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4212	8/2/55	CHARGE OUT	1	1	
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N/R	8/15/55	BERMONT MEMO BERMONT	7	7	b1 b3 Release
N/R	9/29/55	WFO LET NY, XLR	1	1	b2 b7D
4215	8/22/55	BERMONT MEMO BERMONT	2	2	
4216	7/20/56	CT FOLK	1	1	
		SEARCH SLIP	1	1	
4217	9/29/55	SAUNDERS MEMO BERMONT	2/1	0	3 info
4218	8/29/55	WFO LTR XLR	3	3	b2 b7D
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N/R	4/3/52	BERMAN MEMO BERMAN	3	0	b7c b7D
N/R	2/1/52	BUCKY EXHIB INV	1	1	
4220	2/1/52	BERMAN MEMO BERMAN	1	1	
4221	3/1/52	NY LET HQ	1	1	
N/R	3/30/52	BERMAN MEMO BERMAN	1	0	b1c b7D
4222	5/1/52	TENOR MEMO BERMAN	2	2	b3 rule 6e
4223	5/20/52	NY TT HQ, NR	1	0	b3 rule 6e
4224	7/1/52	NY TT HQ, NR	1	0	b3 rule 6e
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4227	6/19/52	NY ENCL BELMONT MEMO BRADMAN	1/2	1/2	b3 Rule 6e
4228-29	4/20/57	CT forms	1	1	
4230	12/18/52	BELMONT MEMO BRADMAN	1	1	b1
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N/R	1/15/57	LA LET HQ	1	1	
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N/R	4/15/57	NICHOLS MEMO TOLSON	1	1	
4231	1/1/57	CHARGE OUT	1	1	
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4235	9/19/57	NY LET WFO	1	1		
4236	9/25/57	NY TT WFO	1	1		
4237	10/28/57	MM TT WFO, NY, NY	3	3		
N/A	11/13/57	WFO LET NY	1	1		
4238	12/19/57	NY LET WFO, WFO	1	1		
4238	1/7/58	WFO LET AAS	1	1		
N/A	2/1/58	BUCKY EXHIB INV	1	1		
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TO : L. Boardman

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DATE: July 18, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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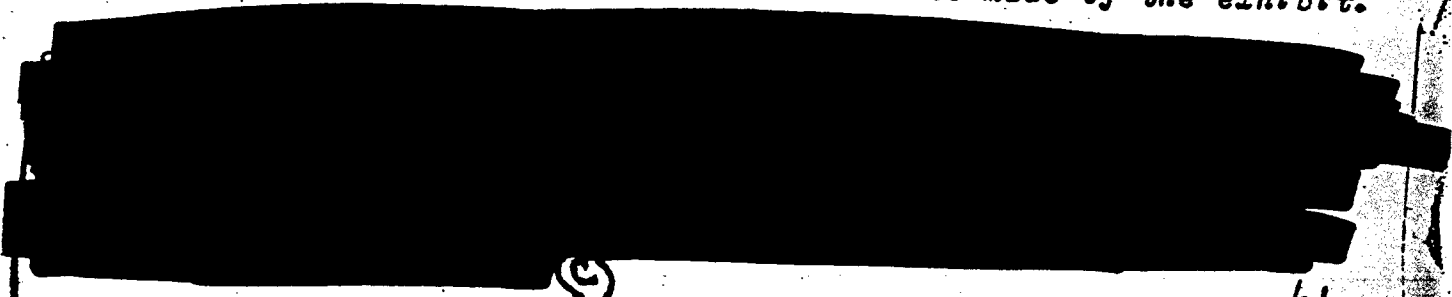
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SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS, ET AL  
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The attached memo from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Belmont dated 7-5-55 requested the bulky exhibit listed be reviewed and a notation be made thereon as to what disposition should be made of the exhibit.



A copy of this material is retained in the file and no apparent need exists to retain a photographic negative.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That this exhibit be destroyed.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *7/21*

DATE: July 20, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ABW*

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In connection with the detailed brief (5-6-55) in which we analyzed the charges made by William Henry Taylor on 3-28-55 before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, we have prepared an insert which brings this brief up to date.

Among the charges made by Taylor were that there was more than one Taylor at the Treasury Department. Investigation disclosed there were 30 Taylors employed in various capacities at the Treasury Department. All Taylors eliminated from consideration as the Taylor of Bentley's statement but one, William Henry Taylor, the person of interest in this matter. An insert for the brief (5-6-55) has been prepared setting forth this data. There is attached a copy of the insert which has been added to the brief. (Pg. 80-)

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information and to advise you of the insert to the brief of 5-6-55, which brings this brief up to date

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CHARGE: There Were Others by The Name of William Taylor  
in The Treasury Department (page 7)

The point is made that Bentley named a William Taylor or Bill Taylor and has testified she never knew Taylor personally.

COMMENT:

Bentley has advised that one of Harry Dexter White's most valuable assets as far as the Silvermaster espionage group was concerned was White's ability to place in the Treasury Department individuals of interest to that network. Among those so placed by White, according to Bentley, was one William Taylor. She said she never met Taylor but learned of him through Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullmann. She said this Taylor was sent to China by the Treasury Department and she believed he later went to Portugal. While in the Treasury Department, Taylor supplied Silvermaster with oral and written information secured in his official capacity.

IDENTIFICATION OF TAYLOR:

The following are facts on which William Henry Taylor was identified as the Taylor named by Bentley: William Henry Taylor received a job in Treasury in January, 1941, through Harry Dexter White and was recommended by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. Information corroborating the foregoing is set forth on pages 10 and 11 of this brief. Silvermaster claimed to have known William Henry Taylor since approximately 1932. Taylor went to China in May, 1941, as a member of the Chinese Stabilization Board. He returned to the Treasury Department in September, 1942, and in May, 1944, was sent to London. Investigation disclosed a close association between Taylor and individuals named as espionage agents by Bentley. The only point where Bentley's information does not correspond with William Henry Taylor is her statement she believed he went to Portugal. Bentley has been reinterviewed on this point but as her information concerning Taylor was hearsay information she has been unable to clarify this.

OTHER TAYLORS IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT:

Investigation conducted has reflected a total of 30 William Taylors employed in varying capacities by one branch or division of the Treasury Department during the period 1940-45. All Taylors but one (William Henry Taylor) can be eliminated from consideration as the Taylor of Bentley's statement on the basis of the type of job held, period in which employed, city in which employed and the fact that personnel records of these Taylors showed only one Taylor, the subject, to have gone to China, to have worked under Harry Dexter White and to have had Silvermaster as a reference.

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**JULY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE**

Bufile: NY Field Division

65-56402 August 1, 1955 Date

Title and Character of Case:   
NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS ETAL  
ESP-R

Date Property Acquired: 11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired: Elizabeth T. Bentley

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Manufacturers Trust Co.

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Held by New York Office per Bureau instructions.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA T. Spencer

18. One-hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2,000.00

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BYRON N. SCOTT

ASSOCIATES  
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WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
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Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

August 1, 1955

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 28, 1955 in reply to mine of July 25. I note that you have referred the matter raised by me to the Attorney General. I have today asked the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board to propound the same questions to you. This request was made pursuant to the suggestion in the second paragraph of your letter, a copy of which I have sent to that Board.

May I now say, sir, that I think that in the Bentley-Taylor case, your statement that I will "recognize that information from the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot be made available to persons not authorized to receive such matter" will be considered unacceptable for the following reasons:

1. In my July 25, 1955 letter to you I quoted Miss Bentley's testimony before a Congressional Committee verbatim. I based my questions on it.
2. Part 16 of the Hearings before the Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act, titled "Interlocking Subversion in Government Departments" reports at page 1145 that you, when asked, appeared before it on November 17, 1953, made the following statement:

"In connection with the sources, I would like to mention one in particular, Miss Elizabeth Bentley. From the very outset, we established that she had been in a position to report facts relative to Soviet Espionage which she had done. We knew she was in contact with a top-ranking Soviet espionage agent, Anatoli Gromov, the first ~~... of the~~ Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., as I testified on November 21, 1945, in New York City at a previous meeting on October 17, 1945. Gromov had given her \$2,000 to carry forth her work as an espionage agent.

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"All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct."

3. You and Miss Bentley have, therefore, made "information from the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation" public in the instance of the \$2,000. My questions were based on these public statements made by Miss Bentley which you publicly affirmed and vouched for.

In conclusion, sir, may I ask what "policy considerations" are involved in asking the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to document his public accusations against citizens of the United States?

Sincerely yours,

*Byron N. Scott*  
BYRON N. SCOTT

BNS:bms

August 2, 1955

Mr. L. V. Burdick

Mr. A. H. Belmont

**WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR**  
**ESPIONAGE - R**

*o Gregory*

Taylor is an employee of the International Monetary Fund. International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board (IOELB) - Civil Service Commission on 6-29-55, forwarded to State Department its advisory opinion on Taylor's case, concluding that there is reasonable doubt as to his loyalty.

Attached is a copy of a second letter dated 8-1-55 to the Director from Byron E. Scott, attorney for Taylor. In his first letter to the Director dated 7-29-55 in this matter, Scott propounded eight questions concerning a meeting between Elizabeth Bentley and Anastasi Gromov on 10-17-45, as testified to by Bentley before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948. He replied to Scott's first letter on 7-30-55, stating that his request for information from our files was being referred to the Attorney General. In his second letter dated 8-1-55, Scott states he has referred our letter to him dated 7-30-55, to the IOELB with the request that the Board ask those same eight questions of the Bureau. In his 8-1-55 letter, Scott states our reply to him on 7-30-55 claims that information from our files cannot be made available to persons not authorized to receive such information. Scott states this is not acceptable to him. He states he has based his eight questions on Bentley's testimony before a Congressional committee and on the Director's testimony of 11-17-53, before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act (Jensen Committee). We have checked the Director's testimony as quoted by Scott and find that Scott has quoted it accurately. Page 1149 of the Jensen Committee hearings on 11-17-53 indicates that the chairman, Senator Jensen, stated that the Director appeared at that time in response to a request made to the Attorney General by the Subcommittee.

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- Burdick
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Brantigan
- Stanley
- Jensen
- 12-15 (Bentley)
- 67-9-102 (Gregory)

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

In his 8-1-55 letter, Scott indicates that since the Director publicly testified that Bentley received \$2,000 from Anatoli Gromov of the Soviet Embassy on 10-17-45, that he (Scott) is entitled to answers to his eight questions, all of which relate to the alleged meeting on 10-17-45. Scott concludes his letter by asking "what policy considerations are involved in asking the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to document his public accusations against citizens of the United States?"

It is noted that the Director did not mention William Henry Taylor in his 11-17-53 testimony before the Jenner Committee and it appears clear that Scott intends to continue his attack on Bentley's credibility since his letters are not directed at the truth or falsity of allegations made against Taylor.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached is a letter of acknowledgment to Scott suggesting that if he desires to discuss this matter further he communicate with the Attorney General.



**Memorandum for Mr. Boardman**

(2) Attached is letter to Attorney General with cc for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins furnishing copy of Scott's 8-1-53 letter and copy of our reply.

The Attorney General

August 4, 1955

Director, FBI

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WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR  
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Reference is made to my letter to you dated July 28, 1955, forwarding a copy of a letter dated July 25, 1955, which I received from Byron W. Scott, attorney for the subject. In his letter, Scott raised eight questions relative to the reported meeting between Elizabeth F. Bentley and Anastel Gromov of the Soviet Embassy on October 17, 1945, in New York City.

Attached is a copy of a second letter from Mr. Scott, dated August 1, 1955. In this letter, Scott indicates that he has asked the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board to propound the same eight questions to this Bureau. He also states that my reply to him of July 28, 1955, that information from FBI files cannot be made available to unauthorized persons, is unacceptable. He states that his eight questions are based on Bentley's testimony before a congressional committee and on my statement made November 17, 1953, before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act. He indicates that since it was publicly stated that Bentley received \$2,000 from Gromov on October 17, 1945, he should be given answers to his eight questions which relate to this meeting.

In our reply to Scott, a copy of which is attached, I have suggested that if he desires to discuss this matter further he should communicate with you.

In the event we receive an inquiry from the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board in connection with this matter, you will be immediately advised.

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SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME 6:15 PM  
DATE 8/4/55  
BY [Signature]

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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosures - 2)  
Deputy Attorney General  
Assistant Attorney General (Enclosures - 2)  
William F. Tompkins

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Mr. Byron H. Scott  
Wyatt Building  
777 Fourteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington 5, D. C.

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DATE 6/29/83 BY SP5/raj/aj

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your  
letter dated August 1, 1955.

Your original communication dated  
July 25, 1955, and this most recent communi-  
cation have been referred to the Attorney  
General. If you desire to discuss this matter  
further, I suggest you communicate with the  
Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- 1 - Mr. William F. Rogers (by separate cover)  
Deputy Atty. General
- 1 - Assistant Atty. General (by separate cover)  
William F. Tompkins

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Mr. W. A. Branigan

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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SILVERMASTER

By memorandum 6-6-55 you were advised that Bentley was interviewed at her request on 6-5-55 at the Bureau. She was interviewed regarding a number of charges made by William Henry Taylor in a lengthy brief filed before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board on 3-28-55.

One of the points covered during this interview of Bentley concerned when she first advised the FBI of her activities. Taylor in his lengthy brief charged Bentley testified she told the FBI her story in New Haven in August, 1945, and yet the FBI has given the date as 11-7-45. Bentley on 6-5-55 said she went to the New Haven office in August, 1945, and told an agent about Peter Heller, a man she suspected might be a Government agent. She said the agent to whom she talked was noncommittal and she did not furnish him any detailed information. She said she was told the matter would be referred to our New York office. It was not until September or October, 1945, she contacted the New York office. Bentley claims, in addition, to telling the New York agent about the Heller matter she also told him about a forthcoming meeting with one of her contacts and the agent told her to go ahead and carry out the meet. The 6-6-55 memorandum said we were making a further check of our files on this point. Our files show Bentley did not furnish details regarding her espionage activities until 11-7-45. To further clarify this, a letter 6-23-55, was sent to New Haven requesting Bentley be reinterviewed.

By letter 7-25-55, New Haven furnished results of reinterview of Bentley. She conceded it was not until 11-7-45 that she gave a detailed account of her involvement in Soviet espionage. She said her visit to the New Haven office in October, 1945, was a "feeling out process." She realized that during the New Haven interview she was not making true

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CC: Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Branigan  
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65-56402 (Gregory)

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**Memorandum for Mr. Belmont.**

significance of her visit clear. Her contact with the New York office was delayed by an illness of three weeks and by the fact her residence was changed. Bentley was still of opinion she told the New York agent of her scheduled meet with Gromov on 10-17-45, and the agent suggested to her that she not do anything to interrupt this relationship. It was on this basis she testified she was under FBI guidance when she met Gromov on the following day and received \$2,000 from him.

Former IAs Edward J. Condy and Frank G. Aldrich, Jr., who interviewed Bentley in New Haven and New York, respectively, were reinterviewed on 7-28-55. Both stated they recalled the interview but Bentley at no time made any comment regarding any forthcoming contact with any Russian agent.

During initial interview on 11-7-45, Bentley did tell of contact to be had with Gromov on 11-9-45. New York tel 11-8-45, covering initial interview, pointed out arrangements being perfected with cooperation of Miss Bentley to have full surveillance coverage of this meeting in effort to identify "Al" (Gromov). Possibility exists Bentley confused on dates. She may believe she told of 10-17-45 meet on 10-16-45. She did not mention above but did tell us on 11-7-45 of meet coming up on 11-9-45.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**None. For your information.**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (65-1149)

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al.,  
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Reference is made to Bureau letter to New Haven, dated 6/23/55, captioned as above, wherein it was requested that the New Haven Office contact ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY at her summer residence in Madison, Connecticut, to determine whether she had additional comments to make concerning the allegations set forth in the statement of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, dated 3/28/55.

Miss BENTLEY was interviewed by SAS SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA and JOHN J. WARD, Jr., on July 6, 7 and 13, 1955. Her comments as obtained during this series of interviews concerning the TAYLOR charges, are set forth below and they are set forth in the same sequence as the charges appear in TAYLOR's statement. The captions are the same as those appearing in the TAYLOR statement, to facilitate the review in instant matter.

Introduction:

Question regarding identity of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR as "Bill" TAYLOR, member of SILVERMASTER group.

In the introduction to his statement, TAYLOR, pointing out that BENTLEY has testified that she never met him personally, alleges that he does not qualify as the individual referred to by BENTLEY as "Bill" TAYLOR. He states that BENTLEY said that "Bill" TAYLOR in her network had been on a mission to Portugal, whereas WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR states he had never been in Portugal in his life; whereas BENTLEY's testimony that "Bill" TAYLOR was a native born American, whereas WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR was born a British subject of Canadian ancestry and became a naturalized American citizen. TAYLOR also alleges conflict in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S

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testimony in stating on the one hand that she had never met TAYLOR and on the other hand citing testimony that in response to a question as to who gave certain documents to her, she stated that "LUD ULLMAN and "Bill" TAYLOR gave them to her".

BENTLEY stated that it is a fact that she never met the "Bill" TAYLOR involved in the SILVERMASTER group and she never said she met him. He was handled by SILVERMASTER and/or ULLMAN. Such information as she has furnished to assist in the identification of "Bill" TAYLOR, was information or impressions which she received from SILVERMASTER and/or ULLMAN. Thus the impression that the "Bill" TAYLOR in question had been in Portugal and the impression that he was a native American, were gained from information gleaned from SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN. She stated it was never necessary for her to inquire into TAYLOR's place of birth and she does not recall that it ever came up for discussion.

In connection with the testimony that she had obtained certain documents from LUD ULLMAN and "Bill" TAYLOR, as cited in the TAYLOR statement, she stated that it was not her intention to convey the impression that TAYLOR had handed it to her personally, on the contrary, it was to identify TAYLOR as the source of the material and that such material had been transmitted to her through ULLMAN.

Miss BENTLEY said she could add nothing to the information she has already furnished the Bureau concerning the identity of "Bill" TAYLOR and that the question as to the identity of "Bill" TAYLOR as WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR is one which can be resolved only by investigation. She thought perhaps the "Bill" TAYLOR in question was in a car pool with ULLMAN or others in the SILVERMASTER group and that he played hand-ball with ULLMAN or others in the SILVERMASTER group. She thought this might be of assistance in establishing the identity.



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(1) Golos and the Perlo Group:

In the TAYLOR statement, an ostensible conflict in BENTLEY's testimony is cited, namely, she testified that she took over the Perlo Group in March, 1944 and at the same time, testified that she turned over dues collected from members of this group to GOLOS during his lifetime. It is pointed out that GOLOS died in November, 1943.

Miss BENTLEY stated that in this testimony, she was speaking of dues in general and not limiting her testimony to members of the Perlo Group. All the dues which she collected prior to GOLOS' death, she turned over to him, but since she did not take the Perlo Group over until after GOLOS' death, she certainly could not have given the dues of this group to GOLOS. The transcript if correct, simply shows a misunderstanding of the question.

(2) RDX:

The TAYLOR statement alleges that the formula for an explosive, known as RDX, was, according to the Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, discovered in 1899 and used on a large scale by all major participants during World War II and thus doubts BENTLEY's testimony that her Soviet superiors sought the formula. The TAYLOR statement states RDX was no secret.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she does not know whether RDX was a classified formula, nor does she know whether it was a generally well known formula. She stated regardless of what its status may have been, her Soviet superiors sought information concerning it. She could not recall whether the information was originally sought by the network superior or whether ULLMAN suggested that it might be of interest. In either event, the Russians came back with an inquiry on it and she has a distinct recollection of having had more than one session with ULLMAN on the subject of this formula and a distinct recollection that ULLMAN described it as "secret".

(Ed: The suggestion has been made that the RDX process was one of the targets sought by ALFRED DEAN SLACK, convicted of Espionage on behalf of a Soviet network).

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(3) Major Duncan Lee:

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of Miss BENTLEY's alleged conflict in testimony concerning the network affiliation of DUNCAN LEE. It notes that the earliest FBI communications in November, 1945, identified LEE as a member of the SILVERMASTER group and later of the Perlo group and subsequent testimony has identified him as an unattached agent and as a sub-agent of MARY PRICE.

Miss BENTLEY stated it was quite understandable that with the mass of information furnished during the initial interviews in November, 1945, that some of the network affiliations should have been misunderstood and misinterpreted. She stated that LEE, to her knowledge, was never a member of the SILVERMASTER or PERLO groups and that her testimony in this connection has been consistent. She stated that MARY PRICE and LEE had an affair prior to the time that she took LEE over and it was because LEE and PRICE had fallen out that she came into the picture. During her association with LEE, LEE was unattached to any network, although he may have had connections with BOB MILLER.

(4) Nationality Or Origin Of U. S. Government  
Officials Named By Miss Bentley:

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of testimony given by Miss BENTLEY before a Senate Committee in 1949, wherein she stated that with the exception of the SILVERMASTERS, the members of her network were native born citizens. The TAYLOR statement alleges that at least ten of the persons identified by BENTLEY were not native born.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she had no occasion to inquire into the national origin of the members of her network. On the basis of impressions that she had received from SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN, she assumed that the network members were native born Americans, an assumption which she probably should not have made.

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(5) Gaik Badalovich Ovakimian:

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of a passage in BENTLEY's book, Out Of Bondage, wherein she relates that GOLOS gave her a copy of the "New York Times" which announced the arrest of a Russian named OVAKIMIAN, accompanied by a photograph of that individual. The passage states that GOLOS said, "That's the man I have been in contact with". The TAYLOR statement cited BENTLEY's testimony that she had no personal knowledge of what GOLOS did with the information he collected. The TAYLOR statement also reports that its investigation reflects that no photograph of OVAKIMIAN was published in the "New York Times".

Miss BENTLEY acknowledged that some of the passages in her book are slightly colored for literary effect, but states that this particular passage is authentic. She cannot account for the fact that the picture of OVAKIMIAN does not appear in the "New York Times" accounts of the OVAKIMIAN arrest. She said she had a distinct recollection that GOLOS told her he had seen OVAKIMIAN's picture in connection with the story of his arrest and it was through his recognition of the photograph that GOLOS determined that OVAKIMIAN was identical with his contact.

Miss BENTLEY suggested the picture may have appeared in a New York paper other than the "Times" and may have appeared only in an early edition. In addition, she stated that GOLOS read a great number of papers, both foreign and American and the photograph might have been in one of these papers.

To emphasize her certainty in connection with this incident, she stated she feels the reason GOLOS told her of his findings was that he felt the FBI had, in all probability established the connection between OVAKIMIAN and GOLOS and hence, BENTLEY should take precautions, since the FBI would probably be checking on her.

Miss BENTLEY conceded that GOLOS may have known OVAKIMIAN's identity through other sources. She also noted that this incident does not conflict with her testimony. Although GOLOS may have had contacts with OVAKIMIAN and thus was fearful that OVAKIMIAN's arrest would lead to GOLOS and BENTLEY, she had no knowledge that GOLOS actually delivered Espionage material to OVAKIMIAN.

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(6) Doolittle Raid on Tokyo:

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of Miss BENTLEY's testimony relative to information developed by her network through LUDWIG ULLMAN on B-29 raids on Japan. Her testimony contains an apparent conflict - when in the middle of her testimony concerning the B-29 raids, one of the members of the Committee asked her if her network had information on the Doolittle raid on Tokyo. The statement points out that the Doolittle raid occurred in 1942 prior to ULLMAN's assignment in the Air Corps which gave him access to such material.

Miss BENTLEY explained that her testimony concerned the B-29 raids on Japan. It was these raids late in 1944 concerning which ULLMAN was able to procure information. The raids occurred subsequent to her last contact with ULLMAN, but he had been able to get the information some time in advance of the raids, which were, according to her understanding, somewhat delayed for technical reasons. In the midst of her testimony concerning the B-29 raids, a member of the Committee interjected a question concerning the Doolittle raid. Not knowing any different, she assumed the Doolittle raid was one of the B-29 raids, hence her testimony. As a matter of fact, she stated, she did not receive any information concerning the 1942 Doolittle raid, or at least none under the circumstances as stated in her testimony concerning the B-29 raids.

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue that since Miss BENTLEY has testified that she last contacted ULLMAN in September, 1944 and the B-29 raids on Tokyo occurred two months hence, she is inconsistent. The statement also considers it inconsistent that she referred to him as "Major" in her testimony when he had not achieved that rank in September, 1944.

Miss BENTLEY, as pointed out above, said that ULLMAN had information that the B-29 raids were going to be staged sometime in advance of their actual carrying out and he furnished information on some of the reasons why they were to be delayed.

With respect to ULLMAN's rank, Miss BENTLEY stated that when she last had a network contact with him, he was a Captain. Subsequently she learned that he had been promoted to Major and thus in her testimony thereafter, she referred to him as a Major.

(7) D-Day

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of BENTLEY's testimony wherein she states that LUDWIG ULLMAN learned through connections he had with General HILDRING's office the date of D-Day long before it happened. The TAYLOR statement alleges that the date was not known to even the highest U.S. military leaders twenty-four hours in advance. It is also alleged that Miss BENTLEY fabricated when she stated that ULLMAN obtained such information from General HILDRING's office "in the Air Corps".

Miss BENTLEY stated her recollection is clear that ULLMAN determined in advance the date D-Day was contemplated. It may have been not the exact date of the invasion, but was close enough so that ULLMAN won a pool on the information. She cannot now recall just how far in advance ULLMAN had this information, perhaps it was only two to four days.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she never said or meant to suggest that HILDRING was in the Air Corps. A review of the testimony cited in the TAYLOR statement reflects that Miss BENTLEY did not state General HILDRING was in the Air Corps. She merely affirmed a statement made by Committee Counsel, Mr. STRIPLING, which referred back to testimony given a few moments earlier by Miss BENTLEY, at which time she stated that ULLMAN was in the Pentagon with the Air Corps and through his connections with General HILDRING's office he had learned the date...The Committee Counsel appears to have implied from this that General HILDRING was in the Air Corps. (HCUA, 1948, pages 562 and 560)

It is of interest to note that in testimony before the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Senate in 1949, Miss BENTLEY testified that WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN had an "in" to General HILDRING's office "which was then handling what the Army would do about Germany". (Senate 1949, page 119)

(8) EARL BROWDER and Espionage

The TAYLOR statement alleges that Miss BENTLEY could not have testified correctly in stating that EARL BROWDER put GOLOS in touch with SILVERMASTER since BROWDER was in prison in July 1941 when, according to Miss BENTLEY, the SILVERMASTER network was established.

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Miss BENTLEY stated that BROWDER and SILVERMASTER had known each other from at least 1934 when they had met, though probably not for the first time, during a strike on the West Coast. SILVERMASTER and BROWDER presumably had been in contact with each other after SILVERMASTER entered Government service in Washington. She stated that when SILVERMASTER went to Washington he was under instructions from BROWDER not to participate in any Communist Party activities, even under <sup>ground</sup> activity, in order to preserve himself for future usefulness. She described him as a "sleeper". Thus, even though BROWDER was in prison, SILVERMASTER had instructions enabling him to contact GOLOS, whom he had known previously from at least the early 1930's. The contact between GOLOS and SILVERMASTER was certainly not one which was developed on the spur of the moment, but rather was part of a long range plan which was to be placed into effect when the need arose and time right.

The TAYLOR statement doubts the truth of Miss BENTLEY's assertion that she passed political type information to BROWDER and turned over dues to him after GOLOS' death. The statement asserts that BROWDER was in prison until May 1942 and thus could not have received information up to that time and subsequent to that period since she testified the information obtained from her network was placed on microfilm and that unless BROWDER had a laboratory to develop the film, etc. he would not have been able to receive the information.

Miss BENTLEY stated that until GOLOS' death in November 1943, he handled the transmission of information to BROWDER and to the network superiors. After GOLOS' death, knowing of this arrangement between GOLOS and BROWDER, she saw to it that BROWDER received non-military, political information. With respect to the microfilm aspect she stated in the first place not all the information she received was microfilmed. Some of it was received at the last minute and there was no opportunity to microfilm it. Such material was abstracted or copied and turned over to her in that state. In addition, when she received microfilm from ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER it was always accompanied by an outline for her information stating the nature of the documents involved. This was done to insure that should some of the film be of poor quality and should it be desired by the network superiors to have that particular information, it would be possible to locate the original documents again. Finally,

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SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN frequently discussed the type of material that was being furnished to her on a given contact. Therefore, BENTLEY stated she could usually furnish BROWDER either abstracted or copied documents or give him an oral briefing on information which was being passed to the Russians.

With respect to dues, after GOLOS' death she had to do something with the dues which she was collecting and she took them to BROWDER. At some later date BROWDER gave her receipts which she transmitted back to those who paid the dues.

The TAYLOR statement refers to the testimony of Miss BENTLEY in which she testified that she was BROWDER's superior in intelligence matters.

Miss BENTLEY commented that whereas BROWDER was the head of the Communist Party as such, he was obliged to accept instructions from the Soviet intelligence service and to comply with any demands made upon him. From this standpoint, therefore, Miss BENTLEY stated BROWDER was her subordinate.

|| (9) When Did Miss Bentley First Advise the FBI of Her Activities?

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue as to what extent Miss BENTLEY disclosed the full facts to the FBI in her contact with the New Haven Office in August 1945 and as to whether she acted under FBI guidance when she accepted the \$2,000 sum in the course of her meeting with GROMOV on October 17, 1945.

Miss BENTLEY concedes that it was not until November 7, 1945 that she began to give detailed account of her association with Soviet intelligence. Her earlier contact with the FBI beginning in the latter part of August 1945 at New Haven was a "feeling out" process. She had been trying for months previously to bring herself to the point of going to the FBI, but had been restrained from fear that her network superiors had a surveillance on her which feeling combined with an uneasiness that the FBI might be infiltrated like many agencies of the Government of which she was aware, resulted in indecision.

The PETER HELLER incident afforded her an entree in her contact with the FBI and although she realized during the interview at New Haven that she was not making the true significant

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of her visit perfectly clear, it gave her an opportunity to refer to her contact with the Russians and an opportunity to indicate to the FBI that she might be of assistance. Her contact with the New York Office followed, as she hoped it would. An illness of three weeks duration delayed the contact by that length of time. The matter was further complicated by the fact that she changed her residence on her return to New York without notification. However, a preliminary contact with an agent took place on the day before her scheduled meeting with GROMOV on October 17, 1945. In the course of this contact with the agent she still could not bring herself to open up fully, but she spoke of the scheduled meeting with a Russian the following day and it was suggested to her that she not do anything to interrupt her relationship. On this basis she has testified that she was acting under FBI guidance when she met GROMOV the following day and on which day GROMOV gave her the \$2,000. She stated that she has no way of knowing as she has indicated in her testimony many times whether the FBI observed her meeting on that day.

(10) Miss BENTLEY's Relationship With "AL"

With respect to her relationship with AL (GROMOV), the TAYLOR statement seeks to cast doubt upon the incident wherein GROMOV turned over to her \$2,000 in cash and upon her being awarded the Red Star. In the latter matter the TAYLOR statement makes no attempt to refute the facts except to allege a conflict in the date when GROMOV first broached the subject. The principal issue raised by the TAYLOR statement with respect to the \$2,000 appears to be whether the FBI observed this transaction.

Miss BENTLEY's statements concerning the above are that she has no way of knowing whether the FBI did observe her meeting with GROMOV on October 17, 1945, but as indicated above, feels that such might have been the case in view of her contact with an agent on October 16, 1945. With respect to the date on which the subject of the award of the Red Star was broached by GROMOV, she said that this came up during two or more meetings with GROMOV subsequent to November 7, 1945. For literary purposes the publishers of Out of Bondage condensed these discussions, hence, the book is not as factual as the information which she has supplied to the FBI. Some of the alleged conflicts as cited by the TAYLOR statement in connection with the above matters referred to articles which appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch



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and The Freeman. Miss BENTLEY stated that she cannot accept responsibility for anything which appeared in those articles since she had nothing to do with their preparation.

(11) Allied Military Mark Currency

The TAYLOR statement seeks to cast doubt upon Miss BENTLEY's testimony with respect to her having obtained samples of the money which was to be used in Occupied Germany, the so-called Allied Military Mark Currency, alleging mainly that it was unnecessary for the Russians to obtain samples of this currency since the whole program was out in the open and the plates themselves made available through legitimate diplomatic channels. It is noted that many of the points raised in the TAYLOR statement in this connection are based upon an article which appeared in The Freeman on November 17, 1952.

Miss BENTLEY stated she had no way of knowing what was taking place in diplomatic channels with respect to providing Russia with the plates for the Allied Military Mark Currency. Her recollection is clear and specific that her superior, 'BILL', asked her to obtain specimens of the currency and that such were obtained and transmitted to her superior in New York and were returned. When the specimens were returned, instructions were received that pressure should be applied to get the plates made available to Russia. She had no follow-up request on this and assumes that it was handled to the satisfaction of the Russians.

Miss BENTLEY stated again that she cannot accept responsibility for anything which appeared in The Freeman article of November 17, 1952 and she has no knowledge whatsoever of its appearance or its authenticity. Similarly, she disassociated herself from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch article referred to in this connection.

(12) Some Other Examples

(A) On Espionage in the United States

The TAYLOR statement suggests that Miss BENTLEY grossly exaggerated by estimating there were a total of "around between 80 and 90 thousand" Communist espionage agents in the United States.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she never estimated that there were 80,000 to 90,000 "Communist Espionage Agents" in the United States. She merely stated that it has been estimated and stated

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publicly that there were at one time 80,000 to 90,000 members of the Communist Party, any one of whom might be approached for an espionage task and would have to comply under Party discipline.

(B) On Higher Education

The TAYLOR statement quotes Miss BENTLEY as testifying that courses in American Government were not taught at Columbia University and cites her repudiation of this testimony in a subsequent deposition.

Miss BENTLEY stated that the transcript quoted in the TAYLOR statement relating to the absence of courses on American Government at Columbia University is inaccurate. She stated she did not testify that there were not courses in American Government at that University. Probably what she stated was she didn't take such a course at Columbia.

(C) The Refining of GOLD

The TAYLOR statement cites Miss BENTLEY for testifying concerning WILLIAM GOLD whereas his true name is BELA.

Miss BENTLEY stated that since this individual was referred to as BILL GOLD, she assumed his given name was WILLIAM.

(D) On the Proper Use of Names

The TAYLOR statement alleges that Miss BENTLEY incorrectly identified her former company as the United States Service and Shipping Corporation.

Miss BENTLEY stated the transcript of her testimony in this connection is incorrect. She would never have so testified because there was another company of that name which she well knew and which had caused some confusion when her company was named U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation.

(E) On a TV Program

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of a statement by Miss BENTLEY that she was unable to remember all the testimony she had given, this being in response to a question as to whether she had testified during an Executive Session of a Committee Hearing concerning LESTER PEARSON,

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Foreign Secretary of the Dominion of Canada.

Miss BENTLEY stated that the problem here was whether she was authorized to disclose on a TV program what she had testified to in an Executive Session. She had been instructed by ROBERT MORRIS, then counsel for the committee in question to duck the question if it arose, hence she gave an evasive answer.

The TAYLOR statement also refers to testimony given by Miss BENTLEY wherein she allegedly identified one of the members of the PERLO group as "Mr. CHAMBERS".

Miss BENTLEY commented that the transcript in this case is obviously in error. She would never have identified CHAMBERS as a member of this group although possibly she might have included KRAMER. She stated it was possible that CHAMBERS' name entered into the discussion concerning this group because of his prior connection with certain individuals in the group during the 1930's, but she definitely did not include him in the PERLO group in this testimony or in any other testimony.

The TAYLOR statement alleges that Miss BENTLEY fictionalized some of her information concerning JACOB GOLOS, citing her assertion that he attended Columbia University Medical School and was qualified for an M.D. degree. The TAYLOR statement claims that investigation at Columbia University was negative with respect to GOLOS' attendance at that Medical School.

Miss BENTLEY states that GOLOS at one time told her that he attended Columbia Medical School and was qualified to accept an M.D. degree. This was during or just prior to the World War I period and he told her if he accepted a degree he would have had to accept a commission in the U.S. Army. For this reason he turned it down in keeping with his attitude toward the "imperialist" character of World War I. She stated that she had no way of establishing the truth of this story, but had no reason to doubt it.

The foregoing represents what appear to be the main points raised by the TAYLOR statement. Miss BENTLEY stated that she will be ready to answer any further questions which may be raised as a result of the above document. Copies are being furnished New York, Washington Field and New Orleans in view of the interest those offices may have in the future in this matter.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 28, 1955

FROM : MR. C. F. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, et al  
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I called SAC Malone, Los Angeles, on the morning of July 28, 1955, and instructed that former Special Agent Frank C. Aldrich be interviewed. Aldrich interviewed Elizabeth Bentley in New York City on October 16, 1945, after she had appeared at our New Haven Office on August 23, 1945, concerning an impersonation complaint. Aldrich's interview was in connection with this same complaint. Bentley has testified that when she had a meeting with her espionage superior (Gromov) on October 17, 1945, she was operating under FBI instructions. Bentley states it is her recollection that she had told the Agent to whom she talked in New York regarding a meeting which she had scheduled with a Russian for the following day (October 17, 1945) and it was suggested to her that she not do anything to interrupt the relationship. She said it was on the basis of this statement that she testified as she did. The memorandum submitted by former Special Agent Aldrich concerning his interview with Bentley failed to disclose any mention of a contemplated or scheduled meeting between Bentley and anyone for the following day. I instructed SAC Malone to interview Aldrich concerning Bentley's allegation that she had informed him of the scheduled meeting.

SAC Malone called at 1:00 p.m., July 28, and stated that Aldrich had been interviewed. Aldrich states he has a very clear recollection of the interview which he had with Bentley concerning the impersonation matter; that he was relieving on Supervisor Gerdes' desk and that he had arranged for Bentley to come in. He said he talked with her about 2 1/2 hours, during which time she made statements that she knew people who she

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though were Russian espionage agents; that she had been in contact with Amtorg; that she had been in contact with Communists and that she had received Communist training. She had made reference to the fact that if, for example, she wanted to meet a man named John, she would go to a particular spot, at a particular time, and if he did not show up, she was then to go to a different spot on the following day in order to make a meeting.

Aldrich states he is certain that Bentley did not make reference to any meeting scheduled for the following day and that if she had said anything about such a meeting, it would have been a flag to him and he would have indicated action. He is also certain he would have included such a fact in the memorandum which he wrote. He stated there was nothing said by Bentley to definitely indicate she was a Russian agent. He said she "wasn't to be pinned down" on that day; that he had tried to pin her down; that she spoke in generalities and her statements were exceedingly general.

ACTION:

For your information.

I have instructed the New York Office to interview Special Agent Edward Buckley, since the memorandum submitted by Aldrich indicated he had telephonically advised Buckley of the information furnished by Bentley.

I have also instructed the Los Angeles Office to immediately send in a memorandum concerning the interview with former Agent Aldrich. SAC Malone said the memorandum is already being typed and will be dispatched by Special Delivery to the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT,

DATE: July 28, 1955

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER,  
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ASAC Simon of the New York Office telephonically advised on the afternoon of July 28, 1955, that he had interviewed Special Agent Edward Buckley regarding information furnished to Buckley by former Special Agent Frank C. Aldrich. This information pertained to Aldrich's interview with Elizabeth Bentley on October 16, 1945. Buckley states that Aldrich made no statement to him regarding any contemplated meetings between Bentley and others on October 17, 1945. Aldrich had stated to Buckley that Bentley was very guarded in her statements; that Aldrich had tried to get more information from her but that she "wouldn't give." Aldrich had stated that Bentley was nebulous and vague.

Buckley stated that after receiving Aldrich's call, since he was handling informants he attempted on several occasions to get in touch with Bentley and finally reached her on November 6, 1945, on which date he made an appointment with her to come in on November 7, which she did. It was on this occasion that Bentley revealed details concerning her espionage involvement.

The New York Office files reflect that Buckley submitted a memorandum on November 13, 1945, reflecting attempts to contact Bentley and showing that she was finally reached on November 6. In that memorandum, Buckley stated that Bentley was interviewed on November 7 and was finally persuaded to give information regarding Russian espionage.

Simon stated that he had talked with Special Agent Thomas Spencer, who handled most of the interviews with

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- cc--Mr. Boardman
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Memorandum to Belmont from Hennrich

July 28, 1955

Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al

Bentley through the years, and that Spencer had stated Bentley was definitely under the impression she was under surveillance by the FBI after she had contacted our New Haven Office on August 23, 1945. He had suggested that Bentley was probably of the opinion that the FBI was thus aware of her contact with Gromov on October 17, 1945. ||

ACTION:

For your information.

The New York Office was instructed to submit a detailed memorandum regarding these matters.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)  
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (65-1149)  
SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Was. ET AL  
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DATE: July 30, 1955

ATT: INSPECTOR CARL HENNRICH

This is confirming our telephone conversation on 7/29/55 at which time Inspector CARL HENNRICH of the Bureau was furnished verbally the results of an interview with former Special Agent EDWARD J. COADY, relative to his initial interview of ELIZABETH BENTLEY in the NHO on 8/23/45.

Former Special Agent COADY, now Security Coordinator, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corporation, East Hartford, Conn., was interviewed on 7/28/55 by Special Agents CHARLES E. SANDALL and JOHN A. DANAHER, Jr. Mr. COADY stated that he recalled very clearly an interview which he had with Miss BENTLEY on 8/23/45.

He stated that his interview with Miss BENTLEY took approximately two hours time and during this time he questioned her at great length to find out exactly why she came up to the office. COADY, after hearing her story about Lieutenant PETER HELLER, and having been impressed by Miss BENTLEY that she was of more than average intelligence, felt that she might have been engaged in activities of a questionable nature and during the interview COADY attempted to veer away from the HELLER story, which COADY felt was a "phony" story, but Miss BENTLEY refused to go into any other matters. COADY advised the Agents that he was greatly concerned about his interview with Miss BENTLEY after she left the office because he felt that he had not obtained the true story from her, that a woman of her apparent intelligence would not logically have expected him to believe such a story, and because he was unable to draw from her the real reason for her appearance at the office.

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Miss BENTLEY did not indicate to COADY that she was involved in any Russian espionage apparatus nor did she state to him that she was to contact any espionage agent. Therefore, he did not give her any instructions concerning her future conduct, such as advising that she continue her contacts with espionage agents or that she get in touch with the New York Office.

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He merely advised Miss BENTLEY that he could not advise her about the legitimacy of Lieutenant PETER HELLER nor could he tell her whether she should cooperate with him.

COADY volunteered that it was his impression, following Miss BENTLEY's disclosure of her activities to the Bureau, that she submitted to an interview with him for the purpose of find out if the FBI was aware of her activities and were possibly following her around in Conn. and that her story about Lieutenant HELLER was merely a "fishing expedition" to find out how much the FBI knew about her. He added that he would be willing to testify to the accuracy of the data, if need be.

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**LAST AND CURRENT PROSECUTION AGAINST FITZGERALD:**

In connection with the passage of the Immunity Bill in August, 1954, the Internal Security Division of the Department gave consideration to action to be taken against individuals named by Elizabeth Bentley as involved in Soviet espionage. The Immunity Bill was designed to compel testimony in national defense cases in return for immunity from prosecution. On 8-20-54 Tom Hall of the Department advised that the Department would begin calling witnesses before a federal grand jury in Camden, New Jersey, on 8-23-54 in an effort to utilize the Immunity Bill in connection with Silvermaster-Perle subjects. The purpose was to get a witness to corroborate Elizabeth Bentley and thus be able to prosecute members of the Silvermaster-Perle networks.

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On 8-21-55 three subpoenas were issued by the United States District Court in the Southern District of New York calling for the appearance of John Edgar Hoover, the Attorney General and Elizabeth Bentley in United States District Court, Southern District of New York on 8-22-55 to testify in the case of United States vs. Edward Joseph Fitzgerald. These subpoenas were issued on application of the defendant.

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Tom Hall of the Department advised 8-12-55 that the Department would move to quash all 3 subpoenas on Tuesday August 16, 1955.

Frank Taylor is the Department Attorney who will handle this matter. On 8-11-55 William E. Foley of the Department advised that the Department anticipated no trouble in quashing the subpoenas, particularly the subpoena for Mr. Hoover since there was nothing the Director could testify to in the above-mentioned proceedings as to why Fitzgerald should not be cited for contempt.

**BENTLEY'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FITZGERALD**

Fitzgerald was born New York City 11-19-11 and is a graduate of the University of Vermont. His first Federal employment was in 1936 with the Works Progress Administration. He continued Federal employment with various agencies until he left the Government in 1947. He is now working and residing in New York City.

Bentley contacted our New Haven office on 8-23-45 and reported an impersonation complaint. She next contacted our New York office on 10-16-45 at which time she repeated her impersonation complaint. On 11-7-45, Bentley again appeared at the New York office and it was at this time she began to give a detailed account of her involvement in Soviet espionage. She did furnish the White House by letter 11-8-45 the basic allegations of Bentley but we did not set out the names of all people mentioned by Bentley. Fitzgerald's name was not set forth in the 11-8-45 letter to the White House. Bentley did, however, during the interview of 11-7-45 identify Fitzgerald as a member of the Victor Paris group. In view of the wealth of information that Bentley had in her possession, she was extensively interviewed throughout November, 1945. On November 10, 1945, Bentley furnished a detailed signed statement wherein the following data concerning Fitzgerald was set forth:

Bentley advised us that early in 1944 through arrangements withhuri Franzer she went to the apartment of John Abe in New York City where she met Victor Paris, Charles Kramer, Harry Magdoff (actually Harry) and Edward Fitzgerald.

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Bentley said that these individuals seemed to know they could talk freely in her presence and there was some discussion as to joining Communist Party dues to Bentley. There also followed a general discussion of the type of information each could furnish. Bentley said that Fitzgerald was at that time associated with the War Production Board and he indicated he would be able to supply Bentley with miscellaneous statistical information coming to his attention at the War Production Board (Fitzgerald was with the War Production Board from March, 1948, to September, 1944). According to Bentley, she met with Fitzgerald on four or five occasions in the apartment of Mary Price in New York City. On these occasions Fitzgerald was acting as a representative of the Victor Perle group in bringing information to Bentley.

Bentley has, as you know, been recontacted on many occasions for additional information concerning her past associates and activities. On reinterview in January, 1952, Bentley advised that Fitzgerald furnished her statistical information concerning guns, tanks and airplanes which he secured at the War Production Board.

[Our investigation of Fitzgerald showed him to have been in contact with Lushkin Currie, Charles Kruger, Donald Wheeler, Abraham George Silverman, Harry Dexter White, George Perastich, Irving Epstein, Harry Magloff and William Walter Huntington. All of these people have also been implicated in Soviet espionage by Bentley. It was also learned from reliable sources that Fitzgerald was associated with other individuals alleged to be Communists and pro-Soviet sympathizers.] (1)

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is explained further in a succeeding section of this memorandum. (S) u

Fitzgerald was interviewed by the FBI 4-15-47, but was hostile, evasive and noncommittal. He specifically denied being a Communist. An attempt was made to reinterview Fitzgerald on 7-8-50, but he said he had nothing to tell the FBI and would not speak with FBI agents. Fitzgerald appeared before the Joint Committee on 5-1-53 and claimed the privileges of the 5th Amendment.

On 8-11-55, Bentley advised that she could positively identify Fitzgerald as a personal espionage contact of hers in the Victor Perle group.

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**Memorandum for Mr. Boardman**

**INDICATIONS OF CONSPIRACY TO ATTACK CREDIBILITY OF BENTLEY.**

The suspicion for Bentley in this matter appears to be part of a conspiracy to attack her credibility. In the William Henry Taylor case Byron E. Scott, attorney for Taylor, filed an extensive brief before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board (IOELB) on 3-28-55 where he attacked Bentley's over-all credibility. Taylor is employed by the International Monetary Fund although on 6-29-55 the IOELB forwarded to the State Department its advisory opinion on Taylor, concluding that there is reasonable doubt as to his loyalty.

Bentley has testified (1948) that she did not meet Taylor during the period in question but that she learned from Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and William Imholz Wilmann that Taylor was part of the Silvermaster network and he furnished documents from the Treasury Department to Silvermaster and Wilmann.

Scott's brief in the Taylor case alleges a number of inconsistencies in Bentley's public testimony. One such inconsistency charged by Scott is that Bentley testified in 1948 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) that she told her story to the FBI in August, 1945, in New Haven and that her October 17, 1945, meeting with "Al" (Anatoli Grunin, Soviet official) was kept under FBI instructions. Bentley did testify as alleged; however, in this instance Bentley was mistaken. Our files show Bentley gave an impersonation complaint to our New Haven office in August, 1945, and although she was interviewed at the New York office October 16, 1945, she did not mention the meeting for the following day with "Al" (Grunin). Where interviewed Bentley in June and July, 1945, and she admits visit to New Haven office in August, 1945, was "a feeling out process" but claims she told New York office agents on 10-16-45 of contemplated meeting with "Al" on 10-17-45. We checked this out thoroughly, interviewing the former Special Agents who talked with Bentley on these occasions in New Haven and in New York and she is mistaken. She did not tell us of her involvement with the Silvermaster-Perle group until 11-7-45. At that interview (11-7-45) Bentley told us of a meeting scheduled for 11-9-45 with "Al" and it is possible that the dates relating to her meetings with "Al" are confused in her mind.

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Some inconsistencies of Bentley alleged by Scott in his trial and represent attempts to ridicule her rather than attack her testimony on a factual basis. Some charges made by Scott do show inconsistencies in Bentley's testimony. This is somewhat natural considering the many public appearances made by Bentley to testify in many matters and the length of time which has passed since the happenings concerning which she was testifying. We have reinterviewed Bentley in June and July, 1951, in connection with the inconsistencies alleged by Scott and she has generally reaffirmed her previous testimony clarifying some of her previous comments and in a few instances suggesting that the transcript of her testimony was inaccurate.

In a letter which Byron E. Scott (Taylor's attorney) wrote the Director on 8/1/51 he mentions that the Director has reached for Bentley's reliability. It is noted that in the Harry Dexter White case included in the Director's testimony of 11/17/50 before the Jenner Committee was the following statement: "All information furnished by Miss Bentley which was susceptible to check has proven to be correct. She has been subjected to the most searching cross-examination; her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate."

It is well to note that the best evidence to this over-all attack on Bentley's credibility lies in the corroboration that exists of her testimony. Examples of this are as follows:

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2) Harry Gold, convicted Soviet agent, corroborated Bentley. She latter advised that in about May, 1940, Gold introduced her to Abraham Brothman; thereafter, she received blueprints from Brothman and delivered them to Gold. In the Fall of 1940, Gold told Bentley it was necessary an order from his superior to turn Brothman over to another contact who had a technical background. Bentley told Brothman he was to be turned over to another contact. She obtained Brothman's automobile license number and told Brothman to park his car on 8th or 9th Avenue in Manhattan. He was instructed to remain in his car and his new contact would get in. Bentley did not know who the new contact would be. Harry Gold advised the Bureau that his Soviet superior, Semen Semenov, sent him to meet Brothman. Gold had a technical background. He received specific instructions from Semenov on how to meet Brothman and these instructions appeared on a card in Gold's possession when he was interviewed by FBI agents. Gold said he proceeded to 27th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues in NYC where he entered a Pontiac sedan with NY license number 2N 2058 and he met Brothman.

Brothman admitted meeting Bentley through Gold and admitted giving Bentley blueprints for Gold. He also admitted meeting Gold and giving Gold blueprints for Gold.

3) Bentley stated that during her meeting with "MI" on 10/17/45, he gave her \$2000. On 11/17/45 Bentley gave agents of the NY office \$2000 in \$20 bills, with the comment, "Here's some Moscow gold." The NY office still has possession of this \$2000.

4) In her statement on 11/30/45 Bentley advised that in approximately 1939 she received cablegrams from Winston Burdett who was abroad (actually Burdett left the U.S. in Feb. 1940). Gold told Bentley he was in communication with Burdett and had asked the latter to cable whenever he changed his residence. Bentley states she never met Burdett.

Burdett admitted to our NY office that his foreign assignment in 1940 had been proposed to him by Joseph North and Jacob Golos. While abroad, he furnished information to

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numerous Soviet contacts. Prior to his departure in 1947, Golov gave him money and the name and address of a woman in Greenwich Village, NYC, to whom Burdett was to cable upon his arrival. He admitted cabling this woman during 1948 but claimed he could not recall her name.

[In addition to the examples set out above, Bentley is corroborated by information we developed in our investigations of Joseph Katz, William Walter Huntington, Julius Rosenberg and others. In this connection, we have previously submitted a 99-page brief analyzing the attack on Bentley made by Scott in his brief on the Taylor case. We have also prepared a 43-page brief which can be disseminated if necessary and in this shorter brief we also analyze the allegations made in Scott's brief in the Taylor case. (u)

Evidence of the conspiratorial nature of this over-all attack on Bentley's credibility is noted in the press release (in the form of a letter to the Attorney General) issued by Edward Joseph Fitzgerald, through his attorney Milton E. Friedman, on 7/29/55. In this press release Fitzgerald states: "You are again trying to make political capital of the discredited stale charges made by Elizabeth Bentley ten years ago, charges which you and the Justice Department know and have always known to be false." In this press release Fitzgerald asks the Attorney General a number of questions, among which were these: (1) "Why have you kept from the Grand Jury the detailed evidence compiled by William Henry Taylor demonstrating the falsity of the Bentley story?" (2) "Why, when the Grand Jury managed to hear part of Taylor's evidence was that Grand Jury summarily dismissed? I intend to offer to the Grand Jury when I appear there this morning the Taylor evidence which you have kept from them."

Another example of these joint efforts by Fitzgerald and Taylor to discredit Bentley can be seen in the following: The subpoena issued for the Director in the Fitzgerald case was filed by Milton E. Friedman (attorney for Fitzgerald) and according to the process server the subpoena was served at the request of Byron H. Scott (attorney for William Henry Taylor).

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Rerep SA LAMBERT G. ZANDER dated 10/17/46 at Wash-  
ington, D.C., copies of which were directed to New York.

On Page 129, it is reported that on 12/21/44 subject  
MILLER contacted a person subsequently identified by the  
Baltimore Office as Dr. FRED PHILIPS.

In connection with the current investigation entitled  
FREDERICK STANLEY PHILIPS, NEW, SGE, concerning which New York  
has conducted investigation, it was determined from a review  
of the original logs of [redacted] that the telephone call referred  
to in SA ZANDER's report was not made by ROBERT T. MILLER but  
was made by one PAUL KOHN. (NY file 100-60130) *(d)u*

Page 129 of SA ZANDER's WFO report is being changed  
to read as follows: "On December 21, 1944, PAUL KOHN, a  
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TO : L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: August 22, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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By memorandum 7-18-55 you were advised we had prepared a brief of 45 pages consisting of an analysis of the charges of William Henry Taylor filed on 3-28-55 before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board. This brief was prepared suitable for dissemination if deemed necessary at a later date. Since the completion of this brief, Elizabeth T. Bentley has been interviewed regarding a number of the charges made by Taylor. Results of Bentley's interviews have been added to the brief. With the addition of this section this brief is now up to date.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. To advise you this brief has been brought up to date. The pages which have been changed are delineated on the attached page.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (140-10185)

DATE: 9/29/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (140-7127)

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ReBuairtel 9/23/55 requesting explanations for the discrepancy appearing in the report of SA LAMBERT G. ZANDER dated 10/17/46 in the SILVERMASTER case.

SA ZANDER is no longer assigned to WFO. Special Agents who are familiar with the SILVERMASTER case advise that although SA ZANDER's name appears on this and other SILVERMASTER reports, the contents of the report were, in fact, prepared by other Agents assigned to the investigation of the SILVERMASTER case. They advise that each of the SILVERMASTER subjects was assigned to an Agent who had the responsibility of preparing the material which was periodically coordinated by SA ZANDER and placed in one report. The information prepared for the SILVERMASTER reports was not duplicated in the case files of the individual subjects, but was maintained in folders as part of the SILVERMASTER file. An examination of the folder maintained on ROBERT TALBOT MILLER, III does not now reflect the name of the Agent responsible for dictating the insert to SA ZANDER's report. It is the recollection of those Agents familiar with this case, however, that the ROBERT TALBOT MILLER, III investigation was assigned to former SA WILLIAM R. CORNELISON, and that he would have had the responsibility to review the information supplied by [redacted] and dictate pertinent material obtained therefrom.

The report of SA ZANDER bears the initials of Field Supervisor WILLIAM C. RYAN, who has verified the facts cited above concerning the manner in which ZANDER's reports were prepared. It should be noted that there is no apparent error in ZANDER's report, and the error could not have been discovered by Supervisor RYAN unless he had completely reviewed all logs and summaries at the time of his approval of the report.

In view of the above, SA ZANDER, who is now assigned to the Seattle Office, is not being requested to submit an explanation. Responsibility for this discrepancy cannot now be definitely established; therefore, no recommendation regarding administrative action is being made.

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An appropriate notation has been made in SA ZANDER's report to correct the error, and the New York Office which received copies of the report is being instructed by separate communication in the SILVERMASTER case to correct the reports in the New York file.

ADDENDUM TO WFO letter dated 9-29-55

DETAILS: A preliminary inquiry under SGE program initiated on Frederick Stanley Philips 9-6-55 based on information contained in report of SA Lambert G. Zander dated 10-17-46 at Washington, D. C., entitled "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, with aliases, et al, Espionage - R." This report reflected that Robert Talbot Miller, III, subject in Silvermaster case, according to technical surveillance, was reportedly in telephonic contact with a Dr. Fred Philips, possibly identical with the subject of the preliminary inquiry. WFO has advised that the original logs in this matter reflect that one Paul Kohn, who was apparently visiting Miller at the time of the call was the individual who contacted Dr. Fred Philips. Silvermaster file reflects Kohn was in contact with Miller on a number of occasions. Kohn was subject of Hatch Act-Internal Security case in 1945. SA Zander is no longer assigned to WFO. SAC, WFO, has advised that Special Agents who are familiar with the Silvermaster case advised that although SA Zander's name appeared on this and other Silvermaster reports, the contents of the reports were, in fact, prepared by other agents assigned to the investigation. They advised that each of the Silvermaster subjects was assigned to an agent who had the responsibility of preparing the material which was periodically coordinated by SA Zander and placed in one report. An examination of the folder maintained on Robert Talbot Miller, III, does not now reflect the name of the agent responsible for dictating the insert to SA Zander's report. It is the recollection of those agents familiar with the case that the Miller investigation was assigned to former SA William R. Cornelison, now out of service, and that he would have the responsibility of reviewing the information supplied by the technical surveillance and dictate pertinent material obtained therefrom. Field Supervisor William C. Ryan, who initialed Zander's report, has verified the facts stated above concerning the manner in which Zander's reports were prepared. The report reflects no apparent error and the error could not have been discovered by Ryan.

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unless he had completely reviewed all logs and summaries at the time of his approval of the report. WFO has corrected the report and in view of the above information, recommends no administrative action. The instant report has been corrected at Bureau, WFO and NY Office and a letter is being directed to the Department to make the appropriate notation on the copy of the report sent them. The preliminary inquiry on Philips has been directed toward the association between Kohn and Philips. (S)u

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPLOYEES SECURITY SECTION:

The Employees Security Section concurs with the SAC, WFO, and recommends no administrative action.

Mr. Malley:

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Mr. Rosen:

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Mr. Boardman:

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Let to WFO being prepared to correct what appears to be a typo. System that would permit fixing responsibility per Mr. [unclear] 10/6/55

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October 10, 1955

Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins  
Internal Security Division  
65-56402-4218  
Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Lewis M. Dukes  
Records Administration Branch

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, et al  
ESPIONAGE - R *3042 Purps*

DECLASSIFIED ON 1-5-89

Under date of January 6, 1954, the Department was furnished a copy of the report of Special Agent Lambert G. Zander, dated October 17, 1946, at Washington, D. C., concerning the captioned individual. This report reflects on page 129 under the caption "Robert Talbot Miller, III," that Miller contacted a person residing at 2100 Old Greens Road, Essex, Maryland, telephone Essex 1669-M. The report reflects that this telephone number had been listed to a Dr. Fred Philips, 1627 Eastern Avenue, Apartment D, Essex, Maryland. (X)u

During the course of a recent inquiry initiated on an individual possibly identical with the Dr. Fred Philips mentioned in the report of Special Agent Zander, it was ascertained that the contact reportedly made by Miller set forth above, was actually made by one Paul Kohn, who was apparently visiting in the home of Miller. (X)u

For your additional information, under cover of a letter dated October 18, 1949, the Department was furnished with reports reflecting the results of an investigation conducted on Gerhart Felix King, also known as Gerhart Felix Kohn, pursuant to Executive Order 9835. Gerhart Felix King is the son of Paul Kohn and the reports furnished concerning King reflect pertinent information concerning Paul Kohn. (X)u

The above is furnished to you in order that you may make appropriate notations on the report of Special Agent Lambert G. Zander, dated October 17, 1946, at Washington, D. C.

**NOTE:** Instant report reflected telephonic contact between Robert Talbot Miller, III, subject in Silvermaster case, and Dr. Fred Philips, possibly identical with subject of current PI being conducted under EO 10450. Review of original logs by WFO disclosed that contact was actually between Paul Kohn, who was visiting Miller, and Philips. Zander's report disseminated to NY Office and Department. Explanations requested from WFO, upon receipt of which appropriate recommendations will be made. WFO and NY correcting their reports. BU copy of report corrected here. Date of transmittal of Zander's report to Department taken from notation on original file copy. Correction on Zander's report noted in 65-56402-1638X.

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SAC, Washington Field (SCS)  
(140-7127)

October 13, 1955

Director, FBI (140-30185)

FREDERICK STANLEY PHILIPS  
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NATHAN GREGORY

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Serial 9-27-55 in captioned matter wherein responsibility for an error in a report prepared in the [redacted] case could not be fixed due to administrative procedures utilized in that investigation. You are instructed to review your procedures in other current investigations to insure that individual responsibility for various phases of the investigations is clearly defined in the event of future inquiry.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEWARK

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/23/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/30, 7/12, 9/8, 16, 22, 10/12; 11/8, 10, 14, 21; 12/7, 8/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EUGENE C. JONES</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, was.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b> ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE	

*William Gregory*  
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER BUILDERS, Harvey Cedars, N. J., are attempting to raise \$300,000.00 to purchase the LOVELADIES HARBOR ESTATE DEVELOPMENT where ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER have been building homes. They were to have raised the money by 11/23/55 but got a three week extension. Contacts of ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER in New York City area by telephone are identified and set out.

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DETAILS:

*Chief*  
*10/12/55*  
Chief ASHER FLEMING, Barnegat Light, N. J. Police Department, advised on October 12, 1955, that he had been talking with WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN on that date. They were discussing the houses presently being built by ULLMAN AND SILVERMASTER BUILDERS in the LOVELADIES ESTATE HARBOR DEVELOPMENT. ULLMAN advised that they were going to construct at least thirty new homes, part of which was already under construction. ULLMAN indicated that he and his partner did not intend to make very much money from the building of the homes, however, they were selling the lots on which these houses were built and were obtaining a good commission for the sale of the lots. ULLMAN indicated that the reason that construction had been suspended about a year ago was because the previous homes cost too much money. They sold for \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00. ULLMAN indicated that the homes

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under construction at the present time would sell for considerably less. He also stated that response to advertisements in the local newspaper as well as the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, newspapers indicated the homes would sell very good.

*W* [T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 10, 1955, that HELEN SILVERMASTER, wife of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, had told him on that day that ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER were trying to raise money to purchase the LOVELADIES HARBOR ESTATE DEVELOPMENT. Mrs. SILVERMASTER had stated that the remainder of the land in the development where homes had not been built was controlled by a firm of New York lawyers and that they wanted \$500,000.00 for this property. They had agreed to a price of \$300,000.00 for it, and had given ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER until November 23, 1955, to raise the necessary money. Mrs. SILVERMASTER stated that she was worried that they may not be able to raise this much money in such a short period of time.

*W* [On November 14, 1955, T-1 advised that Mrs. SILVERMASTER had stated that ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER had received a three week extension in order to raise the \$300,000.00.

LOUIS R. TOTH, 361 Hassemer Avenue, Maple Shade, New Jersey, was interviewed on June 30, 1955, by SA PHILIP J. CARROLL. TOTH advised that he and his family had purchased a home from ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER in 1954. This house was built to order by ULLMAN AND SILVERMASTER BUILDERS. During the period of time this house was being built or shortly thereafter, TOTH advised that he read an article in the Readers Digest which set forth information based on "Committee Hearings", reflecting there was some question as to the loyalty of SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN. He stated that he and his family became alarmed at the purchase of this house because his (TOTH'S) family operated a company known as LOUIS TOTH AND SONS, INC. This company is a machine shop in Maple Shade, N. J. They have had sub-contracts in the past for Government work. TOTH stated he had several conversations with SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN but neither had made any statements which would make him suspicious of their loyalty to the United States. TOTH recalled that on one occasion in May, 1954, ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER were both on his property and that he had tried to take a photograph

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of ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER. ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER were very reluctant to have their pictures taken and refused TOTH permission to photograph them. TOTH stated that this impressed him as being very odd, but he did not question ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER as to why they did not want their photograph taken. TOTH advised that the property built by ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER was sold at the end of the 1954 Summer season because of family difficulties which had nothing to do with the fact that the house had been purchased from ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER.

TOTH stated that he had heard comments concerning the fact that SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN had been engaged in subversive activities at one time, but was unable to furnish any specific information as to where these rumors had started.

DR. J. S. FESSMAN, 111 East Clements Ridge Road, Runnemede, New Jersey, was interviewed on July 12, 1955 by SA PHILIP J. CARROLL. FESSMAN advised that about two years ago he purchased a home in LOVELADIE HARBOR ESTATES, which had been built by ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER BUILDERS. He had several contacts with ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER relative to the purchase of this house, but had never been acquainted with either of these persons on a social basis. FESSMAN advised he had no reason to doubt the loyalty of ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER; however, subsequent to his dealings with them, he read an article in the Readers Digest which indicated they had been engaged in some subversive activities in the past. He noted that this was also a rumor around Harvey Cedars, N. J., and Long Beach Island Township, but feels that the individuals who had been discussing ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER's subversive activities had read the same article in the Readers Digest or some other newspaper or magazine account.

[T-2] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on September 22, 1955, that there was no personal checking account or savings account in the name of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER or WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN in the Boardwalk National Bank, Atlantic City, New Jersey. T-2 advised, however, there was a checking account in this bank in the name of ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, which had been opened on October 22, 1951 with an initial deposit of \$7,282.84. The authorized signatures for this account are NATHAN G. SILVERMASTER and WILLIAM L. ULLMAN.

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This account <sup>du</sup> as of September 1, 1955 had a balance of \$76.32. [T-2 advised] there had been no activity in this account since February, 1955.

<sup>du</sup> [T-1, previously mentioned, advised on September 8, 1955, that on August 3, 1955, SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN had received correspondence from The Trust Company of New Jersey, 35 Journal Square, Jersey City, New Jersey. On the same date, informant advised ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER BUILDERS had received correspondence from BELLUSCIO AND SONS, 334 East Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey, on August 24, 1955.

[On September 16, 1955, T-1] <sup>du</sup> made available information reflecting that on September 9, 1955 ULLMAN AND SILVERMASTER BUILDERS had received correspondence from BEAUMONT, WELLER AND SPANNING, Walnut Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

[On October 12, 1955, T-1 advised] <sup>du</sup> that on September 20, 1955, ULLMAN AND SILVERMASTER BUILDERS had received correspondence from HERBERT J. LUCKENBACH, Somers Point, New Jersey.

The current Telephone Directory for Atlantic City, New Jersey, contains a listing for H. J. LUCKENBACH, 505 New Road, Somers Point, New Jersey.

Patrolman WILLIAM MAY, Somers Point, New Jersey, Police Department, advised SA THOMAS G. BUTTLE on November 21, 1955, that LUCKENBACH was approximately fifty years of age and had been a life-long resident of the Somers Point, New Jersey area. He is employed selling and installing jalousies. LUCKENBACH resides at 22 East Meyran Avenue, Somers Point, N. J., and conducts his business from 505 New Road, Somers Point, N. J. He is an agent for the MIAMI ALUMINUM JALOUSIES for the Southern part of New Jersey. LUCKENBACH has an excellent reputation in the community and has no record with the Somers Point Police Department.

<sup>du</sup> [T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past,] made available on March 29, 1955, telephone numbers called in New York City and vicinity from the telephone listed in the name of N. G. SILVERMASTER and H. L. ULLMAN, and ULLMAN AND SILVERMASTER BUILDERS.

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(4) [T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on various dates concerning the listing of telephone numbers in the New York City area which numbers were verified with the current New York City Telephone Directory.

Circle 7-8000  
[T-3 advised the call was from "MANICK".] (4) Park Sheraton Hotel  
7th Avenue and 55th Street  
New York City

TERRENCE HARVEY, Chief Investigator, Park Sheraton Hotel, advised on September 19, 1955, that the name of "MANICK" is unfamiliar to him.

EDWIN SCALABRINO, Credit Manager, Park Sheraton Hotel, advised on September 19, 1955, that there was no record of anyone by the name of "MANICK" in the Hotel's credit records.

Records of the Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles, California, reflected that MRS. SINIA S. MANNICK registered as a voter on September 14, 1940. She was born in Australia and received citizenship through her father, ARKADY SILVERMASTER. It is to be noted that ARKADY SILVERMASTER is the brother of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER.

It can not be definitely stated that the above-mentioned telephone call from "MANICK" was made by SINIA MANNICK or her husband.

Murray Hill 2-2964

A & B TYPEWRITER COMPANY  
627 Third Avenue, New York City

On September 24, 1953, SA ARTHUR R. MADIGAN interviewed DAVID ARONSON, 485 East Lincoln Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York, proprietor of the A & B TYPEWRITER COMPANY, New York City. ARONSON stated that immediately after his discharge from the Army in 1946, he opened a typewriter and office appliance repair and sales company, 633 Melrose Avenue, Bronx, New York. In September, 1946, the company moved to 627 Third Avenue, New York City. ARONSON made available repair records reflecting considerable service for such organizations as the "Morning Freiheit", The Jefferson School

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of Social Science, etc.

ARONSON stated he and his brother, MILTON ARONSON, operate this business.

The "Morning Freiheit" was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives in a report dated March 29, 1944, page 75, as "One of the rankest organizations of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century".

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on [REDACTED]

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The COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1943 that [REDACTED]

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The current Manhattan Telephone Directory also lists W. ENGLISH STRUNSKY, Financing, 60 West 42nd Street, New York City, telephone number Murray Hill 2-8217.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Ocean and Monmouth Counties, 733 Mattison Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey, were examined in 1953 by SA EUGENE C. JONES. These records reflected that LUCY STRUNSKY and W. ENGLISH STRUNSKY were connected with the FARMINGDALE PACKING COMPANY, Farmingdale, New Jersey, which company was engaged in the business of packing tomatoes, chili sauce and green pickles.

BERT FLAMMER, Superintendent, 40 West 67th Street, New York City, advised in 1944 that, in his opinion, STRUNSKY and his wife, who resided at that address, were Communists. He stated they read the "Daily Worker" regularly.

The "Daily Worker" is an West Coast Communist daily newspaper, of which the "Worker" is the Sunday edition.

T-8 who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 17, 1947, that [REDACTED]

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Oregon 7-6370

[(T-3, previously mentioned, advised this telephone call was from SCHILLI MAIER, 301 East 10th St., New York City)]

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 The current Manhattan Telephone Directory contains a listing for SCHILLI MAIER, artist, 301 East 10th Street, telephone Oregon 7-6370. **(b)**

Briarcliff Manor 6-4358

Briarcliff Acres, Inc.  
 Aspenwal Road  
 Briarcliff Manor, New York  
 (discontinued on November 26, 1954. The final bill was sent care of S. GOODMAN, 1060 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.)

The files of the New York Office contain no information identifiable with Briarcliff Acres, Inc.

The current telephone directory for Essex County, New Jersey, contains a listing for SAMUEL M. GOODMAN, lawyer, 1060 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey.

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 20, 1949, reflects a statement was issued by "Prominent Americans" protesting the conviction of the "Twelve Communist Leaders", SAMUEL M. GOODMAN, a Newark lawyer was quoted as having said, "Let the timorous, the hesitant examine their conscience and their pocketbooks and get in the fight".

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 12, 1949, states that SAMUEL M. GOODMAN was one of 52 persons who went to Washington, D. C., to demand the quashing of the indictments against the twelve Communist leaders.

Chickering 4-9297

Public telephone located in the Port of New York Authority Bus Terminal, 625 8th Avenue, New York City.

Circle 7-0642

KEASBEY AND MATTISON, Asbestos, 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York City

JAMES C. WOLFE, District Sales Manager of the above company, advised SA ROLAND G. KEARNES on January 25, 1951, that

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the above company is an asbestos manufacturing concern with headquarters and plant located in Ambler, Pennsylvania.

The files of the New York Office contain no additional pertinent information concerning this company.

Kilpatrick 2-9400

U-MAK-IT PRODUCTS  
701 Whitier Street  
(billed to  
FREDERICK STOCKHAUSEN)

The 1952 Bronx, New York, Classified Telephone Directory reflects that the U-MAK-IT PRODUCTS, 701 Whitier Street, is engaged in the manufacture of boat kits for home assembly. They also deal in marine hardware and paints.

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On September 19, 1955, a pretext telephone call was made to U-MAK-IT PRODUCTS. An unknown woman advised that U-MAK-IT was at one time known as the KAYAK BOAT COMPANY. They no longer manufacture KAYAKS, but do manufacture prefabricated boats which are put together by the purchaser.

It is noted that FREDERICK STOCKHAUSEN, who is connected with the U-MAK-IT PRODUCTS, is not definitely known to be identical with the STOCKHAUSEN described above.

Longacre 5-6983

AAA ADDING MACHINE COMPANY, INC.  
582 7th Avenue, New York City

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T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [REDACTED]

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The current Manhattan Address Telephone Directory reflects that Longacre 5-6983 is also listed to SEYMOUR WEINSTOCK at the same address.

The files of the New York Office contain no information identifiable with SEYMOUR WEINSTOCK.

Triangle 5-9542

This number was changed to Lyceum 5-3193 on February 21, 1955, which is listed to DONALD BAKER, BILL BUNCE and EDWARD A. GERACE, 67 West 87th Street, New York City.

Records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, were examined by SE NORMAN R. JOHNSON on September 13, 1955, but no registration was found for the above-mentioned people for the years 1950 through 1954.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY on September 13, 1955 and no record was found for the above-mentioned people.

The files of the New York Office contain no information identifiable with BAKER, BUNCE and GERACE.

Watkins 9-4032

SEDGWICK MACHINE WORKS  
(elevators)  
80 8th Avenue, New York City

In 1948, HOWARD W. KOELLUM, Treasurer of the SEDGWICK MACHINE COMPANY was interviewed by SA WALTER B. HOLMES (A) in connection with a re-negotiation claim that the United States Government had against the SEDGWICK MACHINE WORKS. KOELLUM provided information reflecting

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the following were officers of this company:

DWIGHT R. SEDGWICK, Chairman of the Board  
JUSTUS I. WAKELEE, President  
ROBERT H. SEDGWICK, Vice President  
HORRACE W. YARRINGTON, Vice President  
JOHN C. CONNELLY, Vice President  
HOWARD W. KOELLUM, Secretary-Treasurer

The files of the New York Office contain no pertinent information concerning the SEDGWICK MACHINE COMPANY and its officers.

Worth 2-9225

CHARLES S. NOYES COMPANY, INC.  
(Real Estate)  
280 Broadway, New York City

The Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects the above company with many offices located throughout the New York City area.

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T-1 FRANCIS MONKS Postmaster Harvey Cedars, New Jersey	Info re \$300,000.00	11/10/55	EUGENE C. JONES	Instant repor
	Extension of time to raise money	11/14/55	"	"
	Mail cover	4/28; 9/8, 16; 10/12/55	"	"
T-2 BLAIN HAWN Secretary Bookkeeping Dept. Boardwalk National Bank Atlantic City, N.J.	Bank statement	9/22/55	THOMAS G. BUTTLE	65-361-720
T-3 [REDACTED] b2 b7D	Toll call check	3/29/55	SE J. ARTHUR BRUDNICKI	65-3361-727
T-4 [REDACTED] b2 b7D	Used to identify contacts			New York Office file On telephone listings
T-5 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		(c) b1	New York 100-26603-75

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T-6 [REDACTED]	Used to identify contacts			New York 100-80322-5
T-7 anonymous source				
T-8 [REDACTED]	Used to identify contacts			New York 100-26603-1A-2195, 1. 6.
T-9 [REDACTED]	Used to identify contacts			New York 100-0-57929
T-10 [REDACTED]	Used to identify contacts			New York 105-06-3760
T-11 anonymous source				

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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The pretext telephone call to U-MAK-IT PRODUCTS  
was made on 9/19/55 by SA WALTER BROETTING to an unknown woman.  
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AT HARVEY CEDARS, NEW JERSEY

Will continue to follow and report the activities of  
the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA EUGENE C. JONES, made at Newark,  
dated 10/6/55.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : L. V. Boardman

FROM : A. W. Belmont

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., ET AL  
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By memo 11/22/55 Liaison advised it had discussed with Executive Secretary Paul Fairbank, Civil Service Commission (CSC) International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, the Board's request for six Bureau summaries. The Loyalty Board is presently considering the results of the rehearing in the case of William Henry Taylor, an International Monetary Fund employee. Rehearing held 10/19 and 10/20/55. Taylor has been named by Elizabeth T. Bentley as member of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster espionage group.

On 11/22/55 Fairbank advised Board desired summaries for background information in adjudicating case of Taylor. The summaries requested by Board contain data which has no bearing on Silvermaster group or Taylor. All info on Taylor appearing in these summaries has been furnished Board in separate U.N. loyalty reports on Taylor.

On 11/23/55 Liaison advised Philip Young, Chairman of CSC, of Board's request. Young was advised some of info in summaries requested by Board pertained to active cases and sensitive operations. Young said Board did not need these summaries and felt general summary of Silvermaster case would suffice.

The Espionage Section has prepared summary dealing with Silvermaster group to be delivered via Liaison to Board. Summary does not contain any [redacted] data that might jeopardize Bureau's confidential techniques. The summary contains general info reported by Bentley plus some corroboration of her statements regarding the Silvermaster group and data regarding principals involved. It might be noted no writeup on Taylor is included in summary as Board has all info on him.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Board also requested report made by SA's John Philip Buscher and John Swartz (deceased) covering interview of Taylor (5/29/47) made in Silvermaster case. This data was previously furnished Board in U.N. loyalty reports. There appears to be no reason why data should not be furnished and appropriate Photostats are attached. U

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) That Liaison deliver the original and two copies of Summary to International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board. Liaison should point out to Board no separate writeup on Taylor made in Summary as data which is available on Taylor has been previously furnished the Board. U

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2) In addition, Liaison should also deliver three Photostats of attached pertinent pages of WFO report dated 6/4/47 which covers interview of Taylor on 5/29/47 in connection with over-all Silvermaster investigation. It is noted Liaison Agent Bates had previously read, on 3/11/54, this portion of the report to the Board. The substance of the information on Taylor set forth in this report had previously been furnished the Board in separate loyalty reports on Taylor. U

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I.

General Background

Elizabeth F. Bentley in November, 1945 furnished information regarding her involvement in Soviet espionage activity as well as certain background information concerning herself.

She was born in New Milford, Connecticut on January 1, 1908. Her education consisted of an A.B. degree from Yassar College in 1930 and a Masters degree from Columbia University in 1935.

In the Spring of 1935, Bentley became a member of the Communist Party under the name of Elizabeth Sherman. After a number of miscellaneous jobs, in about June, 1938, the Columbia University Placement Bureau asked her if she would like to work for an Italian Library. She accepted this employment which was with the Italian Library of Information in New York City. During her employment there, Bentley said she realized the possibility of obtaining information at the Library for the Communist movement. Thereupon, she went to a Communist Party member she knew who gave her a letter of introduction to an individual at Communist Party headquarters in New York City. As a result of this introduction, whenever Bentley came across any anti-Communist material at the Library she delivered this material to her contact at Communist Party headquarters in New York City. It was through this contact that on or about October 15, 1938, Bentley first met Jacob Golos. Bentley advised that she first knew Golos as Tim or Timmy. At Golos' instructions Bentley continued to deliver material collected at the Library to him. In March of 1939, Bentley left her employment at the Italian Library of Information and thereafter worked at various odd jobs.

In the Summer of 1939, Bentley was told by Golos, she would receive mail from Canada at her address in New York City. She was to deliver any mail from Canada to Golos. The mail did come from Canada on an average of about once a week for a period of approximately six months. Bentley said she subsequently learned this mail from Canada came from either Tim Bush or Fred Booc. Both of these are well known figures in the Communist movement in Canada. The latter was convicted and jailed in the famous Canadian Spy Case in 1946.

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Bentley has also advised that during this same period she received cablegrams from Winston Burdett. Gales had told her he had been in communication with Burdett and he had told Burdett to cable her whenever he changed his address. Bentley said Burdett was travelling in Europe and she recalled receiving cablegrams from Burdett indicating his whereabouts. These cablegrams were turned over to Gales.

Winston Burdett has advised that in 1940 he was induced to go to Europe by Jacob Gales on behalf of the Communist Party. Burdett admitted contacts with several unidentified persons in Europe in 1940, 1941 and 1942. Other than furnishing his observations on public morals and on certain political matters, Burdett advised he did not cooperate with his contacts. Several of these contacts were described by Burdett as of Russian nationality. He has also advised he did inform Gales of his whereabouts while in Europe. Burdett has a recollection of dispatching a cablegram to a woman, identity not recalled by him, in New York City which advised of his whereabouts in Europe.

During the period from approximately September, 1939 until February, 1940, Bentley stated she was employed with McClures Syndicate in New York City. It was during this period, Bentley said she learned that Jacob Gales was in charge of World Tourists, Inc. Bentley advised Gales told her he was being investigated and suspected of being a Russian agent. Gales told Bentley she should no longer see him at World Tourists, Inc. as he did not want her involved because of this investigation.

In March of 1940, Jacob Gales pleaded guilty to an indictment along with World Tourists, Incorporated, charging failure to register as agents of the Soviet Government. Gales received a fine of \$500 and a jail sentence of four months to one year, which was later changed to probation.

Bentley advised that in about May of 1940 Gales introduced her to Abe Brothman in New York City. Brothman during the period from the early Summer of 1940 until the early Fall of 1940 met with Bentley approximately ten times. According to Bentley, Brothman furnished her with various blueprints which she in turn furnished to Gales. In the Fall of 1940, Gales, according to Bentley, told her it was necessary, on orders from his superior, to turn Brothman over to another contact. Gales' superior had indicated neither Bentley nor Gales knew the technical aspects of Brothman's material and, therefore, Brothman must meet with someone who had a technical background.

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Bentley said she then met with Brothman and told him he was to be turned over to another contact. Bentley said she obtained the license number of Brothman's car and told him to park his car in a specific spot in Upper Manhattan. Brothman was told by Bentley to remain in his car and his new contact would get in. Bentley said she did not know who Brothman's new contact would be.

Brothman during an interview in 1947 advised he met Elizabeth Bentley, when he knew as "Helen", through Jacob Golos and turned over various blueprints to her for delivery to Golos. Brothman claimed his relationship with Golos was a business one and he denied any connection with the Communist Party.

In May of 1950, Harry Gold confessed to his involvement in Soviet espionage. Gold advised the FBI that he was the American contact to whom Klaus Fuchs delivered data for transmittal to the Soviets. Fuchs, a British scientist, was in the United States as a member of the British Mission collaborating on the development of the atom bomb. Fuchs is serving a term in prison in England for violation of the Official Secrets Act. Gold is in a Federal prison in this country serving his sentence of 30 years for having committed espionage.

Subsequent to Gold's confession, he furnished the FBI additional details relative to his espionage activities on behalf of the Soviets. Gold said that in 1941 on instructions of his Soviet espionage superior he met with Abraham Brothman. Gold advised that on instructions from his Soviet superior he met with Brothman in his car in New York City. Gold said he had the license number of Brothman's car. Gold said on entering the car his password to Brothman was to give him regards from Helen and to inquire about Brothman's family.

Gold advised that in the period thereafter up until sometime in 1943, Brothman furnished him with various blueprints for transmittal to Soviets. Gold has advised he did not know Jacob Golos. Gold identified a photograph of Semen M. Semenov, an Antary official, as his Soviet superior during his dealings with Brothman.

In November, 1950, Brothman was convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice for persuading Harry Gold to testify falsely before a Federal Grand Jury in 1947 which was hearing charges growing out of the Bentley revelations. Brothman received a sentence of two years and \$10,000 fine.



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In December of 1940, Bentley advised that Coles told her he was under investigation by a Congressional committee, as a result of which he came to her apartment with a large package. This package contained material which he wished to destroy in her fireplace. Included in this material was a small folder that according to Bentley appeared to be an identification card or credentials of some sort. Bentley said she was familiar to some degree with the Russian alphabet and recognized the letters SMY on this card. For sometime prior to this, Bentley advised she knew Coles had been in contact with the Russians because of his visits to the Soviet Consulate. Coles, according to Bentley, at this time explained the setup of the Russian Intelligence Service to her but did not say to which branch he belonged.

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II.

Elizabeth T. Bentley's Allegations

In addition to the information previously set forth, Bentley advised in November, 1945, there existed two extensive intelligence networks operating in United States Government agencies during World War II. The more extensive of these networks was headed in Washington, D.C. by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, who was an employee of the United States Government. The second network was headed by Victor Perlo, also a Government employee. In addition, Bentley also received information from other Government employees not a part of either of the two networks.

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**III.**

**Nathan Gregory Silvermaster Group**

In about August, 1941, Golos told Bentley he had had several meetings with a representative of a Russian group in Washington, D. C. He indicated to Bentley she should make a trip to Washington, D.C. and meet Nathan and Helen Silvermaster.

Bentley in describing the Silvermasters, furnished certain background information which independent investigation verified. Certain of this information is as follows:

- (1) Silvermaster was of Russian origin;
- (2) At an early age his family migrated to China;
- (3) Silvermaster received a Ph.D. degree;
- (4) He taught for a period at a Catholic College in California;
- (5) He was employed by the State of California;
- (6) In 1935 Silvermaster began his Federal employment;
- (7) Helen Silvermaster was also of Russian origin;
- (8) She had previously been married;
- (9) She has a son by this first marriage.

Bentley said for a period of about six months after she first met the Silvermasters the only persons she knew who were actually engaged in securing data for transmittal to Golos through her were William Ludwig Ullmann and Silvermaster. According to Bentley, Ullmann lived with the Silvermasters and photographed the documents brought home by Silvermaster and Ullmann. Ullmann according to Bentley had worked for the Treasury Department and during World War II was in the Army Air Force stationed in the Pentagon. Bentley advised she delivered the material collected by her at the Silvermaster residence to Golos in New York City.

Bentley also advised that sometime in 1942, Golos began to give her verbal instructions for the guidance of Silvermaster and his group relative to the nature of information desired. Still later in 1942, Golos furnished Bentley typewritten instructions in Russian furnished him by his superior to be taken to Silvermaster. Bentley stated her knowledge of Russian was insufficient for her to gain an accurate idea of the type of information called for by the written instructions.

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It might be noted that Silvermaster on interview by the FBI in April, 1947 advised he had met Jacob Golos in New York in about 1936. He said this was the only occasion on which he had met Golos. Silvermaster also advised that Ullmann had a small room in the basement of their residence which Ullmann used as a photographic dark room.

Helen Silvermaster on interview by the FBI in April, 1947 advised she was well acquainted with Elizabeth E. Bentley. She said that during the war years (World War II) she saw Bentley quite frequently. She advised Bentley frequently stayed at the Silvermaster residence on weekends. According to Helen Silvermaster, Bentley was engaged in contacting various government departments in what she termed "research work" for speeches. Mrs. Silvermaster said she did not know definitely where Bentley's headquarters were as Bentley was frequently in Washington, D. C. and New York City.

William Ludwig Ullmann during an interview by the FBI in April, 1947 advised he first met Bentley when she visited the Silvermaster residence in about 1939 or 1940 in Washington, D. C. Bentley has placed this first visit in about August, 1941. He said that despite the fact Bentley visited the Silvermaster home on "15 to 40" occasions over the years he was unsuccessful in gaining information about her background or activities.

Bentley has also advised, through her continued contacts with Silvermaster, she learned there were others who contributed information to Silvermaster. Included in this group were such people as Harry Dexter White, an assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Laughlin Currie, an Administrative Assistant to the President. White according to Bentley did supply information consisting of documents obtained by White in the course of his duties in the Treasury Department. Currie, according to the best of Bentley's recollection did not supply the Silvermasters with documents but used to inform Abraham George Silverman orally on various matters. Silverman, a civilian employee of the Army Air Force, was also a member of the Silvermaster group according to Bentley.

Others included by Bentley in the Silvermaster group were such people as Sonia Gold, Solomon Adler, William Taylor, Virginus Frank Coe, all of the Treasury Department; Norman Swarler of the Justice Department; Bela Gold (husband of Sonia) of the Foreign Economic Administration; and Irving Kaplan of the War Production Board.

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Whittaker Chambers who has furnished information concerning people known by him to have been involved in either an underground Communist apparatus or in a Soviet espionage apparatus in the 1930's also knew certain members of the Silvermaster group in connection with his activities. Those that he knew were:

Harry Dexter White, Abraham George Silverman, Virgilus Frank Cox and Irving Kaplan.

In December, 1945, Agents of the FBI observed Alexander Koral in a meeting on a street corner in Washington, D. C. with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife Helen. During an interview with Koral in 1947 by the FBI, he advised that on instructions from a man known to him only as "Frank" he had various contacts from whom he picked up packages and to whom he delivered packages. Koral claimed he did not know he was involved in espionage activities. Koral advised he met Silvermaster on two occasions on instructions of "Frank." Koral tentatively identified a photograph of Semen M. Semenov, an Amtorg official, as one of the individuals he contacted on instructions of "Frank". Semenov was previously identified by Harry Gold as his Soviet espionage superior.

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IV. THE VICTOR PERLE GROUP

Bentley in November, 1945, advised that approximately one or two months prior to his death in November, 1943, Coles advised he had made contact with another group in Washington, D.C. It was Bentley's recollection, Coles had been placed in contact with this group by Earl Browder. Bentley said she learned nothing about the activities of this group until early in 1944 when Browder requested she meet with this group. Arrangements were made for Bentley to meet this group through Browder.

In about March of 1944 Bentley met with this group in the apartment of John Abbott in New York City. This group included Victor Perle of the War Production Board who acted as head of this group. Others identified by Bentley as members of this group were Charles Kramer, an employee of the Kilgore Senate Committee; Harry Magdoff and Edward Fitzgerald of the War Production Board; Donald Wheeler of the Office of Strategic Services; Allan Rosenberg of the Foreign Economic Administration and Harold Glasser of the Treasury Department.

Bentley stated in November, 1945, that during Coles' lifetime he made arrangements for her to have alternate contacts to deliver information to, in the event he was unable to meet her. Following his death she met with an alternate contact known to her as "Bill." Bentley originally furnished data secured from the Perle group to "Bill" and after ceasing contacts with him to a person known to her as "Jack." Bentley also stated she delivered data received from the Silvermaster group after the death of Coles to "Bill." In about September of 1944, "Bill" told Bentley he was going to personally take care of the Silvermaster group and thereafter she was not to have any further connection with them.

Bentley advised in November, 1945, that during her contacts with "Jack" she told him she had been promised to be put in touch with a Russian. "Jack" told her he had made arrangements for such a contact with her. In approximately November, 1944, Bentley did meet through arrangements made by "Jack" a Russian known to her as "Al."

During Bentley's meetings with "Al" Bentley said it was apparent to her that "Al" was the superior of "Jack" in Soviet intelligence. Bentley also said that "Al" during her meetings with him said that while in Moscow in 1942 he learned of the fact that an American girl was working with Coles in the United States.

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In December 1945, Agents of the FBI observed Elizabeth T. Bentley meet in New York City with the person known to her as "Al." Bentley did, after this meeting in December, identify a photograph of Anatoli V. Gromov as the person she knew as "Al."

Whittaker Chambers has advised that in connection with his own activities in the 1930's he knew Harold Glasser, Victor Perle, Charles Kramer, and John Abt.

Louis Dulans in testimony before the Senate Investigations Subcommittee on Expenditures in the Executive Department stated he was introduced to the Soviet Secret Police by Jacob Golos. Dulans concluded his testimony by stating he had every reason to believe Bentley was telling the truth regarding her story about espionage in the United States.

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**V Miscellaneous Individuals**

Bentley advised in November, 1945, that she also had contact with a number of persons who were not in a well-knit organizational group but who nevertheless furnished her with information from the various Government agencies in which they were employed. These people whom Bentley said she met, through arrangements made by Golos, were Robert T. Miller III of the State Department; Maurice Halperin, Hanson Lee, Julius J. Joseph and Helen Tunney all employees of the Office of Strategic Services; Joseph B. Gregg and Willard S. Park of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs; William Remington, the War Production Board and later served in the Navy. Another individual who had furnished information to Golos was Peter Rhodes concerning whom Bentley's superiors made inquiry in 1945. Rhodes in 1945 was employed by the Office of War Information. (u)

Information concerning the persons identified by Bentley as engaging in intelligence for the Soviets was presented to a Federal Grand Jury but no indictments were returned. (u)

William Remington was convicted January 27, 1953, of perjury and on April 15, 1953, began serving a three year sentence. He died November 24, 1954. (u)

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Data Furnished Bentley

The persons operating in various Government agencies with whom Bentley operated, produced according to her a mass of information on many varied subjects. This information included the following:

(1) From the War Department (Pentagon): Aircraft production figures; allocation and deployment of aircraft; results of testing aircraft; reports on the efficiency of particular types of aircraft; statistics regarding high octane gasoline; personal data concerning important Air Force officers; data concerning the B-29; the approximate scheduled date of D-Day; copies of directives issued by General Marshall; information concerning the production, development and allocation of guns, tanks and motorized equipment.

(2) From the Treasury Department: Data concerning financial activities, particularly those related to foreign commitments of the United States, and carbon copies of letters from Treasury Department employees stationed outside the United States, reporting on conditions in their places of assignment.

(3) From the Foreign Economic Administration: Data (regarded as "excellent" by the Silvermasters) concerning the operations of that agency.

(4) From the White House: Information that the United States was on the verge of breaking the Soviet code. (X) u

(5) From the Justice Department: Reports on German cartels.

(6) From the War Production Board: Statistics concerning production in general, and data concerning tests made of airplanes and high octane gasoline.

(7) From the Office of Strategic Services: Copies of secret and confidential monthly and semi-monthly reports of OSS concerning political developments throughout the world; digests of cable reports from the State Department and OSS personnel; reports and memoranda concerning racial groups and their activities within the United States; data concerning the OSS Russian Division and the allocation of OSS employees in foreign countries.

(8) From the State Department: From the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, information from reports made by ONI, Military Intelligence, and the FBI with

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reference to Communist and Russian activities in Latin America,  
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(9) From the Social Security Board: Data concerning  
labor relations.

(10) From the Board of Economic Warfare: Silvermaster  
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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER

Silvermaster was born in Odessa, Russia, November 27, 1896. He entered the United States at San Francisco, California, on March 20, 1916, and was naturalized in that city on December 5, 1927. He attended various educational institutions in Seattle, Washington, and Berkeley, California, receiving a Ph.D. degree in 1932. He began Federal employment when he entered the Resettlement Administration, Washington, D. C., in August, 1935. This Administration was transferred to the Department of Agriculture on December 31, 1936, and the name was changed to the Farm Security Administration on September 1, 1937. From November, 1938, until June, 1940, he was employed by the United States Maritime Labor Board. He returned to the Farm Security Administration as Director of the Labor Division from June, 1940, until December, 1944. During this period, he was detailed to various other agencies, including the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department, where he worked beginning July 21, 1944. In December 28, 1944, he was permanently transferred to the Procurement Division, Treasury Department. In March, 1946, he left the Treasury Department and entered the War Assets Administration, from which he resigned on November 30, 1946. In 1947, the Silvermasters and William Ludwig Ellman moved to New Jersey and established the partnership of "Ellman and Silvermaster," builders, Newark, New Jersey.

Elizabeth T. Bentley advised that in late 1941, on the instructions of her Soviet superior, Jacob Golos, she proceeded to Washington, D. C., and made contact with the Silvermasters. She thereafter began obtaining information from them which she delivered to Golos. The volume of material obtained from the Silvermasters steadily increased and, according to Bentley, included Government documents obtained by Silvermaster in the course of his employment and from other Soviet agents employed in governmental agencies. Bentley also collected Communist Party dues from Silvermaster and other persons associated with him in espionage activity.

A number of individuals who knew and were associated with Silvermaster in the 1920's and 1930's, including Silvermaster's first wife and the former husband of Helen Witte Silvermaster, the present wife of Silvermaster, have stated Silvermaster was a Communist who advocated the overthrow of the United States by force and violence if necessary to bring into being a Marxist form of government.

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Nathan Gregory Silvermaster on interview in April, 1947, said he regarded as preposterous the allegations that a group of individuals in Washington, D. C., furnished him with any information which he passed on to a representative of a foreign power or organization. He did during the interview admit he met Jacob Golos but once and that was in about 1936. He said he had not met or seen Golos since then and that he did not know any friends, representatives, associates or agents of Golos.

In December, 1945, Agents of the FBI observed Alexander Koral in a meeting on a street corner in Washington, D. C., with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife, Helen. During an interview with Koral in 1947 by the FBI, he advised that on instructions from a man known to him only as "Frank" he had various contacts from whom he picked up packages and to whom he delivered packages. Koral claimed he did not know he was involved in espionage activities. Koral advised he met Silvermaster on two occasions on instructions of "Frank." Koral during the interview said he remembered the December, 1945, meeting with Silvermaster, as on instructions of "Frank" he told Silvermaster that this would be the last contact with Silvermaster.

Silvermaster has claimed the privilege of the Fifth Amendment in an appearance before a Congressional Committee in 1948.

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**HELEN WITTE SILVERMASTER**

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Helen Witte Silvermaster was born in White Russia in approximately 1903. After the October Revolution, Helen Silvermaster traveled to China where she married a Russian named Volkov. In about 1923, she and her husband immigrated to California. Their son, Anatole Boris Volkov, was born in San Francisco, California, October 29, 1924. Shortly thereafter, Helen Silvermaster separated from her husband and lived with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, whom she married three or four years later, after securing a divorce. She came to Washington, D. C., with her husband in 1935 when he entered the employ of the Federal Government. From that time until 1947, the Silvermasters resided at 5515 30th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Thereafter, the Silvermasters moved to Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, where Silvermaster is self-employed in the building business in partnership with William Ludwig Ullmann.

Elizabeth T. Bentley has advised that in late 1941 she became acquainted with Helen Silvermaster and her husband on instructions of her Soviet espionage superior, Jacob Golos, and that thereafter, until 1944, she frequently visited the Silvermaster residence to obtain espionage material collected there from various sources in Washington, D. C. Bentley has furnished considerable information in detail implicating both of the Silvermasters in Soviet espionage.

Helen Silvermaster on interview in April, 1947, advised she was well acquainted with Elizabeth T. Bentley. She said Bentley frequently stayed at the Silvermaster residence on weekends and that she saw Bentley with some frequency during the war years (World War II). She also said she was a great admirer of Bentley but did not specify why. She denied ever furnishing Bentley with any information or documents concerning the Government at any time.

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SALOMON ADLER, also known as  
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Solomon Adler was born August 6, 1909, in Leeds, England. He entered the United States on February 20, 1915, at New York City. He was naturalized as a United States citizen on September 3, 1940. Starting in December, 1936, Adler was employed by the United States Treasury Department as an economist. In October, 1942, he went to China as an American representative on the Chinese Stabilization Fund Board on loan from the Treasury Department. He resumed his position in the Treasury Department in 1944 and went back to China in 1945, remaining until December, 1947, as a Treasury Department representative. Upon his return to the United States, he served with the Treasury Department until May, 1950. He has been in England since 1950, where he lost his United States citizenship in December, 1953, through protracted absence from the United States.

Whittaker Chambers has stated that, in the late 1930's, Adler was a member of an espionage apparatus and was providing J. Peters, Chambers' espionage superior, with data from the Treasury Department. Chambers stated that Adler had been placed in the Treasury Department through another member of the network, Harry Dexter White.

Elizabeth T. Bentley has stated that, during the period of 1942 and 1943, Solomon Adler, through Harry Dexter White, was providing the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster network with information he gathered while in China. Bentley has stated following Adler's return to the United States, he wrote a special report on China for Soviet intelligence.

Adler was interviewed in December, 1947. He denied being involved in espionage or being a member of the Communist Party. He did, however, admit being acquainted and friendly with various individuals connected with the Silvermaster group. Adler also advised both the Silvermasters were very pro-Russian in their attitude but he was not in a position to make any statement as to their loyalty to this Government.

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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE

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Virginus Frank Coe was born January 15, 1897, in Richmond, Virginia. He received A.B. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. He was employed by the Treasury Department for a short time in 1938. In 1939, he was re-employed by the Treasury Department, and later the same year he went with the Federal Security Agency, remaining there until 1940. He then went with the Advisory Commission to the Council on National Defense. In August, 1940, he became Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research, Treasury Department. In February, 1942, he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada, and he was with this committee's successor agencies, the Office of Economic Warfare, Office of Emergency Management, and Foreign Economic Administration, serving as Assistant Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Office of Economic Programs, Foreign Economic Administration. In February, 1945, he became Director of the Division of Monetary Research, succeeding Harry Dexter White. He resigned on April 30, 1946, to become the Secretary of the International Monetary Fund. He resigned from that position on December 2, 1950, at the request of the International Monetary Fund. Coe is self-employed as a freelance writer.

J. D. Whitaker Chambers advised that, while operating in the Communist underground during the 1930's he heard from J. Peters, George Silverman, Harry Dexter White and Harold Ware of plans to bring Frank Coe into the Treasury Department. It was Chambers' understanding that Coe was a member of the Communist Party. Chambers never met Coe. In January, 1946, Elizabeth F. Bentley advised she never met Coe, but she was told by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster that Coe was a member of the Silvermaster network.

Coe was interviewed in May, 1967, but denied furnishing information of any nature to anyone which would be of a detrimental nature to the United States. He admitted being acquainted with the Silvermasters and others identified by Bentley as involved in the activities of the Silvermaster group.

Coe is an appearance before a Congressional Committee invoked the Fifth Amendment in 1953.

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LAUGHLIN BERNARD CURRIE

Currie was born in Nova Scotia, October 8, 1907. He first came to the United States in 1925 and was naturalized in 1934. He was educated in London, England, and at Harvard University, from which he was graduated with a Ph.D. degree in 1931. He taught at Harvard from 1927 to 1934. From early 1934 to December, 1934, Currie was employed as an analyst by the Treasury Department. In December, 1934, he was appointed Assistant Director of Research and Statistics for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He held this position until July of 1939, when he became an Administrative Assistant to the President of the United States. In 1941, Currie was named Chief of an economic mission to China. In 1942, he went to China as the President's personal representative on a diplomatic mission. In 1943, he was Deputy Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration, which position he held until the early part of 1945, when he resumed his former White House duties. In February and March, 1945, he was in England and Switzerland as the head of an American economic and financial mission. Shortly thereafter he resigned from Government service to enter private business and was so employed until 1949, when he went to Colombia, South America, as head of a mission for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. From 1951 to 1954, he was employed as an advisor to the Colombian Government in Bogota and in 1955 was engaged in a private capacity there.

Elizabeth F. Bentley named Currie as a member of the Silvermaster espionage group. She advised that Currie furnished orally to Abraham George Silverman information on various matters. Whittaker Chambers stated that Silverman had talked to Currie as a "sympathizer of the Communist Party." Chambers, however, had no direct knowledge of Currie's membership in a Communist underground conspiracy.

Investigation reflected Currie had associated with persons named by Bentley as members of a Communist underground group in Washington, D. C., in the early 1940's and with certain Russian officials suspected of espionage activities. Currie has admitted he was acquainted with the persons mentioned by Bentley but has denied knowledge of or participation in any espionage conspiracy.

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Bela Gold was born January 30, 1915, at Solosvar, Hungary. He entered the United States, August 12, 1920, and claims derivative citizenship through naturalization of his father on January 26, 1927. He attended New York University from 1930 to 1933 and received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. From 1935 to 1937, he did graduate work in economics at Columbia University. From March to December, 1938, he was a salaried year man in the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. In September, 1939, he entered the Department of Agriculture, remaining there until December 7, 1943, when he transferred to the War Production Board. In December 17, 1944, he transferred to the Foreign Economic Administration, which he left in May, 1946. During the period of employment set out above, Gold was detailed on loan to the Kilgore Committee, Capitol Hill, from approximately May, 1943, to February, 1944. Since September, 1947, he has been a member of the faculty, School of Business Administration, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth F. Bentley implicated both Bela Gold and his wife, Sonia, in the espionage activity of Silvermaster and advised that Gold furnished excellent information regarding activities within the Foreign Economic Administration. She further recalled that he had done such a good job that the group was considering supplying him with a camera so he could do his own photographing at home.

Bela Gold, when interviewed in April, 1947, denied the allegations of Bentley. Gold did, however, advise he was socially acquainted with the Silvermasters and William Ludwig Ullmann. He also advised that he knew Ullmann as a camera enthusiast and that Ullmann owned some photographic equipment.

Investigation located two witnesses who had knowledge that Bela and Sonia Gold were involved in Communist Party activities. One of these witnesses was associated with the Golds in Party activities in New Haven, Connecticut, in the late 1930's. The other witness has advised she attended Communist Party meetings from approximately September, 1940, until January or February, 1941, at the Golds' residence in Virginia.

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Sonia Stetman Gold, wife of Bela Gold, was born December 17, 1917, in New York City of Russian-born parents. She holds a B.A. degree from Hunter College in 1938. She also attended American University in Washington, D. C., and later Columbia University, New York City, for one year. From June, 1941, to March, 1942, she was employed by the Palau Committee, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. She then entered the employ of the Federal Security Agency. On November 30, 1942, she was transferred to the War Relocation Commission. On August 24, 1943, Sonia Gold transferred to the Treasury Department from which she resigned August 21, 1947. In September, 1947, the Golds moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where Bela Gold entered the employ of the University of Pittsburgh. Sonia Gold was, in December, 1953, a member of the faculty at the Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth T. Bentley disclosed that, in the Summer or Fall of 1943, the Silvermasters desired to place someone as a secretary to Harry Dexter White, Treasury Department, to facilitate the obtaining of information from White's office, and that Helen Silvermaster contacted a Communist functionary in Washington for a candidate for this job and was given the name of Sonia Gold. Through arrangements with White, Sonia Gold obtained the position and thereafter copied documents in White's office and turned the information over to Helen Silvermaster.

Sonia Gold was interviewed in April, 1947, and denied that either she or her husband had furnished any information they had received while working for the Government to any person not authorized to receive it. Sonia Gold also stated she had no reason to believe Helen Silvermaster had anything to do with her obtaining a position in the Treasury Department in 1943. During the interview of Helen Silvermaster in April, 1947, she advised she did assist Sonia Gold in obtaining a position in the Treasury Department. However, she refused to amplify on this information, stating she had on various occasions helped or tried to help other people in obtaining positions.

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IRVING A. KAPLAN

Irving Kaplan was born September 23, 1900, at Idziesciel, Poland. Kaplan arrived in the United States with his parents in 1909, and gained citizenship through his father's naturalization in 1911. He was first employed by the Government in 1943 with the Works Progress Administration. In 1937, he was employed by the Department of Justice. In 1940, he worked for the Federal Works Agency, transferring in 1942 to the War Production Board and, from there, to Foreign Economic Administration in 1944, and to the Treasury Department in 1945. In 1948, he began work for United Nations Secretariat where he was terminated in May, 1949. As of 1954, he was residing in New York City.

Whittaker Chambers learned in 1937 that Kaplan was in contact with Abraham George Silverman and Chambers discussed with Kaplan his own underground work and Chambers understood Kaplan was also in the underground. Elizabeth T. Bentley, who never met Kaplan, learned he was furnishing data from the War Production Board to Abraham George Silverman. This information was passed in turn through the Silvermaster network to Bentley, who transmitted the information to the Soviets.

Kaplan was contacted in April, 1947, for the purpose of being interviewed. However, Kaplan refused to be interviewed, denying that he knew anything about his alleged implication in this matter. He said he had heard of previous interviews in this matter and termed them as "witch hunts, ridiculous and an attempt to force those interviewed to perjure themselves."

Kaplan when appearing in 1953 before a Congressional Committee invoked his privilege under the Fifth Amendment.

ABRAHAM GREGORY SILVERMAN

Silverman was born February 2, 1900, at Przasnysz, Poland. He entered the United States on March 11, 1906. On June 24, 1921, he was naturalized at Boston, Massachusetts. In 1921 he obtained an A.B. degree from Harvard University. From 1922 to 1923 he attended Stanford University, receiving a B.S. degree. From 1923 to 1924 he again attended Harvard University, obtaining an A.A. degree. In 1927 he received a Ph.D. degree from Harvard. He was employed by the Labor Advisory Board, National Recovery Administration, from October, 1933, to November, 1934; by the United States Tariff Commission, Washington, D. C., from November, 1934, to February, 1936; by the Federal Co-ordinator of Transportation from February, 1936, to March, 1936; by the Railroad Retirement Board from April, 1936, to 1941; by the Treasury Department from 1941 to 1942; by the Army Air Force, Material Division, Pentagon Building, as Chief Production Specialist, from March, 1942, to August, 1945; by the French Supply Council from August, 1945, to September, 1946; self-employed in the sale of surplus property from 1946 to 1947; by Ohrbach's Department Store, New York, as Vice President, from 1947 to 1948. He lives in New York City.

Elizabeth F. Bentley has reported that Silverman brought Government documents to the home of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, where they were photographed. She stated that these documents included aircraft production figures, results of aircraft tests, and reports concerning technological developments in aircraft manufacture. Whitaker Chambers has also reported that Silverman was a Communist who acted as an intermediary between himself and Harry Dexter White in about 1937.

Silverman was interviewed in April, 1947, but denied that anyone ever asked for any information of a restricted nature which he may have possessed in connection with his Federal employment. He admitted visiting and being visited by the Silvermasters on many occasions from approximately 1941 to 1944. He also admitted acquaintanceship with others named by Bentley as involved in the Silvermaster group.

Silverman has claimed the privilege of the Fifth Amendment during an appearance before a Congressional Committee in 1948.

WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMANN

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William Ludwig Ullmann was born August 24, 1908, at Springfield, Missouri. He attended Harvard University; Bryn Mawr College, Springfield, Missouri; and Harvard Graduate Business School, obtaining a M.B.A. degree from Harvard in 1932. In April, 1935, he entered Government employment with the National Recovery Administration. In February, 1939, he was employed as a economist by the Treasury Department. In October, 1942, he was inducted into the U. S. Army. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in April, 1943. He was released from active duty as a Major on November 23, 1945. After active service, Ullmann returned to the Treasury Department, remaining there until March 21, 1947, when he resigned for the purpose of entering private industry. Since that time Ullmann has been a partner with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster in the building construction business at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. Since 1947, Ullmann has lived with the Silvermasters at Harvey Cedars.

Elizabeth Bentley advised that beginning about August, 1941, Ullmann and the Silvermasters engaged in securing information for Jacob Golos, a Soviet agent. She said that Ullmann and Silvermaster brought Government documents to the Silvermasters' home, where Ullmann also lived, and that Ullmann obtained a camera and became quite proficient in document photography. The microfilm on which these documents were photographed was supplied by Golos. According to Bentley, complete equipment for photographing, developing and enlarging was maintained in the Silvermaster basement. Later Ullmann engaged in photographing material brought to the Silvermaster home by other members of the Silvermaster group.

Ullmann was interviewed during April, 1947, but made no admissions regarding Bentley's allegations. He did, however, state he first met Bentley in about 1939 or 1940 when she first visited the Silvermaster residence in Washington, D. C. He also said she visited the Silvermaster home on "15 to 40" occasions over a period of several years. He said he knew Bentley in the period from approximately 1939 to 1944. It might be noted Bentley has advised that in about September, 1944, her superior "Bill" told her he was taking over the Silvermaster group and Bentley was to have no further contacts with this group. Ullmann also advised that photography had been his hobby since about 1938. He also said that he learned of an opening in the Treasury Department through Harry Dexter White and that White offered him a job. Bentley has advised that Ullmann was placed in his job at the Treasury Department by Harry Dexter White.

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On March 8, 1955, Ullmann was sentenced to a term of six months for contempt in refusing to answer questions before a Federal Grand Jury on March 8, 1955, after having been granted immunity from prosecution. Ullmann has appealed and is currently out on \$5,000 bail pending results of his appeal.

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HARRY DEXTER WHITE

Harry Dexter White was born October 29, 1898, at Boston, Massachusetts, and died August 18, 1948. His parents were both born in Poland. He received a B.A. degree in 1924 and an M.A. degree in 1925 from Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. In 1925, he received a Ph. D. degree from Harvard University. From 1924 to 1948, White was employed by the United States Treasury Department. From October, 1926, to March 23, 1930, he served as Assistant Director in the Division of Research and Statistics, and from March 23, 1930, until August 5, 1941, he was Director of Monetary Research. On August 5, 1941, he assumed the position of Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury Department in charge of the Division of Monetary Research. In July, 1944, White was Chief Technical Expert of the United States Government at the Bretton Woods Monetary Conference. In September, 1944, he was instrumental in drawing up the Morgenthau Plan for Treatment of Germany following World War II. In January, 1945, White became Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. He resigned as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury on May 1, 1946, to become Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, from which he voluntarily retired on April 7, 1947. Upon this resignation, he undertook to establish himself in private business as a consultant on economic financial matters.

Wittaker Chambers advised he was in contact with White during the period from 1935 to 1938 in behalf of his Soviet espionage superior, Colonel Boris Bykov, who also met White. White placed various communists in the Treasury Department and in 1937 White began providing documents from the Treasury Department. Chambers made available excerpts of Treasury documents, which had been provided him by White.

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Elizabeth Bentley advised that during her espionage activities White was supplying Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and William L. Ullman with documents obtained from the Treasury Department. She stated White was one of the most valuable agents of the network as he was able to place other agents in the Treasury Department. Among individuals included by Bentley in this category were William Ludwig Ullman, William Taylor and Boris Gold.

White was interviewed in August, 1947, but denied all knowledge of any espionage activities on behalf of Silvermaster. He admitted a personal and business relationship with many members of the Silvermaster group. He also admitted a personal friendship with Silvermaster. He also advised it was possible he might have given Ullman a promotion on the basis of his friendship with Silvermaster.

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VICTOR PERLO

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Victor Perlo was born in New York City on May 16, 1919. His father and mother were born in Russia. He was married on March 19, 1934, to Mary Katherine Villa, whom he divorced on June 30, 1943. Perlo was employed by the United States Government from 1933 to 1947. During this period he worked for the National Recovery Administration, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Brookings Institute, the Department of Commerce, the Office of Price Administration, the War Production Board as chief of the Aircraft Section and the United States Treasury Department as an economic analyst in the Division of Monetary Research. After leaving Washington, D. C., in May, 1947, Perlo was employed by the Progressive Party. He is currently employed as an economic consultant in Flushing, New York. He is also an instructor in the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City.

Elizabeth T. Bentley advised on November 30, 1945, that in 1943, Jacob Golos told her that he had made contact with another Communist underground group in Washington, D. C. Subsequently, in 1944, Earl Browder made arrangements for Bentley to meet this group in the apartment of John Abt in New York City. Bentley kept this appointment and met four individuals, who were introduced to her as Victor Perlo, Charles Kramer, Henry Magdoff, and Edward Fitzgerald, and a discussion took place regarding the group and the type of information they would be able to furnish. Bentley advised she met Perlo on a number of occasions and that he furnished her material obtained by him and his associates through their Government employment.

Whittaker Chambers, confessed espionage agent, stated that he met a Communist underground group in Washington, D. C. in 1934 and that Perlo was a member of this group.

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Perlo was interviewed in April, 1947. He would neither confirm nor deny any activities in the Communist Party or in any Communist underground group. Perlo admitted acquaintanceship with John Abt but would make no further comments regarding this acquaintanceship. He also refused to confirm or deny that in 1944 he had ever visited the apartment of John Abt.

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*Victor Perlo has invoked the privilege of  
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John Abt was born May 1, 1904, in Chicago, Illinois. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Chicago in 1924 and an LL.B. degree from the same University in 1926. He practiced law in Chicago from 1927 to 1931, at which latter time he came to Washington, D. C. He took employment as an attorney with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Department of Agriculture, until early 1935, when he became General Counsel of the Works Progress Administration. In late 1935, he was loaned by the Works Progress Administration to the Securities and Exchange Commission until the middle of 1936, when he became Chief Counsel of a Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, from which he resigned in early 1937. He then became a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice. In the Summer of 1938, he resigned from Government service and became Special Counsel to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, continuing in this position until January, 1948, when he became General Counsel of the Progressive Party. Since 1951, he has been one of the attorneys representing the Communist Party, U.S.A., in hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board. In 1954 and 1955, he served as legal counsel for Claude Lightfoot, convicted on January 26, 1955, under the membership provisions of the Smith Act of 1940. He resides in New York City with his wife, Jessica Smith, Editor of the "New World Review" magazine.

Elizabeth F. Bentley has reported that in early 1944, on the instructions of Earl Browder, she met with Victor Perlo and others in the New York apartment of John Abt and arranged for this group, known as the Perlo Group, to supply information developed by them in the course of their Government employment. Whittaker Chambers advised that during the 1930's Abt was a member of the Communist underground group headed by Harold Ware and that upon Ware's death in 1935, Abt became leader of the group.

John Abt was interviewed in August, 1947. He admitted knowing Harold Ware but denied belonging to any club or group to which Ware also belonged. He also said he could not recall any meeting being held in his apartment in early 1944. After answering these questions, Abt terminated the interview by stating he would discuss nothing but "the weather."

Earl Browder was interviewed in August, 1947, concerning John Abt. Browder admitted knowing Abt and that he had met Abt socially. Browder advised he would not comment on any association that he had had with Abt or anyone else that would bear on his (Browder's) former association with the Communist Party.

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Abt has claimed the privilege of the Fifth Amendment when questioned by a Congressional Committee in 1946.

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EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD

Fitzgerald was born on November 19, 1911, at New York City. He is married to, but now separated from, Rebekah Miller Fitzgerald, who was born May 9, 1908, at Hallsboro, Pennsylvania, and has a daughter, Karen. His schooling was received in Brooklyn, New York, the University of Vermont and the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania. His first Federal employment was with the National Research Project, Works Progress Administration, from October, 1936, to February, 1941. He transferred to the Federal Security Agency on February 20, 1941, and remained there until March 4, 1942, at which time he transferred to the War Production Board, working there until September 24, 1944. From September, 1944, until July 14, 1945, Fitzgerald worked in the Foreign Economic Administration. On September 26, 1945, he secured employment in the Department of Commerce and remained there until September, 1947, at which time he resigned. Subsequent to his Federal employment, he did book reviewing for the "New York Times," "The Saturday Review of Literature" and other publications, but, at the present, he is no longer doing this work. He is reported to be doing occasional laboring work at the present time. Fitzgerald is reported to be residing at 135 West 11th Street, New York City.

Elizabeth T. Bentley, in November, 1945, advised that, early in 1944, through arrangements with Earl Browder, she went to the apartment of John Abt in New York City, where she met Victor Perle, Charles Kramer, Harry Magdoff and Edward Fitzgerald. There they discussed the payment of their Communist Party dues to Bentley. There followed a general discussion as to the type of information each could furnish; Fitzgerald at that time was employed by the War Production Board and he indicated that he would be able to furnish Bentley with miscellaneous statistical information coming to his attention. Bentley has advised that Fitzgerald furnished her statistical information concerning guns, tanks and airplanes, which he secured at the War Production Board. Fitzgerald met with Bentley on four or five occasions in the apartment of Mary Price in New York City, and Fitzgerald on these occasions was acting as the representative of the Perle group in bringing information to Bentley.

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Fitzgerald was interviewed in April, 1947, but denied Bentley's allegations. He admitted an acquaintanceship with John Abt and others named by Bentley as having been involved in activities on behalf of the Soviets.

On August 18, 1955, Fitzgerald was sentenced to a term of six months for contempt in refusing to answer questions before a Federal Grand Jury on July 29, 1955, after having been granted immunity from prosecution. Fitzgerald has appealed and is currently out on \$3,000 bail pending results of his appeal.

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HEROLD GLASSER

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Herold Glasser was born on November 24, 1905, at Chicago, Illinois, and graduated from the University of Chicago in 1926. He took graduate study at the University of Chicago and later at Harvard. Glasser first entered the United States Government service in 1935. From November 23, 1936, he was employed by the United States Treasury Department, where his employment continued until his resignation on December 31, 1947. Glasser was a member of the Civil Affairs Section of General Eisenhower's staff in North Africa. He assisted in the preparation of the Morgenthau German Plan in 1944, and was a member of the United States delegation to the Council of Ministers at Moscow in 1947. Subsequent to his resignation from the Treasury Department, he became Director, Overseas Institute, Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds, from which position his resignation was announced on September 17, 1953. He is an economist and presently resides at 8 Sheffield Road, Great Neck, New York.

Elizabeth T. Bentley advised in 1945 that Glasser had been a member of the Perle espionage group. She stated he had furnished information concerning activities of the Treasury Department to her for transmission to the Soviets.

Whittaker Chambers, admitted espionage courier, advised in 1938 that he had met Glasser on two or three occasions pursuant to arrangements made by J. Peters, a Soviet agent who advised that Glasser was a Communist Party member and could be trusted. The purpose of these meetings was to make inquiry of Glasser concerning Harry Dexter White, who was difficult to handle.

Glasser was interviewed in 1947 and described himself as having been definitely interested in the theories of the Communist Party in the period 1933 to 1934. He denied espionage activities although he admitted being acquainted and friendly with various individuals connected with the Silvermaster and Perle espionage groups.

Glasser in an appearance before a Congressional Committee in 1953 invoked the privilege of the Fifth Amendment.

CHARLES ERAMER, with aliases  
Charles Drevitsky, Charles Aronstein,  
Charles Krivitsky

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Erumer was born December 14, 1906, New York City. He entered the services of the Federal Government in 1913 with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. In 1915, he was employed by the National Health Administration, and from 1916 to 1917, he was connected with a Senate Subcommittee investigating civil liberties. He was also employed by the National Labor Relations Board from 1938 to 1942, and the Office of Price Administration from 1942 to 1943. From 1943 to 1946, he served with the Senate Subcommittee of Technological Mobilization, the Democratic National Committee, and the Senate Subcommittee of Education and Labor in turn. From 1946 to 1948, he was a free-lance economist and researcher. From 1948 to 1953, he was associated with the National Office of the Progressive Party. Erumer is presently employed by the Oregon Bull Farm, Crookston, Oregon, and resides with his wife and two children at Route 3, Box 684, Crookston, Oregon. Erumer's family name was Drevitsky, but he had his name legally changed in 1915.

According to Elizabeth S. Donley, Earl Browder arranged a meeting for her, in 1944, with a group at the apartment of John Lee in New York City and also met Victor Jorie, Charles Erumer, Edward Fitzgerald and Harry Maguff. They were representatives of other groups in Washington. A discussion of the payment to her of Communist Party dues of the Paul's group, which they represented, and the furnishing to the group Communist Party literature took place. There then followed a general discussion as to the general type of information these people could furnish. Erumer told her that he would be able to furnish "capital Hill gossip," and this he subsequently furnished her. J. B. Hinchey Chambers and Nathaniel Hoyt, a former member of the Communist Party, have identified Erumer as a member of an underground Communist Party group in Washington, D. C., in the 1930's.

Erumer was contacted for the purpose of being interviewed in August, 1947. When advised the interview concerned his activities during the period he was employed by the United States Government, Erumer replied, "I would rather not discuss it."

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Kramer has claimed the privilege of the Fifth Amendment in an appearance before a Congressional Committee in 1948.

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HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF, with alias  
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Harry Samuel Magdoff was born on August 21, 1913, in New York City. He received a B.S. degree in economics from New York University in June, 1935. From April, 1936, to September, 1940, Magdoff was employed by the Works Progress Administration, National Research Project, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From October, 1940, until July, 1944, he was employed with the War Production Board. In July, 1944, he was employed in the Department of Commerce, where he remained until December, 1946. The latter two employments were in Washington, D. C. Since leaving Federal employment, Magdoff has been employed in New Jersey and in business for himself as a marketing counselor in New York City. He is married and currently resides in Flushing, New York, with his wife, Beatrice, and two sons.

Elizabeth T. Bentley advised that early in 1944 Earl Browder told her that Jacob Golos had been contacting a new group in Washington, D. C. A date for meeting with this group had been set but because of Golos' death in November, 1943, the meet was not made. On instructions from Browder, Bentley did meet with this group in the apartment of John Abt in New York City. She met Magdoff as a member of the group and learned he was an employee of the War Production Board. During this meeting it was agreed that each representative of the group would collect such information as the various members could secure and would deliver it to Bentley at the apartment of Mary Price in New York City. Bentley said that between the Spring of 1944 and December of 1944 she met a number of members of this group in New York approximately every two or three weeks. Concerning Magdoff, Miss Bentley has stated she met him on only one occasion and that during the above-mentioned meeting in John Abt's apartment, Magdoff did, however, according to Bentley, furnish meager information he was able to obtain at the War Production Board.

Magdoff was interviewed in April, 1947. He admitted social acquaintanceship with several members of the Perle group and admitted knowing Victor Perle. He denied being or ever having been a member of the Communist Party. He also denied ever having attended a meeting in John Abt's apartment in New York City in early 1944.

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*Magdoff has invoked the Fifth Amendment in an appearance before a Congressional Committee in 1953.*

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ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG

Allan Robert Rosenberg was born April 21, 1909, in Dorchester, Massachusetts. He attended Boston Latin School, Harvard University and Harvard Law School. Subsequently he obtained employment with the United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor, known as the LaFollette Committee, as an attorney investigator. In 1937, he went to work for the National Labor Relations Board. Shortly after December 7, 1941, he obtained employment in the Office of Economic Warfare in the Division of Recognition and Reconstruction, handling classified matters dealing with economic controls in North Africa and in Japan. He left Government service in the Summer of 1945 and is residing in Massachusetts, where he is practicing law. He represented, as an attorney, the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO, beginning in 1948 or 1949, and he represented the International Workers Order as counsel before the Supreme Court urging invalidation of the Attorney General's list of cited organizations.

Elizabeth F. Bentley advised that Allan Rosenberg was a Communist while employed by the United States Government in 1944 and was a member of an espionage group under the direction of Victor Perlo. This group turned information over to her for transmittal to her Soviet espionage superiors. Bentley has stated she definitely recalls Rosenberg furnished her material on Germany, which material she passed to her Soviet superiors. Rosenberg, when interviewed in 1947, refused to confirm or deny charges that he was active in an espionage apparatus in 1943 or 1944. He denied he was ever a member of the Communist Party.

Rosenberg has claimed the privilege of the Fifth Amendment during an appearance before a Congressional Committee in 1952.

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RONALD NIVEN WHEELER

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Donald Niven Wheeler was born October 23, 1913, at White Bluffs, Washington. He received B.A. degrees from Reed College, Portland, Oregon, and Gifford University, England. He received his M.A. degree from Gifford University. He was a Rhodes Scholar. He is married, has four children, and resides on a farm at Sequim, Washington. He was employed from April, 1939, to June 8, 1946, by the United States Government. In September, 1942, he entered the employ of the Office of Strategic Services where he became chief of the Western European Section. He thereafter entered the employ of the State Department where he was in the Western European Intelligence Section, Economics Branch, Europe, Near East and Africa Intelligence, Office of Research and Intelligence. Wheeler was investigated under the Dutch Act of 1942 and was interviewed. He denied membership in any organization advocating disloyalty to the United States Government.

Elizabeth T. Bentley advised in November, 1945, that early in 1944 through Karl Srenier, she met the Perle group, a Communist espionage group operating in Washington, D. C. At this meeting she learned Donald Wheeler, an employee of Office of Strategic Services, was furnishing information from the files of the Office of Strategic Services. Wheeler, through Perle, furnished information until the Summer of 1944, when "Bill," Bentley's Soviet espionage superior, requested Wheeler be advised to discontinue activities for six months due to his being under suspicion by the Office of Strategic Services. Bentley so instructed Wheeler.

Elizabeth T. Bentley has advised that a list of Reds in the Office of Strategic Services was made available to her by Susan Lee during this period, and that among those named on this list, which was turned over by her to the Soviets, was the name of Donald Wheeler under the category of "Known Communist Party Member."

Wheeler was interviewed on May 29, 1947, and refused to answer questions as to espionage activities.

Wheeler invoked the Fifth Amendment in an appearance before a Congressional committee in 1953.

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IX.

JACOB GOLOS, also known as  
Jacob Katsin

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Jacob Golos, whose real name was Jacob Katsin, was born April 24, 1890, at Khatyrinoklav, Russia. His wife's name was Celia Ginzberg Golos. He entered the United States on August 24, 1909, and was naturalized as a United States citizen on December 29, 1915, in the Supreme Court, Bronx County, New York. He died November 25, 1943, in New York City. For many years he had been the head of the travel agency known as World Tourists, Incorporated. Golos pleaded guilty to an indictment in March, 1940, along with World Tourists, Incorporated, charging failure to register as agents of the Soviet Government. Golos received a fine of \$200 and a jail sentence of four months to one year, which sentence was later changed to probation.

Louis Francis Budenz in his book "Men Without Faces" states at pages 250 and 251 that Jacob Golos was an expert on Soviet espionage. At page 55 of this same book Budenz stated, "Golos, himself an alien, was an authority on the subject" (policy of the Comintern) "for his World Tourists agency was for years one of the chief means by which the Soviet dictatorship moved its spies and other agents into this country and out again. It was a 'false-passport factory' of no small dimensions...."

Elizabeth T. Bentley stated in November, 1943, that she knew Jacob Golos from 1938 until his death on November 25, 1943. She stated that through her acquaintance with him she became involved in Soviet espionage in New York City and Washington, D.C. She stated that Golos operated two espionage groups known as the Silvermaster Group and the Perle Group. These groups were composed of Government employees who furnished information available to them through their positions. Bentley's information concerning principal members of the two groups is handled separately under the individual's name in this summary.

Bentley stated that Golos explained the setup of the foreign branch of the Russian intelligence organization to her. She stated further that around December, 1940, while Golos was under investigation by the Dies Committee he brought a package containing material. Thirty or forty American passports were in the material as well as an identification card or credentials which bore Golos' picture and on which appeared the letters USSR. Golos burned all this material, according to Bentley, in her fireplace.

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JOSEPH BERNARD GREGG, also known as  
Joseph Greenstein

Gregg, as Joseph Greenstein, was born in Columbus, Ohio, on May 2, 1903. He married Rose Loff, Canadian-born naturalized American citizen in 1934. He served with the Loyalist Army in the Spanish Civil War in 1937 and 1938, and his wife traveled to Spain as a representative of the Social Workers Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy during that period. From 1942 to 1944, he was employed in the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs (OCIAA) in Washington, D. C.

Elizabeth S. Bentley, in her statement on November 30, 1945, named Gregg as a Communist and as a party who also supplied information to Jacob Golos, Bentley's superior. Bentley contacted Gregg from early 1942 to December, 1944, while he was employed by the OCIAA. Bentley stated during this period Gregg furnished information he had obtained from perusal of Office of Naval Intelligence, G-2 and FBI reports in the possession of OCIAA in the form of typewritten or dictated notes or on undeveloped film.

Investigation revealed that Gregg was friendly with others alleged by Bentley to have been engaged in Soviet espionage such as Robert Wilbert Miller, Maurice Halperin and Helen Tenney. Gregg moved to Canada in about May, 1946, and he and his wife were granted permanent entry into Canada, September, 1946. [REDACTED]

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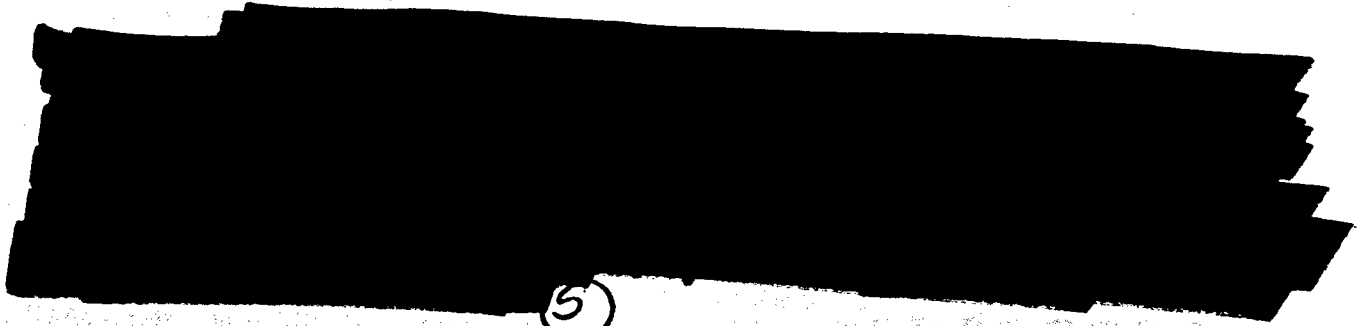
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He is at present a partner in a scrap business with his father-in-law, William Loff and Company, in London, Ontario, where he resides.

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ANATOLI DOMITSEVICH GROMOV, also known as  
Anatoli Veniaminovich Gromov

Gromov was born on November 22, 1907, in Moscow, Russia. In December, 1939, Gromov was an Attache to the Soviet Embassy in London, England. He was assigned in London until January 29, 1944. During his London assignment, Gromov, accompanied by his wife, both carrying diplomatic visas issued in Moscow, entered the United States at San Francisco, California, on November 19, 1940. Gromov was indicated to be a Soviet official attached to the Department of Foreign Affairs, Moscow, whose final destination was Moscow via New York. On September 15, 1944, the Gromovs arrived in the United States by plane. Gromov assumed the duties of First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. He held this position until his departure on December 7, 1945, indicating his destination as Berlin, Germany.

Elizabeth T. Bentley identified Gromov as her Soviet superior in 1945. She considered Gromov to be the Russian in charge of the espionage activities in which she and her associates were engaged.



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Imnoon Chaplin Lee was born in Hanking, China, on November 19, 1913, of American-born parents. From 1931 to 1935, he attended Yale University, receiving a B.A. degree. He attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar from 1935 to 1938. From September, 1938, to June, 1939, he was in attendance again at Yale University. He practiced law in New York City from September, 1939, to July, 1942, when he was appointed to the Office of Strategic Services as an attorney in the office of the Director, William J. Donovan, head of the law firm with which Lee had been employed in New York. At that time, he received a reserve commission with the United States Army. He was separated from the Army in January, 1946, and in September, 1946, became associated with a Washington, D. C., law firm. In 1953, Lee, together with his family, moved to Bermuda, where he was employed by American International Underwriters Overseas, Incorporated. Lee was ordered deported from Bermuda in December, 1953, and left Bermuda in February, 1954. In 1955, he was employed and resided in New York City.

Elizabeth T. Bentley has advised that in 1942, Mary Rice, on the instructions of Jacob Golos, obtained information from Imnoon Chaplin Lee. Thereafter, in order to more fully develop Lee as a source, Bentley met Lee in Washington and obtained from him Office of Strategic Services information of a varied nature. Bentley recalled that one of the items furnished to her by Lee was the list of "Reds" compiled by Office of Strategic Services.

During an interview in 1947, Lee denied Bentley's allegations regarding him. He admitted knowing Elizabeth Bentley and Jacob Golos. He described Jacob Golos as a "left wing" and "progressive." On August 10, 1948, Lee testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in public session. He admitted having been introduced to Jacob Golos by Elizabeth Bentley at the time of his second meeting with Bentley. He stated he saw her approximately fifteen times during the period October, 1942, to December, 1944.

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ROBERT TALBOT MILLER III

Robert Talbot Miller III was born on April 5, 1910, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was graduated from Princeton University in 1932, at which time he received an M.A. degree. Miller visited Moscow in 1934 and married Jenny Levy there in 1935. Miller resided in Russia for two and one-half years and represented a number of British newspapers. In 1937 and 1938, he resided in Paris, France, and worked as a newspaperman for the Spanish Loyalist Government News Service. In 1939 and 1940, he served as president of "Hemisphere Corporation" in New York City, publishers of a weekly economic and financial news bulletin. In 1941, he obtained employment with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington, D. C., and from June, 1944, to December, 1946, he was employed by the State Department. In 1947, he became associated with a public relations firm in New York City. He currently resides and is employed in New York City.

Elizabeth T. Bentley has alleged that Miller was a dissembling Communist who gave her information from the files of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. Bentley stated she transmitted this data to Jacob Golos, who had introduced her to Miller in 1941. Investigation showed association between Miller and several members of the Silvermaster espionage network. Miller has denied any espionage activities and the fact that he was a Communist. He admitted knowing Bentley and Golos and several persons identified by Bentley as members of an espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C., in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

On April 15, 1947, Robert Miller was interviewed and readily admitted acquaintanceship with various members of the Silvermaster group. He denied giving Bentley any prepared reports or any information on Communist or Russian activities in South America. He admitted, however, that he may have discussed confidential matters with her generally and in a casual sort of way.

On April 21, 1947, on reinterview, Miller admitted that he had been pro-Soviet ever since his trip to Russia in the middle 1930's, but added he had harbored no anti-American sympathies.

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MARY PRICE, also known as  
Mary Wolfe Price, Mary Estlin Price

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Mary Price was born on March 21, 1900, in North Carolina. She attended the University of North Carolina from 1926 to 1930. From July, 1930, to June, 1942, she served as secretary to columnist Walter Lippmann in Washington, D. C. From September, 1942, to January, 1945, she served on the editorial staff of "Business Week" magazine in New York City. From August, 1945, to February, 1948, she was Executive Secretary of the Committee for North Carolina of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and from February, 1948, to December, 1948, she was chairman of the Progressive Party of North Carolina and a candidate for Governor of that state on the Progressive Party ticket. From June, 1949, to December, 1949, and from June, 1950, to November, 1950, she worked as a secretary at the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Washington, D. C. She traveled in western Europe in the company of Charles Adanson, a known Washington Communist, from November, 1950, to October, 1952. Upon her return from Europe, she resided in Washington and in late 1952 moved to New York City.

Elizabeth T. Bentley has alleged that Price was involved in Soviet espionage activities in the early 1940's while Price was secretary to Walter Lippmann. Bentley stated that Price furnished information from his files to Bentley, which information she passed on to Jacob Golos. Bentley also stated that in 1944 various members of the Perle espionage group met in Price's apartment in New York City. Investigation has disclosed that reliable informants have identified Price as a member of the Communist Party and that she affiliated with Communists and Communist front organizations.

Price was interviewed in April, 1947, and admitted acquaintance with certain individuals identified by Bentley as members of a Soviet espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C., in the late '30's and early '40's, but denied Bentley's allegations.

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PETER CHARLES TOFFER RHODES

Rhodes was born on December 30, 1911, in Manila, Philippine Islands, and entered the United States in November, 1918. He claims citizenship through the naturalization of his father. He received an A.B. degree from Columbia University in 1933 and an M.A. degree in 1934. From 1934 to 1936, he attended Oxford University, England, on a graduate fellowship. He began Federal employment with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on October 10, 1941, in the Foreign Broadcasting Monitoring Service. His status was changed to foreign editor, National Defense Activities, FCC, in London, England, on December 1, 1941. On March 15, 1944, Rhodes was separated from the FCC and entered the employ of the Office of War Information in London, England. In 1946 and 1947, Rhodes was employed in the writing of novels in New York. In 1948, he entered the employ of Rusl Intill, a public relations firm in New York City. Rhodes is presently employed by James Jones and Company, Paris, France, and resides at 11 Rue de Barise, Paris 16. Rhodes married Iona Boulenger, a school teacher at Waterloo, Belgium, June 27, 1936. Rhodes and his wife left the United States in 1952.

Elizabeth T. Bentley has advised that in the latter part of 1942 Jacob Golos told her that he was acquainted with Rhodes, and that he had received information from Rhodes which was of direct interest to him, Golos. Later in 1945, according to Bentley, Anatole Gromov, her Soviet superior, at that time inquired of her as to the whereabouts of Rhodes. John Lautner, according to a "New York Times" article of October 14, 1952, entitled "Ex-Red Describes City Teachers Also" stated in testimony given before a Subcommittee of the Senate Internal Security Committee, that Peter Rhodes was a Communist Party member.

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HELEN B. TENNEY

Helen B. Tenney was born June 10, 1910, at Hamamoneck, New York. She attended Carnegie Institute of Technology from 1926 to 1930, receiving an A.B. degree. She resides at Horatio Street, New York City, and is presently unemployed. She is presently married to Milton Lavidoff, whom she married September 2, 1949, New York City. She was employed by the Office of Strategic Services in Washington, D. C., from approximately November, 1947, to July 17, 1948.

Elizabeth T. Bentley, admitted Soviet agent, named Helen B. Tenney as a member of her Soviet espionage network during 1943-1945. Bentley stated that Jacob Golos, her superior, was introduced to Tenney by Grace Granich, at which time Tenney was employed by Shortwave Research, which organization supplied radio scripts and personnel for the Office of War Information and other agencies engaged in the propaganda field. Bentley advised that subsequently, under the direction of Golos, Tenney went to Washington and obtained employment with the Office of Strategic Services. Bentley was thereafter introduced to Tenney by Jacob Golos and, from that time on, Helen B. Tenney furnished Bentley written material in the form of Office of Strategic Services reports and memoranda. Bentley recalled that some of this information pertained to a project to rescue Office of Strategic Service personnel from Greece. Other material concerned the political situation in Iraq. Other material concerned the fact that Generalissimo Franco was fed up with the Office of Strategic Services organization playing politics in Spain and desired that the Office of Strategic Services be withdrawn from Spain.

Tenney suffered a nervous breakdown in 1948. She had taken an overdose of sleeping powders and there has been a question as to whether she sought to commit suicide. According to Bentley, Tenney, while delirious, screamed that she was a Russian spy. Bentley advised that she learned that Tenney's nervous breakdown had been brought on by the FBI investigation of Soviet espionage being conducted at that time. Upon interview by Bureau agents, Tenney stated that her memory had been greatly impaired by her nervous breakdown, mentioned above. She denied espionage activity.

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Tenney has claimed the privilege of the 5th Amendment in an appearance before a Congressional Committee in 1953.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: 2-15-56

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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By memorandum 7-20-55 you were advised that the detailed brief (5-5-55) in which we analysed the charges made by William Henry Taylor on 3-28-55 before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board (IOELB) had been brought up to date. The charges made by Taylor constituted attack on the over-all Government loyalty program and the credibility of Elizabeth T. Bentley.

Since the submission of referenced memorandum the IOELB has rendered two decisions re Taylor, the first unfavorable and the second favorable to Taylor. An insert setting forth the findings of the IOELB has been prepared and will be placed in the brief. There is attached a copy of the insert which will be added to the brief in the section called "Resume of Facts" (page 7a).

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information and to advise you of the insert to the brief which brings the brief of 5-6-55 up to date. Following approval the original pages of the insert will be placed in the original summary which is maintained in Room 1738. After approval we will insert copies of this insert into the summaries maintained by Branigan, Belmont, Boardman and Nichols.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

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*JG* FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

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TO : W. A. Branigan

DATE: 5-1-56

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By memorandum 4-13-56 Mr. Belmont requested each supervisor to submit to his Section Chief a memorandum stating he has reviewed his cases for consideration under the Immunity Act. It was also stated that cases already under consideration by the Department should not be recommended.

By memorandum 8-19-54 ~~results of~~ a conference with Departmental Attorneys Thomas Hall and L. Broome was held by you and Supervisor E.R. Tully. It was reported the Department had been considering what action could be taken against the Silvermaster-Perlo groups in connection with the Immunity Bill. (65-56402-4086)

By letter 8-27-54 AAG Tompkins advised arrangements had been made to conduct a Grand Jury inquiry into the activities of the Silvermaster-Perlo groups. He requested current addresses of 70 persons who had been tentatively scheduled for appearance. (65-56402-4123)

Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman 9-8-54 reported that with passage of Immunity Bill, Department on 8-12-54 immediately began to consider Silvermaster case and that Grand Juries were impaneled in Camden, New Jersey, and Washington, D. C. Department was following the policy of subpoenaing persons in the Silvermaster-Perlo group and after hearing testimony would make decision as to which witness should get immunity. (65-56402-4111)

By letter 10-7-54 AAG Tompkins advised his Division had been interrogating before Grand Juries several of the persons named by Elizabeth Bentley as involved in espionage. It was stated his Division was concerned with the so-called Silvermaster-Perlo groups but attention had been given to other subjects who were not members of either group but who also gave data to Bentley. (65-56402-4151)

By letter 11-10-54 AAG Tompkins furnished a list of 27 people that were called before Grand Juries in connection with this over-all case.

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*Memorandum for Mr. Branigan*

RECOMMENDATION:

*Based on foregoing, it is apparent the Department has been considering the various subjects involved in the Elizabeth Bentley allegations. Therefore, no separate recommendation for consideration under the Immunity Act will be made to the Department regarding these subjects.*

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Subject: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER  
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Domestic Intelligence Division  
 Investigative Division

Name: N. G. SILVERMASTER; HELEN W. SILVERMASTER

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SILVERMASTER and his wife have been espionage subjects for many years. It is desirable to be aware of all contacts with him and also contacts he makes through any means. In the past many contacts have been made with SILVERMASTER by persons under investigation under espionage and internal security captions. This mail cover will be handled personally by the Postmaster, who has been reliable in the past, and nothing is known that would result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: September 20, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont *[Handwritten initials]*

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There have been no important developments in this case since referenced memorandum was submitted, and, consequently, this brief is not being brought up to date at this time. In the event additional important data is obtained, we shall bring this brief up to date promptly.

**RECOMMENDATION:** In view of lack of developments herein for a considerable period, we will in 90 days reconsider the need for maintaining this brief in an up-to-date status. Mr. Nichols has previously suggested this brief be held and kept up to date.

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TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: October 19, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: BELA GOLD,  
Espionage R

- Tolson
- Nichols
- Boardman
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Trotter
- Nease
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

The attached item in the news ticker states that "A sweeping Justice Department investigation of possible violations of espionage, perjury and trading with the enemy laws, was hinted at in papers filed in Federal Court here today." The item names Departmental attorneys Brandon Alvey and William S. Kenney.

I called William Foley in the Internal Security Division of the Department to find out what this was all about. He said that these two attorneys had been given necessary letters of authorization to permit them to question [redacted] before the Grand Jury in the Bela Gold case. [redacted]

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Mr. Foley said that in security cases letters of authorization to attorneys are usually made quite broad to cover any matter which may arise before the Grand Jury. He said it is necessary to file these letters of authorization, and this appears to be what excited the curiosity of the press and gave rise to their speculations.

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cc Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Branigan

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(INVESTIGATIONS)

A SWEEPING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF ESPIONAGE, PERJURY AND TRADING WITH THE ENEMY LAWS WAS ANNOUNCED AT IN PAPERS FILED IN FEDERAL COURT HERE TODAY.

THE PAPERS ARE LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION GIVING THE FEDERAL SECURITY DIVISION ATTORNEYS PERMISSION TO BEGIN GATHERING EVIDENCE FOR SEPARATE PRESENTATION. THEY ARE BRANDON ALVEY AND WILLIAM S. KENNEDY.

THE AUTHORIZATIONS SAID "VARIOUS PERSONS, COMPANIES, CORPORATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRMS TO THE DEPARTMENT UNKNOWN HAVE VIOLATED IN THIS DISTRICT AND IN OTHER JUDICIAL DISTRICTS OF THE UNITED STATES THE LAWS AGAINST ESPIONAGE, PERJURY, AND TRADING WITH THE ENEMY LAWS. IN THE PAPERS THE LAWS WERE IDENTIFIED ONLY BY THEIR U.S. CODE NUMBERS.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REQUESTED COMMENT.

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# Justice Attorneys Start Security Leak Probe

The Justice Department today launched a special investigation of security leaks related to national defense.

Two attorneys in the internal security division have been assigned to the probe by Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers.

Information developed eventually will be brought before a Federal grand jury for further investigation, Justice Department officials said.

The Justice Department move was disclosed in the court's authorizations filed in the Court here for the

who are to head the investigation into reported violations of United States espionage and censorship laws. Neither the attorneys nor the department's information office would amplify the language of the authorizations.

"Various persons, companies, corporations, organizations and firms to the department unknown" have violated Federal laws in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, the department said it has been informed. No

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman *LB* cc - Boardman  
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FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al  
ESPIONAGE - R

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By memo 9-20-56 you were advised that the detailed brief (5-6-55) in which we analyzed the charges made by William Henry Taylor on 3-28-55 before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board had been reviewed and that no pertinent developments had occurred requiring a revision of the brief. The charges made by Taylor constituted an attack on the over-all Government loyalty program and the credibility of Elizabeth Bentley.

Since that time, information has been received through *Branigan*

[REDACTED SECTION]

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RECOMMENDATION:

67 JAN 2 1957 This is for your information and to advise you of the insert to the brief of 5-6-55 which brings the brief to date. After approval of the attached insert, it will be placed in the original summary which is maintained in room 1738 and copies of the insert will be placed in the summaries maintained by Messrs. Branigan, Belmont, Boardman and Nichols. This case will be followed and the brief revised as new information is received.

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14403)

*Nathan Gregory Silvermaster*  
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ReNY letter, 3/1/56.

This is to advise NYO is still maintaining the \$2,000.00 originally received from NEWILEY from her Russian contact ANATOLE GROMOV on 3/14/45 in a safety deposit box rented by NYO. It will continue to remain here, as per Bureau instructions, UACB.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-73)

RE: **ROBERT GUYTON STEVENSON, was.**

RE: **REVENUE - R**  
**(CR. NUMBER)**

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Enclosed 11/2/56 captioned "REVENUE, REVENUE - R."

is the Los Angeles file, as it pertains to the following area:

LA FILE 100-25470, LA FILE 100-4090; address (1/56) 1128 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica.

LA FILE 100-7003; address (2/56) 634 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

LA FILE 100-25470, LA FILE 100-4090; address (11/56) 5132 La Mirada Ave., Los Angeles.

Information on above persons are being considered by the Los Angeles Office. Recommendations of this office, for or setting interviews will be made under the caption of the individual case file in the office.

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**BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE**

Bufile: 65-56402

NEW YORK Field Division

2/1/57 Date

Title and Character of Case:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al  
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired:

11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired:

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

LINCOLN SAFE DEPOSIT CO. VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Being retained on Bureau instructions.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

SA T. G. SPENCER

18. One hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2000.00.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 15, 1957

FROM : B. Nichols

SUBJECT: O Gregory

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Belmont —  
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Parsons —  
Rosen —  
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Trotter —  
Nease —  
Tele. Room —  
Holloman —  
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*NETHER*

For record purposes, Mrs. Anna Marguerite Guindon, an employee of the Office of Business Economics at the Department of Commerce, stopped by my office April 11 with a number of old newspaper clippings from the local Washington papers on the Silvermaster case on Jack Soble in the Mocase merely to report that some years ago E. J. Fitzgerald and Harry Magdoff and a Mrs. Marcel (Helen) Kistin all used to work in the same office in which she was employed and that for years she had been suspicious of them being communists but had never been able to personally offer any evidence and that when Elizabeth Bentley testified that she knew Fitzgerald was a communist she was convinced in her own mind that she had been right. The point of her visit was that she believed Helen Kistin prior to her marriage to Marcel Kistin referred to in the Silvermaster case was Helen Soble who had a brother involved in an embezzlement case in New York and who went to jail. She did not know whether Helen Kistin ~~was~~ Soble was any relative of Jack Soble in the current espionage case in New York and whether she might have been related to Morton Sobell who was involved in the Rosenberg espionage case but she wanted the Bureau to know that the Kistin woman was absolutely no good, that she had left the Commerce Department allegedly because she was pregnant, and she owed sick and annual leave, never repaying the same, and that the Commerce Department finally had to take the money out of her retirement fund.

Mrs. Guindon stated she had nothing specific but felt wherever the Kistins are, they ought to be constantly watched because they are no good.

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cc - Mr. Belmont

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SEE FILE 66-2554-7530 FOR AUTHORITY.

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- Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (65-933)

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In July, 1948, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, self-confessed Soviet espionage agent, testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee that VICTOR PERLO was the leader of a Soviet espionage group known as the PERLO group, which was active in Washington, D. C., in the early 1940's.

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Mr. Belmont  
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Special Agent in Charge

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman *LB*

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DATE: June 26, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al  
ESPIONAGE - R

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By memo 12-18-56 you were advised that the detailed brief (5-6-55) in which we analyzed the charges made by William Henry Taylor on 3-28-55 before the International Organization Employees Loyalty Board had been reviewed and brought up-to-date. The charges made by Taylor constituted an attack on the over-all Government loyalty program and the credibility of Elizabeth T. Bentley.

There have been no important developments in this case since referenced memo was submitted and, therefore, no revisions for the brief are being submitted in this case at this time. In the event additional data is obtained, the brief will be brought up-to-date promptly.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the lack of developments in this matter, we will reconsider the matter of maintaining this brief in 90 days. Mr. Nichols has previously suggested this brief be held and kept up-to-date.

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cc - 1 - 100-370362 (William Henry Taylor)

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**BULKY EXHIBIT INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE**

**Bufile:** 65-56402 NEW YORK Field Division

8/1/57 Date

*7/1/57*

**Title and Character of Case:** NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was STAL  
ESP. - R

**Date Property Acquired:** 11/17/45

**Source From Which Property Acquired:** ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

**Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:** LINCOLN SAFE DEPOSIT VAULT

**Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:** Retained per Bureau instructions

**Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same:** SA T. SPENCER

18. One-hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2,000.00

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman *12/2/57*

DATE: September 16, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al  
ESPIONAGE - R

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By memo dated 6-26-57, you were advised that detailed brief (5-6-55) in which we analyzed charges made by William Henry Taylor on 3-28-55 before the International Organization Employees Loyalty Board had been reviewed and brought up-to-date. The charges made by Taylor constituted an attack on the over-all Government loyalty program and the credibility of Elizabeth T. Bentley.

There have been no important developments in this case since referenced memorandum was submitted and no revisions for the brief are being submitted at this time. In the event additional data is obtained, the brief will be brought up-to-date promptly.

RECOMMENDATION:

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In view of the lack of developments in this matter, it is suggested that this brief be reviewed hereafter on a 6 months' basis. Mr. Nichols has previously suggested that the brief be held and kept up-to-date. It is believed, however, that in the absence of some pertinent development a 6 months' review of the brief will suffice. It is understood, of course, that in the event of a pertinent development an appropriate revision will be made prior to the 6 months' review.

*Jones*  
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cc -- 100-370362 (William Henry Taylor)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)  
SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

DATE: 9/19/57

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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This is to advise the NYO is still maintaining the \$2,000 originally received from ELIZABETH BENTLEY through her Russian contact, ANATOLE GROMOV, on 3/14/45, in a safety deposit box rented by the NYO. It will continue to remain there as per Bureau instructions, UACB.

- 2 - Bureau (65-56402) (RM)
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URGENT 9-25-57 6-47 PM JJM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEWARK 1 P

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 C. WHITE AKA LARRY WHITE, TWENTY TWO PASSAIC AVE., ROSELAND, NJ  
 ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE WAS MANAGER WOODSTOCK OFFICE, NEWARK  
 NINETEEN FORTY-NINE UNTIL AFTER NINETEEN FIFTY TWO AND HE HAS NEVER  
 BEEN INTERVIEWED BY MARTIN K. TYTELL, ANY REPORTER OR WRITER, OR  
 FBI AGENTS. HE RECALLED THAT IN ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY ONE OR FIFTY  
 TWO HE WAS CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL FROM A NEW YORK LAW FIRM WHO  
 EXAMINED AND BORROWED SOME OLD TYPE FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
 HISS CASE. WHITE DOES NOT KNOW THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR THE  
 LAW FIRM BUT STATED THE INDIVIDUAL WAS MALE, ABOUT 35 TO 40 YEARS OLD,  
 WITH HEAVY BUILD. THE TYPE WAS RETURNED TO HIM BY THE INDIVIDUAL.  
 WHITE ADVISED THAT FORMER MANAGERS OF THE WOODSTOCK OFFICE OF THE  
 IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF WERE ALGER HISS, CLARENCE C. WHITE, AND  
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c.c. Mr. White

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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URGENT 10-2-57 8-40 PM EST RBJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS NEWARK, NEW YORK  
FROM SAC, MIAMI 3P  
ALGIER HISS, IS-R. RETEL FROM NEWARK, SEPT. TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN

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HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN. GEORGE R. SEIBERT, ONE NINE TWO ONE SILVER STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., STATED SEPT. THIRTY, NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN, ONLY INCIDENT HE RECALLS OCCURRED BETWEEN LATE NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN OR EARLY NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT, AND OCT., NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE, AT WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER STORE, WASHINGTON ST., NEWARK, WHEN MAN, NAME NOT RECALLED, CAME INTO STORE, EXHIBITED SOME KIND CREDENTIALS, NOT BELIEVED FBI, AND SAID HE WAS FROM FEDERAL BUILDING, NEWARK. IN CONNECTION WITH HISS CASE, HE WANTED THEM EXAMINE ONE OR MORE TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS WHICH HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AND ADVISE HIM WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN TYPED ON A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER OF A CERTAIN YEAR AND MODEL "NOT NOW RECALLED". SEIBERT AND WALTER G. HANSON,

TYPEWRITER STORE SAID  
"HALSEY ST." STORE.

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THEN SERVICE MANAGER, SEARCHED THEIR FILES AND FINALLY LOCATED CHART ON WHICH APPEARED THE KIND OF "TYPE" ON THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER OF THAT PARTICULAR MODEL. AFTER MAKING COMPARISONS WITH SPECIMENS, THEY ADVISED THIS PERSON IT WAS THEIR OPINION THE TYPEWRITER SPECIMEN WAS WRITTEN ON WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER OF YEAR AND MAKE REFERRED TO. SEIBERT DOES NOT RECALL ANY OF MATERIAL ON SPECIMEN SINCE HE CLAIMS HE LOOKS FOR SPECIFIC PECULIARITIES OF TYPE TO MAKE COMPARISON AND WAS NOT INTERESTED IN CONTENT OF SPECIMEN. SEIBERT STATED NO DOCUMENTS OR CHARTS WERE EXCHANGED AND HE RECEIVED NO RECEIPT OF ANY KIND FROM THIS PARTY. SEIBERT WAS EMPLOYEE OF WOODSTOCK FROM NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR OR NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE, UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE, AND SERVED AS MANAGER IN NEWARK FROM NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR OR NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE UNTIL NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN OR NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT, WHEN HE TOOK OVER AS DEALER AT STORE ON WASHINGTON ST., AND CONTINUED UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN

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OCT. NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE. SEIBERT STATES HE  
HAS NEVER BEEN INTERVIEWED BY TYTELL, OR ANY REPORTER  
WRITER OR FBI AGENTS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, IN CONNECTION  
WITH THIS CASE. HE IS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY OTHER DATA.  
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Mr. Brantzen  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Greener

SAC, New York (100-26603-C-3)

November 13, 1957

Director, FBI (100-3-4)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Paragraphs 10-16 and 2-20 of captioned report, also report of Al Thomas J., dated 10-20-44 at New York City captioned "Donald Victor Kerner, SA-C" and report of Al Edward V. Dooley dated 8-17-46 at New York City captioned "Gregory, Espionage - R."

Article in fact there is no corroborating evidence of Communist Party (CP) membership on the part of Florence Kerner. It would, therefore, appear that some corrective action is necessary on page 1 of the above-captioned SA-C report and on page 40 of the above-captioned Espionage - R report. Promptly advise the Bureau under the appropriate captions as to what corrective action should be taken.

Can see 4238

1 - 100-26603 (D. V. Kerner)  
1 - 100-26603 (Gregory)

WILLIAM W. HILLMAN

In view of report, Florence Kerner is identified as a CP member. This description appears to be based on a list compiled in 1944, the accuracy of which cannot be determined. Administrative action regarding the handling of this list has been considered separately.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE 12/18/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Rebulet 11/13/57, captioned "CP USA, DISTRICT #2; IS - C."

The report of SA EDWARD W. DOOLEY, dated 5/17/46, at New York, and captioned as above, should be amended to read:

Details  
Page 62  
Paragraph 1  
Lines 8 and 9

Delete: "FLORENCE KOERNER is also a member of the Communist Party, 6th Assembly District, according to the records of this office."

New York copies have been corrected. The Bureau and WFO are requested to correct their copies. If WFO has disseminated this information, appropriate corrective action should be taken.

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1-5-89 3042 PWT/BS

- 2 - BUREAU (65-56402) RM
- 1 - WASHINGTON FIELD (100-17493) (INFO) RM
- 1 - NEW YORK (100-26603-83)
- 1 - NEW YORK (65-14603)

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Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

January 7, 1958

Special Administrative Officer  
Director, FBI

NATHAN GREGORY BRYANTMASTER  
NICHOLS

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3042 P/STJ

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James E. Kelly dated Jan 15, 1958, at New York captioned, "Gregory, Nathan - C", a copy of which was delivered to the Department on January 2, 1958. On pages 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the above-described report appears the following sentence: "Nathan Gregory is also a member of the Communist Party, USA, according to the records of this office."

This sentence should be deleted from the above-described report. This information was originally based on a list furnished this Bureau in 1944, the significance of which cannot now be determined.

It is suggested that in order that an appropriate notation may be made in the copy of the report of Special Agent Kelly mentioned above is attached hereto in order that

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NOTE: A correction is made in accordance with a letter from the New York Office dated 12-19-57. Bureau file 100-3-4-8134 has been changed to "Consolidation Unit" under the direction of the Administrative Section regarding the handling of the original list has been considered separately under the caption of "Communist Party, USA, District #2, Internal Security - C" (100-3-4-8134).

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**BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE**

**Bufile:** 65-15862 NEW YORK Field Division

2-1-53 Date

**Title and Character of Case:** IRVING GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al

*pc*

**Date Property Acquired:** 11-17-45

**Source From Which Property Acquired:** ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

**Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:** FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK

**Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:** Maintained at National City Bank per Bureau instructions.

**Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same:** SA T. SPENCER

18. One-hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2,000.00.

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DATE 11/5/79 BY 3042 BWT/JS

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*Allen Silvermaster*  
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**CORRELATION SUMMARY**

Main File No: 101-786  
(Also see 65-56402)

(U)

Date:

(U)

Subject: Helen Silvermaster (U)

Date Searched: 11/30/52

(U)

Found As: (See page 2) (U)

Also Searched As: Mrs. N. Gregory, Mrs. A. Silvermaster, Mrs. M. Silvermaster, Mrs. Doris Witt, Mrs. S.P. Witte, Mrs. Doris Witte, Mrs. Doris P. Witte, Mrs. Doris Peter Witte. (U)

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "if preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However, it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same. (U)

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail. (U)

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Author:

Editor:

Special Agent in Charge

Helen F. [Name]

Approved:

There are numerous "see" references to this subject in all Bureau files (Silvermaster case) which have been omitted in this summary. (U)

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Found as:

Mrs. Nathan Gregory, Helen Petrovna, Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silbermaster, Helen Silvermaster, Helen Silvermarker, One Silvermaster, Mrs. G. Silvermaster, Mrs. Greg Silvermaster, Mrs. Gregory Silbermaster, Mrs. Gregory N. Silvermaster, Mrs. Gregory Nathan Silvermaster, Mrs. E. Silvermaster, Mrs. E.P. Silvermaster, Helen Silvermaster, Helen P. Silvermaster, Helen Peter Silvermaster, Helen Petrova Silvermaster, Mrs. Boris Volkov, Mrs. Boris N. Volkov, Mrs. Boris Nicholas Volkov, Mrs. Boris Volkoff Volkov, Helen Volkov, Helen P. Volkov, Helen Petrovna Volkov, Helen Petrovna Witte Volkov, Helen W. Volkov, Helen Witte Volkov, Helen White, Helen Witt, Helen Witte, Helen P. Witte, Helen Petrova Witte, Helen Petrovna Witte, Helen Petrova Witte Silvermaster, Helen Petrovna Silvermaster, Helen Petrovna White Silvermaster, Helen Volkov Silvermaster, Helen W. Silvermaster, Helen White Silvermaster, Helen Witt Silvermaster, Helen Witte Silvermaster, Helen W. Silvermaster, Mrs. N.G. Silvermaster, Mrs. E. Gregory Silvermaster, Mrs. Nathan Silvermaster, Mrs. Nathan G. Silvermaster, Mrs. Nathan Gregori Silvermaster, Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, Helen Silvermaster Witte

*Silvermaster*

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**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Subject:**

Helen Silvermaster, was. Mrs. Nathan Gregory,  
Helen Petrova, Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silber-  
master, Helen Silvermaster, Helen Silber-  
marker, One Silvermaster, Mrs. G. Silvermaster,  
Mrs. Greg Silvermaster, Mrs. Gregory Silvermas-  
ter, Mrs. Gregory N. Silvermaster, Mrs. Gregory Nath-  
Silvermaster, Mrs. H. Silvermaster, Mrs. H.P.  
Silvermaster, Helen Silvermaster, Helen P.  
Silvermaster, Helen Peter Silvermaster, Helen  
Petrova Silvermaster, Mrs. Boris Volkov, Mrs.  
Boris N. Volkov, Mrs. Boris Nicholas Volkov,  
Mrs. Boris Volkoff Volkov, Helen Volkov, Helen  
P. Volkov, Helen Petrova Volkov, Helen  
Petrova Witte Volkov, Helen V. Volkov, Helen  
Witte Volkov, Helen White, Helen Witt, Helen  
Witte, Helen P. Witte, Helen Petrova Witte,  
Helen Petrova Witte, Helen Petrova Witte  
Silvermaster, Helen Petrova Silvermaster,  
Helen Petrova White Silvermaster, Helen  
Volkov Silvermaster, Helen V. Silvermaster,  
Helen White Silvermaster, Helen Witt Silver-  
master, Helen Witte Silvermaster, Helen V.  
Silvermaster, Mrs. H.G. Silvermaster, Mrs.  
N. Gregory Silvermaster, Mrs. Nathan Silver-  
master, Mrs. Nathan G. Silvermaster, Mrs.  
Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, Mrs. Nathan  
Gregory Silvermaster, Helen Silvermaster  
Witte

**Born:**

**Citizenship:**

4/25/99 or 8/26/99 in Moscow, Russia

Entered US on 7/6/23 at Seattle, Washington  
from Takahang, Japan; naturalized 8/7/32 at  
Oakland, California.

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**Marital Status:**

Married Boris Nicholas Volkoff in Siberia 5/5/19; divorced from Volkoff (Volkov) (deceased) 7/15/30 in San Francisco, California on grounds of wilful desertion since 6/6/23; married Nathan Gregory Silvermaster 7/21/31 in San Francisco, California. (Name of Volkoff changed to Volkov on 3/4/29.)

**Relatives:**

**Father -**

Baron Peter A. Witte

**Mother -**

Vera Witte

**Brothers -**

Boris Peter Witte; (100-344211) (divorced wife Vera Witte; wife Eve Knox Witte)

Alexander Witte

**Husband -**

Nathan Gregory Silvermaster (101-706) (65-56202)

**Son -**

Anatole Boris Volkov; (100-329906); born 10/29/24 in San Francisco, California; formerly resided in Washington, D.C., New Jersey, and California; presently of 1720 Argentia Drive, Dallas, Texas.

**Daughter-in-**

**law -**

Elaine Volkov

**Sister -**

married to Professor Shunakov, captain with the Imperial Russian forces in World War I, lived in Russia

**Description:**

**Hair -**

brown

**Complexion -**

fair

**Eyes -**

brown; large, heavy eyebrows

**Teeth -**

good, even, white

**Height -**

5 feet, 10 inches

**Weight -**

135-140 pounds

**Dress -**

Well groomed, smartly dressed

**Accent -**

slightly foreign

**Face -**

white

**Hobby:**

Photography (since childhood)

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**Residences:**

1899-1914	Russia
1914-1917	Mongolia; fled to China after the Revolution; possibly in Japan temporarily
1923	United States
1925	Mill Valley, California, as wife of Boris N. Volkov
1927	Berkeley, California
1928	Atherton, California (with Nathan Silvermaster)
1932	434 Rich Street, Oakland, California
1934	800 Duboce Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.
(No date given)	927 - 15th Street N.W. Washington, D.C.
July, 1935 - July, 1936	3108 North Tenth Road, Clarendon, Va.
July, 1936 - July, 1937	3036 Dumbarton Street, Washington, DC
July, 1937 - July, 1938	3217 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
July, 1938 - July, 1939	3630 Jocelyn St., N.W., Washington, DC
July, 1939 - June, 1947	5515 30th Street, N.W., Washington, DC
June, 1947 - December, 1947	84th Street and the Beach, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, c/o Alexander Portnoff
December, 1947-	87th Street on the Beach, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

**Education:**

Graduate of University of Moscow,  
Moscow, Russia

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**Employment:**

*Department of Labor, Washington, DC,  
June, 1936 to December, 1936*

**Organization Affiliations:**

*CP*

*League of Women Shoppers*

*Washington Book Shop Association*

*Washington Committee for Aid to China*

*Washington Committee for Democratic Action*

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The following named individuals were members of the "Silvermaster Group," a Soviet espionage ring composed mostly of individuals employed in the United States Government. This group was headed by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and primarily operated in Washington, D.C. in the early 1940's.

Nathan Gregory Silvermaster  
Helen Witte Silvermaster  
Schlomer Adler  
Norman Chandler Bursler  
Virginus Frank Coe  
Lauchlin Bernard Currie  
Bela Gold

Sonie Steinman Gold  
Irving Kaplan  
Abraham George Silverman  
William Henry Taylor  
William Ludwig Ullman  
Anatole Boris Volkov  
Harry Dexter White

The following individuals were members of the "Perlo Group," a Soviet Espionage ring composed mostly of individuals employed in the United States Government. This group was headed by Victor Perlo and operated primarily in Washington, D.C. in the early 1940's.

✓ Victor Perlo  
Edward Joseph Fitzgerald  
Harold Glasser  
Alger Hiss  
✓ Charles Kramer

Solomon Aaron Lischinsky  
Harry Samuel Magdoff  
George N. Perazich  
Allan Robert Rosenberg  
Donald Niven Wheeler

Both the Silvermaster and Perlo groups furnished information to Elizabeth Bentley who acted as their courier and who later was the principal informant in the <sup>Gregory</sup> case (U)

Through investigation, the following individuals were also ascertained to be connected with the above Soviet espionage conspiracy: U

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Michael Greenberg  
Joseph B. Gregg  
Maurice Halperin  
Julius Joseph Joseph  
Duncan Chaplin Lee  
Robert Talbott Miller III  
Willard Zerbe Park

Mary Wolfe Price  
Bernard Sidney Redmont  
William Walter Remington  
Peter Christopher Rhodes  
Ruth Rifkin  
Hazen Edward Sise  
Helen Barrett Tenney

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**NEW YORK AND VICINITY**

**John J. Abt  
Cedric Manning Belfrage  
Abraham Brothman  
Ray Eisen**

**Michael Endelman  
Mildred Price  
Lt. Col. John Hazard Reynolds  
Dr. Abraham Benedict Weinstein**

It was ascertained from investigation that the following three Soviet Representatives were connected with this Soviet espionage conspiracy.

**Feder Alexeevich Garanin  
Anatoli Borisovich Gromov  
Olga Borisovna Pravdina**

Some of the above persons will be mentioned in the summaries of the individual references which follow, however, they will not be further identified herein. For additional information on these individuals in connection with this case see the "Summary Brief" entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage organization in Agency of the United States Government" dated August 24, 1948. (65-56402-306212)

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GLOSSARY

Elizabeth Sasuly - an active, aggressive, and devout communist; operated in the labor field for many years.

4/11/49 registered as Representative of the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers.

Richard Sasuly - husband of Elizabeth Sasuly, active communist; engaged in CP underground movement in Washington, D.C. in the late 1930's.

Mary Jane Keeney - CP member in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

Philip Keeney - husband of Mary Jane Keeney, CP member in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

David Wahl - member of CP underground movement in Washington, D.C. in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

Dr. Edward U. Condon - Chief of the US Bureau of Standards during the war; frequent visitor at the Russian and Russian satellite embassies.

Richard Bransten - a self-admitted open CP member while in Washington D.C., formerly employed by "New Masses."

Pelle Habicht - received, from Moscow, literature and newspapers direct from "Pravda" and "Izvestia."

Alexander Portnoff - a sculptor; permanent resident of 948 Clinton Street, Philadelphia, with summer home in Harvey Cedars, NJ; known to have been visited by the Harry Dexter White and the Silvermasters; subject of an Internal Security case in which PH origin

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Highly confidential informants advised that [redacted]

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San Francisco rpt., 8/14/47  
Re: Boleslava Karlovna Migdalovskiy;  
IS-B  
100-951583-7  
(117)  
SI 100-951583-12 (No source given)  
(94, 117, 136)  
SI 100-951583-14 (No source given)  
(116, 117)

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San Francisco rpt., 7/19/50  
Re: Elena Aleksena Varneck, was.;  
IS-C  
105-11744-34  
(114, 116, 118)

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The divorce court records in San Francisco revealed that Boris Nicholas Volkov obtained a final decree of divorce from Helen Petronna Volkov on 7/25/38 on the grounds of wilful desertion since 6/6/38.

The records of marriages in San Francisco from 1927 to 1948 did not reflect the marriage of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and Helen Petronna Volkov, who were reportedly married in San Francisco in about 1929 or 1930.

San Francisco news, 1/17/46  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was. J. et al;  
Espionage-R  
65-56408-393  
(117, 121)  
SI 65-56408-159  
(117, 121)

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Detroit rpt., 6/18/54  
Re: Boris Peter Witte;  
IS-R  
100-344211-14  
(39, 123, 133)

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Correlator's Notations: See 100-344211-15; Witte is Helen Silvermaster's brother.

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On 9/9/53 Mrs. Dorothy S. Brady, Chief, Division of Prices and Cost of Living, Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, residence 4416 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland, gave the following information.

Mrs. Brady obtained temporary employment for Norman Chandler Bursler in the US Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC around 1938. In conversation during 1937 and 1938, Bursler spoke frequently of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster, and Mrs. Brady had the impression that he must have been constantly around the Silvermaster's home during that period. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster visited the Brady residence frequently while they were at the University of California, and Mrs. Brady also knew Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster in Washington, DC around the middle 1930's. However, after obtaining her divorce in 1937, Mrs. Brady broke off all social acquaintances with the Silvermasters.

WFO rpt., 10/2/53  
Re: Norman Chandler Bursler;  
IS-R  
101-3274-181  
(54, 100)

Samuel Ezekiel Barenk Issac of 12215 Middle Road, Silver Spring, Maryland identified the shipboard companions who helped his friend, Nicolas Terentievich Bourdakoff, in obtaining the Washington, DC address of Boris Witte, brother of Helen Silvermaster. Issac and Bourdakoff arrived in Seattle, Washington on 12/15/39 and went to Witte in Washington, DC for aid in patenting an electric sign which Bourdakoff had invented.

WFO rpt., 11/30/54  
(NK 100-33199)  
Re: William Ludwig Ullman, was.;  
Espionage-R  
100-364197-141  
(46)

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Mrs. Lena McCarthy, Box 113, Ukiah, California, advised that she first met Nathan Gregory Silvermaster in about 1926, and that she came to know him better in about 1930. After she met Helen Volkev Silvermaster, she came to believe that Silvermaster was either a communist or a Socialist. When Anatole, Silvermaster's son, was about thirteen years old, he was very ill, and Helen and Nathan Silvermaster brought him to the McCarthy farm, where he recovered from the illness. Mrs. McCarthy corresponded with Anatole after that time, and he visited her farm occasionally. On a visit in 1940, Anatole told her that his name appeared on the membership list of the American Youth For Democracy but that he had not put it there.

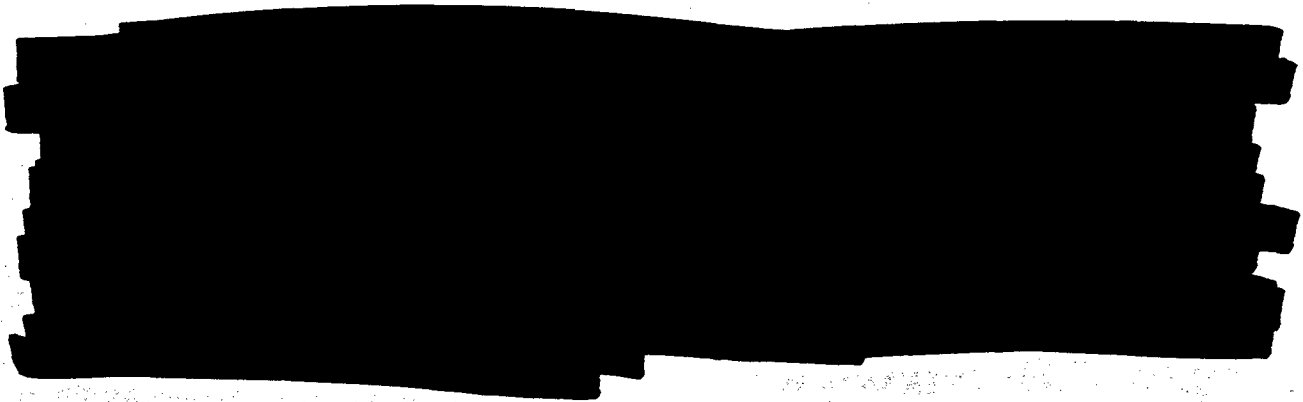
SF rpt. 10/18/48

Re: Gregory

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On interviews April 25, 1954 and August 5 and 6, 1954, Isaac advised that a few days after arrival in Washington, D.C. on 1/1/40, he and Bourdakoff were taken by Fitts to the Silvermaster home and they first met Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster. Isaac said that he and Bourdakoff did not like the Silvermasters as they appeared to be "very deep" and unfriendly. Isaac stated he had no suspicions that the Silvermasters were communists or espionage agents, although he recalled that Bourdakoff once remarked that he thought them communists without giving any reason for his belief.

WFO rpt. 8/16/54  
(NK 100-33199)  
Re: William Ludwig Ullman, was.  
Espionage - R  
100-364197-131  
(46,111)

Boris Volkov permitted photographs to be made of certain letters which remained in his possession subsequent to a visit from his son, Anatole Volkov. One of the letters to Anatole from his mother, Helen Silvermaster, was undated but appeared to be with another letter dated 8/21/40 and referred to a "very nice new friend - Nora Coe's nephew."

WFO rpt. 5/15/51  
Re: Virginus Frank Coe, aka,  
SM-C  
100-364447-16, Enc. p.9,11,12,32,33  
(46,73,82,96,123)

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Bureau Memo 11/10/55 *refer*  
Re: William Henry Taylor  
International Monetary Fund  
Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Employees of the UN  
and Other Public International  
Organizations - IR; enclosing  
Photostat of transcript of  
above hearings  
198-348-224, enc. p. 313, 324  
(65,84,104,125)

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WFO memo 1/28/59  
Re: Solomon Adler, aka  
Espionage-B  
65-58751-111  
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A list of the active members of the Washington League of Women Shoppers as of 1/1/41 included the name Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster, 5515 - 30th Street N.W.

A highly confidential source  
WFO rpt. 3/8/41  
Re: League of Women  
Shoppers, Washington, D.C.  
IS-C  
100-7059-59  
(110)

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Washington, D.C.  
WFO rpt. 7/16/41  
Re: Washington Committee  
for Aid to China  
IS-C  
100-22563-2  
(30)

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The name Mrs. Helen Silvermaster, 5515-30th Street  
N.W., Washington, D.C. appeared on the list.

WFO Letter 9/23/41, enclosing  
above mimeographed copies  
of lists  
Re caption  
100-24699-3  
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During 1941 and 1942 a Hatch Act investigation was conducted regarding Bertha Blair, who was employed by RRB. Murray W. Latimer, who was at that time Chairman of the RRB, was interviewed, and he advised that he did not believe Blair was in any way subversive. Files of WFO reflected that Latimer had been closely associated with Abraham George Silverman, Irving Kaplan, Helen Silvermaster, and Mary Jane Keeney.

WFO Teletype 10/14/48

Re: Bertha Blair

Commerce

LGE

121-12586-215

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SI:65-60598-12 [REDACTED]

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SI: 121-12448-30 [REDACTED]

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The name of Bernice Levin appeared in the address book believed to belong to Helen Silvermaster.  
(WFO Files)

Elizabeth Bentley indicated that Bernice Levin was involved in her espionage activities in 1941 and 1942.

NY Teletype 8/24/48

Re: Gregory

Espionage - R

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On 3/7/42 Bureau Agents found the names of Nathan Gregory and Helen P. Silvermaster listed by HCUA as members of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, and Helen Silvermaster listed as a member of the Washington Book Shop.

The files of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department contained a news clipping from "The Washington Post" of 3/18/38 stating that Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster attended a reception in honor of Dr. Gustaf Rigler, which was sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Friends of Spanish Democracy. The police files also disclosed the fact that Dr. Rigler fought for the Loyalists in Spain.

WFO rpt. 3/4/48  
Re: Philip Mullenbach  
AEA-A: Internal Security  
116-26-25-18, p. 19  
(65)

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On 2/18/44 [redacted] furnished names and identifying data concerning expired memberships of the Washington Bookshop Association. [redacted]

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WFO rpt. 4/18/44  
Re: Washington Bookshop Association  
IS-C  
100-24699-45, p. 48  
(68)

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On January 7 and 12, 1954 Elizabeth Bentley stated that at Christmas time 1941 or 1942 she attended a Christmas party at the Nathan Silvermaster home. At this time Helen Silvermaster indicated to Bentley that Lauchlin Bernard Currie was well aware of the fact that the Silvermasters were engaged in espionage activity. Bentley stated that she met Abraham George Silverman on only one occasion, and that meeting was at the Silvermaster home. Bentley was introduced to Silverman by Helen Silvermaster under an assumed name. Mrs. Silvermaster assured Silverman that Bentley was a good personal friend. Through the Silvermasters Bentley was acquainted with the espionage activities of Silverman.

New Orleans rpt. 1/14/54  
Re: Lauchlin Bernard Currie, was.  
Espionage-R  
101-3616-97  
(54, 112)  
SI: 101-3616-73  
(54)  
SI: 101-3616-107  
(54)

Elizabeth Bentley stated that during the summer or fall of 1943 it became desirable to place someone in the office of Harry Dexter White at the Treasury Department. According to Bentley, Helen Silvermaster contacted a CP functionary in Baltimore, Maryland and secured the name of Sonia Gold, who was thereafter employed in White's Division of Monetary Research. Bela Gold furnished to the Silvermasters information which he secured through his employment with the Foreign Economic Administration.

WFO memo 12/30/52  
Re: Bela Gold, was; Sonia Gold  
Espionage-R  
100-365891-35  
(47)  
SI: 100-365891-40  
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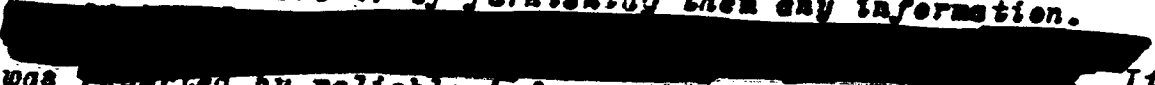


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Boris Witte, brother of Helen Petreuna Silvermaster, reportedly lived with Silvermaster in Washington, D.C. in approximately 1940-1943. According to Boris Volkov, ex-husband of Helen Silvermaster, Vera Witte, divorced wife of Boris Witte, was anti-communist.

SF Teletype 8/21/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-3406X1  
(12,71)

In interview on 6/7/47 Norman Chandler Burseler, a suspect as the unknown subject of instant case, denied being questioned concerning his government employment by the Silvermasters or of furnishing them any information.

 It was reported by reliable informants that Burseler had been an active communist and had also furnished Department of Justice reports concerning Felix Senary to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife Helen Silvermaster for transmission to Russia.

Chicago memo 7/14/52  
Re: Unknown Subject;  
Employee of the US Consulate,  
Shanghai, China  
(The Richard Sorge Case)  
Espionage-R  
65-60162-101  
(24)

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The following circumstances alleged by Elizabeth Terrill Bentley regarding Bela and Sonia Gold were substantiated by investigation by the Washington Field Office.

The Golds were acquainted with and in frequent contact with Helen Silvermaster.

Sonia Gold obtained a position with the Treasury Department in 1943 with the partial assistance, at least, of Helen Silvermaster and Harry Dexter White.

It was noted that at one time Elizabeth Bentley alleged that Helen Silvermaster contacted the Baltimore Office of the CP where she was given the name of Sonia Gold. However, in an earlier interview, Bentley stated the CP functionaries in Washington, D.C. had been contacted, whereas there was no evidence linking the Golds with the CP.

Pittsburgh Memo 1/2/52  
Re: Bela Gold, wa.  
Sonia Gold, wa.  
Espionage-R  
100-365891-7  
(47)

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Informant Gregory advised he believed that George Silverman became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan G. Silvermaster through William Ludwig Ullman. In 1942 Silverman became very friendly with the Silvermasters and was a frequent visitor in their home.

Informant Gregory advised that in the spring of 1944 he was present at the Silvermasters' residence when George Silverman, an alleged member of the Silvermaster group, arrived. Gregory spent most of that evening with Helen Silvermaster in the kitchen. When Silverman was leaving, he walked through the kitchen and Helen Silvermaster casually introduced Gregory to him under a fictitious name.

WFO rpt. 4/11/46  
Re: Jay David Whittaker  
Chambers, was., Etal  
Perjury; Espionage-R  
IS-B  
74-1333-3071, p.2,8-13,  
17,39,69  
(25,89,110,129)  
SI: 74-1333-2441  
(110)

A portion of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley's signed statement dated 11/30/45 was quoted. The quotation included the information that Helen Silvermaster furnished Bentley typewritten notations of government data, that her only information on Harry Dexter White came from Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster, that from conversations with the Silvermasters in 1943 she learned of information being furnished by George Silverman and that Helen Silvermaster had been instrumental in securing Sonya Gold for a secretary in White's office in 1943.

WFO rpt. 1/27/56  
(WFO 65-5428)  
Re: Harry Dexter White  
Espionage-R  
101-4053-1406, encl. p.43,44,  
47,49,50,57,75  
(83)

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Helen Witte Silvermaster was an active participant in a Soviet espionage apparatus operating in Washington, D.C. and NYC from 1941 to 1944. Most of the material gathered by this group was photographed by W. Ludwig Ullman, and less frequently by Helen Silvermaster, before being turned over to a courier.

Elizabeth T. Bentley  
New York Summary rpt. 5/9/49  
Re: Alger Hiss  
Perjury; Espionage-B  
IS-B  
74-1333-3274, p.55  
(26,79)

The HCUA prepared a report "Communist Front Organizations." The chapter on "Washington Committee for Aid to China" set out information that this organization was interlocked with other front organizations and included the following information.

Helen Silvermaster, was. Helen P. Silvermaster and Mrs. N. Gregory Silvermaster, 5515 Thirtieth Street N.W., was a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, a member of Washington Bookshop, and a member of the Washington Committee for Aid to China.

HCUA rpt. 1944  
61-7582-1298, p.1687  
(2,67,106)

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Reliable informants of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (not further identified) reported that Philip Dunaway was a close associate of Nathan Gregory and Helen Witte Silvermaster.

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WFO rpt. 11/15/48  
Re: Chandler Morse, aka  
Consultant-Appointee,  
Office of the Secretary,  
Department of Interior,  
Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Government Employees  
121-13019-7  
(62,83,102,125)

T-1, of unknown reliability, advised that Mary Jane and Philip Keeney met Richard Bransten through Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

An anonymous source advised that the Silvermasters were guests at a supper given by Mary Jane Keeney on 2/12/44.

T-1: Richard Bransten  
1358 Madison Ave., NYC  
New York rpt. 7/2/52  
Re: Mary Jane Keeney;  
Philip Olin Keeney, wa.  
IS-B  
Internal Security Act of 1950  
101-467-173, Enc. p.3,32  
(50,98)

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New York rpt. 2/13/44  
Re: Louise Rosenberg,  
Bronsten, was.  
IS-C  
100-17139-42  
(29)

SI: 100-203581-2753  
(36)

SI: 100-17139-89 (Source of [REDACTED]  
not clearly stated)

(130)(C)

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A highly confidential source made available a list of names and addresses which apparently were prepared by Haakon M. Chevalier as a Christmas card list. The list included the names of Heler and Greg Silvermaster, 5515-30th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (No date given).

[REDACTED]

New York rpt. 3/15/44  
Re: Comintern Apparatus  
IS-R  
100-203581-1825, p.56  
(35)

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Marginal notation: No dissemination. Information only. [REDACTED]

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New York rpt. 8/10/59  
Re: Leonid Dmitrievich Abramov  
Espionage-R  
65-60903-37, Enc. p. 45, 49  
(24, 71, 89, 114)

In 1945 Dorothy Kaplan was in contact with Helen Silvermaster for the purpose of expediting the return of Irving Kaplan from Europe, where he was assigned by the US Treasury Department.

(S) u [REDACTED] (S) u

b2 b7D

In an interview on 5/29/47 V. Frank Coe denied furnishing any information to the Silvermasters or to any individual for transmission to Russia. Coe was identified by Elizabeth Bentley as having engaged in Soviet espionage activities in the early 1940's.

New York Summary rpt. 1/9/51  
Re: Irving Kaplan, was.  
Espionage-R  
Internal Security Act of 1950  
65-58728-36, p. 4, 6, 29, 30, 31  
35, 39, 40  
(22, 64, 68, 122)

SI to para. 1 above: 65-58728-9, p. 7  
(22, 79)

SI to para. 1 above: 65-58728-9  
(22)

SI to para. 1 above: 65-58728-9  
(5) (Confidential Source)

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enclosing above paper  
61-3499-696  
(2,77,120,129)

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Boston News. 9/28/54  
Re: Abraham George Silverman, wa.  
Espionage-R; Internal Security Act, 18  
100-363633-121  
(45,105)

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According to [REDACTED], Dr. Dean Burk and his wife, Mildred, were friends of Helen Silvermaster. (Date not given)

[REDACTED] b7D  
An anonymous reliable informant advised that in 1945 Dean Burk served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Science Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.

WFO rpt. 3/9/50  
Re: Dr. Silvio Fiesla, wa.  
IS-R and CZ  
100-365155-S  
(46)

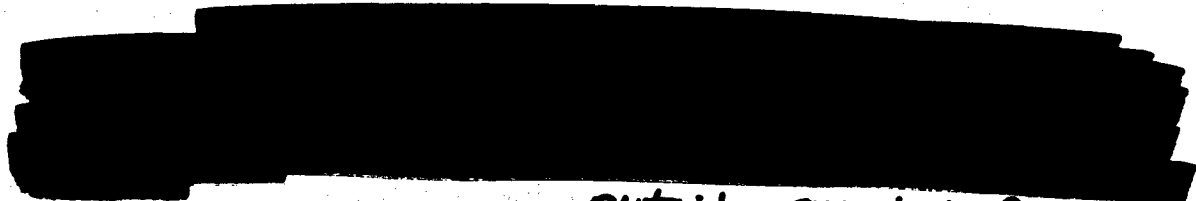
b2 b7D

[REDACTED] advised that Helen Silvermaster considered Dean Burk to be a friend of hers during the time of her espionage activities; however, both informants indicated that there was little or no contact between Burk and Silvermaster during this period of alleged espionage activities by Silvermaster.

WFO rpt. 11/5/48  
Re: Dean Burk, Senior  
Chemist, National Institute of  
Health, Federal Security  
Agency, Bethesda, Maryland  
LGE  
121-7163-26  
(59)

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*outside purview of FOIA*

*WFO memo 5/24/50  
Re: Solomon Adler, aka  
Treasury Department  
LGE; enclosing Photostat  
of transcription of above  
hearing dated 4/25/50  
121-4089-110, encl. # 1, p.16  
(58)  
SI: 121-6150-928, encl. p.49,48  
(50,70,102)*

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After her arrival in NY in 1945, Louise Bransten, a wealthy and nationally influential CP member, contacted a number of individuals who had been implicated in espionage activity for the USSR. Principal among those contacted were Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

(Source not clear)  
San Francisco rpt. 1/31/47  
Re: Cominfil of Radiation  
Laboratory, University of  
California, Berkeley, California  
16-7  
100-190625-2648, p.70  
(35)

[REDACTED]

(S) b1  
William Green and his wife, Jean Hinton Green, who resided at 1739 Harvard Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. during the time of the investigation of the Gregory case, were known to have been in frequent contact with the Silvermasters.

WFO memo 6/26/51  
Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 1a b1  
65-59250-16  
(23)

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According to [redacted] b2 b7D  
friend of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

On 1/27/45 Polya Habicht gave a lecture at a meeting sponsored by the East-West Society held at the Friends Meeting House of Washington, 2111 Florida Avenue, N.W.  
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WFO rpt. 8/22/50  
Re: Service of Industrial  
Analysis,  
French Embassy  
Washington, D. C.  
IS-FR-B  
105-12825-1  
(56)  
SI: 100-355852-16, p.22  
(Source not given)  
(43)

In a letter to Max Granich written in August, 1945 Grace Granich stated that she had seen Greg and Helen and they sent their love. (Above reference believed to refer to Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.) In an undated letter to Grace Granich from Ruth McKenny, (wife of Richard Bransten, formerly West Coast Editor of "New Masses") McKenny discussed the book "The Last Days of Sevastopol." She stated, "That book has quite unhorsed Helen (Silvermaster) and Helen's family, all of them."  
Confidential Source

The Silvermasters knew Louise Bransten, first wife of Richard Bransten, above.

Albany Files

Marginal notation: No distribution due to obvious sources.

Albany rpt. 6/22/49  
Re: Max Granich, was.  
IS-B  
100-38434-110, p.18,21  
(34)

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On 1/20/54 Dr. Bela Gold and his wife, Sonia Steinman Gold, were interviewed, and they furnished the following information.

Sonia Gold categorically denied that Helen Silvermaster had assisted her in securing her position with the Treasury Department. She stated that she had worked for several months in the Treasury Department before she met Helen Silvermaster. Mrs. Gold said that she accompanied her husband on a few visits to the Silvermaster home in connection with a dissertation which her husband was writing. It was through these visits that she met Helen Silvermaster, and she last saw Mrs. Silvermaster when she came to visit Mrs. Gold and her new son, who was born in September, 1945.

Both Dr. Gold and his wife stated they never had any indication that the Silvermasters were engaged in espionage activities. Dr. and Mrs. Gold gave signed statements incorporating summary of the above statements. Mrs. Gold declared in her statement that she had never transmitted government information to Helen Silvermaster or any other unauthorized person.

Pittsburgh memo 1/27/54  
Re: Bela Gold, wa.  
Sonia Steinman Gold, wa.  
Espionage, R  
100-365891-76  
(47,96)

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According to the files of the NY office, Ruth Gruber was secretary to Mr. Harold Ickes while he was Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Gruber was reported to be an acquaintance of Helen Silvermaster and [REDACTED]

WFO rpt. 3/29/49 b1  
Re: Judith Coplen;  
Valentin Alekssevich  
Gubitchev, was.  
Espionage-R  
65-58365-525, p.149  
(22)  
SI: 65-58365-615  
(22)  
SI: 65-56402-939-  
(8)  
SI: 100-365848-7  
(47)  
SI: 62-62701-25 (C-443)  
(3,86)

In a signed statement dated 11/8/45, Elizabeth Terrell Bentley gave a chronological account of her activities in 1939-1943. She stated that the Silvermasters were always giving parties, that William Ludwig Ullman attended one of the parties, and the Silvermasters spotted him as good material. They got him to their point of view, and he took a room in their house. Ullman and the Silvermasters photographed government documents at night. Bentley believed that Helen Silvermaster was fanatically Russian, more so than any of the others.

New York Letter 11/13/45  
Re: Elizabeth Terrell Bentley,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R; enclosing Photostat  
of above signed statement  
65-56402-581  
(7)

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On 11/30/45 Charlotte Young and Helen Silvermaster engaged in a friendly conversation. (S) U

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WFO rpt. 1/18/46 (WFO rpt. 100-5660)  
Re: Charlotte Dubin Young, wa.  
IS-C  
100-44522-65  
(32)

According to WFO files in a letter dated 11/22/45 Philip Olin Keeney of Washington, D.C. wrote to his wife Jane, who was in Europe with the Allied Commission on Reparations, that on Monday eve he would dine with Helen Silvermaster.

WFO Letter 12/17/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R; enclosing  
copy of above letter  
65-56402-1822  
(10)

On 11/26/45 a Mrs. Shapiro told Helen Silvermaster that on that date Harold Shapiro was attending a conference in Atlantic City. [REDACTED] b2 b7D

Marginal notation: No dissemination-Top Secret information included.

New York rpt. 1/20/49  
Re: Judith Coplon  
Espionage-R  
65-58365-86, encl. p.39,40  
(22)

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On 11/27/45 a Mrs. Steinberg phoned Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster and inquired if the latter had Gares' (Phonetic) address as Mr. Steinberg would like to say "Hello" to him when he went to New York the following week. Mrs. Silvermaster stated that the address was in the address book which Gregory Silvermaster carried on his person. Steinberg was believed identified as Morton Haskell Steinberg, the subject of a Departmental Applicant, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Antitrust Division, in June, 1944.

Memo from Mr. Ladd to the Director  
12/10/45  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was;  
et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-50400-11

b2 b7D

On 11/27/45 [redacted] advised that persons named Marjorie and Charlotte Young conversed with Helen Silvermaster in such a manner as to indicate that they were all mutual friends. It was also indicated that Eddy Young was a friend of Helen Silvermaster, and that he had stayed with the Silvermasters in the past.

[redacted]

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According to WFO files, Charlotte Young was a Key Figure communist. Eddy Young, husband of Charlotte, was also active in CP.

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On 11/29/45, under a suitable pretext, a detailed observation of the basement of the Silvermaster residence at 5515 30th Street was made. It was learned from Mrs. Helen Silvermaster that she was an auxiliary nurse and that her son Anatole had just been released from the Navy and was presently in school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mrs. Silvermaster's son was determined to be Anatole Boris Volkov, a son by a previous marriage.

WFO rpt. 12/13/45  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-234  
(6,71)

Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, on 11/30/45, advised that some of the material from the Silvermasters came to her in the form of typewritten notations made by William Ludwig Ullman and Helen Silvermaster. The notations consisted of data of a varied nature.

WFO rpt. 11/16/50  
Re: Harry Dexter White  
Espionage-R  
101-4053-21, p.15,13-18,  
23,24,27  
(55,82,124)

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In December, 1945 Helen Silvermaster was in contact with Anne Terry White, who advised that her husband, Harry White, was working on the British Loan matter. In the same month Mrs. Silvermaster contacted Mrs. White regarding a picture show, but Mrs. White said that her husband was ill and that she was unable to attend. Also in December, 1945 Mrs. White contacted Frances Edelstein and in a discussion of Helen Silvermaster they indicated a dislike for her. In a subsequent conversation, Mrs. White and Mrs. Silvermaster discussed concert tickets and the discouraging national and international situation, and they agreed to get together and talk things over. (u)

[redacted] (u) u b2 b7D

The records of the HCUA contained information that Mrs. Harry L. Edelstein (Frances) of Washington, D.C. was a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

An anonymous source of known reliability advised that the name of Ann White appeared in the address book in the possession of Helen and Gregory Silvermaster and Ludwig Ullmann.

Marginal notation: Do not disseminate; see report dated 6/11/54.

WFO rpt. 5/3/54  
Re: Anne Terry White, was.  
SM-C  
100-406556-19  
(49)

In December, 1945 one Barbara Lichtenstein contacted Helen Silvermaster in an effort to get in touch with Anstole Silvermaster, whom Barbara had invited to a party.

[redacted] b2 b7D  
WFO rpt. 11/13/50  
Re: Barbara Ruth Lichtenstein, was.  
SM-C  
100-337908-14  
(38,93)  
SI: 100-45291-35  
(32,90)

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On 12/4/45 Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster had lunch with Mrs. Joseph Gregg (not further identified).

Source not given  
WFO Teletype 12/4/45  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-143  
(87)

On 12/5/45 New York submitted photographs of Mrs. N. Gregory Silvermaster and her son Anatole Boris Volinac, which were enclosed in this reference.

WFO Letter 12/5/45  
(WFO 100-17403)  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al  
Espionage-R; enclosing  
above photographs  
65-56402-213  
(106)

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On 12/13/45 Henrietta Klotz contacted Helen Silvermaster and advised that she was leaving the Treasury Department and was going to work for Henry Morgenthau, Jr. at the request of Mrs. Morgenthau. Henrietta Klotz was a known contact of Harry Dexter White.

On 12/18/45 an automobile registered to Henrietta S. Klotz was observed parked in front of the Silvermaster residence.

**WFO Files**

Bureau Memo Mr. Ladd to the Director  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al;

Espionage-R

65-56402-602

(7)

SI: 65-56402-103 (Confidential  
source, not further identified)

(5)

Charles Malamuth, of 1112 Edgecliff Place, Ithaca, New York, furnished information to a Civil Service investigator to the effect that Nathan Gregory Silvermaster married a girl named Helen Witte, the daughter of a Baron Witte. Helen Witte was originally married to a Volkov, who had come to the US as an adviser to a Manchurian prince, Volkov being an alleged OGPU agent. Investigation indicated Helen Witte's maiden name was Helen Petrovna.

A letter prepared on a Russian typewriter postmarked 12/15/45 from V. Witte, of 12607 Longview, Detroit, Michigan was sent to Mrs. Silvermaster in Washington.

( [REDACTED] ) b2 b7D  
WFO letter 12/26/45

Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,

Espionage-R

65-56402-341

(114,121)

SI: 65-56402-401

(87,121)

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A party named *Lazy*, identity unknown, communicated with Helen Silvermaster (date not given) and advised that his father-in-law, identity unknown, was proceeding to Philadelphia to attend a dinner given by the American Soviet Friendship Physicians. Mrs. Silvermaster indicated that she was familiar with the organization and that a good friend of hers ran the organization. Mrs. Silvermaster also indicated that she received communications about the group, which had for its purpose the fostering of cultural relations "between these great countries."

Confidential source, not further identified  
WFO Teletype 12/17/45  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-128  
(3)

On 12/20/45 Helen Silvermaster attempted to contact Sonia Gold, with negative results.

(Confidential source, not further identified)

A previous report that the Silvermasters had invited Joseph Gregg and wife to their home on Christmas Day was erroneous as the Greggs did not visit at the Silvermaster home on that day. However, an automobile listed to Kilgo G. Barter, not further identified, and an unidentified automobile were parked in front of the Silvermaster residence on Christmas Day. On 12/23/45 Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife drove to the Harry Dexter White home, where they spent the evening.

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WFO Teletype 12/26/45  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-184  
(6)

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On 12/27/45 confidential source (not further identified) advised that Sonia Gold, wife of Bela Gold, had an appointment to meet Mrs. Helen Silvermaster at noon Friday for lunch. Confidential source revealed that Mrs. Silvermaster was very insistent in making this appointment, and that Sonia Gold was reticent in accepting the appointment.

WFO Teletype 12/27/45  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was,  
et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-151  
(5)

On 12/22/45 Helen Silvermaster and Sonia Gold had lunch together in Garfinckel's Department Store Tea Garden.  
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WFO rpt. 12/20/49  
Re: Bela Gold, was.  
Sonia Gold, was.  
SM-C  
100-365891-2, p.7,8,10,20,24,25  
(47)  
SI: 65-56402-156  
(105)

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According to a letter of December 27, 1945 from WFO, a communication between V. Witte, 12607 Leagview, Detroit, Michigan and Mrs. Helen Silvermaster indicated that Witte was preparing a photograph for an application.

[REDACTED]

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WFO letter 12/29/45  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-224  
(6)  
SI: 65-56402-135  
(5)

Correlator's notation: Boris Witte was the brother of Helen Silvermaster.

b2 b7D

In 1946 [REDACTED] advised that one Irving S. Friedman was acquainted with and in contact with Helen and Nathan Silvermaster. [REDACTED] also advised that one Edna Friedman was a social acquaintance of Helen Silvermaster, and that in 1946 the Silvermasters had invited the Irving Friedmans to a summer home which the Silvermasters contemplated obtaining.

WFO rpt. 7/10/53  
Re: Irving Sigmund Friedman  
Director of Exchange Restrictions  
Department, International  
Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Employees of the  
United Nations and Other Public  
International Organizations-IA  
138-932-13  
(65,104)

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On 4/12/54 the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board held a hearing in Washington, D.C. in the case of Andrew Martin Kamarck. The statement was made that according to available information, Sidney Lester Klepper in 1946, who was still in the armed forces in Europe, requested William Ludwig Ullman to give his regards to Andrew Kamarck, Gregg, and Helen, who, informant advised, was Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. When asked if he knew anything about the above statement, Kamarck replied, "No." The interrogator stated that, from information given the Loyalty Board, Kamarck's name had been associated with the names of Silvermaster and his wife Helen.

WFO Airtel 5/11/54  
Re: Andrew Martin Kamarck, aka  
UN, enclosing Photostat  
of official report of  
proceedings of above hearing  
138-909-25, encl. p.136,137  
(65,104)

During the period of 1945-1946 Roger and Reba Lewis were in frequent contact with Ann and Harry Dexter White and Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

[REDACTED] (S) u b2 b7D  
WFO rpt. 8/28/53  
Re: Dr. Roger Abbott Lewis,  
World Health Organization,  
Geneva, Switzerland  
Loyalty of Employees of the  
United Nations and Other  
Public International  
Organizations-IR  
138-2026-52  
(66,104)  
SI: 100-45652-7 [REDACTED] b2  
(32) b7D

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[redacted] stated that Luda Shire, wife of Albert C. Shire, was socially acquainted with Helen Silvermaster, and [redacted] advised that Mary Jane Keeney and Helen Silvermaster were socially acquainted with Luda Shire. (Dates not given).

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WFO rpt. 1/5/50  
Re: Albert Charles Shire,  
Consultant-Appointee,  
Department of the Air Forces,  
Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Government Employees,  
121-21120-33, p.1,13,15,16,18  
(63)

A highly confidential informant stated in 1949 that one Southard, Navy 5909, was known to Helen and Gregory Silvermaster.

WFO rpt. 1/19/49  
Re: Frank Allan Southard, Jr.  
Associate Director-Applicant  
Board of Governors of the  
Federal Reserve System,  
Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Government Employees  
121-14417-44  
(62)  
SI: 121-14417-64  
(62)

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This reference is a summary of background, associates, CP activities and contacts of Helen Silvermaster from 1940 to 1946.

During 1940-1941 Helen Silvermaster was listed as a member of the following:

Washington Committee for Democratic Action  
League of Women Shoppers, Washington, D.C.  
Washington Committee for Aid to China  
Washington Bookshop Association

In December, 1943 the names of Helen and Greg Silvermaster appeared on a list of names in possession of Nathan Chevalier, reported Soviet espionage agent of Berkeley, California.

WFO files, Gregory,  
Fleur, [redacted] b2 b7D  
Confidential Source  
WFO letter 4/9/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2433  
(??)

Information set out in this reference alleged that a "secretary" of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster was possibly identical with the unknown subject (Tserber) of this file.

Gilda Dolores Burke, aka Gilda Dolores De Frank, in interview in February 1948, advised that she had worked as Silvermaster's secretary most of the time from 1943 to 1946.

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[redacted] advised that upon infrequent occasions Filda De Frank made arrangements for luncheon engagements with Helen Silvermaster and also for dinner engagement in the Silvermaster home where she was Silvermaster's secretary.

Mrs. Helga Wolski Dudman, on interview in January 1950, advised that while employed by the War Labor Board in Washington, D.C. in 1942, she renewed her association with Gregory Silvermaster, whom she had known as a neighbor in California. She stated that she felt Silvermaster and his wife may have been radical; however, it never occurred to her that they might be communists or espionage agents.

WFO rpt. 3/12/51

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[redacted] (TS)  
SI: 65-60057-1  
(24)

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[redacted] reported that in 1946 Helen Silvermaster was interested in contacting one Sylvia Hagler.

A list of contacts and acquaintances of Max and Helene Elitcher as supplied by a reliable, anonymous source included the name of Sylvia Hagler.

WFO rpt. 12/15/49  
Re: Max Elitcher;  
Helene Sternberg Elitcher  
Espionage-R  
101-2115-46, p.16  
(52)

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This reference is a Bureau memo enclosing a Bureau file review summary. The review shows background and results of investigation of persons named by Elizabeth Terrill Bentley in her statement dealing with her activities as a Soviet courier in the US, or persons who were proven by investigation to have been closely related thereto. The main objective was to establish the truth or falsity of Bentley's statement. The review showed a high degree of accuracy in her statements. The activities of Helen Witte Silvermaster, was. Helen Volkov, Helen Witte, were reviewed.

Memo <sup>from</sup> D.M. Ladd to the Director 1/3/46  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was  
Espionage-B; enclosing above memo  
of file review  
65-58402-821  
(78,115,121)

Arthur Stuart, of 8425 Woodcliff Court, Silver Spring, Maryland, a Treasury Department employee as of 1/14/46, was a contact of Helen and Nathan Silvermaster.

Review of WFO Files  
WFO rpt. 5/10/50  
Re: Solomon Adler, aka  
65-58751-25  
(23)

Soon after Gregory came in contact with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, she was introduced to William Ludwig Ullman in the Silvermaster home in Washington, D.C. At that time Ullman was residing in the Silvermaster home and it was through the Silvermasters that he secured a position in the US Treasury Department.

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During the early period of Gregory's activities as a courier between the Silvermasters and Jacob Golos, her Soviet superior, the only persons whom she knew to be collecting information for transmittal to Golos were the Silvermasters and Ullman.

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Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster  
65-56402-126  
(87)

Confidential source, not further identified, advised that on 1/24/46, Seth Geer (phonetic) contacted Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and arrangements were made for Geer to spend the night with the Silvermasters. Same source later advised that Helen Silvermaster contacted Lee Pressman and wanted to know if they could bring Geer along in order that they would not have to postpone quote it unquote again. Pressman agreed that Geer could come. Seth Geer was not identified.

WFO Teletype 1/25/46  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-435  
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48 Canal St. Westport,  
Connecticut (No date given)  
New Haven rpt. 1/30/48  
Re: Richard Bransten, was.  
IS-C  
100-80068-149 p.1,30,36  
(35)

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Confidential source, not further  
identified  
WFO Teletype 1/31/48  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-456.  
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This reference is a letter dated 2/1/46 from the Director to Brigadier General Harry Hawkins Vaughan, Military Aide to the President, The White House, Washington, D.C.

The letter stated that information had come to the attention of the Bureau charging Harry Dexter White of being a valuable adjunct to an underground Soviet Espionage organization. Material which came into White's possession in his official capacity was made available through intermediaries to Nathan Gregory and Helen Witte Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullman.

65-56402-473  
(78)

A technical surveillance revealed the following information, which did not appear to pertain to Louis Gorin, subject of this investigation.

On 2/3/46 a Lou Gorin contacted Helen Silvermaster and invited her to a party.

WFO Memo 4/8/54  
Re: Louis Gorin  
Agriculture  
Security of Government Employees  
121-7597-30  
(60)

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[REDACTED] reported the contacts and activities of Helen Silvermaster from 12/21/45 through 1/15/46. The contacts included the following:

Date	Contact
12/25/45	Madame Luguet (Ph)
12/27/45	Unidentified woman.
12/29/45	
12/27/45	Madame Luguet
12/29/45	Angus Keeney
1/1/46	Henrietta
1/5/46	George
1/8/46	Dick Sassuly (Ph)
1/8/46	Margaret
1/9/46	Elizabeth Sassuly
1/14/46	Rosa Lewis (Ph)

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[REDACTED] advised that a joint bank account was maintained by Nathan G. and Helen P. Silvermaster at the City Bank in Washington, D.C. as of 8/31/45.

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[REDACTED] also advised that Helen Silvermaster received an invitation from the Washington Committee for Russian Relief to attend a dinner at the Mayflower Hotel on February 4, 1946. The dinner was in honor of Mrs. Harriman, wife of the American Ambassador to Moscow.

By mail cover, it was determined that on 1/4/46 Mrs. N.C. Silvermaster received a communication from P. Mood, 128 East Anheiro Street, Wilmington, California. On 1/4/46 Helen Silvermaster received a communication from 908 Clinton Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., (not further identified.)

In the evening of 12/23/45 Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster drove to the home of Harry Dexter White. On 12/25/45, the cars belonging to Mildred N. Turner and Kilgo C. Baxter were parked in front of the Silvermaster home.

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WFO rpt. 1/28/46  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-466, p.146  
(114,117,121)  
SI to para. 3 above 65-56402-414  
(Informant not identified)  
(6)

This reference is a Bureau letter dated 2/18/46 to WFO regarding a WFO teletype. The teletype stated that one Louise Wheeler contacted Helen Silvermaster on 2/12/46 and invited the Silvermasters to a party to be given for the Woods who just returned from Portugal.

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The letter gave a review of the activities of Dr. James E. Wood, to whom the above teletype undoubtedly referred. Wood went to Portugal as Financial Attache with the American Embassy in approximately March, 1943. In that capacity he headed the Forward Intelligence Branch of the Office of Strategic Services and was also the US Treasury representative.

Bureau letter to WFO, 2/18/46  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-513  
(6)  
SI: 65-56402-515  
(6)

Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and wife Helen Witte Silvermaster resided at 5515 Thirtieth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Boris Witte, believed to be brother of Helen, received mail at box 2366, Anchorage, Alaska. Anchorage office was requested to cover activities of Witte.

Bureau teletype to Anchorage 2/13/46  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-475  
(78)

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Helen Silvermaster had the following contacts:

Date	Contact	Informant
2/1/46	Pete Hudgens	[REDACTED]
2/2/46	Elizabeth Sauly	[REDACTED]
2/2/46	Emily Gorden	[REDACTED]
2/4/46	Dr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler Gorden	Pisur
2/5/46	Mrs. Clifford MacAvey	[REDACTED]
2/7/46	One Amber	[REDACTED]
2/9/46	Robert Trieste	[REDACTED]
2/12/46	Louise Wheeler	[REDACTED]

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WFO rpt. 3/11/46  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-674, p.102,103  
(7)

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A communication postmarked 1/9/46, 49 Canal Street, Westport, Connecticut from an individual identified only as Richard, was received by Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster.

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[redacted] advised that a letter dated 2/10/45, addressed to the Silvermasters from Richard Bransten, 454 North Bristol Avenue, Brentwood, West Los Angeles, California, was of a personal nature and indicated that Bransten was very friendly with the Silvermasters.

New Haven rpt. 3/10/47  
Re: Richard Bransten, was.  
IS-C  
100-30065-201, p.3  
(33, 110)

In a conversation on 3/30/46, Frances Edelstein and Anne White referred to an occasion when Frances had invited Helen to come, and Boris had talked about going to Alaska. It was noted that Helen Silvermaster and her brother Boris Witte were believed to be the individuals referred to above.

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On 2/28/46 Louis Block (Ph) contacted Helen Silvermaster and discussed a rumor regarding Bruce Minton. Block may be the individual who was invited to the Silvermasters on 2/25/46. On 2/28/46 Herman Klotz contacted Helen Silvermaster and stated that he saw Lud on instant date.

Confidential source, not further identified

WFO Teletype 3/1/46

Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was, et al,

Espionage-R

65-56402-734

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An anonymous source of known reliability advised that in March, 1946 Mrs. N. Gregory Silvermaster received a communication from Norman, whose address was 6220 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Norman was believed to be Norman Bursler.

WFO rpt. 2/1/52

Re: Norman Chandler Bursler

IS-R

101-3274-79

(100,107)

In March, 1946, ██████████ <sup>b2 b7D</sup> learned that Helen Silvermaster intended to invite Bruce and Miriam Waybur, along with some friends from California, to the Silvermaster home.

WFO rpt. 11/2/48

Re: Bruce Waybur

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101-1817-20

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Helga Welski, a member of the Washington Bookshop Association in February 1943, appeared to be a close friend of Helen (Mrs. Nathan Gregory) Silvermaster in 1946. Helen Silvermaster was invited to Welski's wedding in March 1946.

WFO Files  
WFO rpt. 4/25/49  
Re: Jahan  
Perjury; Espionage-R;  
IS-R  
74-1333-3095  
(25, 28)  
SI: 116-93178-6 [redacted] b2 b7D  
(57) (C)  
SI: 116-93178-10 [redacted] b1  
(57)

Laurence Todd, who was in charge of Tass in Washington, D.C. in 1947, was an associate of Mary Jane Keeney and her husband Philip Keeney. The Keeneys were acquainted with Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

Boris Krylov, an employee of Tass, was an associate of David Wahl. [redacted] (C)

Marginal notation: No dissemination, embarrassing information. b1

WFO rpt. 3/7/47  
Re: Tass News Agency, aka.  
IS-R  
100-103306-180, p. 16, 34  
(35)  
SI to paragraph 1 above:  
100-373415-1 [redacted] b2 b7D  
(48, 75, 97, 128)

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Mary Jane Keenan contacted Helen Silvermaster immediately upon her arrival in Washington, D.C. on 3/12/46.

Source not clear, may be [redacted] or [redacted] New York letter 2/1/46 Mr. Arthur Gregory Silvermaster, 5725, et al. Espionage - R 62-55402-100

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On 3/12/46 Confidential Source advised that a young boy, Joe Condon, advised Mrs. Silvermaster that he would bring some things to her that afternoon. Joe may have been the son of Dr. E.U. Condon, recently appointed Director of Bureau of Standards.

One Margaret, probably Margaret Klem, contacted Silvermaster on 3/12/46 and thanked him for the hospitality at his home.

Informant Gregory arrived in Washington on 3/12/46 and contacted Helen Silvermaster, who invited her to visit at any time.

Confidential source, not further identified NYO teletype 3/13/46 Mr. Arthur Gregory Silvermaster, et al. Espionage - R 62-55402-100

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The personnel file of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, which was made available to the Bureau by Leo Laughlin on 3/15/46, was obtained from the files of the War Assets Corporation.

In his "Declaration of Appointed," date not given, Silvermaster listed his wife, Helen F. Silvermaster, as the one who should be notified in case of emergency.

Bureau Memo 4/18/46  
Re: Gregory Case  
Espionage-R; enclosing  
photostatic copy of above  
personnel file  
65-50402-870  
(67)

Sylvia Hagler, 1827 Summit Place, Washington, D.C., invited Mr. and Mrs. Gregory (Helen) Silvermaster to a wedding reception at her apartment on 3/22/46.

NY Files  
New York Memo 12/5/51  
Re: Sylvia Hagler  
LHM  
121-34004-2  
(63,113)

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On 3/22/48 Mary Jane Keane contacted Helen Silver-  
master and arranged for a luncheon at a previously specified  
place.

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Confidential source, not otherwise  
identified  
WFO Teletype 3/22/48  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-722 v. d  
(7)

Helen Silvermaster called Mrs. [REDACTED] <sup>not further identified,</sup> about a  
parade in connection with the GPE Consumers strike in April,  
1946. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she had asked Katherine Thayer to  
go with her to Mary's school first. She also stated that  
Katherine Thayer had been known by that name during her entire  
stay in Washington from 1942 to the present.

These facts established the fact that the above  
Thayer was not identical with the Thayer of instant case.

Review of WFO files  
WFO Teletype 3/22/48  
Re: Katherine Thayer Carbitch, aka  
Applicant-100  
116-554-9  
(57)

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On 4/2/48 confidential source, not further identified, advised that Mary Jane Keeney contacted Helen Silvermaster inquiring if she would be free Saturday night. Mary planned a gathering of the "club" if some of the other people were available. Confidential source, on 4/1/48, advised that Jennie Miller was giving a birthday party Friday for Bob Miller, to which the Silvermasters accepted an invitation.

WFO Teletype 4/2/48  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56403-745  
(7)

In the evening of 4/5/48 Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and a number of other guests entered the residence of Robert Talbott Miller, Ill.

On 4/7/48 Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster and William Ludwig Wilman spent the evening at the residence of Mary Jane Keeney.

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WFO Teletype 4/5/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56403-525  
(87)  
SI 100-342710-65, p. 24  
(35)  
SI to para. 2 above:  
100-358115-48, p. 18  
(87)  
SI to para. 1 above:  
100-57453-107, p. 4  
(80)

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On 4/17/46 Mary Jane Keeney invited Helen Silvermaster to go on a trip to Chapel Hill the next weekend. Helen stated she would like to leave Thursday and return Monday. Helga Dudley, nee Wolski, contacted Helen Silvermaster, concerning the housing situation.

Confidential source  
WFO Teletype 4/18/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-B  
65-56402-889  
(7)

On 4/20/46 Robert Miller contacted Helen Silvermaster, who indicated they were going to see Anatele in North Carolina on 5/5/46. On the evening of 4/21/46 Helen Silvermaster was contacted by Jennie Miller, who advised they would arrive at the Silvermasters' home about seven PM Tuesday night. Apparently others were to be there.

Confidential informant  
WFO Teletype 4/22/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-B  
65-56402-919  
(7)

On 4/28/46 Helen Silvermaster contacted Mary Jane Keeney, advising that she had returned from Chapel Hill and her son Anatele came with her. She indicated that the car had skidded, injuring her leg.

Confidential source  
WFO Teletype 4/29/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-B  
65-56402-968  
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A mail cover on Nathan Gregory Silvermaster reported that Mrs. E.P. Silvermaster received a communication postmarked 4/2/48, Chicago, Illinois, from E.P. Witte, and that Mrs. Helen Silvermaster received a communication from E. Witte postmarked 4/25/48, Detroit, Michigan.

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[redacted] furnished information on the activities and contacts of Helen Silvermaster for the period of 4/18/48 to 4/30/48. The following contacts were noted:

Date	Contact
4/17/48	Mary Jane Keeney
4/17/48	Helga Wolkei Dudman
4/20/48	Robert Miller
4/23/48	Mary Jane Keeney
4/24/48	Tony Bell
4/24/48	Elizabeth Saunly
4/28/48	Mary Jane Keeney

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[redacted] advised on 3/12/48 that Helen Silvermaster received a letter written in Russian from P. Voeg, 120 Anshelm Boulevard, Wilmington, California. The letter related to family and personal news and was signed "Pelle."

It was noted that P. Voeg was identified as Pauline Voeg, wife of Hugo E. Voeg, not further identified.

170 700 3/19/48  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al, Espionage-R  
62-5607-1157, p. 107, 110  
(S, 12)

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A mail cover maintained on the residence of the Silvermasters, 2515 33rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. in 1946 reflected that a letter from 908 Clinton St., Philadelphia, Pa., addressed to Helen Silvermaster was received on 1/4/46, and a package addressed to Helen Silvermaster from M. Portnoff, 908 Clinton St., Philadelphia, Pa., was delivered 3/18/46.

According to [redacted] b2 b7D on 5/4/46 Helen Silvermaster told an unidentified woman that they (the Silvermasters and Ludwig Wlman) had been going to Marvey Cedars, Long Beach Island, N.J., for years and that they had gone up on 5/2/46 and returned 5/5/46. Mrs. Silvermaster said they were trying to interest her brother, Boris Witte, in buying a neighboring home. [redacted] advised that on 5/6/46 Helen Silvermaster and Wlman told Witte that they had frequently been guests at the Alex Portnoff's home at Marvey Cedars. b2 b7D

WFO Teletype 5/8/51  
Re: Marion Nischelau Schultz, was.  
Espionage-R  
100-360546-66  
(44)  
I to para. 1 above: 61-6211-493  
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Boris Witte contacted Ludwig Ullman and Helen Silvermaster and discussed the purchasing of a house in New Hampshire.

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On 11/10/48 Nicolai Boudkoff, a native of Russia, advised that on leaving China he was given the name of Boris Witte as a person who could help him in the US. Boudkoff contacted Witte at the Silvermaster home, where he was introduced to Harry Dexter White by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster or Ludwig Ullman. Meetings with White dealing with sales promotion of the electric sign were held in 1949 in the Silvermaster home.

WFO rpt. 6/23/54

Re: Boris Peter Witte

IS-R

100-36211-12, encl. p. 8, 22 (30, 31, 35, 113)

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A confidential source, not further identified, advised that on 5/12/48 Mary Jane Keeney requested Helen Silvermaster to advise William L. Gilman that she had a letter from Herman Zap.

NY rpt. 12/19/50

Re: Herman Zap

IS-B

105-12230-9

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SI: 105-12230-39

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SI to para. 1 above: 100-366352-8, p.

(48)

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On 5/20/48 Cynthia Dierkes informed Helen Silvermaster they would dine with the Silvermasters but John Dierkes had to catch a plane about ten PM. Helen indicated that the house deal in Jersey fell through over the weekend. On the same date Martin Kent contacted Helen and Gregg Silvermaster, stating that his boss, Dr. White, would like to get Silvermaster's advice on a problem. On 5/20/48 Silvermaster contacted his secretary indicating he and his wife planned a trip to the beach, possibly leaving Thursday.

Confidential source

NY Teletype 5/21/48

Re: Gregory

Espionage-B

65-56102-1000

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According to a confidential source, not further identified, Helen Silvermaster was contacted by Dorothy Taylor, wife of William Taylor. Mrs. Taylor advised that the Taylors were leaving Washington on May 23 enroute to Vancouver.

WFO Teletype 5/22/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1121  
(8)

On 5/23/48 confidential source (not further identified) advised that Mary Jane Keeney contacted Helen Silvermaster. Mrs. Silvermaster invited Mary Jane to visit her and suggested she spend a couple of weeks if the Silvermasters obtained a place for the summer.

WFO rpt. 5/24/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1096  
(8)

On the morning of 5/27/48 confidential informant (not further identified) advised that Helen Silvermaster had a conversation with an unknown woman, believed to have Willie Mackey, in which they discussed the rail strike.

WFO Teletype 5/28/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1171  
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On the evening of 5/29/46 confidential source (not further identified) advised that Nathan Gregory Silvermaster contacted Helen Silvermaster. She advised that she and Wilman would take the five PM train May 29 and meet Greg at the information desk in Philadelphia, Fairlie Street Station. On 5/29/46 Anna Borsani (not further identified) contacted Helen Silvermaster seeking conversation with Greg. Anna and Helen had a discussion regarding the latter relation set-up.

WFO Teletype 5/29/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-B  
65-56402-1147  
(8)

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On 5/29/46, [redacted] advised that he learned from Helen Silvermaster, wife of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, that one Peter Hudgens, who was Assistant Administrator of the Farm Security Administration, was very friendly with her husband, Gregory Silvermaster.

WFO rpt. 5/11/46 (WFO 101-639)  
Re: Robert Hugo Hudgens  
European Recovery Program  
124-8530-8  
(103)(44)

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[redacted] advised that N. Gregory Silvermaster and/or his wife Helen S. Silvermaster maintained a safe deposit box in the Hamilton National Bank, Washington, D.C.

On 5/29/46 Helen Silvermaster and Ludwig Wilman went to Philadelphia, where they met Gregory Silvermaster at the home of Alexander Portneff. The Silvermasters and Wilman drove to Harvey Cedars, N.J. the evening of 5/29/46.

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A highly confidential source made available the names which allegedly appeared in address books apparently belonging to Helen and Gregory Silvermaster and Ludwig Wlman. About sixty-five names and addresses were set out. It was also ascertained that Helen Silvermaster made a personal check in the amount of fifty dollars dated 2/4/48 to the "American Society for Russian Relief," also numerous checks made out to Herman Kade and Dr. Samuel Rogienoff.

It was ascertained that on 5/22/48 the David Wills, the Richard Schulz, and the Silvermasters accompanied the Robert Millers to the Southern Conference dinner given in honor of Harold Ickes at the Statler Hotel.

Helen Silvermaster was in contact with the following persons:

Date	Contact	Informant
5/12/48	Mary Jane Keeney	[REDACTED] b2 b7D
5/23/48		
5/25/48		
	Dr. Ruth Gruber	WFO Files
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (c) b1
3/13/48	Isadore Goulikin	WFO Files
3/13/48	Bruce Haybar	WFO Files
5/17/48	Alexander Portnoff	[REDACTED]
5/20/48	Guslib Starker	[REDACTED] b2 b7D
5/20/48	Martin [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5/20/48	Larry Henco	[REDACTED]

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5/21/48

Elizabeth Masuly

[REDACTED]

5/21/48

(Believed to be)  
Dorothy Taylor

[REDACTED]

5/24/48

Alexander Kora

[REDACTED]

5/26/48

Robert and Jenny  
Miller

[REDACTED]

5/29/48

Inna Berenson

[REDACTED]

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The Silvermasters received communications from the following persons:

Date	Correspondent	Informant
---	A.C. Glassgold	[REDACTED]
---	G.P. Spruill, Dean University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.	[REDACTED]
1/26/48	Hillem L. Wilson Berlin, Germany	WFO Files
5/22/48	735-11th St., Washing- ton, D.C.	Mail cover

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WFO rpt. 6/17/48  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al.  
Espionage - R  
CS-56492-1964, p.166  
(131)  
SI to para. 2 above: CS-56492-1938  
(10)

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An anonymous source of known reliability advised on 2/20/48 that Helen Silvermaster, Gregory Silvermaster, or Luby Wilma was acquainted with Gladys Epstein or Morris Epstein, sister and father of Hilda Epstein Gould.

New York rpt. 2/10/53  
Re: Hilda Bernice Gould, was.  
NY-2  
100-216330-7  
(20, 21)

A mail cover of Boris Witte reflected that, during the Spring of 1946, Kinsner Toshiro Nakagawa was acquainted with Mrs. Boris Witte, also known as Mrs. Vitter, however, the extent or duration of the acquaintanceship was not known.

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[redacted] advised that Boris Witte was the brother of Helen Silvermaster, (Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster) and that during June, 1946 Mr. and Mrs. Witte resided in the home of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster, in Washington, D.C.

WFO rpt. 9/15/49  
Re: Kinsner Toshiro Nakagawa, aka  
Chief Stenographer - Appointee  
Commanding General, For  
East Command, AFM 500,  
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.  
Laborer of Government Employees  
101-1077-11  
(20, 108)

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It was noted in a WFO report of 6/17/48 that on 5/30/48 the name Paul Miller appeared in the address books apparently belonging to Helen and Gregory Silvermaster and Ludwig Wismann.

WFO rpt. 5/14/48  
Re: Vincent Paul Miller  
Payroll Clerk - Appointed  
Central Office  
Veterans Administration  
Washington, D.C.  
LSE  
121-16519-2  
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Bernard Fenoreff was reported to be a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington Youth Council, and a member of the American Peace Mobilization. On 6/4/45 Fenoreff was reported to be a contact and friend of Helen Silvermaster.

Review of Chicago Field Office Files  
Chicago file - 7/5/45  
Re: Contact of United  
Office and Professional  
Workers of America - CIO  
IS-C  
CI-10490-306, P-2  
(2)  
SI: CI-10490-301, P-12  
(2)

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[redacted] was present with Helen Welaski Dudman and Helen Silvermaster on 3/21/45, 4/17/45, 5/19/45, and 6/4/45. These contacts seemed to be of a social nature, and details of contacts set out.

WFO memo 4/5/50  
Re: John Almon Dudman  
AKB-2  
116-23170-22  
(2)  
SI: 116-23170-22  
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On 6/5/46 Seth Gurr, aka Joe Gurr, contacted Philip Silvermaster and indicated he would be going about King Hill Gurr advised the Silvermasters to spend some time with him in New York.

Confidential informant, not further identified  
WFO Teletype 6/7/46  
Re: Gurr  
Espionage - R  
65-56403-1275  
(9)

Mary June Keenly contacted Philip Silvermaster and advised that she had spent last weekend at Camp Red. (Date not given).

Confidential informant, not further identified  
WFO Teletype 6/7/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage - R  
65-56403-1275  
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Helen Silvermaster was in contact with the following persons:

Date	Contact	Informant
[6/9/46 [REDACTED]	Robert E. Miller [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (c) u b2 b7
6/2/46 6/4/46	Bernie Berneroff [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (c) b1
6/6/46	(Believed to be) Isidore Salkind	[REDACTED]
6/4/46	Ludwig Wilman	[REDACTED]
6/5/46	Seth Guer	[REDACTED]
6/7/46	Henrietta Klotz	[REDACTED] 1 b2
6/9/46	Margaret Hatfield	[REDACTED] b7D 1
6/4/46	Bruce and Nina Taylor	[REDACTED]
6/4/46	Helga Duffman	[REDACTED]
6/6/46	Mary Jane Keenan	[REDACTED]
6/7/46	Mrs. Clifford MacAvoy	[REDACTED]

The following communications were received by Helen Silvermaster or the Silvermasters:

Date	Correspondent	Informant
5/16/46	Notice of Reservation for Southern Conference for Human Welfare dinner on 5/22/46	[REDACTED] b2 b7D

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Russian Relief, Inc.  
5 Cedar Street, NY, NY

6/1/48

Boris P. Vitta

2/10/48

Richard Brunsten  
454 E. Bristol Ave.  
Brentwood, Los Angeles,  
California

Highly confident  
Source

Walter V. Gubrow  
Bern, Switzerland

Highly confident  
Source

Mrs. William Taylor  
London, England

Highly confident  
Source

A highly confidential source advised that the Silvermasters maintained a library of several hundred volumes of books printed in the Russian language.

NYO r/r, 7/3/48

Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1389, p.2, 64, 135, 152-153,  
154, 155

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Confidential informant advised on 6/12/48 that Mary Jane Keenan told Helen Silvermaster that she had something in which she was very much interested and which she would like to do. Helen expressed interest, and Mary Jane promised to call her later.

NYO Telephone 6/13/48

Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1222

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On 2/3/52 Charles V. Carpenter, formerly of the US Tariff Commission, advised that during the years 1935 through 1943 he became acquainted with a group of persons who weekly participated in volley ball games in a court near Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C. Included in this group were Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster, Harry Dexter White and his wife Ann, George Silverman and his wife, Harold Glasser and his wife, Isabella Currie and his wife, Boris (Vitto), V. Frank Cox, and "Doc" Kaplan.

In June, 1947 Anatole Volkov, son of Helen Silvermaster, advised that his uncle, Boris Peter Vitto, had resided at the Silvermasters' residence for approximately six years ending in about 1943. On 6/18/46 [redacted] learned from Helen Silvermaster that her brother had returned from Alaska. b2 b7D

Charles Carpenter advised that in September, 1939 Earl Browder made a speech justifying the Soviet-East Pact, and while at a volley ball game Carpenter heard Helen Silvermaster praise Browder's speech. According to Carpenter, at one time Ann White and Helen Silvermaster had a falling out.

New York 100-10/9/43  
Re: Abraham George Silverman, was  
Espionage-R, Internal Security Act  
of 1950  
100-363633-83  
(45)

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WFO Teletype 7/21/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1446 ✓  
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On 6/22/48 confidential informant advised that Mary Jane Keeney contacted Helen Silvermaster, who stated she had a house full, as Anabelle Folkes had arrived. On 6/27/48 Gregory Silvermaster's secretary advised Helen that Silvermaster was in Denver, and he expected to return to Washington next Tuesday. Helen indicated she would take Folkes and friends to the beach for the weekend and return to meet Gregory.

NYO Teletype 6/27/48  
Re: Gregory Case  
(Character of case not given)  
65-56402-1873  
(2)

Helen Silvermaster had contact with the following persons:

Date	Contact	Informant
6/22/48	Jennie Miller	[redacted] (u) b7D
6/27/48	Jennie Miller	[redacted] (C) b1
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
6/17/48	Gregory Silvermaster (prison)	[redacted]
6/18/48	Glenn Frank	[redacted] b2 b7D
6/18/48	Yessie Burskoff	[redacted]
6/19/48	Margaret Hatfield	[redacted]
6/19/48	Ludwig Ullman	[redacted]
6/25/48		

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6/26/48 Mary Jane Kennedy [redacted]

6/26/48 Cynthia Barton [redacted]

2/9/48 Bob Friend [redacted]

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A mail cover disclosed the fact that Mrs. H.P. Silvermaster received a letter from V. Pitte, 12097 Long View, Detroit, Michigan, postmarked 4/27/48. [redacted] advised that Mrs. Helen Silvermaster received a communication dated 4/24/48 from V. Pitte, Detroit, Michigan, which was written in the Russian language. [redacted] also advised that Helen Silvermaster received a communication from P. Voog, 128 East Anaheim, Wilmington, California, which was in the Russian language, and was signed "Paulina."

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WFO rpt. 7/10/48  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1447, p.168  
(114,132)

Confidential Informant advised on [redacted]

[redacted]

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WFO Teletype 7/10/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1447  
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On 7/22/48 Sophia Glasgold contacted Helen Silvermaster and advised her that Cook had just returned from Europe and, as they would be in town for a few days, they would like to come out to see Helen. Helen Silvermaster suggested that they come out and have a few drinks that night. Sophia told Helen that she had seen both Gier in Washington and he advised her he was planning to stay with the Silvermasters.

[REDACTED] b2 b7D  
In 1948 Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster received a communication from Adolph Cook Glasgold, Director, U.N.I.R., 311 A.F.O. 737, US Army, Landsberg, Bavaria.

[REDACTED] b2 b7D  
New York rpt. 4/24/48  
Re: Frederick Theron Douglas  
IS-B  
61-6332-49  
(2,85,109)

On 7/26/48 confidential source indicated that Helen and Gregg Silvermaster would depart for the beach, presumably Marcy Coteau, New Jersey, about nine thirty AM, driving the Silvermaster car. In conversation between Elinor and Helen it was indicated that John Dierkes and Elinor would go to the beach.

WFO Teletype 7/26/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-B  
65-54402-1267  
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The Silvermasters continued to spend most of their week-ends at Karby Cedars, New Jersey. On 7/17/46 Helen Silvermaster inquired of Ludwig Wilman for the name of the present official position of John Carter Vincent. John and Cynthia Dickes spent considerable time at the Silvermasters' beach cottage. Also, Barbara Rayburn, the daughter of a neighbor of the Silvermasters, spent some week-ends at the Silvermasters' beach cottage.

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Helen Silvermaster was in contact with the following persons:

Date	Contact	Informant
7/18/46	Henrietta Klein	[REDACTED]
7/23/46	Jack Marsalka	[REDACTED]
(Date not clear may be 7/23/46)	Sophia and "Cook" Glasgold	[REDACTED]
7/24/46	Joseph Guer	[REDACTED]
7/25/46	Elizabeth Seely	[REDACTED]
7/30/46	Betty Black Dwyer	[REDACTED]
7/17/46	William Wilman	[REDACTED]

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Eliza Silvermaster received a letter on 7/11/48 written in the Russian language from V. Pitts, 12007 Longview Street, Detroit, Michigan, in which the writer made inquiry as to the address and title of John Carter Vincent.

On 7/17/48 [redacted] advised that Ludwig Silman was in contact with Eliza Silvermaster, at which time Eliza made inquiry as to the present location of Vincent. She was advised that he was at that time Director of Far Eastern Affairs Division at the State Department.

WFO rpt. 8/18/48  
Re: Eliza Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56403-1473, p.172  
(114)

SI to last para. above: 100-24628-10  
(30,114)

Confidential informant indicated on 7/30/48 that Silvermaster was at the Beach and that Eliza planned to return there the following morning, where her son Anatole Falter was still ill. On 7/30/48 Eliza Silvermaster being contacted Eliza Silvermaster, requesting the address of Ruth McKinney.

WFO Teletype 7/31/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56403-1377  
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Informant advised on 8/9/48 that [REDACTED] told Helen Silvermaster that Henrietta Klotz had spoken to Under Secretary of the Navy Sullivan, who indicated he would ask for a report on Anatole Volkov.

WFO Teletype 8/12/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1443/  
(9)

On the morning of 8/14/48, Henrietta Klotz inquired about Anatole Volkov, and she indicated that she would be at Helen Silvermaster's beach place Saturday. Helen stated that neither she nor Gregg could make it this week-end.

Confidential source  
WFO Teletype 8/15/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1470X  
(9)

On 8/19/48, Miss Jane Keeney recommended to Miss Silvermaster that she contact Miss Mary Conner Research Specialist, relative to her work. Miss Silvermaster said that she had seen Miss Conner for about six years and that he was a wonderful guy.

WFO rpt. 2/28/48  
Re: Federation of  
American Scientists  
IS-C  
100-344452-170, p.104  
(40)

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On 8/22/46 confidential informant advised that Jenny Miller contacted Helen Silvermaster concerning Anatole's condition. (S) u

WFO Teletype 8/23/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1473  
(9)

A list of names which apparently belonged to Helen and Gregory Silvermaster and Ludwig Ullman, received from a highly confidential source, contained the name of Arthur Stewart. It was believed the notation referred to Arthur W. Stuart, 8425 Woodcliff Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, formerly in the Division of Monetary Research, Washington, D.C.

On 8/7/46 Jennie Miller, <sup>wife of Robert Talbot Miller, III</sup> contacted Lud Ullmann, who advised that Helen Silvermaster was bringing Anatole home that day, and as he was ill, they would not be able to go to the Millers that night. (S) u [redacted] (S) u b2 b7D

On 8/22/46 Helen Silvermaster remarked to Jennie Miller that her "sister," who was Mademoiselle Luget, had left Washington and gone to New York. (S) u [redacted] (S) u b2 b7D

Helen Silvermaster invited Isidore Salkind and Eleanor Driesen for the evening of 8/28/46. The Silvermasters were invited to the Salkind-Driesen wedding on the following Sunday. [redacted] (S) u b2 b7D

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*Helen Silvermaster was in contact with the following persons:*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Informant</i>
4/18/46	Mrs. Clifford MacAvey	[REDACTED]
8/19/46	Mary Jane Keeley	[REDACTED]
8/10/46	Jennie Miller	[REDACTED]
8/12/46		[REDACTED]
8/22/46		[REDACTED]
8/30/46		[REDACTED]
8/20/46	Henriette Klotz	[REDACTED]
8/29/46		[REDACTED]
8/20/46	Marie Portnoff	[REDACTED]
8/29/46		[REDACTED]
8/21/46	Madame Charles Luguet	[REDACTED]
8/26/46	Dorothy Taylor	[REDACTED]

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WFO rpt. 9/17/46  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1673, p. 7  
(114)

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A report on Soviet activities in the United States, dated 8/30/46, gave the following information.

Informant Gregory stated that Virginia Frank Coo was associated with the Silvermaster Group during the period she was contacting Nathan and Helen Silvermaster. While Coo was in South America on a mission for the Treasury Department, he communicated directly with the Silvermasters and such information was made available for transmittal to Gregory's superiors.

Gregory stated that Helen Silvermaster was one of the principal subjects of Victor Perlo, of the Perlo Group, which group Gregory first met in 1944.

Memo for The Director  
From E.A. Tamm, 9/5/46  
100-345686-4  
(71,81,116,123)

On 9/5/46 Ullman told Helen Silvermaster that he had talked with Henrietta, believed to be Henrietta Klotz, who was coming to Washington and would like to spend some time with Helen. Helen indicated they would close the house and go to the beach for the week-end.

Confidential source  
WFO Teletype 9/8/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage - R  
65-56409-1517  
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WFO rpt. 10/22/48  
Re: Richard Seely, was.  
IS-C  
100-258142-6  
(80)  
SI to Paragraph 1: 100-258142-9  
(37,92) (WFO 100-17096)

On 10/3/48 Mary Jane Keeney contacted Helen Silvermaster, stating she had a letter from a woman in Berlin in whom she became interested. Willie, believed to be Willie MacAvoy, contacted Helen Silvermaster on 10/2/48 and mentioned the fact that Anne McNelly, sister of James, was visiting her Friday. Helen stated she would come if they did not go to the beach. On 10/5/48 Dorothy Taylor contacted Helen Silvermaster and advised that she saw Anne and Harry White at the Arabian party recently. Helen remarked that she still thought a lot of Anne.

Confidential source  
WFO Teletype 10/4/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-54602-1688  
(10)

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On 10/7/48, [redacted] advised that Florence Nixon contacted Helen Silvermaster requesting the address of Ruth McKinney. Florence stated she would call Helen to let her know when she and her husband, Russell, could come to dinner. McKinney's address possibly Westport, Conn., no further identification.

WFO rpt. 5/11/48 (WFO 100-11890)  
Re: Russell Arthur Nixon  
SM-C  
100-66873-32  
(38)

[redacted]

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WFO Teletype 10/14/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56403-1616  
(10)

John Dierkes, an adviser to Jay Richard Kennedy on the motion pictures which he produced, was very friendly and closely associated with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

WFO Letter of 10/11/48 to LA  
in Gregory case  
New York memo 9/10/53  
Re: Jay Richard Kennedy  
SM-C  
100-401300-5  
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WFO rpt. 5/6/48 (WFO 100-16800)  
Re: Elizabeth Sazuly, was.  
IS-C  
100-335340-24  
(38)

This reference is an up-to-date summary dated 10/21/48 entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the US Government." The allegations furnished by informant Gregory and the activities of present or former government employees, are summarized. Included is a detailed summary of the background, associates, CP activities and contacts of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

Bureau Memo <sup>from</sup> Mr. Strickland to  
Mr. Ladd 10/21/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R; enclosing  
above summary  
65-56402-1862  
(115,121)

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On 10/30/46, in conversation with Annie Stein, Katherine Clift mentioned Helen Silvermaster as one who might aid in the price card campaign. Annie suggested that Helen might take the chairmanship of the Chevy Chase area.

Telex Log 10/30/46  
Washington, D.C.  
entitled "45-Summary"  
100-3-25-385  
(27)

Helen Silvermaster talked to Annie Stein on 10/31/46, and they discussed the problem of getting people to help in the buyers strike. Several other people were suggested for Helen to contact. Helen Silvermaster was the only person whom Sylvia(?) had to help her the following day.

Telex Log 10/31/46, Washington, D.C.,  
entitled  
"45-Summary"  
100-3-25-478  
(27)

On 11/1/46 Helen Silvermaster, actively engaged in Housewives Buyer Strike, contacted Jenny Miller, Annie Stein, et al.

Confidential informant  
WFO Teletype 11/4/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56403-1697  
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Philip Olin Keeney invited Helen and Gregory Silvermaster and Ludwig Silman to dinner on the evening of 11/6/46. The Silvermasters and Silman were observed entering the Keeney residence. Jenny Miller, wife of Robert Miller, was in contact with Helen Silvermaster on 11/6/46. Helen indicated that something had happened to her husband, which was apparently bad news. (K) u

Confidential informant  
WFO Teletype 11/7/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1705  
(10)

While in Annie Stein's residence on 11/6/46, Selma Rein talked to Helen Silvermaster. In a discussion about the pledge campaign, Helen said she would not be able to attend the big meeting Thursday; she was leaving town Friday and would be away for the week-end. As some one to attend in her place, Helen suggested Mrs. Robert Miller.

Telex Log 11/6/46  
Washington, D.C.  
entitled AS-Summary  
100-3-63-482  
(27)

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Helen Silvermaster told Jenny Miller on 11/14/46 that Greg Silvermaster had resigned from Far Assets and was winding up his work. On the same date Helen talked with Willie MacAvoy and invited the MacAvoy's to her home Saturday evening. Helen explained that an engineer, one McMichael, had been needing Gregg, apparently desiring to associate with Silvermaster in some business project.

Confidential source  
WFO Teletype 11/15/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1722  
(10)

On 6/10/48 Robert Talbott Miller, III testified before the HCUA that his home was a few blocks from the Silvermaster home and that they visited in their respective homes from time to time.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster were observed at the home of Robert Miller, 3223 Northampton Street, NW, Washington, D.C. on 4/5/46 and 11/22/46.  
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During June, 1946 Jenny Miller, wife of Robert Miller, was a close contact of Helen Silvermaster. (S) u

[redacted] (S) u b2 b7D  
NY Summary rpt. 1/11/52  
Re: Robert Talbott Miller, III  
IS-R; Registration Act.  
101-6611-398, p. 25, 26  
(55,101)  
SI: 101-6611-350  
(55,101)

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Mary Jane Kacny contacted Helen Silvermaster on 12/2/46 stating that Angus would endeavor to remain over until the American Library Association meeting in Chicago about December 20. On 12/3/46 Helen Silvermaster indicated to Glida Frank, Silvermaster's secretary, that Greg had stayed at the beach and would not return to the office until a week from Monday. (S) u

Confidential informant  
WFO Teletype 12/4/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1791  
(10)

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[REDACTED] (S)  
65-56402-1879  
(10)

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John Paul Allen Margalla was reliably identified as a contact and associate of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster, however, the nature of the association was not determined. (Data not indicated)

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T-4, a reliable informant who was associated with Marselka at the American Embassy at Moscow, stated that Marselka's employment there was terminated due to doubt as to his loyalty to the US and to his inefficiency and unreliability.  
(T-4: Robert B. Keate, former First Secretary of the US Embassy at Moscow)

NFO rpt. 12/6/48  
Re: Gregory Harkin, aka.  
Consultant-Appointee,  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Government  
Employees  
121-12853-10, p.13  
(61)

Helen Silvermaster indicated, while in contact with Mrs. Clifford MacAvey on 12/11/46, that Gregory Silvermaster had no definite plans since terminating his employment with War Assets Administration. There were further indications that the Silvermasters planned a New Years' Eve party.

Confidential informant  
NFO Teletype 12/12/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1805  
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In recent months Mary Jane and Philip Olin Keeney were in close and frequent contact with a number of subjects and close contacts of subjects in the Gregory case. They were particularly close to Nathan Gregory and Helen Witte Silvermaster.

Bureau Files  
Memo Hr. D.H. Ladd to the Director  
12/12/46  
Re: Gregory  
(Mary Jane Keeney, Philip Olin Keeney)  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1816  
(78)  
SI: 100-2278-116, p.13 (Gregory)  
(28)

Helen Silvermaster was in contact with the following persons:

Date	Contact	Informant
12/2/46	Mary Jane Keeney	[REDACTED]
12/2/46	Ludwig Willman	[REDACTED]
[12/3/46	Jennie Miller	[REDACTED] b2
12/6/46	Jennie Miller	[REDACTED] b7D
12/2/46	Gilda Frank (Silvermaster's secretary)	[REDACTED] (X) u

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12/4/46	Margaret Hotfield	[REDACTED]
12/4/46	Robert Miller	[REDACTED]
12/4/46	Herman Klets	[REDACTED]
12/5/46	Carl E. Beckaer	[REDACTED]
12/5/46	Leo Fishman	[REDACTED]
12/7/46	Philip Keeney	[REDACTED]
12/10/46	Mary Jane and Angus Keeney	[REDACTED]
12/11/46	Reba Lewis	[REDACTED]
12/11/46	Mrs. Clifford MacAvoy	[REDACTED]
12/14/46	Mrs. Bernard Farneroff	[REDACTED]
12/14/46	Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mac- Avoy	[REDACTED]
12/14/46	Edith and Murray Latimer	[REDACTED]

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WFO rpt. 1/14/47  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster  
was, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2088, p.22  
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On 12/18/46 Helen Silvermaster was in contact with Jenny Miller, wife of Robert Miller. Helen advised her that on last Sunday she and her husband met Polya Kubicht at a movie, and they had an inspirational visit with her after the movie.

Confidential informant  
WFO Teletype 12/19/46  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1878  
(10)

Morton Kent talked with Helen Silvermaster on 12/17/46 regarding Greg being in New York and the Silvermasters' plan to build at the ocean. On 12/20/46 Kent visited the Silvermaster residence and left some presents and cards. Helen Silvermaster declined to visit the Kents on 12/15/46 because of illness.

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WFO Letter 3/28/47  
Re: Morton Elliot Kent, was.  
Espionage-R  
65-29800-17  
(4)

On 12/24/46 Richard Silverman was in contact with Helen Silvermaster and her son, Anatole Volkov. They exchanged greetings, and Volkov and Silverman made arrangements to get together the following Saturday.

Boston Files  
Boston Memo 3/5/54  
Re: Richard Allan Silverman  
SM-C  
100-392748-32  
(49,97)  
SI: 100-392748-33  
(49,97)  
SI: 100-363633-96  
(45,95)

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Physical surveillance conducted by agents of WFO in 1945, 1946, and 1947 disclosed that Mary Jane Keeney and her husband, Philip Olin Keeney, were contacts of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

WFO Memo 9/6/51

Re: Lawrence Hubert Benins, aka  
Interrogator-Appointee,  
Displaced Persons Commission,  
Washington, D.C.

Loyalty of Government Employees  
121-30127-21

(63)

SI: 100-24623-309

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SI: 77-57656-2

(26)

SI: 100-365848-127 ( [REDACTED] ) b2  
(47,96) b7D

William Lewis Greene and his wife, Jean Hinton Greene, were close friends of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster during 1946-1947. During this period the Greenses and Silvermasters were entertained in their respective houses on numerous occasions.

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During an interview (date not stated) William Lewis Greene advised that he had visited in the Silvermaster home many times but there was practically no discussion of a political nature during these visits. Greene stated that at no time did the Silvermasters suggest that he furnish information and had never approached him about joining the CP. Greene could recall nothing which caused him to suspect espionage activity in the Silvermaster home.

WFO rpt. 12/9/54  
Re: Marjorie Eleanor Greenberg, aka  
Resident Physician, Veterans  
Administration Hospital,  
Veterans Administration,  
Brooklyn, NY  
Security of Government  
Employee  
140-5815-11  
(66,104)  
SI to para. 1 above: 61-9743-104  
(2)  
SI to para. 1 above: 100-358263-356  
(43)  
SI to para. 1 above: 118-5306-11  
(58)  
SI to para 1 above: 100-378842-5  
(48,111)

b2 b7D  
On 12/20/46, [redacted] advised that Jean Greene had received a telegram from her sister, Joan, indicating that Joan would be in Washington, D.C. the following week-end. Greene stated she was very anxious to take her sister to the Silvermaster residence in order that she might meet Helen Silvermaster and her son, Anatole Silvermaster. [redacted] advised that Jean Hinton Greene and her husband, William Greene, were very friendly with Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster during 1946 and 1947.

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Elizabeth Terrill Bentley advised that Anatele Silvermaster was regarded as a communist and, on occasions, delivered espionage material to her which had been collected in the Silvermaster home.

Chicago rpt. 10/6/51  
Re: Jean Chase Engst, nee  
Jean Chase Hinton, wa.  
AEA  
65-58738-27, p.15  
(23)

Helen Silvermaster advised, in 1947, that she assisted Sonia Gold to obtain the position in the office of Harry Dexter White at the Treasury Department. However, in an interview, Sonia Gold stated that Helen Silvermaster was not consulted concerning her position.

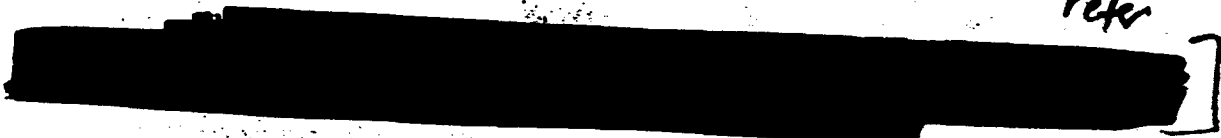
Pittsburgh Memo 3/30/53  
Re: Bela Gold, wa.  
Sonia Steinman Gold, was  
Espionage-R  
100-365891-49  
(47)  
SI: 100-365891-51  
(47)

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According to [redacted], Helen Silvermaster was acquainted with Hildegard Kohn and Jennie Miller, (Mrs. Robert T. Miller), during 1946 and 1947. However, [redacted] was unable to state the extent of acquaintanceship of Helen Silvermaster and Hildegard Kohn. (S) u

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WFO rpt. 4/13/51  
Re: Egon Stern  
Translator-Applicant  
Department of the Army  
Brooklyn, NY  
Loyalty of Government Employees  
121-26774-17  
(63)  
SI: 121-19434-67  
(62)

Joseph Moses Gillman, father of Robert David Gillman, was a frequent contact and associate of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife, Helen Fitts Silvermaster during 1947. (S)(u)

b1 (c) [redacted] (S)(u) b2 b7D

In 1947 Joseph Moses Gillman was a social contact of Victor Perlo. (S)(u)

[redacted] (S)(u) b2 b7D

WFO rpt. 10/6/48  
Re: Robert David Gillman  
Clinical Psychologist-Appointee  
Veterans Administration  
Hospital, Veterans Administration  
Fort Howard, Maryland  
LGE  
121-13486-14  
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In January, 1947 [redacted] advised that Pelageya Habicht mentioned to him that Helen and Gregory Silvermaster had been invited to a party at her home. (S)u

WFO Summary rpt. 8/29/52  
Re: Pelageya D.K. Habicht, aka.  
Espionage-R.  
65-34416-204  
(5)

Sonia Pressman told Helen Silvermaster on 1/2/47 that she had had a nice time at the party and that Lee was feeling better.

Tesur Log 1/2/47  
Washington, D.C. entitled  
"LF-Summary"  
100-11820-208  
(28)

In a conversation with Milada Karsalka on 12/27/46, Helen Silvermaster stated that Polia Habicht was coming to her home for dinner on 12/31/46. In a conversation on 1/1/47, Helen Silvermaster and Willis McAvoy discussed the party of the previous evening at the Silvermaster residence, and Polia Habicht was mentioned as one of those attending the party. In a conversation with Anatole Volkov, son of Helen Silvermaster, Polia Habicht invited him to a party at her home that evening, January 2, 1947. She mentioned the fact that Greg and Helen Silvermaster would be present.

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Washington rpt. 3/13/47  
Re: Herman Rolleman  
Habicht, aka  
IS-R  
65-34416-186  
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On 1/13/47 Helen Silvermaster contacted Miller, (first name not given), who suggested she tell Gregg that they saw some of the boys last night, and the story that Dave Wahl had was true, apparently referring to some business proposition.

Source not given  
WFO Teletype 1/14/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1922  
(10)

On 1/14/47 Ullman contacted Helen Silvermaster and they discussed mail, magazines and photographs. On 1/15/47 Ullman mentioned to Helen that Bill Taylor was coming over. They discussed Bob Miller, and Helen remarked that she would like to help him but felt this was not a practical idea, possibly referring to efforts of Miller to engage in sale of surplus properties.

Source not given  
WFO Teletype 1/16/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1923  
(10)

In conversation with Margaret Hatfield on 1/16/47, Helen Silvermaster remarked that Gregg had been writing about eight hours a day. She stated he had held important government positions which did not require any mental exercise and as a result he was mentally starved.

Source not given  
WFO Teletype 1/17/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1939  
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On 1/17/47 Sonia Pressman invited Helen and Greg Silvermaster for dinner, but as they were having dinner guests they could not go. Helen told Sonia that they were leaving in March to start building a house; that she and Greg and Ludd were going to build it without labor; that she didn't want Greg to take any job for a year; and that they were going to rent their present house for \$300 to \$350. They planned to sublet part of the new house.

Tesur Log 1/17/47  
Washington, D.C., entitled  
"LP-Summary"  
100-11820-228  
(28)

Sonia Pressman told Helen Silvermaster on 1/19/47 that they were coming by to pick up Lee's pipe, which was left at the Silvermaster's.

Tesur Log 1/19/47  
Washington, D.C. entitled  
"LP-Summary"  
100-11820-227  
(28)

On 1/22/47 Mildred Brady, wife of Bob Brady, contacted Helen Silvermaster and indicated she was in Washington on a survey and planned to visit the Agriculture Department that day. They discussed Bill and Dorothy Taylor and Ruth McKinney and Richard Bransten. On 1/23/47 Helen Silvermaster invited Mildred Brady and the William Taylors to her house for dinner, and all accepted.

Source not given  
WFO Teletype 1/24/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-1969  
(11)

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On 7/17/46, Helen Silvermaster advised Ludwig Ullman and [redacted] that she desired to arrange a meeting with William Henry Taylor sometime during the following week. [redacted] advised, on 10/3/46, that Dorothy Taylor, wife of William Taylor, informed Helen Silvermaster that the Taylors were residing at 51st Place, near the Glasser residence. b2 b7D

On 12/19/46, [redacted] advised that the Taylors were giving a party in the near future, and among those present would be the Silvermasters. According to [redacted], on 1/23/47, the Taylors had recently been invited to the Silvermasters for dinner. b2 b7D

WFO rpt. 5/17/49  
Re: William Henry Taylor  
SI-C  
100-370362-1  
(43)

[redacted] advised early in 1947 that Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster were well acquainted with Grace Granich. Granich had given the Silvermasters a standing invitation to visit at her home, Highley Hill, Wilmington, Vermont, any time at their convenience. b2 b7D

WFO rpt. 8/20/51  
Re: Max Granich, was.  
Grace Granich, wa.  
IS-E  
100-88434-204  
(34, 74, 91, 135)  
SI: 105-19356-13  
(57, 108)

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[REDACTED] (c) b1  
Washington, D.C., entitled  
"LP-Summary"  
100-11870-250  
(28)

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[REDACTED] (c) b1  
WFO rpt. 3/24/47  
(WFO 65-4548)  
Re: Alexandra Paulouas Lewis, was, A  
IS-B  
100-333625-81, p.13,14  
(38,138)  
SI: 100-333625-72 [REDACTED] (c) b1  
(38)

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[REDACTED] advised on 2/25/47 that Palmer Feder, CIO  
Political Action Committee, obtained the telephone number of  
Jean Hinton Greene from Helen Silvermaster.

WFO rpt. 9/11/51  
Re: Jean Hinton Greene, aka  
Espionage-B  
100-351197-3  
(42)

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On 2/25/47 Emily Condon, wife of Dr. Edward W. Condon, Bureau of Standards, contacted Helen Silvermaster. Emily stated that Aaron Gordon, whom she had known since 1917, was in town the other day. Helen recalled that she had known him for twenty years. Helen invited the Condons to dinner on 3/15/47.

Source not given  
WFO Teletype 2/26/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2096  
(11)

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[redacted] advised that Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheppard Bartlett were on friendly terms with Gregory and Helen Silvermaster, and that in March, 1947 they inquired as to when Eva and Boris Witts would arrive. Helen Silvermaster, sister of Boris Witts, invited the Bartletts to come to dinner on some evening while the Wittses were visiting the Silvermasters.

WFO rpt. 4/19/49  
Re: J. Sheppard Bartlett, was.  
Leone Sheppard, was.  
SI-6  
100-360118-3  
(43,81)  
SI: 100-360118-4  
(44,111)  
SI: 61-10404-11  
(3,85)  
SI: 101-4212-55  
(85,75,101,122)

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On December 10, 1946 Palmer Weber was in contact with Gregory Silvermaster and his wife Helen Silvermaster. On 2/13/47 and 2/17/47 Weber was a guest at the residence of the Silvermasters. Weber conferred with Helen Silvermaster on 3/3/47 with reference to her securing some gratuitous aid for his office.

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Washington rpt. 2/18/48  
Re: Frederick Palmer Weber, was  
IS-R  
61-9743-27  
(2)

On 3/6/48 Helen Silvermaster contacted Sasuly (first name not given), who stated she visited the Hill that day to interview Congressmen about Churchill's speech. Helen said that in 1927 Churchill told Mussolini he would do as he did if he were in his place, and asked if he referred to this in his speech.

Confidential informant, not  
further identified  
WFO Teletype 3/7/48  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was, et al,  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-360  
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WFO rpt. 11/23/47  
Re: Martin Pepper, wa.  
IS-B  
105-1913-65, p.49  
(112)

This reference is a memorandum dated 3/10/47 to the Attorney General from J. Edgar Hoover requesting authority for a technical surveillance on the residence of Dr. Edward Uhler Condon, 3535 Van Ness Street, N.W. There is the following marginal notation: 3-12 OK ICC. (S) (L)

Serial described above  
62-58854-36  
(86)

On 2/4/46 Dr. Edward U. Condon, formerly Director of the National Bureau of Standards, and his wife were in the company of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife, Helen Pitts Silvermaster. The Condons and their two sons visited at the Silvermaster residence on 3/16/47.

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WFO rpt. 11/23/48  
Re: Isidor Feinstein Stone, was  
Espionage-R  
100-37078-144, p.20  
(31,79,90,122)

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Emily Condon invited Helen Silvermaster for tea on 3/19/47 but Helen declined. Helen asked Emily if she knew anyone who would be interested in buying their home, and she also remarked that her brother was staying with her a few days.

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WFO rpt. 7/26/47

Re: Dr. Edward Walter Condon  
IS-B

62-50054-48, p.9,10,13,32,39  
(3,08)

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[REDACTED] advised that Teresa Liss contacted Helen Silvermaster on 3/27/47 and invited the Silvermasters to a dinner party sponsored by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Teresa Liss in 1942 admitted membership in the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and advised she had attended meetings of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

WFO Memo. 1/26/48

Re: Mary Jane Keeney;

Philip Olin Keeney

IS-B

101-467-43

(30)

On 3/29/47 Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster entered the residence of David Wahl, 3 Lexington Street, Kensington, Maryland.

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WFO rpt. 12/15/47

Re: Yuri Mikhailovich Bruslov

IS-B

100-353021-2

(42)

SI: 100-356205-1, p.6

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SI: 101-3274-77

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SI: 138-1417-14

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On 3/29/47 Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster were present at a social gathering at the David Nahl residence, 3 Lexington Street, Kensington, Maryland.

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WFO rpt. 9/21/48  
Re: Dorothy Kessler Todd  
SM-C  
100-44753-5  
(39)  
SI: 100-343149-11  
(41)

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WFO rpt. 8/15/47  
Re: Confidential of Food,  
Tobacco, Agricultural,  
and Allied Workers of  
America - CIO  
100-31497-581  
(29)

A letter from Mr. Pierce J. Gerety, Chairman, International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, received on 12/14/53, referred to information in a WFO report of 7/7/53 regarding the UN loyalty investigation on William Henry Taylor. One of the questions raised by Mr. Gerety related to specific details of the contacts between the Taylors and Nathan and Helen Silvermaster from May, 1946 through April, 1947.

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A summary of information obtained from [redacted] for the above period reflected that Helen Silvermaster had sixteen telephonic conversations with Dorothy Taylor and two with William Taylor, and that seven references were made to visits back and forth between the Taylors and the Silvermasters in their homes.

Bureau Memo 12/29/53  
Re: William Henry Taylor, aka  
International Monetary Fund,  
Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Employees of the  
United Nations and Other  
Public International  
Organizations-IR  
138-346-105  
(65)

On 6/2/47, Ann Gertler, wife of Maynard Gertler, visited at the home of Helen Silvermaster, who said she had known Ann slightly but had never had the opportunity of knowing her well. Ann Gertler remarked to Helen Silvermaster that Maynard had some ideas he wanted to discuss with "Greg."

[redacted] b2 b7D

In January, 1947 Nathan and Helen Silvermaster received a communication from Maynard and Ann Gertler advising that the Gertlers had moved to New York.

[redacted] b2 b7D

New York rpt. 2/14/49  
Re: Maynard Gertler  
SM-G  
100-345918-7  
(41)  
SI: 100-345101-44, p.20  
(40)  
SI: 101-1912-26, p.11  
(52,100)

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On 4/15/47 in an interview, Helen Silvermaster categorically denied that she was a communist or engaged in any espionage activities in behalf of the Soviet government. She remarked that Dr. Edward Condon had visited the Silvermaster home and that the Silvermasters had been to the Condon home. She noted that the acquaintance was of a purely social nature.

In early 1947 Peigs Habicht sought the services of Dr. Condon as a tutor in physics for her son. Inasmuch as Dr. Condon was very occupied, Mrs. Condon recommended Anstole Volkoff, the son of Helen Silvermaster. Peigs Habicht was an associate of Mrs. Condon. [REDACTED] b2 b7D

WFO rpt. 5/8/48  
Re: Dr. Edward Condon  
Director, National Bureau of  
Standards, U.S. Department  
of Commerce, Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Government  
Employees  
121-2673-3  
(83)

b2 b7D  
In interview on 4/15/47, Helen Silvermaster advised that she knew Grace Granich. [REDACTED] advised in February, 1947 that Granich saw the Silvermasters and had, in fact, invited them to visit her home anytime at their convenience.

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In the period of 1/1/47 to 1/15/47, Grace Granich wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster, from Higley Hill, Wilmington, Vermont, stating that she and her husband had moved to their Wilmington farm.

Albany Summary rpt. 1/16/58

Re: Grace Granich, aka

IS-B

100-88434-248, p. 49, 50

(34, 80, 91, 11, 122)

SI: 100-88434-131

(34)

SI to para. 1 above:

100-88434-116 (WFO 100-17434)

(34, 97) (Marginal notation: "Not to be distributed")

SI to para. 1 above:

100-88434-117 (WFO 100-17434)

(34, 91)

Dorothy Kaplan was in contact with Helen Vitta Silvermaster. (X) u [redacted] (X) u b2 b7D

Helen Silvermaster advised on 4/15/47 that she was acquainted with Irving Kaplan, having known him on the West Coast. She claimed that she had never seen Kaplan in Washington, D.C.

On 4/7/48 Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster dined at Mary Jane Keeney's residence in Washington, D.C.

(X-19 not further identified)

New York rpt. 1/19/51

Re: Infiltration of the United Nations by Subversive American Citizens

IS-B

105-13893-4, Encl. p. 31, 36, 144

(56, 83, 124)

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On 11/9/53 William Henry Taylor testified before the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations in Washington, D.C. Taylor stated that he had been in the home of Gregory and Helen Silvermaster about six times in six years and some of these were dinner occasions. Taylor broke off association with the Silvermasters early in 1947 as they moved out of town.

*Marginal notation: Do not disseminate.*

Bureau Memo 11/24/53  
enclosing photostat of  
transcription of above  
testimony  
138-348-89, volume 1, p.14-16  
(113)

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[redacted] advised that on 4/15/47, M. Gregory and Helen Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullman requested Elizabeth Scauly to have David Rein go out to their residence immediately as it was important that they confer with him.

Previously on the above date the Silvermasters and Ullman were interviewed with reference to their activities in connection with a Soviet espionage conspiracy.

WFO rpt. 1/8/48  
Re: David Rein  
IS-B  
101-2426-25  
(52)

Helen Witte Silvermaster advised on 4/15/47 that she was acquainted with Lauchlin Currie but had not seen him for approximately four years. She characterized this acquaintance as purely social.

Marginal notation: No dissemination without clearing with Espionage Section.

New York Summary rpt. 11/23/48  
Re: Lauchlin Bernard Currie, was.  
SM-G  
101-3616-4, p.10  
(54,62,112,124)

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In an interview on 4/15/47 at her residence, 5515 30th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Helen Silvermaster denied ever knowing Peter G. Rhodes.

New York rpt. 5/24/51  
Re: Peter Christopher Rhodes, was.  
Espionage-By Internal  
Security Act of 1950  
65-44458-17, Enc. p.38  
(5,87)

Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, 6100 North 30th Street, Arlington, Virginia, who was given as a reference by Milada Marsalka in 1946, advised that she had heard the Marsalkas speak of the Silvermasters, but Mrs. Hall never met them.

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██████████ advised on 4/17/47 that Milada Marsalka contacted Helen Silvermaster and told her she was resigning her position at the Central Intelligence Group on 5/2/47.

WFO rpt. 8/2/51  
Re: Milada Marsalka, was.  
SM-C  
100-433093-30, p.2, 49-51  
(49, 73, 116, 123)

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██████████ advised that Gertrude and Palmer Weber were guests of Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster at the Silvermaster residence on 4/20/47.

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<sup>b2 b7D</sup>  
According to ██████████, Palmer Weber was scheduled as the speaker at a party given by the Progressive Party in Washington, D.C. on 10/9/48.

WFO rpt. 7/29/52  
Re: Iana Marincl, wa.  
IS-2  
105-14780-12  
(58,101)

<sup>b2 b7D</sup>  
In the investigation of Mary Jane Keeney and Philip O. Keeney of the Gregory Case, ██████████ advised that in a letter to Philip Keeney, Mary Jane Keeney indicated that Dan and Helen Schneider visited David E. Wahl, Kensington, Maryland, on the weekend of 4/25/47. Mary Jane indicated that she had contact with the Schneiders, at which time they discussed an interview of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife by Bureau Agents.

Identity of Dan and Helen Schneider was not known to WFO.

WFO Letter 6/5/47  
Re: Albert E. Kahn, was.  
Proposed Attack on the Director  
IS-6  
100-74021-137  
(33)

On 12/10/46 Helen Silvermaster invited the Lee Pressmans to look at some pictures. Lee and Paula Pressman attended a party at the residence of Gregory and Helen Silvermaster on New Year's Eve, 12/31/46.

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WFO rpt. 4/6/48  
Re: Leon Pressman, aka  
IS-C

100-11820-419  
(29,110)

SI: 100-11820-192  
(23)

SI: 100-11820-207  
(28)

SI: 100-11820-299  
(29)

SI: 100-11820-197  
(28)

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On 5/5/47 Mary Jane Keeney advised Helen Silvermaster that she left the hospital that afternoon. Mary Jane expressed regret that someone else was present when Helen visited her, "So I could not talk to you."

Source not given  
WFO Teletype 5/6/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2403  
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Helen Silvermaster advised Marie Portnoff, wife of Alexander Portnoff, on 5/11/47, that they had almost completed sale of their Washington residence and were making arrangements to leave Washington in the middle of the following week.

Confidential informant  
WFO Teletype 5/12/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2413  
(11)

On 5/21/47 an individual known only as Edith advised Dorothy Kaplan (not further identified) that she was in Washington, D.C. and was staying with her sister-in-law, Lillian Robbin, 2946 Legation Street, NW, which was around the corner from the Silvermasters. Edith mentioned that she was staying in New York City with her father, in Brentwood Village. She also mentioned that she had seen Helen Silvermaster.

[REDACTED] (C) u b2 b7D (S) u  
It was noted that Lillian Colker Robbin was the wife of Barney M. Robbin.

WFO Memo 2/23/49  
Re: Barney M. Robbin  
Attorney, Department of the Army  
APO 343, Japan  
Loyalty of Government Employees  
121-15736-3  
(62)



Informant advised that Helen Silvermaster indicated they would leave for the Island Wednesday (May 28). Philip Keeney arrived in Washington 5/23/47 and contacted the Silvermasters, agreeing to visit them that afternoon.

WFO Teletype 5/28/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2484  
(11)

Informant Gregory named Frank Coe as an associate of the Silvermaster group. Gregory believed that Coe furnished information to Harry Dexter White, Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury in Washington, D.C.; that the information was eventually furnished to the Silvermasters, who made it available to Gregory's superiors.

Highly confidential sources advised that Coe was closely associated and friendly with Helen Silvermaster and others of the Silvermaster group. (Date not given)

WFO Letter 5/29/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2602  
(11)

In interview on 5/25/47, Maurice Halperin advised that he did not know Helen and Gregory Silvermaster.

Washington rpt. 5/5/49  
Re: Maurice Halperin  
65-14303-38, p.23  
(4)

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William Ludwig Ullman resided with the Silvermasters at 5515 30th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. until 5/29/47. Ullman appeared to be one of the family and was observed assisting both Silvermaster and his wife in and around the house and yard. On 12/2/45 Ullman and Helen Silvermaster entered the apartment of Elizabeth Sealy, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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Henrietta Klotz, secretary to Henry Morgenthau while he was Secretary of the Treasury, was a close associate of the Silvermasters.

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The Silvermasters and Ullman left Washington, D.C. on 5/29/47, having sold their home at 5515 30th Street, N.W. and went to Harvey Cedars, N.J., where they intended to embark on a building program.

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On 3/15/47 Nathan Gregory Silvermaster advised that Ullman had lived with Silvermaster and his wife since 1938.

On 4/15/47 Ullman advised that he was almost certain the Silvermasters were not communists, and particularly Mrs. Silvermaster, because she had suffered deplorably at the hands of the Russians, and she had lost a great deal of valuable estates. Helen Silvermaster had been interested in some communist front organization although Ullman could not recall the name. During the time of the revolution in Spain, Mrs. Silvermaster helped collect money for the purpose of aiding the anti-Fascists in Spain, according to Ullman. Ullman admitted he had seen some communist literature in the Silvermaster home.

WFO rpt. 7/21/45

Re: William Ludwig Ullman, aka

SM-C

100-364197-1

(45,81)

It was noted that there was considerable evidence of close friendship and association between Alexander Portneff and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. The first indication of any connection was received by the Philadelphia Office through letter of 4/11/46 from Washington Field Office, which advised that it was known through undisclosed sources that on 7/16/45 Harry Dexter White had been in contact with Portneff; that on 1/4/46 Helen Silvermaster received a letter from 908 Clinton St., Philadelphia, Pa.; and that on 3/18/46 a package was delivered addressed to Helen Silvermaster from "A. Portneff, 908 Clinton St., Philadelphia, Pa.," Also, Washington Field Office advised that from May 2 to May 6, 1946 the Silvermasters and William Ludwig Ullman were guests of Alexander Portneff at his summer home in Harvey Cedars, Ocean City, N.J. WFO further advised that the Silvermasters and White had previously been Portneff's guests, and that the Silvermasters were considering buying a summer home in the vicinity of Harvey Cedars.

On 5/27/46 Nathan Gregory Silvermaster met Helen Silvermaster and Ullman in Philadelphia, and that evening all drove to Portneff's home in Harvey Cedars.  
(Pleur)

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On 6/23/47 the Newark Office advised that Silvermaster and his wife, Helen, and Ullman arrived at Harvey Cedars, N.J. the first part of June and all resided in the house owned by Portneff at 84th Street and Ocean Avenue.

In an interview on 4/21/49, Portneff indicated that he met Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster about ten or twelve years previously.

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NY 77-7/31/50  
Re: Nathan Nachtalev Schultz, was.  
Espionage-R  
100-360520-16, p. 33, 34  
(44)

Mrs. Priscilla Niss, wife of Alger Niss, in inter-  
view on 8/2/47, advised that she was not acquainted with Helen  
and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

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[REDACTED] advised in April 1947 that he had learned from  
Mary Jane Keeney that she had seen other guests at the home of  
David Wall, 3 Lexington Street, Kensington, Maryland the week-  
end of 4/25/47. At this gathering they discussed an interview  
by FBI agents with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife.

NY 77-2/2/50  
Re: Jay David Wittaker,  
Chambers, was, et al.  
Perjury, Espionage-R,  
Internal Security-R  
74-1333-2450, p. 43, 44  
(25)

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By letter to the Attorney General on 6/4/47. b1

[REDACTED] Stein was contacted by Helen Silvermaster at the time William Ludwig Ullman was interviewed in connection with the Gregory case.

"OK 6-5 TOC" appeared as a marginal notation on the letter.

Serial described above  
101-2426-24  
(52)  
SI: 65-56402-2481 *sid*  
(11)

Florence Tompkins, former maid in the home of Abraham George Silverman, advised on March 2 and 7, 1949 that Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster had visited in the Silverman home.

Senia Gold advised on 4/15/47 that she believed she met Helen Silvermaster after she, Senia, began working for the Division of Monetary Research, US Treasury Department, in August, 1943. Gold denied that Helen Silvermaster had ever requested her to furnish information to her (Silvermaster) regarding Treasury Department matters.

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On 6/7/47 Norman Bursler advised that he met the Silvermasters in 1934 in California and that he lived with them in Washington, DC for approximately a month, though he could not remember the year.

New York Summary rpt. 4/15/54  
Re: Abraham George Silverman, was  
Espionage-R; Internal  
Security Act, 1950  
100-363633-98, Enc. p.136  
(45,95,137)

In a signed statement dated 6/9/47 prepared and submitted by Norman Bursler, he stated that Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster was a member of the Democratic Women's National Committee. Bursler stated that he knew nothing about the Silvermasters which would justify any doubt as to their loyalty.

Chicago letter 6/12/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R; enclosing  
original of above statement  
65-56402-2604  
(109)

NY Teletype 6/9/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2587  
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On 6/10/47 [redacted] advised that Helen Reid Bryan informed one Eve Witte that she had two letters for Witte and that one of the letters was from Boris. It was noted that the husband of one Eva Kner Witte was Boris O. Witte, brother of Helen Silvermaster.

NY rpt. 3/29/49  
Re: Helen Reid Bryan, was.  
IS-C  
100-206852-46  
(36)

Investigation at Harvey Cedars, Long Beach, N.J. reflected that Nathan and Helen Silvermaster arrived in Harvey Cedars approximately June 10, 1947. For an indefinite time they resided in a house owned by Alexander Portneff.

Newark memo 6/23/47  
Re: Alexander Portneff, was.  
IS-B; Registration Act  
97-748-46  
(27)  
SI: 97-748-53  
(27,89)

On 12/2/45 Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife drove from their residence and picked up Alexander Koral, was. After a two hour drive in the city (Washington), Koral took a street car for Union Station, where he boarded a train for NYC.  
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Koral was courier for Unknown Subject Frank of NYC, according to WFO.

Richard Koral, son of Alexander and Helen Koral, admitted on interview on 6/14/47 that he and Anatole Boris Kelkou, son of Helen Silvermaster, were good friends at the University of North Carolina.

WFO rpt. 6/24/48  
Re: Unknown Subject  
Frank (Gregory Case)  
Espionage-R  
65-57915-2  
(21,128)  
SI: 65-57915-16  
(21)

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[REDACTED] Other reliable informants (not further identified) stated that David Rein was a contact and associate of N. Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

WFO rpt. 6/30/48  
Re: Sean R. Center, aka.  
Statistical Code Clerk-Applicant  
Immigration and Naturalization  
Service, Department of Justice,  
New York, NY  
Loyalty of Government Employees  
121-8765-19  
(60)

According to a Philadelphia report of 6/10/47, Alexander Portneff sent an icon to Helen Silvermaster. In an interview on 4/21/49 Portneff denied having sent an icon to Mrs. Silvermaster.

PH rpt. 6/1/49  
Re: Alexander Portneff, wa.  
IS-R  
Registration Act  
97-748-60  
(27,89)



A copy of a report dated 7/1/47 reflecting the results of an interview with Anatole Boris Volkev, the son of Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was sent to the Attorney General. A copy of the report was to be made available to T.V. Quinn and T.J. Donagan by the New York office.

Bureau Memo to the Attorney General  
7/14/47  
Re: Gregory Case  
65-56402-2657  
(87)

The name Seth Gaer appeared in the address book of Samuel Bloomfield. Current investigation indicated that Seth Gaer had been in contact with Nathan C. and Helen Silvermaster.

New York rpt. 8/5/47  
Re: Samuel George Bloomfield, wa.  
IS-R  
77-24483-73  
(26)

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A highly confidential source advised that the name Richard Wallerstein appeared in the address book of Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. (No date given)

WFO memo 11/4/47  
Re: Elizabeth Wallerstein  
AEA-E  
116-32884-6  
(57)

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NY Teletype 11/6/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2948  
(12)

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Rule 6e

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NY Teletype 11/7/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-2935  
(12)

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NY Teletype 11/19/47  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-2  
65-36402-2946  
(11)

On 12/19/47 a highly confidential and reliable source furnished names and addresses of persons who were carried in the indices membership of the Washington Bookshop Association. This information showed Helen Silvermaster to be a current, active member, whose last payment of annual dues was made in April, 1946. Information indicated that the payment of \$1.00 annual dues kept the member in "current standing" for one year.

WFO rpt. 3/1/48 (WFO 100-1618)  
Re: Washington Bookshop  
Association, aka  
IS-C  
100-24699-204, p.29  
(21)

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During the period of 1946 to 1948, Bruce Waybur and his wife were in frequent contact with Nathan and Helen Silvermaster.

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WFO rpt. 5/20/52  
Re: Guy Theodore Huns, Jr.  
SM-C

100-235880-27, p.11  
(37, 92)

SI to para. 1 above: 101-1817-16  
(WFO memo 5/3/48)  
(52)

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NY rpt. 4/28/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-3241  
(12)

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[REDACTED] advised that William Henry Glazier was known to have been in contact with many subjects of the investigation entitled "Gregory-Espionage R," among them Helen and Gregory Silvermaster.

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It was noted that in early 1948 Glazier was Wash-  
ton representative of the ILWS-CIO.

NFO Memo 4/8/49  
(NFO 100-16572)  
Re: Cominfil of Maritime  
Industries. (International  
Longshoremen and Har-  
bormen's Union, CIO)  
IS-C  
100-52123-528  
(32)

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I-2: Summary of testimony by  
Adler on 4/20/48 to Treasury  
Department Loyalty Board Members

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Re: Solomon Adler, aka  
Espionage-R  
65-58751-105, Enc. 7, 9, 14, 23, 24,  
25, 32, 33  
(23, 73, 88)

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Records at the University of North Carolina reflected that Helen P. Silvermaster, mother of Anatole Boris Volkov, was a graduate of the University of Moscow, Moscow, Russia.

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On 5/22/47 Helen Silvermaster received a communication from A. Silvermaster, 335 East 58th St., Los Angeles, California.

Mail cover as reported in report of 6/30/47 at Washington, D.C. in case entitled Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was, et al, Espionage R. WFO rpt. 8/30/49

Re: Anatole Boris Volkov, was. 25-6

100-320903-2, p.2,3,4,5,11-13, 16,18,24,25

(37,68,80,116,117,118,122,126)

As was indicated in previous reports concerning Elizabeth Smith's activities, she and her husband were in frequent and close association with the Silvermasters. (Dates not given)

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(c) [REDACTED] (c)

WFO rpt. 11/16/48  
(WFO 100-16000)  
Re: Elizabeth Sausly, was.  
IS-C  
100-335340-29  
(38,75,92,127)  
SI: 101-3411-107, p.9 [REDACTED] b1  
(54) (c)  
SI: 101-3411-207, p.12 [REDACTED]  
(54)  
SI: 100-258142-4  
(37)

A memo from the Director to the Attorney General dated 6/3/48 requested opinion as to the advisability of conducting a loyalty investigation on Joseph Marvin Friedman. The request was based on the information that one Joseph Friedman was known to have been in contact with Gregory and Helen Silvermaster, William Ludwig Blinn, and Harry Dexter White. The Attorney General returned the above request with the marginal notation, "File."

Serial described above  
Re: Joseph Marvin Friedman  
Chief, Frauds Section,  
Special Assistant to Attorney  
General, Department of Justice  
Washington, DC  
121-11591-14  
(61)

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Records of Blue Cars Continental, Ltd., NYC, reflected that they were contacted by the District of Columbia Motor Club on 4/17/48 regarding a tour for Judith Coplen beginning June 8 from Paris. Coplen advised DC Motor Club that she would reside in Paris with one Beatrice Brandy (PW), probably Beatrice Braude, an employee of the American Embassy.

It was noted that Braude was known to the Bureau and WFO to be a contact of Mrs. Silvermaster.

NY Teletype 3/30/48  
Re: Judith Coplen, et al  
Espionage-R  
65-58365-372  
(138)

Correlator's notation: Because of insufficient information it was not possible to positively identify above reference with subject of this summary.

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The above information appeared in the synopsis but not in the body of the report. b7, b7D

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WFO rpt. 3/10/48  
Re: Hermann Kollman  
Eduard Pologovs A.  
K. Hubert, aka  
IS-R  
65-34416-194  
(5)

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The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee held hearings in New Hampshire on August 30, 1955 relating to material of Harry Dexter White which was in possession of New Hampshire Attorney General Louis C. Wyman. The New York office on August 30 and 31, 1955 furnished prints taken from film furnished by the Boston office relating to the above material. Items considered of pertinence to the Bureau contained condolence messages to Mrs. White after the death of her husband on 8/16/48, including a message from Helen Silvermaster.

Bureau Memo 9/9/55  
Re: Harry Dexter White  
Espionage-R  
101-4053-1355  
(35)

The "Washington Post" of 8/1/48 in an article entitled "D-Day Tip-Off Given Reds by Spies in U.S. Jobs; Roosevelt Aide Called a Source of Information; Investigators Demand Grand Jury be Summoned," told of a Congressional hearing. The article stated that in the hearing Elizabeth Bentley testified that Helen Silvermaster was a member of the Silvermaster Spy Ring.

"Washington Post" 8/1/48  
61-6326-A  
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WFO Letter 8/4/48  
Re: Gregory,  
Espionage-B  
65-56407-3429 n)  
(18)

In hearings regarding communist espionage in the US government before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., on 7/31/48, Elizabeth F. Bentley testified that she met Helen Silvermaster at the Silvermaster house in Washington. She also stated that Mrs. Silvermaster was a member of the espionage group and, though she gave no information, she helped William Ludwig Ullman with the photography in the Silvermaster basement.

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In the above hearings on 8/3/48, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster testified that his wife's maiden name was Helen Petrus Witta.

Bureau Memo 10/20/48  
Re: House Committee on Un-American Activities; enclosing a publication of the House Committee on Un-American Activities entitled "Hearings Regarding Communist Espionage in the US Government," 65-52402-3083, encl. p. 509, 523, 588 (12,100,150)

From reliable and confidential sources it was indicated that Mrs. Charles Eugene Clift had been very friendly both socially and in connection with her organizational activities with Helen Silvermaster, aka Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. (Date not given)

WFO rpt. 8/6/48  
Re: Charles Eugene Clift, aka  
Assistant to Commissioner,  
Federal Communications  
Commission, Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Government  
Employees  
121-7551-18  
(60,100)

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On a Civil Service application form dated 7/23/48 Edward Thomas Dickinson listed Lauchlin Currie as a reference.

In a signed statement of 11/30/45, Elizabeth Terrill Bentley stated that Lauchlin Currie was friendly with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and wife, Helen Silvermaster. In testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 8/13/48, Currie admitted knowing the Silvermasters.

WFO rpt. 4/10/52  
Re: Edward Thomas Dickinson, Jr.  
Carille Bolton-Smith  
Miscellaneous-Information  
Concerning (Espionage)  
65-61449-10, p.9  
(25,89)

A copy of a report dated 8/30/48 in the Gregory case which covered an interview with Boris N. Volkov, the former husband of Helen Petrovna Silvermaster, was sent to the Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell.

Bureau letter to the Assistant  
Attorney General Alexander M.  
Campbell, 9/8/48  
Re: The Gregory Case.  
65-56402-3529  
(71)

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Mr. J.W. Pollin, Assistant Administrator, FVA, made available a letter from a friend who had a summer home on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. The letter contained information to the effect that Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster were living on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. They were erecting another dwelling on a nearby bluff, and concern was expressed regarding this strategic position of the Silvermasters' buildings.

WFO Letter 8/31/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-3507  
(12)

Dr. Emily Woels, 4843 Geary Street, San Francisco, California, in an interview, stated that Helen Silvermaster was a rather close friend of hers from about 1925 through 1935. It was her opinion that during this period Helen Silvermaster was not a communist.

Nicolas T. Nirov, 1584 Searle Boulevard, advised that he was well acquainted with Helen Silvermaster and her brother, Boris Witte. He stated that Witte was unquestionably a White Russian and that the background of Helen Silvermaster would indicate that she was the same.

Boris Volkov, on interview, stated that Mrs. Lena McCarthy of Box 113, Ukiah, California had continued since 1930 her correspondence and friendship with Helen and Anatole Silvermaster, and that all of the Silvermaster family had visited her farm in Ukiah. He stated that Mrs. McCarthy was definitely not a communist or communist sympathizer.

SP rpt. 9/23/48  
Re: Gregory  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-3669  
(115)

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Informant Gregory advised that Charles Kramer was a friend of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster. (No date indicated.)

WFO rpt. 11/19/48  
Re: Charles Kramer, was.  
IS-C  
100-355470-3  
(42)

A memorandum summarizing information on Dr. Isidore Lattman reflected that during the investigation conducted in the Gregory espionage case, it was determined that Dr. Isidore Lattman was known to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

Marginal notation, "I think we should keep ourselves informed re Lattman and the Sasuly's: H."

Memo from Mr. Ladd to  
the Director, 12/1/48  
Re: Dr. Isidore Lattman, aka  
SM-C, enclosing above  
summary memorandum  
100-44426-11  
(20)

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WFO Teletype 4/3/50  
Re: Owen Lattimore  
Espionage-R  
100-24628-312  
(90)

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(C) (Date not given)

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WFO rpt. 2/2/49

Re: Yuri Mikhailovich Bruslov, was  
IS-B

100-353021-16

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SI: 100-353021-23

(42)

SI: 100-353021-27

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SI: 100-354613-7

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SI: 100-356922-2

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SI: 100-344452-258, p. 28

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Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare, Washington, D.C. letter  
dated 2/25/54

181-7163-68

(60)

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Alexander Portnoff, from whom Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullman purchased their Harvey Cedars beach front property, advised on 4/21/49 that he met the Silvermasters about ten or twelve years previously, and that he occasionally sent them the "Moscow News."

Philadelphia rpt. 10/4/48  
(NK-100-33199)

Re: William Ludwig Ullman, was.  
Espionage-R  
100-364197-18  
(45,95)

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United States Atomic Energy  
Commission letter 6/29/49,  
enclosing Photostat  
of above affidavit  
116-93170-30  
(57)

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The "Ottawa Journal" (Canada) of 6/6/49, in an article entitled "Ex-Film Board Employee Denies U.S. Charges He Was in Spy Team," quoted Elizabeth T. Bentley as identifying a group of couriers for wartime Red spy rings. She named Helen Silvermaster as one of the group.

The "Ottawa Journal," 6/6/49  
(Canada)  
65-56402-A  
(13)

"The Washington "Times Herald" of 6/6/49, in an article entitled "U.S. Aides as Soviet Informers," quoted Elizabeth T. Bentley as naming in a list to the Senate Judiciary Committee a group who were couriers for Red spy rings. One of those named in the courier category was Helen Silvermaster.

The article also stated that along with the names supplied by Miss Bentley, the sub-committee released what it said were communist-front affiliations of a number of persons in the group and listed three communist front affiliations for Mrs. Silvermaster.

"The Washington "Times Herald" 6/6/49  
65-56402-A  
(13)

Reliable confidential informants (not further identified) in the past identified Edward W. Condon and his wife, Emily Henrik Condon, as social acquaintances of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

Marginal notation: No dissemination at this time.

NFO rpt. 6/29/49  
Re: Bernard Peters, was.  
IS-R  
100-205953-136  
(36)

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[redacted] advised that Virginia Pierce Lansner was an associate of Clifford McAvooy, who, according to [redacted], was a close associate of Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster. (Date not given)

WFO rpt. 7/21/49  
(WFO 100-18800)  
Re: Virginia Pierce Lansner, was.  
SM-C  
100-246163-20  
(37)

Nathan Gregory and Helen P. Silvermaster were listed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as members of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and Helen Silvermaster as a member of the Washington Bookshop Association.

[redacted] (No date given)

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EFO rpt. 8/24/49  
Re: Max Silber Oatis, aka  
Special Inquiry-National  
Security Resources Board-Employees  
126-58-22, p.9,15,22  
(65,69)

(S) [redacted] refer

[redacted] This Smith was identified as Henry Bowen Smith. Bureau files reflected that from 1946 to 1948 Henry Bowen Smith was in frequent contact with individuals who were under investigation for espionage activities, including Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

Bureau memo 2/24/50  
Re: Stewart Lee Smith

[redacted] (S) refer  
(38)

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The file of the Registrar's office of the University of Wisconsin revealed the information that Anastole Boris Volkov, a student in that University as of June, 1950, listed as parent or guardian Mrs. Helen Silvermaster of Harvey Cedars, New Jersey.

Milwaukee rpt. 6/29/50  
Re: Anastole Boris Volkov, was;  
SM-C  
100-329903-6  
(37)

Ann Remington, wife of William Remington, advised that she knew Maynard Gertler to be a CP member in approximately 1940.

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Investigation showed that Gertler had been a frequent contact and social acquaintance of Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

New York rpt. 9/8/50  
Re: William Walter Remington, aka  
Perjury  
74-1379-306, p.139  
(26)  
SI: 74-1379-66, p.29  
(26) b2 b7D  
SI: 101-1185-62, p.353 ( )  
(51)

Tatiana Constance Wilds, in her application to the Bureau dated 9/24/50, gave Mrs. Vera Witte as a reference.

By letter dated 12/29/45, the Washington Field Office advised that Helen Silvermaster had received a letter from Vera Witte. There was nothing in the letter that could be construed as being derogatory to Mrs. Witte; however, the contents of the letter indicated that she was friendly with Mrs. Silvermaster.

Bureau Memo 11/27/50  
Re: Tatiana Constance Wilds, wa.  
Translator Applicant  
67-451969-7  
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NY Routing slip to Inspector A.H.  
Belmont,  
10/23/50 enclosing above  
Photostat of testimony  
Re Caption  
74-1379-454, Encl. p.13  
(26)

On 3/10/51 Newark advised that telegrams were sent  
from the telephone listed to the home occupied by Nathan Gregory  
Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullman in the period of 7/6/50  
to 11/29/50. One of the messages contained the name Helen,  
which could refer to Helen Silvermaster.

On 6/1/51 the Laboratory reported that examination  
showed no concealed messages.

Serial described above  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
William Ludwig Ullman, was.  
Espionage-R  
65-56402-3902  
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[redacted] advised that Selma Rice Batin was a close associate of Helen Silvermaster between 1946 and 1948, and according to [redacted]

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WFO rpt. 7/2/51  
Re: Selma Rice Batin, was.  
SI-8  
101-2427-10  
(53)

The name Marjorie Clark appeared in the address book of Helen and Gregory Silvermaster. (Date not given)  
(a highly confidential source)

The name of one Marjorie Clark, 1841 R Street, N.W. appeared on the indices of the League of Women Shoppers.  
(WFO Files)

WFO Letter 3/30/51 (WFO 121-17360)  
Re: Max Allen Eglaff, WFO.  
Editorial Specialist-Appointee  
Executive Office of the President  
The White House Office  
Washington, D.C.  
LGE  
121-27686-8  
(63,103)

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According to T-1, of known reliability, William Ludwig Ullman, as of May, 1951, was residing with Nathan Gregory and Helen Silvermaster on 87th Street at the Beachfront in Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. [REDACTED]

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T-1: Samuel Lear, Postmaster,  
Harvey Cedars, N.J.  
Newark rpt. 5/29/51  
(NK 100-39199)  
Re: William Ludwig Ullman, was.  
Espionage-R  
100-364197-13  
(45)

On interview 7/19/51, Elizabeth Terrill Bentley gave the following information.

In an effort to supply Harry Dexter White with a secretary who could handle the material he wished to furnish to the Silvermaster group, Helen Silvermaster contacted the Baltimore Office of the CP. The Silvermasters were thus placed in contact with Sonia Gold, who was employed for the position.

When Helen and Gregory Silvermaster and Ludwig Ullman became overloaded with photographic work, Sonia Gold and her husband, Bela Gold, were given a camera and they assisted in photographing material. As the Contax camera which the Silvermasters and Ullman were using broke and had to be repaired, they were given a Leica camera for a time.

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Miss Bentley stated that the above matters had come to her attention while she was in contact with the Silvermaster group prior to their being taken over by her principal Bill.

New York rpt. 7/26/51

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espionage-R  
65-59259-17  
(23,89)  
SI: 100-3-3013  
(27) (110)

A review of the file in the case of Richard Bransten reflected that numerous personal letters were exchanged between Helen Silvermaster and Richard Bransten. Besides discussions of business activities, the letters contained much information of a personal nature concerning their families, indicating a close friendship.

WFO memo 10/3/51 (WFO 100-7461)  
Re: Richard Bransten, was  
SI-C  
100-80063-258  
(33,91)

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This reference is a Bureau memo dated 10/6/51 carrying as an enclosure the book "Out of Bondage," the story of Elizabeth Bentley. In the story Bentley related her experiences with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory (Helen) Silvermaster, and other contacts of the Soviet espionage ring.

Serial described above  
134-435-46, enc. p. 149-151  
(65, 69, 103, 116, 128)

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As of February, 1952 William Ludwig Ullman resided in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster home on 87th Street, Harvey Cedars, NJ.  
(T-1, of known reliability)

A summer resident of Harvey Cedars, NJ, T-2, of known reliability, advised that during the past summer he became acquainted with Walter and Margaret Lyons, also known as Katzenstein, whom he described as wealthy residents of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Lyons were active in the Long Beach Island Foundation of Arts and Sciences, which many old time residents considered to be communist dominated. Recently the names of Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullman had been connected with the Foundation. T-2 continued that in November, 1951 he was invited to a dinner party at the Lyons home and was surprised to find Ullman and the Silvermasters also as guests.

T-1: Samuel Lear, Postmaster,  
Harvey Cedars, NJ  
T-2: Herbert Hartman  
Compass Ave.,  
Harvey Cedars, NJ  
Newark rpt. 2/11/52  
(NY 100-33192)  
Re: William Ludwig Ullman, was.  
Espionage-R  
100-364197-25  
(45,95)

T-17, of unknown reliability, advised that he was usually acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. T-17 visited their home and observed them in attendance at activities of the Foundation of Arts and Sciences, although their friendship had not been encouraged.

T-17: Miss Mae Friedman,  
Apt. 613, 1810 Rittenhouse Square,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Employed as Secretary with  
the Alcohol Tax Unit,  
Treasury Department  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Philadelphic rpt. 3/20/52  
Re: Boris Blat, wa.  
IS-R  
105-17339-1  
(56)

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On 3/21/52 Miss Elizabeth Ferrill Bentley advised that in approximately August 1941 her Soviet principal, Jacob Golde, NYO, who died on 11/25/48, advised her that he had several contacts with the underground Soviet espionage group in Washington, D.C., and because of ill health, suggested that Bentley go to Washington and meet Mrs. Helen Fitte Silvermaster.

Bentley said that she subsequently learned that Helen Silvermaster's husband, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was head of a group in Washington, D.C. engaged in securing data for the Soviet underground. Bentley stated that she discussed the group with Silvermaster, his wife, and Ludwig Ullman at the Silvermaster home. Bentley stated that Ullman joined the CP in the late 1930's as a result of Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster's influence.

New York rpt. 6/4/52  
Re: Irving Kaplan, was.  
Espionage-R  
Internal Security Act of 1950  
65-58728-104  
(22) (79) (122)  
SI: 65-58728-114, p.6-8  
(22, 79, 88, 122)

Frank J. Swart, Certified Public Accountant, Toms River, NJ, advised that he prepared the income tax statement for Ullman and Silvermaster, Builders, in February, 1951 and for the year 1952. Swart noted that Ullman was bookkeeper for the organization and Helen Silvermaster was in charge of the payroll. Swart learned nothing of a subversive nature during his contacts with the Silvermasters. He noticed no photographic equipment in their home.

List of telephone calls made from the Silvermaster telephone for the period of 10/28/52 to 4/12/53 set out.

Newark rpt. 7/6/52  
(NY 100-33199)  
Re: William Ludwig Ullman, was.  
Espionage-R  
100-364197-34  
(46, 98)

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In the hearings before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, on 5/16/53, Irving Kaplan of New York, NY testified. When asked if he knew Helen Witte Silvermaster, Kaplan refused to answer on the ground that it might tend to incriminate him.

Bureau memo 6/18/54  
Re: McCarran Committee  
Hearing 1951, Institute  
of Pacific Relations,  
enclosing copy of Part 13 of  
above hearings  
100-64700-1214, Encl.  
p. 4733, 4734  
(88)

Richard Bransten advised that he met Mary Jane and Philip Kenney, through the Silvermasters at an unrecalled time.

Bransten identified Anatole Volkev as the son of Gregory and Helen Silvermaster.

New York rpt. 11/4/52  
Re: Richard Bransten, was.  
SM-C; IS-B  
100-80063-203, p. 3, 4, 12  
(33, 34, 91)  
SI 100-80063-202, p. 2, 3  
(33) (91)

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Boston rpt. 4/30/54

Re: [REDACTED]

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100-392745-46

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I-S, who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning Helen Silvermaster, advised that in March, 1953 Helen Silvermaster received correspondence from one "Spain" of 222 Hartdale Avenue, White Plains, NY.

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David Michael Spain resided at 220 Hartdale Avenue, White Plains, NY from 1949 until 1955, according to records of the Westchester County, NY Medical Society, White Plains, NY.

T-5: Sam Lear, Postmaster,  
Harvey Cedars, NJ (Mail Cover)  
New York rpt. 8/5/55  
Re: David Michael Spain  
SM-C  
100-419747-1  
(49,98)

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Bureau Memo 7/24/53  
Re: Attorney General's  
Denaturalization and  
Deportation Program,  
enclosing above list,  
classified "Confidential"  
62-98134-288, Encl. p. 17, 27  
(4, 71, 72, 86, 115, 136)

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The Justice Department was advised on 10/14/54 that the following information was reflected in the Bureau files.

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Bureau Memo 10/21/54  
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster,  
was., et al  
Espionage-R  
65-56403-4159  
(12,118)

Jack Lamping, Director of Public Safety, Ocean County, Toms River, NJ, advised on 11/2/53 that Silman and Silvermaster, Builders, had erected a home for Alexander M. Whittaker in Beach Haven, NJ during the past year. According to Lamping, the Whittakers resided at the Hotel Nassert, 78 Montigue St., Brooklyn, NY, and Mr. Whittaker was manager of the Rockwell Machine Co., Brooklyn, NY. Whittaker was a radio enthusiast and had a considerable amount of radio equipment built into his home in Beach Haven. Lamping noticed that the Whittakers entertained the Silvermasters and Silman on several occasions and had been entertained in the Silvermaster home.

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Report No. 12/14/52  
(NK 100-33100)  
Re: William Henry Gilman, was.  
Espionage-S  
100-364197-83  
(46, 88)

On 3/9/55 T. Paul Fairbanks, Executive Secretary,  
International Organizations Loyalty Board, made available a copy  
of the transcription of the hearing on 11/16/53 before the above  
Board concerning the loyalty of William Henry Taylor.

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When questioned regarding numerous contacts which he reportedly had with Nathan and Helen Silvermaster, Taylor denied that they were frequent but rather were very few. When confronted with the information that the Silvermasters had made statements to the effect that he, Taylor, was a communist, he said that that was a departure from the truth, as he was not and had never been a CP member. Taylor denied any correspondence with the Silvermasters, except perhaps a Christmas card, and he also denied that his wife was particularly friendly with Helen Silvermaster.

NYO Memo 9/22/55  
Re: William Henry Taylor  
Espionage-By enclosing  
photostat of above  
transcription  
100-370362-61, encl. p.107  
(48)

The stenographic transcript of Hearings, Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws, Committee on the Judiciary, US Senate, Washington, D.C. November 17, 1953 gave testimony of Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr. and of J. Edgar Hoover. The testimonies gave the history of the investigation and reports on Harry Dexter White and his associates in the espionage spy ring, including Nathan Gregory and Helen Vitta Silvermaster.

In a marginal notation by Mr. Tolson stating that he thought no changes in the transcript were necessary, the Director added, "I agree. H."

Bureau Memo 11/10/53;  
enclosing copy of above  
transcript  
62-88217-1301, encl. p.76  
75,79,80,84,86  
(3,77,86,120)  
SI: 101-4053-151  
(55,83,124)

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This reference is a Bureau memo which is an analysis of a "Summation" of the William Henry Taylor case, dated 11/21/53, prepared by Byron F. Scott, Taylor's attorney, "for the use of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board." "Summation" prepared by Scott introduced no new issues.

Information given included Taylor's statement in testimony (date not stated) that if Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster stated he was a CP member, it was a departure from the truth; Mrs. Taylor's statement that she had not seen Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster in California; and of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board that Mr. Taylor acknowledged association with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and others identified with an espionage ring.

Bureau Memo 12/21/53  
Re: William Henry Taylor  
International Monetary Fund  
Washington, D.C.  
Loyalty of Employees of United  
Nations and Other Public Inter-  
national Organizations - IIR  
enclosing "Summation" of the  
William Henry Taylor Loyalty Case  
by Byron F. Scott  
133-343-343, encl. p. 82, 100, 107  
(104)

Names of subscribers being considered under the Attorney General's Denaturalization and Deportation Program were submitted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for 12/16/53.

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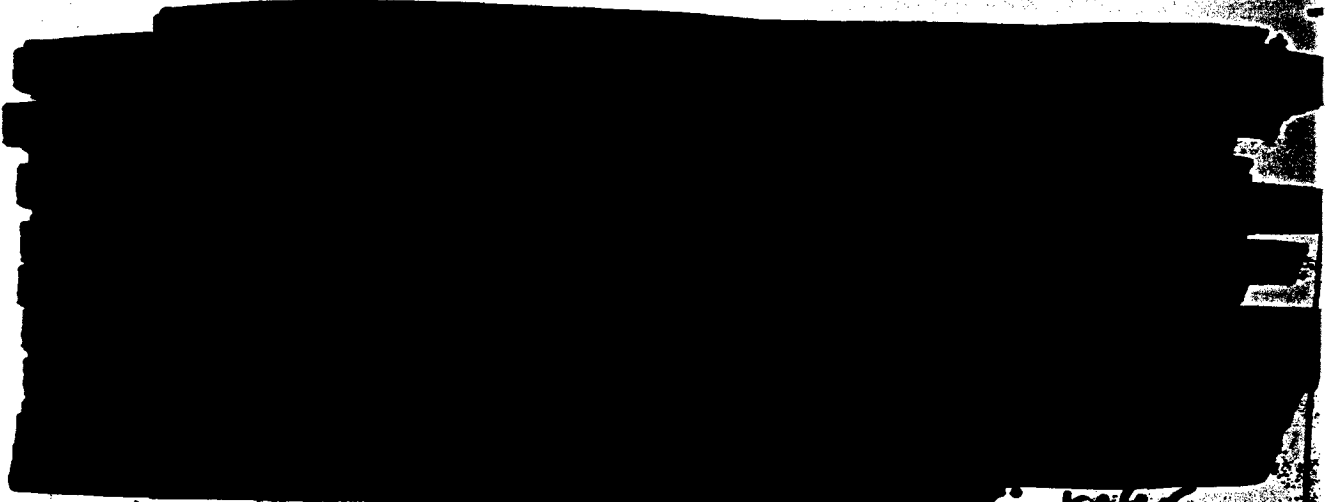
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The status of the cases as of 12/15/53 reported  
no progress in the past week on the cases of Helen Silver-  
master and of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

Bureau Memo 12/21/53

Re: Attorney General's  
Denaturalization and  
Expatriation Program  
enclosing above list of names,  
classified "Confidential"  
62-98134-379, Encl. p.23

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Re: 62-98134-400, encl. p.14 classif'd  
"Confidential"  
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Serial identified above  
above enclosure attached  
124-2720-12  
(64,103)

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T-22, reliability not given, advised that on 5/20/54 contact had been made with Helen Silvermaster (Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster) Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, by "Vouchick," who resided at 714 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia.

T-2, reliability not given, advised on 12/22/54 that Herman Vouchick resided at 714 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia.

T-23: Francis Neale,  
Factmaster, Harvey Cedars, NJ  
T-2: George Greenback, Jr.  
Mgr., Friends Self-Help Housing  
Project, 735 Fairmount Avenue,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Philadelphia rpt. 2/21/55  
Re: Herman Vouchick, wa.

JM-C  
100-232550-43  
(36,92)

On 7/20/54 Elizabeth T. Bentley advised that she did not know Boris Peter Witte. She stated that Helen and Nathan Silvermaster had many friends whom she never met and that Witte could have been one of them.

New Haven rpt. 11/10/54  
Re: Boris Peter Witte  
IS-E  
100-344211-34  
(40,105)

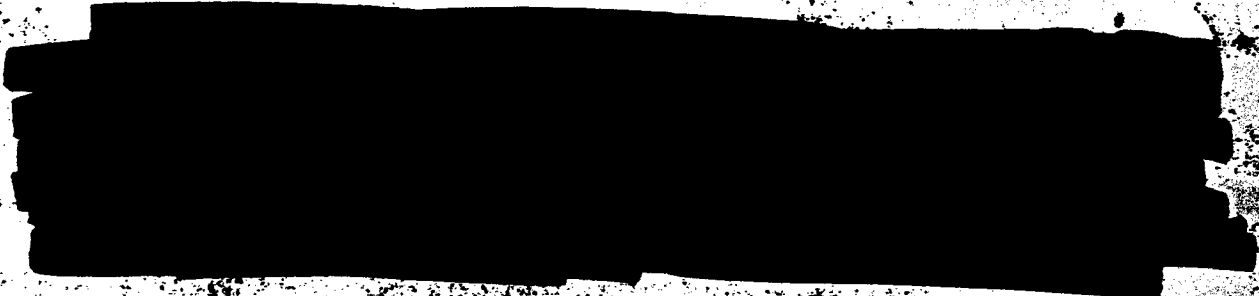
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Colonel Alexander Lavrov, US Air Force, Bolling Air Force Base, advised that his sister Vera Fitts and Helen Silvermaster were back-age friends in Ulga, Mongolia, and through this friendship Vera met and married Helen's brother, Boris Peter Fitts. In the 1930's Fitts went to Washington, D.C., where he obtained employment through the aid of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. While Fitts was living with the Silvermasters, Lavrov occasionally visited in their home. Before one of his visits, Fitts instructed Lavrov not to mention anything derogatory concerning communists or Russians or Gregory Silvermaster approved of the Soviets and their activities. Lavrov stated that on these visits they would listen to Russian records which Gregory Silvermaster played. During his visits to the Silvermasters, Lavrov stated, no one ever attempted to obtain any information from him concerning the US government.

WFO rpt. 9/15/54  
Re: Boris Peter Fitts  
IS-R  
100-344211-26  
(40,81,93,123)



101-3274-259, p. 22, 23  
(54, 100)

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Bureau memo 5/31/55  
Re: Hildred Coy, was.  
SI-C; enclosing Photostat  
of above testimony  
100-85931-83, encl. p.187  
(34)

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In an interview on 10/27/54, Anatole Boris Velkov stated that he would make no statement concerning the activities or associates of himself or his family. He specifically stated that he would not enter into any discussion concerning his step-father, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, his mother Helen V. Silvermaster, or about communism or the Soviet Union.

Baltimore file 11/22/54  
Re: Anatole Boris Velkov, was  
IS-R  
100-325095-10  
(73, 92, 110)  
SI: 62-58403-4103  
(72, 87)

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In interview on 11/22/54, Boris Peter Witte, brother of Helen Silvermaster, gave the following information.

In 1914 the Witte family proceeded from Russia to Mongolia, where the father, Peter Witte, acted as an advisor to the Mongolian government. As a result of the Russian Revolution in 1919, the father and a brother, Alexander Witte, were imprisoned for a time by the "Bolsheviks."

Witte stated that he accepted employment in Washington, DC in the early 1930's and resided with his sister, Helen Silvermaster. He came to know some of the Silvermasters' friends, including William Ludwig Ullman, Harry Dexter White, Abraham George Silverman, and Irving Kaplan.

Witte advised that his sister, as a young child in Russia, showed signs of "being somewhat neurotic," in that she would spend a great deal of time alone crying for no apparent reason. Witte stated he felt that Nathan Gregory Silvermaster was pro-Soviet in his views as, in the course of discussions, he always seemed to take Russia's side.

Witte stated that he had no indication that any of the individuals he met at the Silvermasters had engaged in espionage activities and that he himself had never been asked to engage in espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union.

Boston rpt. 12/23/54  
Re: Boris Peter Witte  
IS-R  
100-344911-30  
(40,59)

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T-1, who gave reliable information in the past, advised that as of 7/25/55 Anstole Boris Volkov was residing at the home of his mother, Helen Silvermaster, and his step-father, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, in Marvey Cedars, New Jersey.

T-1: Francis Meade  
Footmaster, Marvey  
Cedars, NJ  
Baltimore, rpt. 8/7/55  
Re: Anstole Boris Volkov, was.  
IS-2  
100-320903-24  
(37,28)

This reference is a Bureau memo regarding the reopening of the loyalty case of William Henry Taylor by the International Organizations Employees Board (IOELB) on the basis of new evidence to be presented by Taylor's attorney, Byron Scott. On 8/25/55 T. Paul Fairbank, Executive Secretary, IOELB, furnished through Liaison a copy of the Board's Advisory Determination regarding Taylor and copies of the correspondence with Scott.

The Board's Advisory Determination contained the statement that Taylor acknowledged association with numerous persons who were identified with an espionage ring of the CP, including Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

Bureau Memo 8/25/55  
Re: William Henry Taylor  
International Monetary Fund  
Washington, DC  
Loyalty of Employees of the  
United Nations and Other Public  
International Organizations-IR;  
enclosed above copies of  
correspondence and IOELB's  
Advisory Determination  
100-340-203  
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The foreword to the testimony on the papers of Harry Dexter White during the hearing before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, US Senate, on 8/30/55, gave the following information. From their home at Harvey Cedars, NJ, Helen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster sent their condolences to Mrs. White on 8/17/48 on the occasion of White's death.

Through testimony of Attorney General Louis S. Nunn of the State of New Hampshire, documents and letters of Harry Dexter White were admitted into the record of the Subcommittee. Included was a copy of a document written by N. Gregory Silvermaster dated 8/9/48 in which he endeavored to refute the charges made against him in a document prepared by the Counterintelligence Group. In the statement Silvermaster gave a biographical summary of his wife's family. He stated that the family resided in Outer Mongolia in 1917, where the father, Baron Peter Alexander Witte, was Czarist adviser to the Mongolian government. After the revolution, some members of the family, including Silvermaster's wife, fled to China. A sister, who was married to Professor Shumakov, a Captain with the Imperial Russian forces during World War I, remained in Russia. Mrs. Silvermaster came to US in 1923 as a companion to the family of Major Wallace Copeland Phillon, US Assistant Military Attache at Peking, China. Mrs. Silvermaster had not heard from any members of her family in Russia since 1936.

Bureau Memo 4/5/56

Re: "The Harry Dexter White Papers"  
Hearing Before Senate Internal  
Security Subcommittee,  
Geneva, NH, 8/30/55  
enclosing copy of transcript of  
above hearing and full text  
of documents admitted into the record  
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(29,89)

A memorandum submitted by counsel for Dr. Dean Burt to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare contained a statement by Dr. Burt. Dr. Burt contended that he could not be called a casual acquaintance of Nathan and Helen Silvermaster as he had not seen them since 1939 and could not have met them more than twice.

Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare, Washington  
letter dated 11/9/55, enclosing  
photostatic copy of above  
memorandum  
121-7163-88 encl. p.17,19,20  
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This reference is a routing slip enclosing a General Summary entitled "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, et al," dated 12/6/55. A summary consisting of biographical data and a review of activities of Helen Witte Silvermaster was included.

The routing slip from Mr. Nichols has the notation, "This is OK," and the Director's notation, "OK-H" also appears on the routing slip.

Serial described above  
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**REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY**

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65-60850-99, p.22

The following reference, which was found to be identical with the subject, contains information of a confidential nature.

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The following references contain information which is set forth in the corresponding serial of the main file 101-786 on Helen Silvermaster.

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