paris, France. (116-624-37)

From December, 1941 to June, 1942, Newman was employed by the War Department in Washington as an Assistant to the Chief of the Tax Amortization Division at a salary of \$4,600 per annum. Later, from June, 1942 to April, 1943, he was employed by the War Production Board, Washington, D. C., as Head Program Planner at a salary of \$7,100 per annum. He was Assistant to Robert Nathan. His duties consisted of economic analysis of war programs, preparing studies on submarine warfare, copper production and liaison with the War Department. He was also a member of the Quartermaster's Advisory Board.

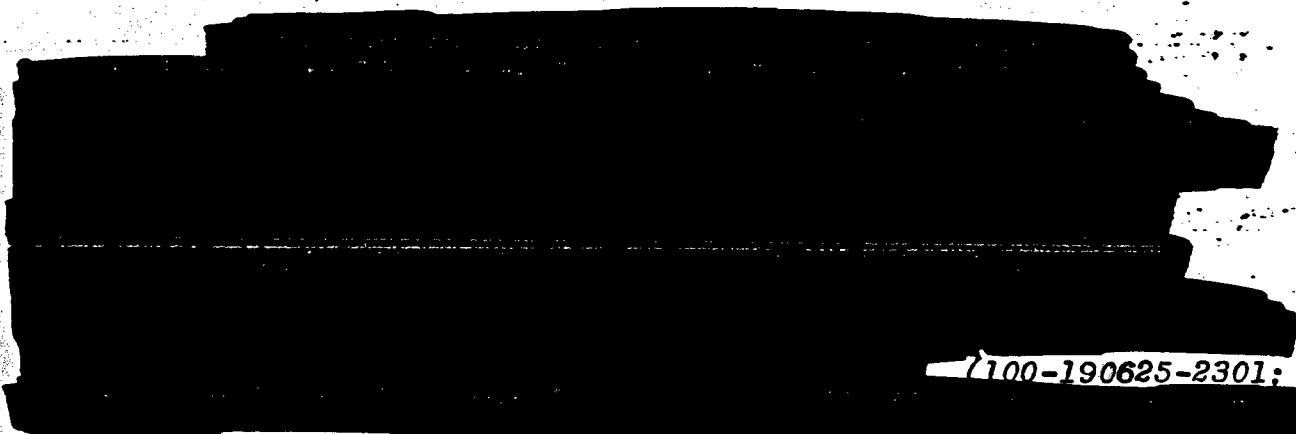
From April, 1943 to August, 1944, Newman was employed by the Foreign Economic Administration as Head Intelligence Officer in Washington, D. C., and London, England, at a salary of \$8,600 per annum. In this position his duties were described as being responsible for economic intelligence obtained from enemy countries, economic war preparation, bomb damage assessments

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with the Ministry of Economic Warfare, and preparation of economic material for the Civilian Affairs Section of the United States Army. He worked under the direction of Winfield Biefler, United States Minister to England.

At the request of the then Under-Secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson, to the Foreign Economic Administration, Newman was loaned to the War Department on August 21, 1944, for a three months' period, but extensions to this loan were subsequently granted. His services were relinquished by the War Department because his services were needed by Judge Vinson, believed to be the former Secretary of the Treasury, and now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Robert Nathan, in the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction. Newman was approved by the Civil Service Commission as Program Analyst for the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction on May 17, 1945, at a salary of \$8,000 per annum. His salary was increased to \$9,000 per annum on July 1, 1945. While employed with the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, he was counsel to the Senate Special Committee on Atomic Energy. Newman resigned from the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction in the Fall of 1946. He subsequently became connected with the magazine "New Republic." He was associated with this magazine until February, 1948. It has been reliably reported that during the Summer of 1947, Newman was employed as an instructor at Yale University, teaching a course relating to the Atomic Energy Act. (65-56402-3268)

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It has been reliably reported that in August, 1947, James Roy Newman was proposed as a speaker for a "Freedom Meeting" to be held in New York City under the sponsorship of scientists and other professional members of the Progressive Citizens of America. Among other persons mentioned as possible speakers at this meeting were Henry A. Wallace and Mrs. Edward G. Robinson. It is not known if the invitation to speak was extended to Newman or if he accepted the invitation to speak at such a rally.

(65-56402-3268)

The Progressive Citizens of America has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1947, as a "new and broader Communist front for the entire United States" formed in September, 1946, at the direction of "Communist steering committees" from the "Communist-dominated National Citizens Political Action Committee" and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

"The New York Times" dated November 18, 1947, contained an article entitled "Reds in Germany Reassured by U. S." which stated that Dr. James Roy Newman, Director of the State of Hesse, in a letter to the Communist Party in his State declared: "You gentlemen have my official and my personal promise that the Military Government will not interfere in the lawful occasions of any Democratic Party including the Communist." (64-200-232-1)

A confidential and reliable source reported that Newman made a speech in New York during the early part of December, 1947, at the New School for Social Research. In a pamphlet issued by the school, members of the faculty were described as individuals who had been expelled from their native countries because of political unreliability. It has been reliably reported that a great many Communist Party members have been in attendance at meetings held under the auspices of this school. (65-56402-3268)



Elizabeth Bentley, a self-admitted member of a Soviet espionage ring operating in Washington, D. C., stated in her appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in July, 1948, that she did not know James Roy Newman. (65-56402-3683) (u)

The New York "Journal American" for September 28 and 29, 1950, contained articles by Leslie Gould in which he stated Senator Brian McMahon was helped or, maybe more correctly, led by two lawyers, Herbert S. Marks and James Roy Newman, in putting over the socialization of atomic energy. According to Gould, Newman did most of the drafting work on the McMahon Atomic Energy Bill and helped organize the Chicago University scientists and others in the "terrific" propaganda campaign that sidetracked the May-Johnson Bill which was put in ahead of the McMahon Bill. Gould stated that although it was not spelled out in blunt clear language, the basic program of the group, which included Newman, was that atomic energy should never be used as a weapon or product of private enterprise and that it should be socialized and internationalized. (u)

The article continued by stating that Newman, when McMahon made Counsel for the Senate Special Committee on Atomic Energy, went with Henry Wallace to the "New Republic" when Wallace was severed from the Government payroll. Newman became the Washington editor of the "New Republic," and according to Gould was, at the time of the article, on a retainer at \$300 a month with "New Republic" for articles he might write. The article described Newman as a smart, clever lawyer who was a close friend of Dr. Edward U. Condon, the head of the Bureau of Standards, who was charged with "knowingly or unknowingly" associating with Communists. Dr. Condon worked with Newman in the battle to put over socialization of atomic energy. According to Gould, Dr. Condon introduced Newman to Ignace Zlotowski, Polish nuclear scientist who was attached for a time to the Polish Embassy in Washington. Gould stated that Zlotowski was charged in testimony before the House Un-American Affairs Committee of being a Communist spy on atomic energy and of having been in contact with the head of the Russian NKVD. (62-38573-A\* (u)

"The Yale Law Journal," Volume 60, Number 8, for December, 1951, contained an article entitled "The Atomic Energy Industry; An Experiment in Hybridization" by James B. Newman. This article covered four fields as follows: (1) Organization and Structure of the Commission, (2) Bases of Policy for the Production of Fissionable Materials, (3) AEC Production Contracts, and (4) Labor Relations and Policy. (u)

The Washington City News Service for June 18, 1953, reported that Emanuel Bloch, lawyer for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, recently executed after conviction of violating the Espionage Law of 1917, stated he desperately sought advice from some experts on the Atomic Energy Law after Justice Douglas issued his stay of execution the day before. Bloch said he finally located Joseph Newman, former General Counsel of the Atomic Energy Commission. The Joseph Newman mentioned is probably identical with James Roy Newman who had held the above-described position. Bloch stated that Newman "traveled all night so he could be here today to aid me and to aid the prosecution." Bloch also stated Newman gave him "some very valuable information but not nearly enough." He described Newman as "troubled" by "the many apparent conflicts of the punitive provisions of the Espionage Law and the Atomic Energy Law." (u)

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AT ONE POINT DEFENSE ATTORNEY MARSHALL SAID HE DOUBTED THAT ANY COURT OR EVEN ANY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WOULD CALL "THE MEANEST PIMP" BEFORE THE BAR ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE AS TODAY'S HEARING.

MARSHALL ALSO GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH JUSTICES JACKSON AND CLARK WHICH PROVOKED WINSON TO CAUTION HIM NOT TO "LOSE YOUR TEMPER."

THE ARGUMENT CENTERED AROUND IRWIN EDELMAN OF LOS ANGELES, WHO RETAINED FARMER AND MARSHALL IN THE ROSENBERG'S BEHALF. IT WAS FARMER AND MARSHALL WHO GOT THE STAY FROM DOUGLAS YESTERDAY.

JACKSON RECALLED THAT EDELMAN WAS THE DEFENDANT IN A "VAGRANCY CASE" WHICH WAS BEFORE THE HIGH COURT EARLY THIS YEAR.

MARSHALL TOLD JACKSON "IT IS NOT PROPER FOR YOUR HONOR TO REFER TO THAT AS A VAGRANCY CASE" AND INSISTED IT INVOLVED "FREE SPEECH."

THE SUPREME COURT ON JAN. 12 DISMISSED A CASE BY EDELMAN CHALLENGING CONSTITUTIONALITY OF CALIFORNIA'S VAGRANCY LAW.

THE COURT RECESSED FROM 2 TO 2:30 P.M. AND THEN BLOCH FINISHED HIS ARGUMENT.

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*Memo to Belmont  
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 H.W. [unclear]*

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*What do we know about Newman?*

**ADD 13 ROSENBERGS**

BLOCH PLEADED FOR PLENTY OF TIME--AT LEAST A MONTH -- TO COLLECT MATERIAL ON THE NEW POINT RAISED UNDER THE DOUGLAS STAY.

"NO DOUBT," BLOCH SAID, "THERE HAS TO BE A FINALITY AT SOME TIME TO JUSTICE, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THIS COURT EVER INTENDED THAT THERE BE AN END WHERE SUBSTANTIAL QUESTIONS OF LAW REMAIN -- ESPECIALLY IN A CAPITAL CASE."

BLOCH SAID HE DESPERATELY SOUGHT ADVICE FROM SOME EXPERTS ON THE ATOMIC ENERGY LAW AFTER DOUGLAS ISSUED HIS STAY YESTERDAY.

HE SAID THAT HE FINALLY LOCATED JOSEPH NEWMAN, FORMER GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WHO HELPED CONGRESS DRAFT THE LAW.

"I PULLED HIM OUT OF CAPE COD, MASS., YESTERDAY," BLOCH SAID. "HE TRAVELED ALL NIGHT SO HE COULD BE HERE TODAY TO AID US AND TO AID THE PROSECUTION."

BLOCH SAID NEWMAN GAVE HIM "SOME VERY, VERY VALUABLE INFORMATION-- BUT NOT NEARLY ENOUGH."

HE DESCRIBED NEWMAN AS "TROUBLED" BY "THE MANY APPARENT CONFLICTS OF THE PUNITIVE PROVISIONS OF THE ESPIONAGE LAW AND THE ATOMIC ENERGY LAW."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM CLARK, BLOCH MAINTAINED THAT THE ROSENBERGS WERE ACCUSED OF TWO ACTS OF CONSPIRACY ON ATOMIC ESPIONAGE AFTER PASSAGE OF THE NEW LAW IN 1946.

BLOCH SAID THAT HE AND HIS ASSOCIATE, JOHN F. FINERTY BEAR THE "SOLE RESPONSIBILITY" FOR THE ROSENBERGS' DEFENSE. HE SAID HE DID NOT JOIN THE TWO "INTERLOPER" ATTORNEYS -- FARMER AND MARSHALL -- ON THEIR PROPOSAL THAT THE COURT SHOULD CONSIDER 11 POINTS, RATHER THAN THE ONE IMMEDIATELY RAISED BY THE DOUGLAS STAY.

AS BLOCH CONCLUDED, JACKSON CONGRATULATED HIM ON THE WAY HE HAS HANDLED THE CASE FOR THE ROSENBERGS.

"THESE PEOPLE," JACKSON SAID, "WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE A COUNSEL OF YOUR COURAGE AND PERSISTENCE. I'M ALL FOR YOU."

6/18--KB318P

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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ADD 19 ROSENBERGS

BLOCH SAID THAT HE HAS AT ALL TIMES ATTEMPTED TO "UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION."

"IT IS VERY EASY TO REPRESENT CLIENTS WITH A POPULAR CAUSE." THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY SAID SOLMNLY. "I THINK IT IS TOO BAD THAT THERE IS NOT MORE LAWYERS WILLING TO REPRESENT CLIENTS WITH UNPOPULAR CAUSES."

BLOCH'S ASSOCIATE, JOHN F. FINERTY, TOOK UP THE DEFENSE CASE WHERE HE LEFT OFF. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE REAL HEART OF THE APPEAL STILL IS THE INNOCENCE OR GUILT OF THE ROSENBERGS.

"I'M QUESTIONING THE CONVICTION--NOT THE SENTENCES," FINERTY SAID. "I THINK THEY ARE INNOCENT. THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED ON DELIVERATELY PERJURED TESTIMONY."

HE SAID THAT IF THE COURT LETS THE EXECUTION GO AHEAD NOW "A REFLECTION INEVITIBLY WILL BE CAST ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE ORDERS OF THIS COURT."

FINERTY CRITICISED ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWNELL FOR "PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS" WHICH HE SAID CONDEMNED DOUGLAS' ACTION, AND HE SAID THAT ACTING SOLICITOR STERN HAD FAILED TO PRESENT ANY ARGUMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT INVALIDATING DOUGLAS' CONCLUSION THAT THERE IS STILL A "SUBSTANTIAL QUESTION" TO BE SETTLED.

6/18--KB321P

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ADD 20 ROSENBERGS

FINERTY SPOKE LOUDLY AND RAPIDLY, FREQUENTLY ADDRESSING ONE OF THE JUSTICES INDIVIDUALLY.

HE SAID IT WAS HIS IDEA THAT A NUMBER OF THE JUSTICES DID NOT DOUBT THAT PERJURY HAD BEEN COMMITTED DURING THE ROSENBERG'S TRIAL BUT DID DOUBT THE GOVERNMENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF IT.

THE PRINCIPAL DEFENSE CONTENTION IN PAST ARGUMENTS WAS THE A-SPIES WERE CONVICTED ON THE BASIS OF LIES TOLD ON THE WITNESS STAND BY DAVID GREENGLASS, MRS. ROSENBERG'S BROTHER.

"THE STATE HAS PERMITTED A FRAUD ON THIS COURT BY THE PERJURED TESTIMONY OF GREENGLASS," FINERTY SHOUTED.

DOUGLAS BROKE IN TO REMIND FINERTY THAT THIS POINT HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERED -- AND REJECTED--BY THE COURT IN THE NUMEROUS PREVIOUS APPEALS.

"THE COURT HAS RENDERED JUDGMENT AND I DON'T SIT TO OVERRULE THE COURT," DOUGLAS SAID, REFERRING TO HIS ACTION STAYING THE EXECUTION.

FINERTY THEN LAUNCHED INTO AN ATTACK ON THE PROSECUTION AND ITS ALLEGED CONNIVING IN THE PERJURED TESTIMONY.

"THERE NEVER WAS A MORE CROOKED DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN NEW YORK THAN THE ONE WHO TRIED THE ROSENBERGS," HE SAID.

HE DID NOT MENTION ANY NAMES. ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY JAMES B. KILSHEIMER, WHO FIGURED IN TRYING THE CASE, WAS LISTENING AT THE TABLE WITH GOVERNMENT COUNSEL.

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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8/1/53 Date

Title and Character of Case: **NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ET AL  
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Date Property Acquired: **11/17/45**

Source From Which Property Acquired: **Elizabeth Bentley**

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: **Safe deposit box, Manufacturers Trust  
Company**

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: **Evidence. Efforts presently being  
made to dispose of property.**

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: **100 \$20 bills totalling \$2,000.00**

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NY, 9/9/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY; ES-R. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY DEPARTED FROM NYC AT 1 AM EDST, INSTANT DATE, ON FLIGHT 625, BENIGAN UNITED AIR LINES, FOR LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE IS TO MAKE A TAPE RECORDED RADIO BROADCAST FOLLOWING WHICH SHE IS TO DEPART VIA AIR LINES TO LAFAYETTE, LA., WHERE SHE IS TO RETURN TO HER EMPLOYMENT AT THE COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART, GRAND COTEAU, LA. SHE ADVISED SHE INTENDS TO ARRIVE AT GRAND COTEAU ON OR ABOUT SATURDAY, SEPT. 12TH. PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE FROM HER RESIDENCE AT MADISON, CONN., SHE DISPOSED OF HER HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND LEASED HER HOUSE, LESSEE HAVING OPTION TO PURCHASE. DURING THE PAST SUMMER, BENTLEY <sup>DURING</sup> RATHER LIMITED CONTACTS WITH AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE, HAS EXHIBITED SOMEWHAT MORE STABILITY THAN WAS APPARENT PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE FOR HER EMPLOYMENT IN LOUISIANA IN FEB. SUGGEST THAT BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE FIELD AS TO BENTLEY'S LOCATION IN ORDER THAT LEADS MAY BE DIRECTED TO HER THROUGH THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ahb*

DATE: October 16, 1953 *Q*

FROM : MR. V. P. KEAY *VPK*

SUBJECT: MCCARTHY SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

*GREGORY*

- Tolson
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 On October 15, 1953, Colonel W. A. Perry advised Liaison Agent J. F. Sullivan that they had received word that the McCarthy Committee would next open its hearings into the loan of printing plates for printing script by the United States to the Russians. You will recall that this incident in the past has received considerable publicity in the press and allegations had been made that the United States had suffered undeterminable financial losses due to the uncontrolled printing of United States script money in Occupied Germany by the Russians which, of course, had to be redeemed by the United States.

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 The Army anticipates that it will be called upon to explain its part in the transaction. Colonel Perry will keep Agent Sullivan advised on the progress in this matter.

It was also learned that Senator Carl Mundt will "chairman" this investigation.

ACTION:

None. Liaison will follow this matter.

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*do there any phase affecting me? I am sick & tired of the "brass" trying to pass buck to Bl as they did today before the McCarthy committee.*

*JAS: f j b f h*

*news from Belmont to Keay re Max 11/17/53 JFS*

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Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
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Reference is made to the NY memo dated 6-29-53, entitled: "Gregory, Espionage - R." The Bureau desires that future communications regarding Elizabeth Bentley should be submitted under the above caption.

With respect to the proposal of INS to develop Bentley as an informant or part-time consultant, the NO office was previously contacted by INS in NO. with respect to this matter. The Bureau advised the NO office that they should reply to INS that we have over a period of years maintained contact with Elizabeth Bentley, and that it is contemplated we will continue to contact her periodically for information. They were to inform INS that we have no objection to her being utilized by INS as a part-time consultant if she so desired.

In view of the fact that you referred INS to the Bureau's headquarters, if an inquiry is received here, similar information will be furnished to INS. In the event you are again contacted regarding this matter by the local NY office of INS, you should furnish them information in line with the above.

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cc - Mr. J.M. Cole, Room 2262

TO : The Director

DATE: October 19, 1953

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: THE SENATE PERMANENT INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE (SENATOR MCCARTHY'S COMMITTEE)

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SYNOPSIS:

GREGORY

You asked for details concerning the inquiry which is to be opened by the Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee (McCarthy Committee) on October 19, 1953, relative to officials who let the Soviet Union use United States printing plates to issue American military marks in Germany, which the U. S. later had to redeem. You asked whether there is any phase of this matter affecting the Bureau.

This is a matter which has previously been publicized in the press and it was the subject of hearings by a joint Senate committee of the Committee of Appropriations, the Committee of Armed Services, and the Committee on Banking and Currency during the 80th Congress in 1947. Their findings are contained in a 696 page report. The Bureau has not conducted any direct inquiry concerning this matter.

The previous Senate report set forth that early in 1944 a decision was reached to print Allied military marks which were to be issued in Germany when the occupation took place. These marks were to be used jointly by the United States, British, French and Russian occupying forces. The U. S. agreed to supply the currency to the French and British but the Soviets wanted the plates, paper and inks to turn out their own currency, in order, so they said, to be insured they would have an adequate supply of marks. On April 14, 1944, the Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau wrote a memorandum to the Soviet Ambassador Gromyko advising that the plates and other materials would be shipped to the Soviets on April 18, 1944.

The previous Senate report sets forth that Harry Dexter White and William Henry Taylor, along with other officials, both played an important part in the negotiations leading up to the turning over of the plates to the Soviets. White, who is deceased, was named as a Soviet agent by both Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers. Taylor was named as a Soviet agent by Bentley although she did not know him personally. Our files also reflect Colonel Bernard Bernstein, formerly a general counsel in the Treasury

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Department, was also partially responsible for turning over the plates to the Soviets. Bernstein is known to have associated with White and with others involved in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster network. He was disparaging in his remarks about the Bureau as early as 1940. Information concerning these three individuals was disseminated in summaries on the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case dated February 21, 1946 and October 21, 1946, which went to the President, the Attorney General, State, Treasury, and the intelligence agencies.

It is to be pointed out that in the previous hearings concerning this matter it appeared that the decision to turn over the currency plates to the Soviets was made on a very high level by the U. S. Government, being agreed to by the Treasury and State Departments and concurred in by the Army. The previous hearings did not succeed in establishing that any one person was directly responsible for the decision, although White was very active in the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is for your information in answer to your inquiry and we will carefully follow the results of the hearings now being conducted to determine the identity of any other persons who were responsible for this action and concerning whom there is subversive derogatory information.

**DETAILS:**

In a news release put out by the Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee on October 17, 1953, it was reported that that Committee would reopen a search on October 19, 1953, for the identity of officials who let the Soviet Union use U. S. printing plates to issue \$250,000,000 worth of German currency which this country later redeemed. It was announced that Senator Karl E. Mundt would start the hearings in closed session. Public hearings were expected on October 20 and 21, 1953. You asked what did we know concerning this matter.

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Also, on October 16, 1953, we were advised by Colonel W. A. Perry of the Army that Army officials expected to be called concerning this same matter. You asked whether there was any phase of the matter which would affect us. We have not previously conducted a direct investigation of this matter, although there is information in several of our files concerning individuals who were reportedly involved in this transaction. They will be described later in this memorandum.

During 1947, three committees of the Senate held hearings in connection with this matter. These were the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Banking and Currency, sitting jointly. They issued a report entitled "Occupation Currency Transactions" during the 80th Congress. This is a lengthy report of 696 pages. It appears from the report that one of the problems incident to the occupation of Germany was the issuance of currency. The U. S. and British Governments desired the Soviet Union to use the Allied military currency and not to print currency of its own. At the time this decision was reached it apparently was contemplated that there would be a joint occupation of Germany rather than zones. Early in 1944, negotiations began with the Soviets regarding this and the Soviets agreed to issue the Allied currency but wanted the plates, paper and ink to print the marks, arguing that this was the only way they could be insured of an adequate supply. The decision to furnish to the Soviets the plates was arrived at by the Treasury and State Departments and concurred in by the War Department. The French and the British were going to be issued currency printed in the U. S.

The American Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Harriman, on February 15, 1944, cabled that the Soviet Government wanted to print part of the currency in the Soviet Union to insure a constant supply for the Red Army. On March 7, 1944, according to a memorandum prepared by William Henry Taylor of the Treasury Department, he had participated in a meeting of Treasury officials, including Harry Dexter White, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. During this meeting White said he did not want to turn the Russians down on the issue of the plates and said that it was Allied currency which was being printed and not U. S. currency. He said it would be necessary to trust the Russians in the matter.

On March 28, 1944, White prepared a memorandum on conversations he had had with Ambassador Gromyko in which White pointed out that Gromyko was not able to understand why the plates

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could not be furnished to the Soviet Union and Gromyko was insisting on getting the plates, indicating in the alternative the Soviet Union would print its own marks. On April 14, 1944, a memorandum was prepared by James C. Dunn of the State Department reflecting he and Secretary Morgenthau had agreed to the giving of the plates to the Soviets, inasmuch as otherwise the Soviets would print their own currency.

On April 14, 1944, a memorandum was written from Secretary Morgenthau to Ambassador Gromyko informing him the plates, paper and ink would be shipped to the Soviets on April 18, 1944. A receipt for this material was signed for by the Soviet Embassy in Washington on April 21, 1944.

**PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING OVER THE  
PLATES TO THE SOVIETS;**

The hearings in 1947 did not establish that any particular person was responsible for the turning over of the plates to the Soviets. It also appears from a review of the 1947 report that the decision to turn over these currency plates to the Soviet Government was made on a very high level in the U. S. Government, being agreed to by the Treasury and State Departments and concurred in by the Army. The following three individuals on whom there is subversive derogatory information appear to have played an important part in the matter.

Harry Dexter White:

Harry Dexter White was employed by the Treasury Department from 1934 to 1946 and was the Assistant Secretary to Morgenthau during the war. In 1946 he became Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund where he remained until his death on August 16, 1948. He has been named as a Soviet Agent by both Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers.

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William Henry Taylor:

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William Henry Taylor was employed by the Treasury Department from 1941 to 1946 except for a period during which he was an American representative of the Chinese Stabilization Board in China. He was a principal economic analyst in the

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Division of Monetary Research in the Treasury Department. In 1946 he was appointed to a position in the International Monetary Fund where he is still employed. Elizabeth Bentley, while never meeting Taylor personally, stated that Taylor was a part of the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster network and was a close associate of Harry Dexter White. We investigated Taylor as an outgrowth of the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case and in May, 1953, we opened an investigation of him under the character of "Loyalty of Employees of the United Nations and Other Public International Organizations." We disseminated pertinent reports in that investigation to the Criminal Division and to the Civil Service Commission on July 17, 1953. (138-348)

Colonel Bernard Bernstein:

Colonel Bernard Bernstein was appointed to a position in the Treasury Department in 1933, becoming general counsel prior to being detailed in January, 1943, to the War Department in charge of cartel investigations in Germany. He was also financial advisor to General Eisenhower and worked under the Office of Military Government in Germany.

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During our investigation of the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster network we determined that Bernstein was a close associate of Harry Dexter White, Abraham George Silverman, and William Ludwig Ullman. Our files reflect that Bernstein was last known to be a practicing attorney in New York City. (62-61512)

Information concerning all three of the above individuals <sup>has</sup> been disseminated to the White House, the Attorney General, the State Department, the Treasury Department, and the intelligence agencies in our summaries in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case. dated February 21, 1946 and October 21, 1946.

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*What do we know  
re this matter?*

*Rosen*

(RELEASE AT 7:00 P.M. EST)

THE SENATE PERMANENT INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE WILL REOPEN A SEARCH MONDAY FOR THE IDENTITY OF OFFICIALS WHO LET RUSSIA USE U.S. PRINTING PLATES TO ISSUE \$250,000,000 WORTH OF GERMAN CURRENCY WHICH THIS COUNTRY REDEEMED.

SEN. KARL E. MUNDT (R-S.D.) WILL START THE HEARINGS IN CLOSED SESSION IN THE ABSENCE OF SEN. JOSEPH R. MCCARTHY WHO IS IN NEW YORK. PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE EXPECTED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

THE SENATE BANKING, ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES INVESTIGATED THE CURRENCY ISSUE IN 1947, BUT MUNDT SAID THAT THE URGIN DID NOT CLEAR UP WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLOWING RUSSIA TO GET THE SET OF PRINTING PLATES, NOR THE REASON.

THE UNITED STATES ISSUED ALLIED OCCUPATION MARKS DURING AND AFTER WORLD WAR II FOR USE OF TROOPS IN GERMANY.

THE 1947 INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT A SET OF PRINTING PLATES FOR THE OCCUPATION CURRENCY WAS FLOWN TO RUSSIA IN A U.S. ARMY PLANE IN 1944. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THESE PLATES TURNED OUT CURRENCY IDENTICAL WITH THAT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES.

THE OCCUPATION CURRENCY WAS USED UNTIL SEPTEMBER, 1946, AND WAS REDEEMABLE FOR SOME TIME THEREAFTER.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT DISCLOSE NAMES OF WITNESSES IT HAS CALLED TO TESTIFY.

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*Memo to Director 10-19-53 RJD:awf*

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AIR-TEL NEW YORK, 10/23/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

ATT: INSPECTOR CARL HENNRICH

GREGORY, ESPIONAGE-R. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL 10/22/53 REQUESTING THAT

ELIZABETH BENTLEY BE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED IN CONNECTION WITH HER TESTIMONY BEFORE SPECIAL SENATE PERMANENT INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE RELATIVE TO PHOTOGRAPHING OF INVASION MARKS AND ATTEMPTS TO PUT PRESSURE ON TREASURY DEPT. TO OBTAIN ENGRAVING PLATES FOR SAID INVASION MARKS. MISS BENTLEY WAS REACHED AT THE COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART, GRAND COTEAU, LOUISIANA, BY PHONE AT 4:45 P.M. EST, 10/22/53. WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER OR NOT MISS BENTLEY HAD EVER MADE THIS INFORMATION KNOWN TO AGENTS OF THE FBI, SHE STATED HER PRESENT RECOLLECTION IS THAT EITHER SOMETIME DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF HER INTERVIEW OR POSSIBLY WITHIN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS WHEN SHE WAS BEING INTERVIEWED, SHE DID GIVE AGENTS OF THE NYO SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING A REQUEST BY HER CONTACT TO OBTAIN SAMPLES OF INVASION MARKS SO THAT THEY COULD BE PHOTOGRAPHED. PURSUANCE OF THIS, SHE HAD ENLISTED THE ASSISTANCE OF LUDWIG ULLMAN, WHO HAD OBTAINED THESE MARKS PROBABLY THROUGH HARRY DEXTER WHITE, AND MADE THEM AVAILABLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHING; THAT FOR SOME REASON THE PHOTOGRAPES DID NOT TURN OUT AND SHE WAS THEN INSTRUCTED TO ATTEMPT TO PUT PRESSURE ON TO OBTAIN THE ENGRAVING PLATES OR TO HAVE THESE ENGRAVING PLATES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE RUSSIANS. SHE WAS UNABLE TO STATE PRECISELY WHEN THIS INFORMATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO AGENTS

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OF THE NYO OR WHETHER THIS INFORMATION WAS GIVEN AT A TIME WHEN SHE WAS BEING SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED REGARDING LUDWIG ULLMAN AND HARRY DEXTER WHITE. HER IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, WAS THAT SHE DID MAKE SOME REFERENCE TO THIS SITUATION. SHE ALSO RECALLED THAT ABOUT A YEAR OR SO AFTER HER DEFECTION SHE WAS FIRST CALLED BEFORE THE FERGUSON COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AND LATER TO THE MC CARRAN COMMITTEE. SHE IS ALSO OF OPINION THAT SHE PROBABLY TESTIFIED BEFORE SEVERAL OTHER COMMITTEES JUST SUBSEQUENT TO HER APPEARANCE AT THE MC CARRAN COMMITTEE. IT IS HER PRESENT RECOLLECTION THAT WHILE TESTIFYING BEFORE THE MC CARRAN COMMITTEE OR JUST SUBSEQUENT THERETO SHE TESTIFIED CONCERNING HER REQUEST ON BEHALF OF HER CONTACT "BILL" TO OBTAIN SAMPLES OF THE INVASION MARKS AND ALSO SOME TESTIMONY REGARDING EITHER OBTAINING OR PUTTING ON PRESSURE TO HAVE THE ENGRAVING PLATES TURNED OVER TO RUSSIA. SHE STATED IN SEVERAL OF THESE COMMITTEES WHEN SHE GAVE CERTAIN TESTIMONY IT WAS "OFF THE RECORD" AND SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER HER TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE INVASION MARKS WAS ONE OF THOSE "OFF THE RECORD" MATTERS. SHE FURTHER STATED SHE DOES NOT HAVE ALL THE TRANSCRIPTS OF HER TESTIMONY BEFORE THE NUMEROUS COMMITTEES BEFORE WHICH SHE HAS TESTIFIED AND COULD NOT TELL AT THE TIME THIS CALL WAS MADE DEFINITELY BEFORE WHICH COMMITTEE SHE HAD SO TESTIFIED ABOUT THE INVASION MARKS AND ENGRAVING PLATES. HER ATTENTION WAS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT SHE DEVOTED A PARAGRAPH IN HER BOOK "OUT OF BONDAGE" TO THIS PARTICULAR MATTER, AND SHE STATED SHE HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN THAT SHE HAD MADE MENTION OF THIS IN THIS BOOK. ~~XXXX~~ SHE WAS ASKED

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TO THINK THE MATTER OVER TO RECALL IF POSSIBLE PRECISELY AT WHAT TIME THIS INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO BUREAU AGENTS AND, IF POSSIBLE, IF IT WAS IN GENERAL CONVERSATION OR WHETHER IT WAS DURING A TIME WHEN SHE WAS BEING QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS SILVERMASTER, ULLMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, AND FORMER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY HENRY J. MORGENTHAU, JR. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT THINK SHE COULD SHED ANY FURTHER LIGHT ON IT BUT WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONSIDER THE MATTER AND WOULD ADVISE THE NYO IF SHE WAS ABLE TO GIVE ANY FURTHER DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING HER DISCLOSURE OF THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT.

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

October 23, 1953

MR. C. E. HENRICH

ELIZABETH FERRILL BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT  
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I talked with Supervisor Tom Spencer, NYO, on the afternoon of October 22, 1953. I authorized him to call Elizabeth Bentley in New Orleans to determine whether she had ever furnished to the Bureau information to which she testified before Senator Mundt's Committee regarding obtaining samples of German marks to be used as occupation script by U. S. military forces. Bentley also testified that she had assisted in putting pressure on Harry Dexter White to have the plates of this script made available to the Russians.

Supervisor Spencer later advised that he had talked to Bentley and that it was her recollection she had furnished this information to the Bureau during the first three or four months of our interviews with her. She was somewhat hazy as to whether she had furnished the information concerning the plates. She did not recall having written this information into her book, "Out of Bondage."

The NYO is continuing its efforts to locate this information in its files.

ACTION:

I instructed the NYO to send an air-tel to the Bureau covering the conversation with Bentley.

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Elizabeth Bentley testified before the Senate Investigating Subcommittee headed by Senator Karl E. Mundt on October 21, 1952. She testified her espionage superiors in 1944 instructed her to go to Washington and to transmit orders to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullman who were to put pressure on Harry Dexter White to obtain samples of the Allied currency marks which were to be used in the German occupation. White at that time was Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, Morgenthau. Bentley stated the samples were obtained from White's office and she took the samples to New York but her superiors were unable to photograph them because of their color. She testified she then received instructions to tell Silvermaster and Ullman to expect additional pressure to get the plates turned over to the Soviets so that Russia could make its own German occupation money.

A review of the Bureau's files has been made to determine if Elizabeth Bentley at any time furnished us this same information and no information has been located reflecting us received such information from her during interviews. It is noted that Elizabeth Bentley's book, "Out of Bondage," published in October, 1951, (which had previously appeared in the May, June, July, and August, 1951, issues of McCall magazine as "My Life as a Spy") does contain the following passage on page 241: In speaking of Ullman she states "Around this time he also brought me samples of the marks the United States was preparing for use in the German occupation. The Russians were delighted as they were planning to counterfeit them; however, due to a complicated ink process, this proved impossible - until I was able through Harry Dexter White to arrange that the United States Treasury turn the actual printing plates over to the Russians."

It might be noted that when Bentley was interviewed starting in November, 1945, by our agents, she furnished information concerning Harry Dexter White and the type of information which

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the espionage network obtained through White. It does not appear from our files that she mentioned anything about obtaining samples of the Allied occupation marks or relative to putting pressure on White to obtain for the Russians the actual Allied currency plates. In 1947, the hearings before the Senate Committees, which were the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Banking and Currency, did limit White to the currency plate matter. In 1951, the data appears in Bentley's book. It is believed necessary for us to attempt to resolve this matter and have Bentley interviewed concerning this information.

Former Special Agent William A. Kolar telephonically advised Supervisor R. J. Lamphere that Elizabeth Bentley planned to return by plane to New Orleans on the evening of October 21, 1952.

#### RECOMMENDATION

There is attached an air-tel to the New Orleans Office, with copies to New York and Washington Field, instructing the New Orleans Office to interview Bentley concerning her testimony before the Senate Committee headed by Senator Mundt. She will be asked whether she ever previously furnished the data concerning the Allied currency plates to the Bureau, and, if not, how it was that she recalled the information.

URGENT  
AIR-TEL

OCTOBER 22, 1953

SAC, NEW ORLEANS  
WASHINGTON FIELD (65-5402)  
NEW YORK

HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R. ELIZABETH BENTLEY TESTIFIED BEFORE SENATE INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE ON 10-21-53, STATING THAT SAMPLES OF ALLIED MILITARY MARKS WERE OBTAINED BY HER FROM WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN IN ABOUT 1944. ULLMAN GOT THESE SAMPLES FROM HARRY DEXTER WHITE. BENTLEY LATER INSTRUCTED SILVERMASTER AND ULLMAN THAT THEY COULD REQUEST ADDITIONAL PRESSURE PUT ON TO GET THE ALLIED CURRENCY PLATES TURNED OVER TO THE RUSSIANS. SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS IN 1947 DEVELOPED WHITE WAS ACTIVE IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH RESULTED IN THE CURRENCY PLATES BEING TURNED OVER TO THE RUSSIAN IN APRIL, 1944. NO INFORMATION LOCATED BUFILES THAT BENTLEY FURNISHED US THE DATA ON THIS MATTER. BENTLEY'S BOOK, "OUT OF BONDAGE," PAGE 241, CONTAINS SIMILAR INFORMATION TO HER TESTIMONY. BENTLEY REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO NEW ORLEANS FROM WASHINGTON BY PLANE ON 10-21-53. NEW ORLEANS IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW HER, ASK HER IF SHE EVER GAVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE BUREAU, AND, IF NOT, WHEN IT WAS THAT SHE RECALLED THE INFORMATION. SECURE ANY OTHER DETAILS SHE HAS CONCERNING THE MATTER. SEAIR-TEL AND REPORT IN THIS CASE ON THE INTERVIEW. WFO SUBMIT REPORT ON WHITE INCORPORATING DATA IN 1947 SENATE HEARINGS BEFORE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, AND THE COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY, AND ALSO INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN THE CURRENT HEARINGS RE WHITE.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION **October 20, 1949**

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Transmit the following message to:

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**HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE RASH B. ELIZABETH BENTLEY TESTIFIED BEFORE SENATE INVESTIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCTOBER TWENTYONE LAST STATING THAT SAMPLES OF ALLIED MILITARY MARKS WERE OBTAINED BY HER FROM WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. ULLMAN GOT THESE SAMPLES FROM HARRY DEXTER WHITE. BENTLEY LATER INSTRUCTED STEVENMASTERS AND ULLMAN RELATIVE TO PUTTING PRESSURE ON WHITE TO HAVE CURRENTLY PLATES TURNED OVER TO THE RUSSIANS. SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX DEVELOPED WHITE WAS ACTIVE IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH RESULTED IN THE PLATES BEING TURNED OVER TO THE RUSSIANS IN APRIL, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. NO INFORMATION LOCATED BUFILES THAT BENTLEY FURNISHED US THE DATA ON THIS MATTER. BENTLEY'S BOOK, QUOTE OUT OF BONDAGE END QUOTE PAGE TWO FORTYONE CONTAINS SIMILAR INFORMATION TO HER TESTIMONY. BENTLEY WHEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED REGARDING MATTER BY NEW YORK AGENT ON OCTOBER TWENTYTWO STATED SHE THOUGHT SHE FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION DURING EARLY MONTHS OF INTERVIEWS WITH HER WHICH STARTED IN NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. NEW ORLEANS IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW HER AND SECURE COMPLETE DETAILS CONCERNING WHITE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS MATTER. SUBMIT AIRTEL AND REPORT IN THIS CASE. WFO SUBMIT REPORT ON WHITE INCORPORATING DATA IN THE CURRENT HEARINGS WHICH WERE BEFORE JOINT SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, ARMED SERVICES, AND BANKING AND CURRENCY. NEW YORK CAREFULLY REVIEW BENTLEY'S BOOK TO DETERMINE**

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**WITH DATA SHE HAS FURNISHED BUREAU DURING INTERVIEWS. NEW YORK  
MAKE SURE THAT ALL PERTINENT DATA IN HER BOOK IS CHANNELLED TO  
APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL FILES. NEW YORK ADVISE BUREAU BY MEMO  
IN GREGORY CASE RESULTS OF REVIEW.**

**HOOVER**

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. W. Ladd

FROM : Mr. G. E. Belmont

SUBJECT: HARRY DEKLE WHITE  
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In the attached Washington City News Service clipping dated November 23, 1946, it is reported that a Justice Department spokesman said later that the Mr. George Allen was George K. Allen, a friend of Mr. Truman, who was a Director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in 1946. The Director asked us to what this was about.

In the material furnished to the Senate Committee yesterday by the Department of Justice on Harold Glasser, it was set forth that a summary dated October 21, 1946, containing information on Glasser, was made available by letter of December 20, 1946, to Mr. George Allen. There were then press inquiries as to the identity of the George Allen who received the summary. This is what occurred in the statement by the Justice Department spokesman.

The summary in question was the summary dated October 21, 1946, entitled "Under-bunk Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the United States Government." We directed that summary to George K. Allen, Director, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Washington, D. C., on December 18, 1946, and it was personally delivered on December 20, 1946, by Mr. Koch. In our letter we stated "For the personal and confidential information of the President and you." (65-5042-1217)

ACTION: The Bureau is to be kept advised concerning this matter.

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Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
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Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Connelley  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Holloman  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
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Mr. Tele. Room  
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A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID LATER THAT THE ~~MR.~~ GEORGE ALLEN  
WAS GEORGE E. ALLEN, A FRIEND OF MR. TRUMAN WHO WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE  
RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORP. IN 1946.

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November 24, 1953

MR. D. M. LADD

MR. A. H. BELMONT

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In connection with the attached Washington City News Service story dated November 23, 1953, on Harold Glasser, the Director inquired "What about this?"

The news story reflects the Justice Department supplied the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee with a statement showing the dissemination on Harold Glasser. You will recall that pursuant to a memorandum from the Criminal Division dated November 19, 1953, we are working on preparing the dissemination we made on eleven individuals, including Glasser. We are also checking the summaries prepared by the Department to see if they reveal confidential informants, confidential techniques, and whether the summaries will interfere with current investigations. We are also checking the accuracy of these statements. Mr. Nichols' memorandum of November 23, 1953, reflects Robert Hiner of Mr. Rogers' office furnished a copy of the material the Department of Justice was making available to the Jenner Committee. Mr. Nichols informed him that it was up to the Department as to whether this material should be given to the committee. It would appear that the Department is not willing to wait for us to go over the material carefully and has taken it upon themselves to furnish information to the committee. We are going ahead with drawing up the dissemination made on the eleven individuals and also checking the summaries prepared by the Department.

ACTION

The foregoing is for your information.

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November 12, 1953

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

There is attached hereto a copy of the memorandum, addressed to the Attorney General on April 15, 1948, relative to Victor Perlo, which I mentioned to you at the Luncheon today.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc-Mr. William Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

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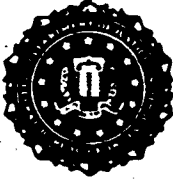
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Director, FBI

VICTOR PERLO

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I have received information from a source in New York, who is entirely outside of the Justice and Treasury Departments, relating to an aspect of the Gregory Case, which I wanted to pass on to you.

According to my source of information, who has heretofore been found to be reliable, efforts are being made or are to be made by representatives of the Treasury Department to have you concur in some course of action which will exonerate the Treasury Department from any blame for continuing to employ Victor Perlo after Treasury officials were advised of his participation in the activities of the Communist espionage ring. Treasury officials are reported to be endeavoring to have you individually or jointly with a high-ranking Treasury official make some statement or execute some document which will indicate that the Treasury Department's action in retaining Perlo as an employee had the concurrence of the Department of Justice or was done at the suggestion of the Department of Justice.

If any official of the Department made this suggestion or concurred in this program, it certainly was done without the knowledge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As a matter of fact, I desire to point out that the maintenance of Perlo in Government employment was not continued either at the suggestion of any representative of the Bureau or with the concurrence of the Bureau.

You will recall that as early as March 4, 1946, a detailed summation of the Gregory Case, including the participation of Treasury employees, was furnished to the Secretary of the Treasury. At the request of Mr. Lawson Moyer of the Personnel Investigations Section of the Treasury Department, he was furnished on September 12, 1946, with a general summation of Perlo's activities.

The Bureau has been advised from a confidential source, heretofore found to be entirely reliable, that in November or December of 1946, a Treasury Department official, Harold Glasser, after receiving the FBI information about Perlo's activities, discussed it with his superior and decided that Perlo should be let out of the Treasury Department. Glasser advised Perlo to leave the Treasury Department since he had not been cleared on loyalty grounds, but

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pointed out that if Perlo wanted to fight the charges, he could do so. Perlo indicated that he would look for another job. Later Mr. Foley of the Treasury Department advised Glasser that the Department had made a mistake in telling Perlo to leave the Department. Glasser told Foley that Perlo did not intend to fight the charges, but in the meanwhile the employment of Perlo was continued, and, according to the Bureau's source, Perlo was allowed to continue to have access to documents of a confidential, classified, or restricted nature.

The Treasury Department received a request in March of 1947, from the State Department, for a recommendation to fill the position of Treasurer of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. Glasser of the Treasury Department recommended Perlo for the State Department post without advising the State Department of the charges which had been made against Perlo. Glasser believing that this would be a desirable way of removing Perlo from the Treasury Department rolls. Glasser discussed this procedure with Mr. Spingarn of the General Counsel's Office of the Treasury Department, who was aware of the allegations made against Perlo. Fortunately in this regard, the State Department determined Perlo's background and did not hire him for this post.

It seems to me entirely improper for the Treasury Department to attempt to justify their ill-advised and dangerous action in continuing Perlo in a position where he had access to confidential, classified and restricted material, after they had learned of his participation in an espionage ring by alleging at this late date that their inaction was predicated upon a suggestion from or carried out with the concurrence of the Justice Department. The fact that Perlo was notified by Glasser that he should leave the Treasury Department for loyalty reasons clearly indicates the falsity of the Treasury Department's position. Later it is noted that Foley countermanded Glasser's instruction, but that at an even later date Glasser, with full knowledge of Perlo's espionage activities, recommended him to the State Department for the purpose of removing him from the Treasury Department.

These facts, it seems to me, clearly indicate that the entire course of action followed by the Treasury Department was predicated upon their own views and without any reference to any opinion or suggestion emanating from the Department of Justice.

I feel, consequently, that the Treasury Department, and the Treasury Department alone, should accept the responsibility for what was exclusively their own course of action.

I have set forth these facts in some length because as I have indicated I am advised that you will be approached directly or indirectly to share the responsibility for this matter with the Treasury Department.

MR. TOLSON

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I have been advised in the strictest of confidence by a very responsible newspaperman with whom we have had friendly contacts that a defense is now being prepared for the Truman administration so far as the Attorney General's charges on Harry Dexter White are concerned, and that the defense will lay the blame for the failure of the Truman administration to act at Mr. Hoover's doorstep; that late in 1945, according to my informant, Bentley told a story to the FBI, the FBI began checking and in January of 1946 decided to handle Miss Bentley and her story as an intelligence operation and to put her back into the party; that, accordingly, during that period the FBI did not want anyone fired or anyone moved which would in any way draw suspicion to the information in our possession; that in early 1947 the FBI came to the conclusion that it would not be possible to reinstate Miss Bentley as a part of the old spy ring and then agreed to the facts being presented to a special Grand Jury which was impaneled in New York; that Vince Quinn was put in charge of this special Grand Jury and Tom Donegan was his assistant; that if Mr. Brownell wants to know why no indictments were returned then all he need do is to ask Mr. Donegan, whom he recently appointed to an important post in the Department.

My source told me that he could see certain holes in this; that when parts of this story began to leak out in 1948 and Congressional Committees began to function administration sources started feeding a long line of information to their favorite outlets, such as Mark Childs and Tom Stokes; that in that if they claim that they fired the individuals in 1947, and particularly if they claim they fired Larry Duggan, this will not hold up because Tom Clark lauded him after he committed suicide.

My source at the very outset told me that the foregoing information is accurate. However, he could not give me the names of some of Truman's old friends who are working on it and he doubts that Truman even knows that they are working on it. I asked him if by any chance this was the old Treasury crowd and he replied that it was the old Justice crowd. I know that last night this source also talked to me and made inquiry as to where he might get certain information pertaining to a Grand Jury in New York. I told him that

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frankly I did not know. He then asked if Jim McInerney was in the Criminal Division in 1947. I told him that I simply did not recall and I am deducing from this he subsequently got in touch with McInerney and McInerney may have been the source of his information, although he has also been in touch with these people this morning judging from the manner in which he talked.

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yes and promptly. It sounds like  
Ford and McInerney line check.  
it must carefully as I do not  
recall any such slant on the Bentley  
matter

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THE DIRECTOR

November 19, 1955

MR. D. M. LADD

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MEMORANDUM

Attached memorandum dated November 10, 1955, indicates deLesse being prepared for Truman administration as far as Attorney General's charges on Harry Dewey White are concerned. It is alleged that the FBI will be cleared. Claims will be made that after hearing Bentley's story, the FBI began checking and in January, 1948, decided to handle the case as an intelligence operation and reactivate Bentley into the (Communist) Party. Accordingly, the FBI did not want anyone fired from Government service or asked to do so not to jeopardize the investigation. Also, early in 1947, the FBI decided that Bentley could not be reactivated and so agreed to the facts being presented to a grand jury.

We did try to reactivate Bentley into espionage work as an investigative procedure and properly so but we never requested any Government official or agency to hold up firing anyone to protect this investigation. We disseminated information received from Bentley relating to subjects in the Silvermaster case promptly. In so doing we made no requests that no action be taken against the individuals involved. Our records show that other Government agencies advised us during 1948 of certain dismissals or contemplated dismissals of Government employees connected with the Silvermaster case. When so notified, we entered no objection other than a word of caution that the Bureau be kept out of the picture. We were reluctant to see this case prosecuted as it was our view that the facts would not sustain a prosecution. Our attempts to reactivate Bentley had no bearing on the case being presented to a grand jury in 1947.

RECOMMENDATION:

The foregoing is for your information in connection with this matter.

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**DETAILS**

Attached memorandum dated November 10, 1945, indicates that a defense is now being prepared for the Truman administration as far as the Attorney General's charges on Harry Dexter White are concerned. It is stated that this defense will try to lay the blame on the FBI. This alleged defense on the part of the Truman administration involves three points:

- I. That the FBI prevented the Truman administration from taking action against Silvermaster subjects because it decided to reactivate Bentley into espionage work.
- II. That the FBI did not want any Silvermaster subjects fired from Government service or moved because to do so might jeopardize the investigation.
- III. That the FBI concluded in 1947 that Bentley could not be reactivated into espionage work and, therefore, agreed to the facts being presented to a grand jury.

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It is true that immediately after Bentley told us her story in November, 1945, we attempted to utilize her in penetrating the network. We would have been wise in our responsibilities if we had not attempted this action. We had her contact Anatoli Gromov, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, Rae Eisen, Helen Fanning, and Earl Browder, all of whom, according to Bentley, were involved in the apparatus. However, it was soon evident to us (in a matter of months) that we could not successfully reactivate her.

An example of our desire to reactivate Bentley is shown in the following: Bureau letter to New York dated April 5, 1946, suggests that Bentley continue contact with Helen Fanning, a subject in this case, in an effort to evaluate the possibility of reactivating Bentley. As of the date of this letter, it was not known that sufficient evidence existed upon which to base a successful prosecution. In this

letter we stated that the maximum utilization could best be obtained in this case by reactivating Bentley as a Soviet agent, (65-30400-245)

Our efforts to reactivate Bentley in no way prevented the Truman administration from taking action against Silvermaster subjects. We disseminated information furnished by Bentley concerning White and others to the White House and the State Department promptly. We placed no restriction on any action the White House or interested Government agencies desired to take against the subjects involved. If the FBI attempted to prevent the Truman administration from taking action against the subjects involved, we would not have disseminated the pertinent information so promptly, and, in addition, in our communications disseminating such information, we would have requested that no action be taken against the subjects mentioned therein. We did not at any time suggest that no action be taken against such individuals.

We have not located any communications where we told anyone outside the Bureau that we did not want administrative action taken because of our desire to reactivate Bentley.

## II.

In a continuation of points set above, it must be repeated that the Bureau did not indicate in any way to any agency involved that we did not desire that any Silvermaster subjects be fired from Government service or moved because to do so might jeopardize our investigation. Here again it is to be emphasized that we did disseminate pertinent information promptly and did not restrict in any way the action other Government agencies might wish to take against the subjects involved. The following points illustrate our position:

A Bureau memorandum of March 6, 1945, reflects that Robert Sommerman, Chief Security Officer, State Department, informed the Bureau that he had been successful in having David Bentley dismissed from employment at the State Department. David Bentley was a contact of Maurice Halperin, subject in the Silvermaster case. Mr. Sommerman informed the Bureau that other individuals on whom the Bureau had supplied derogatory information were to be dismissed immediately. (65-30400-110)

It will be noted that the Bureau made no objection to the action by the State Department.

3. Bureau memorandum of June 18, 1948, reveals that on that date Colonel DeStina, Security Officer, War Department, advised that Helen Tenney could be given her discharge notice on that date. It will be noted that Helen Tenney is a 60000 in the Silvermaster case and at the time Colonel DeStina advised the Bureau of her discharge, the Bureau made no objection. As noted in Bureau memorandum of June 9, 1948, the Bureau furnished information on Helen Tenney to Colonel Jaffe of the War Department stating that the information was being furnished to him for whatever action he desired. (65-50100-1285, 1188)

4. Bureau memorandum of June 14, 1948, indicates that Colonel DeStina, War Department, advised the Bureau that on June 1, 1948, Clayton Schlichter was discharged from the War Department in view of confidential information furnished by the Bureau. It had disseminated information on Schlichter in the Silvermaster case. The Bureau again made no objection to this action. (65-50100-1187)

5. Bureau memorandum of August 9, 1948, reveals that on July 20, 1948, Robert Jannerman of the State Department advised the Bureau that the State Department is anticipating discharge of Robert Talbot Miller, III, a subject in the Silvermaster case. An addition to this memorandum indicates that on August 9, 1948, Mr. Ladd contacted Mr. Lyon of the State Department and pointed out the importance of keeping the Bureau out of any action taken by the State Department. Here again it may be noted that the Bureau made no objection to the discharge of Miller. (65-50100-1287)

6. Memorandum from Mr. Ladd to the Director dated September 20, 1948. This memorandum indicates that General Littlejohn of the War Assets Administration was much concerned about the employment in War Assets of Gregory Silvermaster. General Littlejohn had discussed the matter with Sarah Carroll of War Assets. Carroll asked the Bureau's position with reference to this applicant. Mr. Ladd advised Carroll to advise Littlejohn that he should take whatever action he deemed appropriate with reference to Silvermaster and that the Bureau would not object to the discharge of Silvermaster through the War Assets Administration. (65-50100-1288)

As a result of the Bureau's attention to this matter, attention is directed to a memorandum from the Director to the Attorney General dated April 13, 1948, captioned "Victor Perle." In this memorandum it is stated that the Director learned that efforts were being made by representatives of the Treasury Department to have the Attorney General consent in some course of action which would exonerate the Treasury Department from any blame for continuing to employ Victor Perle after Treasury officials were advised of his participation in activities of a Communist espionage ring. Treasury officials were reported to be trying to have the Attorney General make some statement which would indicate that the Treasury Department's action in retaining Perle as an employee had the concurrence of the Department of Justice or was done at the suggestion of the Department of Justice. The Director wrote in connection with this "If any official of the Department made this suggestion or concurred in this program, it certainly was done without the knowledge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As a matter of fact, I desire to point out that the maintenance of Perle in Government employment was not continued either at the suggestion of any representative of the Bureau or with the concurrence of the Bureau." In another part of this memorandum the Director wrote "It seems to me entirely improper for the Treasury Department to attempt to justify their ill-advised and dangerous action in continuing Perle in a position where he had access to confidential, classified, and restricted material after they had learned of his participation in an espionage ring by alleging at his late date that their inaction was predicated upon a suggestion from or carried out with the concurrence of the Justice Department."

In this memorandum the Director makes the following comments: "These facts, it seems to me, clearly indicate that the entire course of action followed by the Treasury Department was predicated upon their own views and without any reference to any opinion or suggestion emanating from the Department of Justice."

"I feel consequently that the Treasury Department and the Justice Department alone should accept the responsibility for what was exclusively their own course of action."  
(65-5640-1594, 1708)

### III.

It is evident from our files that by 1947 we knew it was impossible to reactivate Bentley; we had also realized that continued investigation through coverage of the individual subjects was not likely to develop evidence on which to formulate a prosecution.

It is clear that the Director was opposed to merely having the matter presented to a Federal grand jury as a face-saving measure. This is supported by the following:

In a memorandum from Mr. Tamm to the Director dated January 29, 1947, Mr. Tamm said he attended a meeting in the Attorney General's office on the afternoon of that date. In addition to the Attorney General, Mr. P. L. Gundle and Mr. McDiarmid of the Criminal Division were present. During the discussion Mr. Tamm expressed the Director's view that the facts in this case would not sustain a prosecution, and that the Director was very reluctant to see this case prosecuted, particularly where in the Lacerda case the prosecution failed miserably. The Attorney General stated he agreed.

In a memorandum from the Director to Mr. Tolson dated February 18, 1947, the Director pointed out he had told the Attorney General he was still against prosecution in the Gregory case. (62-55609-2007)

At the same time it is evident that the Director felt that summaries on the case should be given to individual departments. In a conversation with Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder (as reflected by a memorandum from the Director to Mr. Tolson of February 19, 1947) the Director pointed out to the Secretary of Treasury that about three weeks earlier he had wanted to send summaries to individual departments but the Attorney General had decided there was a need for further investigation or interviews by Departmental Attorneys before any other action was initiated. (62-55609-2008)

Thus it appears that there was little communication between the plan to reactivate Bentley and the presenting of the facts to the grand jury. It was not trying to reactivate Bentley in 1947; we were trying to have some face-saving measure. It was decided to concentrate on the Lacerda case and to have summaries distributed to cover Lacerda and Gregory. It was not trying to reactivate Bentley.

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FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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In answer to the question as to whether we departed from our usual dissemination practice and named Harry Dexter White as a spy, in the dissemination we made running from November 8, 1945 to March 5, 1946, the answer is that in each instance we attributed the information as coming from a source. We utilized varying language, and I am quoting hereinafter from the pertinent portions of our various communications.

In our letter to General Vaughan dated November 8, 1945, we said, "As a result of the Bureau's investigative operations, information has been recently developed from a highly confidential source indicating that a number of persons employed by the Government of the United States have been furnishing data and information to persons outside the Federal Government, who are, in turn, transmitting this information to espionage agents of the Soviet Government. At the present time it is impossible to determine exactly how many of these people had actual knowledge of the disposition being made of the information they were transmitting."

In our summary entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United States," dated November 27, 1945 and the similar summary of December 12, 1945, we used the same language. We said, "This case first came to the attention of the Bureau on November 8, 1945, when Elizabeth Bentley, an official of the United States Service and Shipping, Inc., New York City, came into the New York Office of the Bureau and stated for the past eleven years she had been actively engaged in Communist activity and Soviet espionage. Later in the same summaries we said "the espionage groups with which Bentley worked were primarily employees of the United States Government stationed in Washington, D. C." We then named White as a member of this group.

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FROM MR. D. M. LADD

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DATE 1/15/83 BY SP5 JPP/BJ

You asked for the facts which will answer the allegation in the attached article which appears in the Washington Post of November 12, 1953. This article sets out a dispatch from Washington by Edwin A. Lahey of the Chicago Daily News. Several points are mentioned as follows:

1. Former President Truman will answer the White charges by claiming that Harry Dexter White was moved out of his job as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury early in 1946 to a job in the International Monetary Fund under an agreement between the FBI and then Secretary of the Treasury Vinson on a theory that White could be better kept under surveillance in this job.

Comments: This is false. The Director's conference with Secretary of the Treasury Vinson and Attorney General Clark as set forth in a memorandum from the Director to Mr. Tolson dated February 25, 1946, clearly shows that the Director and the others felt that White should not serve. (65-56402-505)

2. A. The article claims that Truman is assembling "some crusty remarks" to direct at Governor Byrnes. The latter said he urged Truman to withdraw White's nomination "because of an FBI report labeling him a Communist spy."

B. Truman's response to Byrnes will be "the FBI report, pulled together on the basis of Elizabeth Bentley's statement, contained about eighty names of suspected Soviet agents in the Government. Alger Hiss was the prominent figure in that report. Harry Dexter White was mentioned in passing."

The writer of the newspaper article is obviously confused at this point in the article. The FBI report referred

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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to by Byrnes in paragraph A is the February 1, 1946 summary on Harry Dexter White. The FBI report referred to in paragraph B is probably the November 27, 1945 summary entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United States." The writer of the article is under the misapprehension that both Byrnes and Truman are referring to the same FBI summary.

We believe that the FBI report referred to in paragraph B is the November 27, 1945 summary because it is known that newspapermen have the substance of the November 27, 1945 summary. This summary does mention numerous individuals who were involved in suspected espionage activities. However, even when referring to this November 27, 1945 summary, the writer of the article is inaccurate since the November 27, 1945 summary was not "pulled together on the basis of Bentley's statement." Further, this summary is 71 pages in length and Alger Hiss is mentioned only on three pages and White is also mentioned on three pages.

We know that the FBI report referred to in paragraph A by Byrnes is the February 1, 1946 summary on Harry Dexter White because Byrnes has said that the only report he has knowledge of came to him on February 5, 1946. This is the February 1, 1946 summary which was delivered to the State Department on February 4, 1946, and the receipt of same was acknowledged by Byrnes in a letter to the Director dated February 6, 1946.

3. The article also stated that the Truman administration actually ordered a sweeping investigation of Communists in the Government on the basis of the FBI report but it said the FBI in a year of work found no more than the "uncorroborated word of Miss Bentley."

Comment: We have not located any evidence in the Gregory case where a sweeping investigation of Communists in the Government was ordered on the basis of the Bureau's summary of November 27, 1945.

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# Paper Says Truman Prepared to Show White Was Shifted to Fund Job for Surveillance

CHICAGO, Nov. 11 (AP) — The Chicago Daily News said tonight that President Truman is prepared to show Republican charges with the assertion that Harry Dexter White was shifted to another job so he could be better kept under surveillance.

The newspaper, in a dispatch from Washington by Edwin A. Lahey, said it was presenting for the first time the answers Mr. Truman plans to make in the White case.

Lahey wrote that the late Harry Dexter White was moved out of his security important job as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury early in 1948 precisely because his loyalty to the United States was under suspicion.

White was nominated to a technical job in the International Monetary Fund (which he helped to create) under an agreement between the FBI and

the late Fred M. Vinson, then Secretary of the Treasury, on the theory that White could be better kept under surveillance in this job, Lahey said.

The dispatch said that Mr. Truman, "in effect, is ready to agree with (Attorney General Herbert) Brownell, in general, but has gathered some blistering material to support his reasons for doing what Brownell in his Chicago speech termed 'incredible.'"

Lahey wrote that Mr. Truman also is assembling "some crusty remarks" to direct at Gov. James M. Byrnes of South Carolina, who said he urged the former President to withdraw White's nomination because of an FBI report labeling him a Communist spy.

Lahey said Mr. Truman's response to Byrnes would be: "The FBI report, pulled together on the basis of Elizabeth Bentley's statement, con-

tained about 20 names of suspected Soviet agents in the Government.

Lahey said that the report was drawn in part from Harry Dexter White was mentioned in passing.

White was then in the State Department, and Byrnes was Secretary of State. How come Byrnes was so concerned about White, when he subsequently cleared him?

Lahey said it was "believed certain that the former President would stand on his first statement that he never did see the (FBI) report."

The dispatch said the Truman Administration actually ordered a sweeping investigation of Communists in Government on the basis of the FBI report. But it said the FBI in a year of work found no more than the "uncorroborated word of Miss Bentley."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: Nov. 11, 1953

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

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SUBJECT:

Mullen called and stated that he and Olney wanted to see the Director. The Director was out so he wanted to see me. I told him I was tied up at the moment. He said they would come on around and wait. I did keep them waiting for a while and then saw them. The following were the matters discussed:

1. Olney asked for a copy of the Bureau's letter dated February 1 transmitting the summary report to General Vaughan which was delivered on February 4. I stated I thought we had already sent this to the Department. Olney was certain that we hadn't. Since I quoted from this letter in the conversation with Mullen last night, Mullen reminded me of this. I told him I had sent the file back and would have to get the file. I left this up in the air.

After leaving my office, Olney called back about an hour later and stated he had checked with Walt Yeagley and this letter had not been previously requested from the Bureau and they couldn't find it and could he get a photostat as soon as possible as they are preparing a summary and they wanted to be accurate. I told him I frankly had not had a chance to check as yet and still left it up in the air.

A copy is being photostated and I will get this to Olney by ten minutes to 12.

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2. Olney stated that the Attorney General was going to have to testify before one of the Congressional Committees, that we was going to get a summary of the evidence on the espionage picture in general and the Harry Dexter White case in specific and the basic material to be used for this summary was a lengthy memorandum prepared in April, 1946, by the Bureau, and that they had also prepared summaries of the reports that are pertinent but will be careful to not divulge sources and will show us what they have done before it is used.

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 CC - Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Belmont

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3. Olney stated it would be helpful if they could have a visual chart depicting White's role in the Treasury Department showing his tie-ins with other individuals charged with espionage with particular reference to the lines of transmission. They wondered if we could prepare such a chart.

I told Olney I thought this was something they could best do in the Department, that any chart would, of course, entail an evaluation, that I thought the Department could get into all kinds of trouble if the Bureau was forced to make evaluations and that we could not depart from our traditional customs.

He stated it was inconceivable that we didn't already have charts prepared. I asked if they didn't have charts that were prepared for the Grand Jury in New York. Olney didn't think so and I told him I thought it would be better if such a chart were prepared in the Department. Olney kept harping on the point he thought there would be charts.

I told him I had a hazy recollection that some kind of a chart appeared in some Congressional hearing and he might want to check the hearings.

*Director's Notation: What are they? H*  
We, of course, do have charts. Mr. Ladd has no recollection of having furnished them to the Department. We, of course, are checking on this. Mullen later called me and stated he had suggested that the Attorney General have some visual aids and that the trouble was they didn't have any artists in the Department. I told him we were swamped and just couldn't do it. I suspect the Director may hear further on this. In the meantime, we are checking to see what we have and whether anything has gone to the Department.

4. Olney stated they have found in the Department files a letter from Clark Clifford to the Attorney General stating that in view of the imminence of a Monetary Conference in Paris the Attorney General wanted pertinent information, that the Attorney General then wrote a letter to Clark Clifford transmitting a summary dated July 25, 1946. Olney had with him a 39-page summary with an index dated July 25, 1946, entitled "Soviet Activities in the United States." He wondered if this was the summary. I told him I couldn't tell offhand, that if the Bureau had prepared the summary for that purpose this should be reflected in Bureau correspondence to the Department. Olney stated

he wanted to be certain of his facts and that he would appreciate if we could check to see if we had anything that tied into this. I told him anything we would have, if there was an exchange of correspondence, would be reflected in memoranda to the Department. I left this up in the air. However, we will check on this and then decide what to do.

Mullen called me after the meeting and stated he had searched his mind on our conversation yesterday on the Art Sylvester statement that he Mullen had stated we had made an exception and evaluated in this case. Mullen stated he had talked to the Attorney General and the Attorney General's best recollection was that he had stated it was clear from the FBI reports that Dexter was a spy.

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TO : The Director

DATE: November 19, 1953

FROM : D. W. Ladd

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Mr. Tom Donegan called me from New York and stated that he had received a call from Mr. Olney who asked him if he had used a chart before the Grand Jury in showing the connection of various subjects with Bentley, Golos, etc. Mr. Donegan said that he had a faint recollection that he had used a chart before the Grand Jury. He stated that he has since found a copy of the chart and is having it photostated and sent down to Olney.

*Director's Notation: Interesting Olney said!*

Mr. Donegan stated that during the course of the conversation a matter of interest to the Bureau came up. He stated that Olney had said, "By the way, was the Federal Grand Jury ever told that the Treasury Department had kept on people at the request of the FBI?" Donegan stated that he believes some such statement was made but that he had objected to any such statement as he knew that the Bureau had never made any such recommendation and would not do so and he, therefore, refused to let any such statement be introduced.

Mr. Donegan stated, it will be recalled that the Attorney General was going to have such a statement prepared and sent in to the Grand Jury through Vincent Quinn but that he, Donegan, objected; that as a result thereof the Bureau had prepared a memorandum to the Attorney General pointing out that a source in New York had furnished information about such a statement going to be introduced. This, you will recall, is the memorandum of April 15, 1948, to the Attorney General entitled "Victor Perlo."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: November 12, 1963

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You inquire as to whether we had technical and/or physical surveillances on White after February, 1946. Concerning physical surveillances, a sheet was made with Supervisor Oberdorff of the Washington Field Office who advised that physical surveillance logs maintained by his office in the Gregory case reflected that White was under full physical surveillance on the following dates by that office: (S) (C)

- November 20 through November 29, 1945.
- December 1 through December 5, 1945.
- December 7 through December 14, 1945.
- December 23, 1945.
- February 7 and February 14, 1946.
- March 6 and March 31, 1946.
- June 6 and June 28, 1946.
- September 21, 1946.
- October 21, 22, and 29, 1946.
- November 4, 11, and 14, 1946.

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Supervisor Oberdorff also advised that spot surveillances were conducted on White on January 11, 1947, February 9, 1947, and March 4, 1948.

It is known that White was under physical surveillance on a number of occasions by the New York Office while he was in New York City. It is believed that he was also under surveillance while he travelled to other cities during the pertinent period. In order to accurately and fully determine all dates White was under physical surveillances, it would require either a complete review of the Gregory case file, which is voluminous, or an immediate request to our New York Office and other offices to have the surveillance logs maintained in their field office files in the Gregory case reviewed. Such action will not be taken unless you so desire it.

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Concerning technical surveillances on White, our files reflect that the Attorney General authorized same on the residence of White, Fairfax Road, Edgemoor, Bethesda, Maryland (telephone number - Wisconsin 6896) on November 20, 1945. The installation was made November 28, 1945, and operated under Washington Field Office informant symbol [redacted]. On May 16, 1947, this informant was discontinued. (S)(u)

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A separate memorandum is being prepared giving additional details concerning the technical surveillances maintained on White. (S)(u)

ACTION

None. For your information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 13, 1953

FROM : MR. C. E. HENRY

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, DCS ET AL  
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Mr. Davidson Sommers, General Counsel (United States), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1818 H Street, Washington, D. C., called at my office at 2:55 p.m., November 13, 1953. Mr. Sommers advised that in 1945 he was in the Air Force and was assigned to the office of Mr. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War. In this capacity, he was sent to attend the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, California.

Prior to his departure for the Conference, Mr. Sommers said he was called to McCloy's office and was advised that Harry Dexter White had called and said he wanted Ludwig Ullman (a subject in the Silvermaster case) to go to San Francisco with him. He indicated that Ullman had been a speech writer, and White wanted Ullman to help him at the Conference. McCloy instructed Sommers to find out where Ullman was assigned and to see if he could be detached to go along with White to San Francisco. Sommers said he determined that Ullman was either a captain or a major assigned to the Signal Corps, and he made arrangements to have Ullman ordered to San Francisco to help White for the duration of the Conference. Sommers said that while at San Francisco, Ullman located him and thanked him for arranging the matter.

Mr. Sommers stated that the above incident had been recalled to his mind as a result of reading recent newspaper articles concerning White and that he thought the Bureau should have this information.

I thanked Mr. Sommers for calling this matter to the Bureau's attention.

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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: 11/13/53

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
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Regarding your memorandum of November 13, 1953, concerning a chart used by Tom Donegan before the Grand Jury in the Bentley case, I spoke to Supervisor Tom McAndrews of the New York Office this afternoon. He said Photostats had been prepared and he would try to have Donegan bring down a copy and leave it with us, as Donegan is coming to Washington tonight. If he cannot reach Donegan, he will send a Photostat down to us by mail tonight.

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MR. D. M. LADD

November 13, 1953

MR. A. H. BELMONT

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER  
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*(Gregory)*

Shortly before noon on November 13, 1953, Mr. William Foley of the Department called and said that he had been instructed to try to locate a chart reflecting the association of various subjects in the Silvermaster case. He said he had checked in the Department and could not find such a chart. He said that he understood a chart had been prepared for the Grand Jury in New York in presenting the Silvermaster case and he wondered if we had a copy. I told him frankly I did not know just what chart he was talking about and suggested that he check the records of the Department relative to the Grand Jury hearings.

Supervisor Tom McAndrews of New York called Mr. Cleveland in my office at 1:20 P.M. today. He stated that Donegan had contacted the New York Office and advised that the Department had asked him if he had such a chart. Donegan has located the chart desired by the Department and has asked the New York Office to prepare Photostats so that he can bring one Photostat to Washington to turn over to the Department when he next comes to Washington. Donegan also wanted to leave a Photostat with the New York Office for information. The New York Office is going ahead and making the Photostats.

Mr. Donegan indicated that he might call you direct concerning this matter.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *HN* DATE: November 19, 1953

FROM : Mr. Jones *Jones*

SUBJECT: NEWS COMMENTATOR  
FULTON LEWIS, JR.  
RADIO STATION WWDC

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Tonight at 7:00 p.m. Fulton Lewis, Jr. stated at the beginning of his broadcast that Supreme Court Justice Clark let the Velde Committee know today that he would not appear as a witness before that committee and gave a citation as to why he would not appear, but he added that he would give careful consideration to any questions sent to him by the committee, but the chances are no questions will be sent.

Lewis stated that Velde and Chairman Jenner conferred for one hour this afternoon to avoid any duplication of their efforts in the Harry Dexter White case. The result of the conference was that the Jenner Committee would take over in this case and the Velde Committee would drop from the scene.

Lewis then stated that there was some talk about Harry Dexter White's being kicked upstairs so he could be watched more closely and then quoted parts of Drew Pearson's column which appeared in the Washington Post today. He said this story by Drew Pearson was "plant" on the part of Democratic strategists and then said, "As I told you last night, J. Edgar Hoover never had any conference with Truman concerning the Harry Dexter White case."

Mr. Lewis further stated the way to show this up is to subpoena Mr. Hoover to testify before the committee, tell what took place, and certainly he ought to know. He mentioned that the Attorney General would appear before the committee next Tuesday and possibly Mr. Hoover could be subpoenaed to appear at the same time.

Lewis then stated that all this turmoil on Harry Dexter White has covered up the news of Eisenhower's failure to clean house in Washington as he was supposed to do. Then he mentioned the fact that McKay of the Interior Department had requested 382 changes in personnel and so far Civil Service had granted only 80 of them.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd  
FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont  
SUBJECT: HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
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DATE: October 24, 1953

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SYNOPSIS:

By memorandum of October 22, 1953, it was pointed out that Elizabeth Bentley testified before Senate Investigating Subcommittee on October 21, 1953. She stated her espionage network in 1944 got samples of Allied currency marks from White, and later she through the network pressured him to turn the currency plates over to the Soviets. No information located reflecting Bentley furnished us this information in interviews, but similar information appeared in Bentley's book published in 1951. The Director requested to be informed as to whether Bentley was questioned concerning this information after her book was reviewed. No information could be located in our files reflecting this was done and ASAC Brent of Atlanta office who reviewed the book while assigned at Seat of Government stated when telephonically contacted on October 23, 1953, that he must have missed this information. Supervisor Tom Spencer of NYO telephonically contacted Bentley in New Orleans October 22, 1953, and she stated she thought she gave this information to Bureau during first three or four months of our interviews with her. The interviews started in November, 1945. No information has been located in New York or Bureau files to confirm Bentley's statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The above is submitted in answer to the Director's question regarding this matter. [REDACTED]

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "Yes." H.

An Airtel is attached to the New Orleans office instructing them to interview Bentley for complete information concerning the matter. WFO being instructed to submit report concerning information developed in current hearings concerning this matter. NYO being instructed to carefully review Bentley's book for other information she should be questioned about.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "Yes." H.

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Memo to Mr. Ladd  
Re: HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
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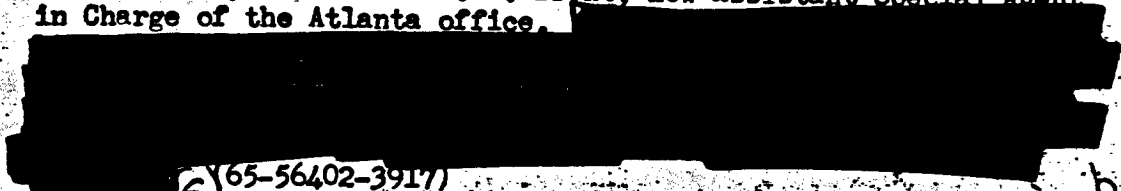
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DETAILS:

In my memorandum to you dated October 22, 1953, I pointed out that Elizabeth Bentley testified before the Senate Investigating Subcommittee on October 21, 1953. She testified her espionage superiors in 1944 instructed her to go to Washington and to transmit orders to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullman, who were to put pressure on Harry Dexter White to obtain samples of the Allied currency marks which were to be used in the German occupation. White, who died in 1948, was in 1944 Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department. Bentley stated the samples were obtained from White's office. Later she received instructions to pressure White through Silvermaster and Ullman to have the plates given to the Soviets. This the U. S. Government did in 1944 and independent information establishes White was instrumental in having it done.

A review of the Bureau's files was made and no information could be located reflecting we received this information from Bentley during interviews. Elizabeth Bentley's book was published in 1951 entitled "Out of Bondage," and did contain similar information. The Director asked to be informed if Bentley was questioned concerning this information at the time the book was reviewed in 1951. No information can be located in our files reflecting that this was done.

Bentley's book first appeared in serial form in the "McCall's" magazine in issues of May, June, July and August, 1951, under the title "My Life As A Spy." The issues were reviewed at the Bureau by Supervisor A. S. Brent, now Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta office.

  
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In order to definitely determine if Brent had noted the information concerning White which has now come up in the hearings and which appears in Bentley's book, Mr. Hemrich called Brent in Atlanta on October 23, 1953, and he stated he has no recollection of this item. He said he must have missed this item when he reviewed the articles as he cannot now even recall seeing this information.

In addition with Bureau authorization, Supervisor Tom Spencer of the New York office on October 22, 1953, telephonically contacted Bentley in New Orleans. Spencer is the agent who handled

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Memo to Mr. Ladd  
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Bentley during the bulk of the period while she was residing in New York City. Bentley, when contacted, stated she thought she gave this information to the Bureau during the first three or four months of our interviews with her. The interviews started in November, 1945. No information has been located in the New York or Bureau files to confirm Bentley's statement. While we have never had reason to question Bentley's veracity, the significance of this information could hardly have escaped our agents if she had provided it during the period she states. At that time White was still alive and we were conducting an extensive investigation of the whole network. It was not until 1947 that White's name was publicly linked in Senate hearings with the currency plate matter, and then in 1951 the information came out in her book. White had died in 1948.

It is believed necessary to interview Bentley to determine if she can furnish any additional information to that which she testified to before the Senate Investigating Subcommittee. An Airtel has been prepared for the New Orleans office instructing that this be done. The Washington Field Office is being instructed to submit a report on White incorporating the data in the current hearings and also data in the 1947 Senate Hearings before the Joint Committees of Appropriations, Banking and Currency, and Armed Services. The New York office is being instructed in the Airtel to carefully review Bentley's book to see if there is any other information concerning which she should be questioned. The New York office handled all of the initial interviews of Bentley and have all the pertinent data secured from her.

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Brigadier General Harry Hastings Vaughan  
Military Aide to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear General Vaughan:

As a result of the Bureau's investigation, information has been recently developed from a highly confidential source indicating that a number of persons employed by the Government of the United States have been furnishing data and information to persons outside the Federal Government, who are in turn transmitting this information to espionage agents of the Soviet Government. At the present time it is impossible to determine exactly how many of these people had actual knowledge of the disposition being made of the information they were transmitting. The investigation, however, at this point has indicated that the persons named hereinafter were actually the source from which information passing through the Soviet espionage system was being obtained, and I am continuing vigorous investigation for the purpose of establishing the degree and nature of the complicity of these people in this espionage ring.

The Bureau's information at this time indicates that the following persons were participants in this operation and were utilized by principals in this ring for the purpose of obtaining data in which the Soviet is interested:

Dr. Gregory Silvermaster, a long time employee of the Department of Agriculture.

Harry Dexter White, Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury.

George Silverman, formerly employed by the Railroad Retirement Board, and now reportedly in the War Department.

late President Roosevelt.  
Laughlin Currie, former Administrative Assistant to the

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Victor <sup>O</sup>Verlan, formerly with the War Relocation  
Board and the Foreign Exchange Administration.

Donald <sup>O</sup>Wheeler, formerly with the Office of  
Strategic Services.

Major Duncan <sup>O</sup>Lee, Office of Strategic Services.

Julius <sup>O</sup>Joseph, Office of Strategic Services.

Major <sup>O</sup>Conroy, Office of Strategic Services.

Maurice <sup>O</sup>Malpert, Office of Strategic Services.

Charles <sup>O</sup>Rosen, formerly associated with Senator  
Kilgore.

Captain Milton <sup>O</sup>Ludwig/Hilman, United States Army  
Air Corps.



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In addition to the foregoing group in the Government,  
it appears at this time that Mary <sup>O</sup>Rice, formerly Secretary to  
Walter <sup>O</sup>Oppmann, the newspaper columnist and presently publicity  
manager of the United Office and Professional Workers of America,  
CIO, is also associated with the foregoing group.

The Government documents were furnished to Gregory  
Silvermaster, who thereafter photographed them and turned over  
the undeveloped, but exposed film to a contact of the subject.

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in either Washington, D. C. or New York City. In the past, it is reported, the contact man made trips to Washington, D. C. once every two weeks and would pick up on such occasions an average of forty rolls of 35-millimeter film.

Investigation of this matter is being pushed vigorously, but I thought that the President and you would be interested in having the foregoing preliminary data immediately.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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