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SYNOPSIS

EDERIC BELFRAGE, who has been in contact with CLAUDE WILLIAMS, JOSEPH NORTH, ISADORE SCHNEIDER and individual believed to be VICTOR JEROME, apparently collaborated with ALBERT LAHN on latter's recent book "The Great Conspiracy". BELFRAGE is being considered for WHRA job in Germany and may renew application for citizenship. His bank account and that of his wife examined. ABRAHAM BROTHMAN apparently engaging in usual business activities. Information set out re MILDRED PRICE COY and her husband, HAROLD COY, indicating both active in Communist movement for many years. RAY ELSON continues employment at NFCL. Activities appear to be routine. She contacted LOUIS and HILLY CULMAN, who are identified. MICHAEL GREENBERG appears to have resided in NYC for about three months prior to 2/46. His mailing address is now 4824 MacArthur Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. Said to be employed by "Mr. BYRNES" and to be leaving for Tokyo immediately. JOSEPH GREGG visited office of Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN 2/15/46 and made no other contacts in NYC. EARL BROWDER advised JOHN REYNOLDS to repay LAM HARRIS and TED BAYER the \$15,000 advanced from CP funds and thereafter to have no association with them. BROWDER discussed proposed trip to Russia with GREGORY and REYNOLDS and indicated he may have Russian contact in US. He claims his expulsion from CP result of coming between JACQUES DUCLOS and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. BROWDER and REYNOLDS attribute Canadian spy round-up to recent differences between Government representatives of Britain, U.S. and Russia. No developments re AMTCRG's demand for contract between INTOURIST and U.S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP. "Miss WHITE", identified as DORIS WHITE, is not connected with case. NORMAN BURSNER is in Anti-Trust Division, NYC, but expects to resign 3/1/46. No significant activities on part of ALEXANDER KORAL noted. FERRUCCIO MARINI continues to concern himself with CP matters. PRAVDINS scheduled to sail on SS MARSHAL GOVOROV 2/27, 28/46. Surveillance being maintained on OLGA. PETER RHODES and family reside in Leedsville, NY. Information identifying JOSEPH GAER, contact of SILVERMASTERS, set out. Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN in contact with many known Communists. His office visited by JOSEPH GREGG, ANNA LOUISE STRONG and RALPH BOWMAN. *AW*

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Edward W. Dooley, dated 2/11/46 at New York.
Bureau letter to New York dated 2/5/46.

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The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to reflect the full and complete married name of subject MILDRED PRICE COY and to add the additional alias of GEORGE STEWART for subject NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. Bureau letter of reference reflects information to the effect that SILVERMASTER was known in the COMMUNIST PARTY by the name of GEORGE STEWART.

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 RE: CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE
Alias BENJAMIN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Lawrence W. Spillane, covering the period from January 28, 1946 to February 20, 1946:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on January 28, 1946, an unknown woman spoke to BELFRAGE indicating that Mr. HERMER (phonetic) had been sent to Texas on business and their dinner appointment for the following Wednesday had to be cancelled. An examination of the files in the New York Field Division failed to reveal any information regarding HERMER. (u) b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 30, 1946, a man named CLAUDE spoke to BELFRAGE and advised that he was to speak at the JOHN HAYNES HOME AND CHURCH on February 2, 3, 4, and 6, 1946, at 8:00 pm, on the subject "Religion - Vehicle of Fascism". CLAUDE further stated that he is staying at the Utilitarian Service Center on 35 Street between Madison and Park Avenues, which is across the street from the JOHN HAYNES CHURCH. BELFRAGE stated that he would see CLAUDE there on the following Friday morning. (u) b2 b7D

An inquiry was conducted on East 35 Street, New York City, and it was ascertained that the Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS, Director of the PEOPLES INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RELIGION, would be speaking on "Religion - Vehicle of Fascism" at the Community Church, 40 East 35 Street, New York City.

A review of the files of the New York Field Division regarding Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS revealed that the file entitled "PEOPLES INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RELIGION, Internal Security - C", reflected that the program of the PIAR was a purely scriptural justification of Communism and a Communist front to gain a foothold in the South. WILLIAMS indicated that the PIAR was a voluntary organization of rural and urban ministers, whose purpose was the applying of the principles of cooperation and brotherhood. This file further reflected that an informant advised that the PIAR is a Communist front organization, the purpose of which is to control the negroes and poor whites politically through religion. The leaders of the INSTITUTE were members of the COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION and all speeches closely followed the party line of the CPA.

WILLIAMS further indicated that CEDRIC BELFRAGE, the author of the book, "South of God", had visited the South, and he, WILLIAMS, collaborated

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in writing this book and sharing the profits on a fifty-fifty basis. This book was released in this country by the MODERN AGE PUBLISHERS. It was further indicated that the name DONALD L. WEST, Pastor of the Congressional Community Parish, Meansville, Georgia, was on the letterhead of the official stationery of the PEOPLES INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RELIGION.

It had previously been indicated that an individual named CLAUDE spoke to BELFRAGE on January 3, 1946, at which time he indicated that he received a telegram from DON (WEST), advising that a meeting of their mutual friend (EARL BROWDER), had been arranged on January 4, 1946 at 55 West 42 Street, New York City. (u)

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 1, 1946, Mrs. BELFRAGE mentioned to LOUIS FISHER that the stupid British Information Service had been sending her hand cards and that she will give them to FISHER. This informant further advised that on February 2, 1946, BELFRAGE called CLAUDE WILLIAMS at Murray Hill 4-1500, the Stratford Hotel, and WILLIAMS advised that he was speaking at a forum before 400 people at 35 Street and Park Avenue. BELFRAGE told WILLIAMS that he would try to get down to see him and visit with various other people afterwards. (u) b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 3, 1946, BELFRAGE called JOE or GERALD, at which time a luncheon date was made for the following Friday at 1:00 pm at Conte Restaurant on Lafayette Street, one half block south of Astor Place, New York City. JOE told BELFRAGE that JEROME would be there and they could have a long talk. (u) b2 b7D

This informant advised that on February 7, 1946, an unidentified man called BELFRAGE and indicated that JEROME would not be able to make the scheduled meeting and desired to have the meeting changed to the following Monday at the same place and at the same time. (u)

On February 11, 1946, BELFRAGE was observed by Special Agents Francis D. O'Brien, Donald E. Shannon and Lawrence W. Spillane entering the Conte Restaurant, 432 Lafayette Street, New York City, and he was seen joining two men for lunch. BELFRAGE and the two men were observed by these agents leaving Conte Restaurant at 2:27 pm and they walked to the corner of Lafayette Street and Astor Place, New York City, where they separated. BELFRAGE boarded an uptown bus and was observed entering the Fifth Avenue Bank of New York, at 44th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, at 2:53 pm. While in this bank, BELFRAGE was observed writing a check and going to the teller's window where he obtained an unknown amount of money. BELFRAGE was then observed

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entering numerous camera shops in the vicinity of 45 Street and Fifth Avenue, and at 3:28 pm, he was observed entering 542 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The two unidentified men who left Conte Restaurant with BELFRAGE were surveilled by Special Agent Donald E. Shannon, and one of these individuals was seen entering Communist Party Headquarters at 35 East 12 Street, New York City.

From a review of the files of the New York Field Division, it is believed that one of these individuals who had lunch at Conte Restaurant with BELFRAGE is JOSEPH NORTH, alias JACOB SOIFER. A photograph of JOSEPH NORTH had been available to the agents at the time of the above surveillance and for that reason it is probably that this individual is JOSEPH NORTH.

A review of the files of the New York Field Division revealed a file entitled "JOSEPH NORTH, alias Jacob Soifer, Internal Security - C". He resides at Mount Airy Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, and he is an editor of "New Masses". NORTH has long been known to have been active in Communist Party circles and he is presently considered a key figure by the New York Field Division.

Regarding the other individual who had lunch with BELFRAGE at Conte Restaurant, it is believed that he is VICTOR JEREMY JEROME, was, although sufficient information was not available to the surveilling agents to positively identify JEROME. A review of the file of the New York Field Division entitled "VICTOR JEREMY JEROME, was., Internal Security - C", revealed that he is a managing editor of "Political Affairs" and that he presently resides at 320 Second Avenue, New York City. JEROME was formerly the managing editor of "The Communist" in July, 1944, at which time EARL BROWDER held the title of editor.

This file further reflects that JEROME was a New York State Communist Party delegate to the National Convention at New York City, at which time the Communist Party, USA was dissolved. JEROME has long been known as being active in Communist circles and he is presently considered a key figure in the New York Field Division.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 4, 1946 BELFRAGE spoke to ISADORE SCHNEIDER of "New Masses" at which time they discussed ALBERT KAHN's new book and BELFRAGE asked SCHNEIDER what he thought of this book. SCHNEIDER stated that KAHN had offered a cash settle-

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ment and BELFRAGE indicated that he did not like the unbusiness like manner in which the thing had been handled. It was indicated that BELFRAGE assisted KAHN in obtaining material for the new book. (u)

This book was written by MICHAEL SAYERS and ALBERT E. KAHN, entitled "The Great Conspiracy; The Secret War Against Soviet Russia". (u)

There was also a discussion regarding BELFRAGE's doing some book review work and BELFRAGE indicated that he is a neighbor of JOSEPH NORTH. (u)

A review of the files of the New York Field Division revealed that the file entitled "ISADORE SCHNEIDER, Internal Security - R", reflected that he is presently employed as literary editor of "New Masses". His wife, HELEN BERLIN SCHNEIDER, had been employed in the office of "Amerasia", which publication had been involved in the file entitled "PHILIP JACOB JAFFE, was., e t. al., Espionage - R".

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 6, 1946, Mr. SCHWAB attempted to contact Miss CASTLE (Mrs. BELFRAGE) and was advised that Miss CASTLE will not be in Croton until the following day. SCHWAB requested that Miss CASTLE call him at Circle 7-2658. (u) b2 b7D

From a confidential source it was ascertained that the telephone number Circle 7-2658 is listed to ADELE NEVILLE, 59 West 56 Street, New York City. An inquiry conducted at that address revealed that ERIC SCHWAB resides in an apartment at this address. The files of the New York Field Division regarding ERIC SCHWAB were reviewed with negative results. (u)

This informant further advised that on February 8, 1946, BELFRAGE called Bryant 9-8200, which is listed to the "New Yorker", a publication, 25 West 43 Street, New York City, and he requested to speak to Mr. SHAWN. He indicated that he was referred to Mr. SHAWN by JOHN LODNER (phonetic) and that he would come to see Mr. SHAWN at 4:00 pm. (u)

On this date, BELFRAGE called Mr. SCHNEIDER at "New Masses" and he arranged an appointment for 3:00 pm on February 8, 1946 at "New Masses". (u)

This informant advised that on February 8, 1946, an unidentified woman named BEIMA requested that BELFRAGE appear as a speaker at the 136th Street library, indicating that it was their desire that BELFRAGE speak on the PEOPLES INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RELIGION and regarding his work abroad. It was further indicated that MURIEL DRAPER will also appear as a speaker and BELFRAGE agreed to make this speech on February 20, 1946. (u)

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A review of the files of the New York Field Division revealed that WILLIAM SHAWN is an associate editor of the "New Yorker", a magazine, but there was no further information in the files which would be of value in this investigation. The files of the New York Field Division were examined regarding JOHN LODNER with negative results.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 13, 1946, an unidentified woman named DELMA or BELMA made a dinner date with BELFRAGE for 6:30 pm February 25, 1946 at 121 Madison Avenue. The unidentified woman indicated that HENRIETTE would be there and she also spoke of some library committee meeting for the following Wednesday night. (u) b2 b7D

This informant further advised that on February 14, 1946, a long distance call from BILL MORELL of the UNRRA from Washington, D. C. had been made to CEDRIC BELFRAGE. MORELL advised that he had been in Yugoslavia and various other countries in Europe and he expected to return to Europe in about two weeks. BELFRAGE indicated that he may go back to Europe with the PRESS CONTROL soon. He indicated that he is still a British subject and is now checking American citizenship, although he filed his Declaration of Intention about 9 years ago, and inasmuch as the required time had elapsed, he had no idea of his status now. BELFRAGE advised that he had inquired regarding his citizenship but had not received any information. (u)

MORELL indicated that they are looking for someone to fill a position regarding the Displaced Persons Operation in Germany and the job would be in regard to public relations. MORELL stated that they wanted an American preferably and he would like to speak to BELFRAGE regarding this position. MORELL indicated that he would probably be in New York at which time he would see BELFRAGE in about a week or 10 days. BELFRAGE indicated that he would attempt to determine his status in regard to his American citizenship inasmuch as this appeared to be a question mark in BELFRAGE's future plans. (u)

BELFRAGE spoke of MARSHALL FIELD indicating that they would like to see him in England and that he would like to do something in England which would assist FIELD. BELFRAGE said he left his other job in Germany and understood that he would be rehired in the United States by OWI but that organization folded up. He told MORELL he was waiting to hear from the PRESS CONTROL for employment inasmuch as it is now under the control of the Army and not the State Department. BELFRAGE indicated that they asked him if he would like to take MORELL's place in the Ministry of Information and he indicated that he did not feel that this would be an interesting position. BELFRAGE stated that it was the same way he got at Rockefeller Center inasmuch as he could not stick to that place after a while and he had to fight them to get out of there. MORELL replied that he knew everyone had to fight that way. (u)

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BELFRAGE replied that he had to pay his own fare to get to England and nobody would help to get him back so he paid his own ticket and came over in the ordinary manner. He advised that that was the only way he could get any action. MORELL replied that that was typical of them. BELFRAGE stated that they would not do anything and that they wanted to do everything possible to prevent him. He stated BILL finally offered the same salary if BELFRAGE worked two afternoons a week. He stated that in other words it was foreign efforts to subsidize idleness. He stated he did not know how they could do those things and he was going crazy. MORELL replied he almost went crazy before BELFRAGE did as he knew and he stated that "those boys are running for shelter now".

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by Special Employee Investigator Robert S. Clifford regarding GERTRUDE RIENT, with alias GERTRUDE RIENT/GANGADARAN, with negative results.

As a result of a mail cover placed on CEDRIC BELFRAGE, information was received from the Postmaster at Croton-on-Hudson, New York, that BELFRAGE received mail from the PEOPLES INSTITUTE, 131 West Lafayette Street, Detroit, Michigan and the BELL SYNDICATE, INC., 247 West 43 Street, New York City.

On January 29, 1946, mail was received by BELFRAGE with the following return address:

ERNEST W. ADLER
6871st D. I. S. C. C.
A. P. O. 758,
c/o P. M., New York

A. J. VARONSON
0-1267139
6871st D. I. S. C. C.
A. P. O. 758, c/o P. M., New York

At the time the results of the mail cover were received, from the Croton-on-Hudson Post Office, there was attached to the mail cover card an article clipped from the "Croton-on-Hudson News", dated February 1, 1946. This article reflected the following information regarding BELFRAGE:

He was a worker in the psychological warfare with a small group of men who went into Germany to build up democratic newspapers in a leaderless but still Nazi Germany. BELFRAGE spoke before the Cortlandt League of Women Voters at a meeting in the Croton Municipal Building. BELFRAGE spoke of the founding of newspapers in Germany, stating that these experiences set the form work which later took in the creation of democratic newspapers. He stated that all information services had been under Nazi power and it was necessary to stop everything before he began. He stated that this work is now in the hands the State Department, which is showing a profound lack of interest in the whole thing. He advised that these papers are the only reading matter in Germany today and if the right person is not in charge, we

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will have the blame when the next fushrer blows his whistle. X (u)

When questioned about the Russian occupation, BELFRAGE said that the Russian political party setup includes a newspaper and therefore each party has been told to set up his paper. He said the extent of the censorship is greater and unnecessary in the Russian setup. (He further advised that there is not the slightest danger of Communism in Germany and that only about one per cent of the German Communists are alive today.) X (u)

This article indicated that the meeting was arranged by Mrs. O. WENDELL HOGUE and Mrs. HAROLD BURN, chairmen of the League's Foreign Policy Committee.

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Re: CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE, with aliases
ESPIONAGE (R)

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (A)
Arthur F. Redmond:

Mr. C. M. LADD, comptroller of the FIFTH AVENUE BANK OF NEW YORK, 530 Fifth Avenue, New York City, made available the bank's records with regard to CEDRIC BELFRAGE. It was ascertained that BELFRAGE has a checking account at this bank which was opened on November 19, 1945, with an initial deposit of \$804.00. This deposit consisted of the proceeds of a remittance from the WESTMINISTER BANK, LTD. of London, England. The bank's information further reflected that BELFRAGE is a citizen of Great Britain; that he entered the United States on October 28, 1945, under the British Immigration Quota; and that he had served during the last war with the British military service. His present address was indicated to be Finney Farm, Croton-on-Hudson, New York. There was no account at this bank for his wife, and he does not have a safe deposit box.

There were only two deposits noted in this account since it was opened on November 19th, 1945. One deposit on December 7, 1945, was for \$450.00, and consisted of a single check. On December 19, 1945, he made a deposit amounting to \$402.00, which represented the proceeds of 100 English pounds. There were a number of small checks charged against this account, and the balance as of February 9, 1946, was \$501.64. There were only three checks still on hand which had been charged to this account. One check for \$20.00 was made payable to the CROTON WINE & LIQUOR COMPANY. Another check for \$10 was made payable to DR. IRVING PASS, and the third check for \$20.00 was payable to PHILIP ARNHOLD.

Mr. LADD advised that the bank's records indicated that BELFRAGE and his wife had accounts at the CORN EXCHANGE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, 1 East 42nd Street, New York City.

Mr. E.E. STRONG, vice president of the CORN EXCHANGE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, made available that bank's records with regard to CEDRIC BELFRAGE and his wife. CEDRIC BELFRAGE had an account which was opened up on January 21, 1944, with a deposit of \$1,000. This account was closed on May 15, 1944. There were only four small deposits made to this account during this period, and there were a number of small checks charged thereto.

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It was noted that BELFRAGE's address at this time was 5440 Netherland Avenue, New York City.

BELFRAGE's wife had an account at this branch in the name of Mrs. MOLLY CASTLE BELFRAGE. She formerly had an account at the West 231st Street branch of the CORN EXCHANGE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, but transferred her account to this branch on May 1, 1944. She had been a customer of the bank since January 2, 1942. At the time of opening her account at this branch on May 1, 1944, her balance was \$7,742.66. Her monthly balance has steadily decreased over a period of time until February 14, 1946, she had a balance of \$1,895.97. There were a number of small deposits averaging approximately \$100 each made to this account during the period under examination. These deposits consisted entirely of checks drawn on various banks, and there was no indication of any cash deposits made. Almost all of the checks drawn against this account were less than \$100. However, on August 1, 1945, there was one check drawn on the account of \$2,000. Inasmuch as this bank does not make use of the Recordak, it was impossible to determine the payee of this check.

There were several checks for the current month still in the bank's possession. The following are deemed possibly of interest.

A check dated February 5, 1946, for \$77, payable to HELEN R. MANN

A check dated February 1, 1946, for \$41.10, payable to CHARLOTTE HELLER.

At this bank the BELFRAGES' present address was indicated to be Finney Farm, Croton-on-Hudson, New York. Neither CEDRIC BELFRAGE nor his wife maintain a safe deposit box at this bank.

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RE: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

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The following investigation of the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN covering the period from February 5, 1946 to February 19, 1946, is reported by Special Agent FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN:

Confidential informant [REDACTED] who is in a position to observe BROTHMAN's activities, has advised that BROTHMAN continues to go to his place of business daily, and has noted the following information concerning BROTHMAN's activities: (u) b2
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BROTHMAN, according to the informant, has been in close touch with BERNARD O. KOOPMAN, an Associate Professor in Mathematics at Columbia University. The informant advised that on February 7, 1946, BROTHMAN held a conference with KOOPMAN, at which time they agreed to meet in KOOPMAN's room in the King's Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street, New York City, at 3:30 P.M. on February 13, 1946. (u)

At 3:30 P.M. on February 13, 1946, Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE and reporting agent were present in the lobby of the King's Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street, New York City, at which time BROTHMAN entered the hotel and was heard to make inquiry for Professor KOOPMAN. The clerk replied that Professor KOOPMAN was in room 512. BROTHMAN then entered the elevator and proceeded to the fifth floor.

On February 18, 1946, it was ascertained through Mr. HARRY T. ARRAS, Assistant Manager, King's Crown Hotel, that BERNARD O. KOOPMAN had registered at the hotel on February 11, 1946, and had given his address as 1305 Cleveland Street, Alexandria, Virginia. According to Mr. ARRAS, KOOPMAN is a Professor at Columbia University and has registered at the hotel for a duration of several days at a time during the past two months. Mr. ARRAS also stated that Professor KOOPMAN desired to obtain permanent residence at the King's Crown Hotel.

On February 18, 1946, Mr. PHILLIP M. HAYDEN, Secretary, Columbia University, New York City, advised that the biography that Columbia University has on BERNARD O. KOOPMAN reflects that KOOPMAN was born in Paris, France, January 1900, exact date not known, and that he was a citizen of the United States, source of citizenship not given. KOOPMAN graduated from Harvard University in 1924, and received a P.h.D. from that University in 1926. He has been a member of the faculty at Columbia University since 1928, at which

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time he was appointed Assistant Professor of Mathematics, holding this position until 1940, at which time he was appointed an Associate Professor in Mathematics.

In March of 1944, Professor KOOPMAN obtained a leave of absence to go to Harvard University where it was believed he was to work on some type of work for the United States Government, (this information not confirmed, but was a statement made by Mr. HAYDEN, which he stated was his belief).

On December 31, 1945, Professor KOOPMAN returned to Columbia University and has been active on the staff since that time.

On February 18, 1946, confidential informant [redacted] advised that Professor KOOPMAN held a conference with ABE BROTHMAN, and during the conference told BROTHMAN that he had broken down the differential equation problem and that he would meet BROTHMAN for dinner at the Faculty Club, Columbia University, and show the problem to him. (S)(u) b2 b7D

The following activities of the associates of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN in his Laboratory were reported by confidential informant [redacted] (S)(u) b2 b7D

On February 9, 1946, JULES KORCHIEN, an associate of BROTHMAN, reported to BROTHMAN that he had been to Washington, D. C., and that he had seen the President's Housing Plan and had talked with the Housing Expeditor. In conjunction with this information, the informant advised that on February 14, 1946, KORCHIEN was in touch with one GENE GOLD, at which time KORCHIEN indicated that he desired to be placed on the New York City Housing Authority and that there were two non-paying jobs vacant, and that he, KORCHIEN, felt that his name should be put forward on the basis of his CIO and ALP connections and being in the housing business. (S)(u)

It is to be noted that JULES KORCHIEN is a key figure in the Communist Party in New York City and is the subject of an active case file entitled "JULES KORCHIEN; INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

On February 11, 1946, this same informant advised that GUS, believed to be GERHART WOLLAN, a subject of an active INTERNAL SECURITY - C investigation in the New York City Field Division, had made his "point" at a meeting which included his Club President and the Section Organizer, and that they were

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to take it up with the Section Committee. (u)

A mail cover has been continued on all mail for ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, and to date the mail received by him appears to have been from legitimate business contacts.

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The following pertinent information concerning MILDRED PRICE was obtained from a review of the Bureau's files and forwarded to the New York Field Division by letter dated December 20, 1945.

MILDRED PRICE resides at 420 East 118th Street, New York City, and is the Executive Secretary of the China Aid Council. Her husband HAROLD RUSSELL COY, who resides with her is employed by the "NEW YORK DAILY NEWS" as a Radio Broadcast Writer. MILDRED PRICE was born October 10, 1899 in Rockingham County, North Carolina. She attended North Carolina Women's College from 1918 to 1921 and resided at Madison, Rockingham County, North Carolina, during that period. She had previously attended a Preparatory School at Miami, Florida. She entered the University of North Carolina in 1921 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1922. She received a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, in 1930.

Testimony before the Joint Committee of the Arkansas Assembly concerning Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, indicated that MILDRED PRICE was a member of the faculty at that college in 1935. Testimony indicated that the teachers at that school received no salary other than room and board and limited necessities in return for their services. Communism was taught at the school together with other forms of political and economic beliefs.

In 1935, MILDRED PRICE COY testified before the Joint Investigating Committee of the 50th General Assembly of the State of Arkansas which was investigating the activities of Commonwealth College. At that time she stated she was 34 years of age, had been married for five years and that she and her husband, HAROLD COY, were the parents of a two and one-half years old child; that she had been affiliated with the college for a period of four years, but that for portions of those years she and her husband traveled. In 1934 they went to Spain.

At the college she gave a course on current events and labor orientation together with the subjects of literature and geography.

A confidential source indicated that MILDRED PRICE was a member of the teaching staff; that revolution was openly taught and advocated at the college and immorality generally practiced.

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Commonwealth College ceased operations in August of 1940 when a charter of the college was revoked after criminal proceedings brought by the State of Arkansas in 1941 for failure to display the American Flag and displaying an illegal emblem, the Hammer and Sickle, and teaching Anarchy.

It was reported that during January 1938, MILDRED PRICE, a Professor at Commonwealth College, was active in the CIO field and that she was a petitioner to a Fellowship of Reconciliation for United States recognition of Russia in 1933.

From an anonymous source on May 12, 1938, it was reported that MILDRED PRICE contributed articles to the Federated Press during the period beginning January 17, 1937 and ending April 5, 1938. The files further reflect that MILDRED PRICE, residing at 668 Fourth Avenue, New York City, was at one time an instructor in English and public speaking at the Southern School for Workers near Asheville, North Carolina; that she was affiliated with the China Aid Council; that she was a member of the Communist Party although the informant could not furnish definite proof of that fact.

It was also reported that Miss MILDRED PRICE was on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties and the American League for Peace and Democracy. Her name was listed as Executive Secretary of the China Aid Council, 800 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The records of the Political and Labor Bail Fund in New York City reflected that MILDRED PRICE and HAROLD COY, whose address was given as 1612 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., were among those who had either deposited funds or had sought the services of the organization in connection with its Political Prisoners Bail Fund. This organization operated in connection with the League for Mutual Aid. Depositors to this fund included the Communist Party, the Young Communist League, the Workers Alliance and other organizations and labor unions.

~~Confidential Informant~~ [redacted] of the New York Field Division ascertained that in 1942, MILDRED PRICE was Executive Secretary of the China Aid Council, which group was combined with the American Committee for Chinese Orphans. This last group was incorporated on January 19, 1935 and a certificate of consolidation with the China Aid Council was executed on August 3, 1941. The informant advised that MILDRED PRICE indicated the China Aid Council supported various projects in China and represented funds by contribution from United China Relief, Inc.


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She further stated that in October 1941 \$20,000.00 was sent to China for medical supplies and \$10,000.00 for the support of war orphans. In 1939 the American Council Committee for Chinese War Orphans, Inc. included among its officials MILDRED PRICE as Executive Secretary.

The Bureau files further reflected that funds collected by the China Aid Council were principally turned over to MADAM SUN YAT SEN in Chungking, China, who is Chairman of the Chinese Defense League.

 The Bureau files further reflect that CAROLYN and MARY PRICE, sisters of MILDRED PRICE, resided at 65 Morton Street, New York City, from June to October 1936. During that period MARY and MILDRED PRICE made a trip to Russia and were gone for about three months.

The records of the Election Bureau, 400 Broome Street, New York City, disclosed that MILDRED PRICE resided at the following addresses from 1936 to 1942:

1936 - 107 East 10th Street, Apartment 5, New York City;
 1937 - 3 West 15th Street, New York City;
 1939 - 226 West 25th Street, New York City;
 1940-1942 - 258 West 17th Street, New York City.

Investigation developed and verified the fact that MILDRED PRICE resided at these addresses and that she had in her possession numerous books and pamphlets pertaining to Communism and that she associated with people who were ostensibly Communists.

A confidential informant also disclosed that she received "IN FACT", a monthly bulletin of the India League of America entitled "INDIA TODAY", a letter addressed to the members of the American Council Institute of Pacific Relations signed by HARRIS MOORE, Acting Secretary, a letter from the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, letters from the Committee for a United Labor Party, New York County.

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On July 11, 1941, [REDACTED] described MILDRED PRICE as having done research work or "secret service work" for the Communist Party in the United States for ten years"; that she was not only a Communist but an Atheist and had engaged in teaching these beliefs; that she allegedly was a statistician at the Laboratory Research Association, 799 Broadway, New York City; that she was International Representative of the Federated Press, which is described as being closely connected with Moscow and the Russian Telegraph Agency TASS; that she made at least ten trips during the years 1929 to 1941 to France, Russia, England and the Scandinavian countries; that in 1934 and at the end of 1937, she was in England and later went to Spain during the Civil War and that she had been known to have been active in Cuba, South America, Haiti and the West Indies.

On December 17, 1941, [REDACTED] advised that MILDRED PRICE had been described as an International Agent; that an apartment was maintained at West 57th Street near the Sheffield Farms Company as a secret meeting place for members of the Communist Party and this apartment was maintained by Intourists. MILDRED PRICE was seen visiting this place.

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This same source indicated she was a known contact of JULIA STUART POINTZ, HAROLD BROWN and BLANCHE O'CONNOR in 1931. JULIA POINTZ was described as an OGPU Agent and that MILDRED PRICE had risen high in international exchange plans.

The same source indicated that the Executive Committee of the Communist International had been able to secure United Press credentials through JOHN SPIVAK, a close associate of CARL HAESSLER, MILDRED PRICE and LAWRENCE TODD. It was also reported that MILDRED PRICE associated with ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, SAM DOWLING, A. A. HELLER, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and WALTER CARMEN, active leaders in the Communist movement,

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A highly confidential source advised that MILDRED PRICE was involved in the Spanish Revolution. Information was received on January 22, 1942 that MILDRED PRICE was involved in a Russian courier set up in the United States. The informant stated "There seems to be an unusual interest in MILDRED PRICE. This woman made many trips to Europe between 1931 and 1936, also trips to South America, Australia and the Orient."

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An anonymous source stated on February 4, 1942 that during the summer of 1939 a meeting was held in Switzerland and attended by some 60 individuals from various parts of the world to stimulate the International Press Correspondents Organization that COMRADE COMRORSKI, who is now in charge of the "DAILY WORKER" Office in Chicago, was on the continent at that time. The informant described COMRORSKI as formerly in charge of Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas and that he is a Lieutenant of MILDRED PRICE.

On January 12, 1942, [REDACTED] advised that one MILDRED PRICE is known as an active Communist Party worker and has worked in South America, British West Indies, Cuba, Spain, France and is now in England. b2
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[REDACTED] advised on October 8, 1941 that EDWARD FALKOWSKY, HAYES JONES and WALTER CARMEN were active as couriers for the Communist Party between the United States and Russia for a number of years. CARMEN was in the American Section of the International League of the Communist Party, E.C.C.I. CARMEN associated himself in the United States with HARVEY O'CONNOR, MILDRED PRICE and HAROLD BROWN, who were described as agents for Russia in various parts of the country. b1

[REDACTED] stated that CAPTAIN ADRIAN WERETHIKOV ROSENBAUM had in his possession the telephone number CH 3-5081 issued to MILDRED PRICE of 244 Eighth Avenue, New York City. ROSENBAUM was identified as an associate of Soviet Espionage Agents and investigation disclosed that he was personally engaged in espionage activities in their behalf. He was formerly a captain in the United States Army and was honorably discharged therefrom May 11, 1944. b2
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In 1943 and 1944 MILDRED PRICE was listed as a reference in applications for visas for SYLVIA YNG CHEN HAN, HSIA TI YEK also known as CATHERINE HSIA TI YEK and WAI XANGLI.

A confidential informant advised that CHARLES RECHT, Legal Counsel for the Soviet Consul in New York City, contacted GRACE GRANICH at her residence 339 East 16th Street, New York City, on September 12, 1945. RECHT told GRANICH that he had a friend in his office, who had letters for her from MADAM SUN YAT SEN; that this ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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friend was FREDERICK DOUGLAS, who had just returned from China; the letters for GRACE GRANICH from MADAM SUN YAT SEN were addressed in the name of MILDRED PRICE and that he had mailed the letters to her residence. (u)

It is to be noted that GRACE GRANICH was reported to be engaged as a Soviet Agent. FRED DOUGLAS in 1928 visited Germany, Holland, London, Paris and contacted KOMANING in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and London, which were closely associated with the Workers International Relief. DOUGLAS wrote for the "DAILY WORKER" and made a trip to Russia about 1938 as a member of the rank and file delegation. He is a close acquaintance of CHARLES RECHT.

Bureau files further reflect that MILDRED PRICE wrote a letter to AGNES SMEDLEY on December 20, 1944 and stated, "And the good news is that I have a way to send the cultural funds. A friend of MADAM SUN YAT SEN is FRED DOUGLAS of the OWI in Kunning. His wife was in today and she said she could send the money to FRED and get him to turn it over to MADAM SUN YAT SEN. I'll send it to Mrs. DOUGLAS in Boston, who will in turn send it to FRED by Money Order. Mrs. DOUGLAS is okay." (u)

On March 23, 1945, a confidential informant advised that PHIL JAFFE contacted Miss PRICE of the China Aid Council. PRICE advised JAFFE that she and AGNES SMEDLEY had had breakfast with a man from MIT, a biochemist, who has been working with the FEA. Miss PRICE stated that he told her a lot of things about our government's attitude toward China and that when WALLACE came back WALLACE had talked to him about it and WALLACE had no hope for China except for Communist areas. (u)

On April 16 the same informant advised that JAFFE and Y. Y. HSU of the Institute of Pacific Relations discussed MILDRED PRICE.

On April 21, 1945, Confidential Informant advised that IRMA JAFFE contacted PHIL JAFFE and JAFFE stated he was asking MILDRED PRICE and RALPH SEVAS to join them at dinner the following evening. The same source advised on April 24, 1945 that MILDRED PRICE contacted JAFFE and they discussed Mr. ALLEN of the ALLEN-KEENAN ASSOCIATES, 119 West 57th Street. JAFFE stated that they were very good liberals. MILDRED then stated that MADAM SUN wanted a Sulpha Kit and vaccines and MILDRED wanted to know how to arrange for them. She stated that WILMA FAIRBANK suggested she try JACK SERVICE and ask him if GENERAL STILLWELL would give her any advice. She indicated she had written to SERVICE but had not received an answer. She also stated that WILMA

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had told her that MICHAEL LEE of the FEA and MAJOR HERBERT LITTLE of the OSS would give her advice. JAFFE stated that MICHAEL LEE would be of no value but JACK SERVICE would be a good man to give her the information desired. Mrs. PRICE then stated that Mrs. CARTER told her that she knew MAJOR LITTLE and that he used to be with the Institute for Pacific Relations. JAFFE concluded by stating that he knew MICHAEL LEE quite well and that he was a good friend of ALVIN BARBER and HILDA KUSTERN.

On the same date the same source advised that JAFFE contacted MILDRED PRICE of the China Aid Council and informed her he was going to see SERVICE that night and he would contact her later about the subject they had previously discussed.

On June 4, 1945, the same informant advised that MILDRED PRICE discussed with PHIL JAFFE an invitation for MARK GAYN and his wife for dinner. It was indicated that they would meet at the home of STANLEY ISAACS, 14 East 96th Street, New York City.

A highly confidential informant advised that THOMAS BISSON, a contact of PHIL JAFFE, had in his possession a typewritten list entitled, "Regular Members of the Communist Party" and that the name of MILDRED PRICE was listed thereon.

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The following information pertinent to HAROLD RUSSELL COY was obtained from a review of the Bureau's files and was forwarded to the New York Field Division by letter dated December 20, 1945.

Background

Records of Selective Service Board No. 18, 1133 Broadway, New York City, reflect that HAROLD COY, 258 West 17th Street, is registered with that Board, Order No. 10358. On May 19, 1942, COY completed his Selective Service questionnaire and it was therein disclosed by him that he was born September 24, 1902 at LaHabra, California; that he married MILDRED PRICE on December 21, 1929, at Chicago, Illinois. HAROLD COY informed that he attended the University of Arizona and received a B.A. Degree from that school; that for a period of twelve weeks one summer, not specified, he attended Arizona University and did graduate work in Economics and Spanish there. In addition, it was stated that COY attended the American University at Washington, D.C., and took a course in Economics in the evening school. COY listed his occupation as that of publicity director, newspaper editor and writer, and administrative officer, who supervised committee activities from 1929 to 1941. COY stated that during the past two years he has worked in New York and New Jersey; that from 1941 to March, 1942, he was employed as a director of field activities for the Russian War Relief, Inc., 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and added that for the past two and one-half years "I have been employed by various non-profit philanthropic agencies, usually as publicity director."

As of the date on which the questionnaire was executed, May 19, 1942, COY was unemployed. A subsequent notation appearing in the Selective Service file, dated August 3, 1942, reflects that HAROLD COY was employed by the New York "Daily News" as a radio broadcast writer.

By a letter dated June 14, 1943, COY stated that his work with the New York "Daily News" was that of an assistant executive in a department which produced twenty-four radio news summaries daily. He explained that his duties concerned operations, personnel, editing and copywriting.

With respect to his immediate family, HAROLD COY indicated on May 19, 1942, his niece FRANCES CHANDLER was living with him and attending Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City. COY stated that CHANDLER was entirely dependent upon him. On a subsequent date in June of 1943, COY informed his Selective Service Board that FRANCES CHANDLER was no longer classified by him as a dependent and was employed training for war work with the CURTISS WRIGHT AERONAUTICAL CORPORATION. It will be noted that HAROLD COY indicated that he was the owner of a house at Tucson, Arizona, and it is

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further noted that in his questionnaire, COY informed that he and his wife, MILDRED PRICE COY, had no children.

With particular reference to the statement of Harold Coy that he and his wife had no children, attention is directed to the testimony of MILDRED PRICE COY on February 16, 1935, before a Joint Investigating Committee of the Fiftieth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, wherein she advised that she was married to HAROLD COY and that they had one child, a boy then two and one-half years old.

Association with Commonwealth College

Among the exhibits pertaining to Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, which were introduced before the Joint Investigating Committee of the Fiftieth General Assembly for the State of Arkansas in 1935, was an unsigned and undated memorandum regarding the organization of the college. The memorandum contained a list of the officials and faculty of the college in the year 1926 and included therein was the name of HAROLD RUSSELL COY as a member of the faculty teaching English and Labor Journalism.

A prospectus of Commonwealth College, dated September 15, 1932, introduced before the Investigating Committee for the State of Arkansas, reflected that HAROLD COY, a graduate of the University of Arizona in the year 1924, a newspaperman and labor research director, was a member of the faculty of the college teaching Imperialism and World History.

The April 1, 1932 issue of the Commonwealth College "Fortnightly" reflects that a delegation from Commonwealth College headed by LUCIAN KOCH, Director of the College, and including HAROLD COY, then a teacher of Current History, SAM SANDBERG, LEO GRULIOW and ISAAC GREENBERG, students at the college, went to Harlan County, Kentucky, with food for the striking miners there and a copy of the Bill of Rights for the sheriff of Harlan County. The article relates that the delegation held protest meetings and made stump speeches en route to Harlan County.

According to the April 15, 1932, issue of the "Fortnightly", a delegation which included HAROLD COY was reported to have been beaten by thugs in Harlan County and turned over to a mob. The publication reported that the delegation was ordered out of Pineville, Kentucky, and was taken to approximately fifty feet of the Virginia State Line where they were beaten and ordered across the border.

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ISAAC GREENBERG, mentioned above, is presently an active Communist Party member in the State of Michigan.

LEO SERGEYEVICH GRULIOW was as of 1944, the American representative for Russian War Relief in Moscow, U.S.S.R. During the period from 1933 to 1941, GRULIOW was connected with the Moscow "Daily News" in the U.S.S.R.

A copy of the Commonwealth College "Fortnightly" issue of August 15, 1932, contained an article "Why Don't We Talk American?" which article purportedly was written by Harold Coy, instructor at the College. The theme of the article was an appeal to "the radicals" to talk in a language which is understood by the American people. The conclusion of the article as expressed by COY was to the effect that "We who want a new social order rather than merely a new income tax scheme are so much poorer than he (Huey P. Long) in our talent for putting our message across."

On October 1, 1932, the Commonwealth College "Fortnightly" carried a news item reporting that HAROLD COY was leaving the College during the fall quarter of that year. HAROLD COY was indicated to be a teacher of Current Events and it was stated that MILDRED PRICE, his wife, and CHRISTOPHER, his small son, would be in attendance at the College after October. The article related that COY was going to work for the Community Fund of St. Louis "at a job similar to the one he held before he came to Commonwealth a year ago."

The Commonwealth College "Fortnightly" issue of December 1, 1932, contained what purported to be a "labor skit" entitled "Arisen from the Ranks or From Office Boy to President". The skit was written by HAROLD COY. It was indicated that the skit was first written in 1923 and had been produced many times for various groups all over the United States.

The Commonwealth College "Fortnightly" issue of May 1, 1933, contained an article entitled "Commonwealth's First Ten years: Appraisal" by HAROLD COY. In this article, COY makes frequent reference to the College as an institution "hospitable to liberal and radical ideas." He spoke of the graduates and students of the College as hoping that they would act as a unifying force in the militant labor movement.

According to the testimony of MILDRED PRICE COY before the Investigating Committee for the State of Arkansas, referred to above, she stated that she, and indicated her husband as well, had come to Commonwealth College

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in the fall of 1931, and were as of the time she testified, February 16, 1935, still affiliated with the College. MILDRED PRICE COY added that during 1934, she and her husband had gone to Spain, and said, "You see, we go away some months out of each year."

A highly confidential informant advised that MILDRED PRICE during 1942 had in her possession a card from the St. Louis Public Library, Card No. E-912, which expired March 25, 1933. This card was in the name of HAROLD COY, St. Charles Hotel, 1709 Carr Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The same informant also advised that MILDRED PRICE had a receipt for the payment of a premium to the AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY dated June 15, 1935, in the name of HAROLD COY of Commonwealth College.

The National Republic Magazine issue of August, 1938, contained the membership of the National Advisory Committee of Commonwealth College including the name of HAROLD COY.

A report of CLAUDE WILLIAMS, Director of the Commonwealth College Association, dated February 25, 1939, indicated that HAROLD COY served on the National Advisory Board of the College at that time.

A highly confidential source furnished to Agents of the Little Rock Field Division, the names and addresses of students, teachers, campers, maintenance workers, visitors and friends of the college, which index file was maintained by the college. Included was the name of HAROLD COY and that of MILDRED PRICE, 226 West 25th Street, New York City. The same index file listed the following former addresses for HAROLD COY: Apartment 4A, 82 Horatio; Apartment 5W, 107 East Tenth Street; 3 West Fifteenth Street; and Federated Press, 30 Irving Place, all of New York City, and the address, 1612 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. There were notations on the index file possibly reflecting attendance at the College, which were 4 - 26, 1- 32, Fall of 1933 and 1934.

Association with the Federated Press

A confidential informant of the New York Office advised on September 17, 1937, that HAROLD COY, who was in the New York FEDERATED PRESS Office, and appeared to informant as the one who directed the policies of the FEDERATED PRESS, COY seemed to be a Communist Party member, although the informant had no factual basis for this statement.

Copies of the FEDERATED PRESS from January 17, 1937, to April 21, 1938, were examined, and it was noted that HAROLD COY was one of the writers contributing articles to this publication.

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According to a release put out by the Federated Press Agricultural Bureau, 416 North Franklin Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, under date of January 22, 1938, HAROLD COY was the Eastern Bureau manager of the Federated Press at 30 Irving Place, New York, New York. The release referred to, reflected that COY was sending out literature in an effort to organize the farmers.

In an article appearing in the Federated Press for February 7, 1938, there was contained information pertaining to the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the publication at Chicago, Illinois. The article stated that the work of HAROLD COY, the Eastern Bureau manager, was commended at the annual meeting.

Through the services of a highly confidential source, certain materials prepared and maintained by the Federated Press in New York City, was made available including a memorandum prepared by Dr. CARL HAESSLER, dated April 4, 1940. This memorandum was a short history of the founding of the Federated Press and it was noted therein that HAESSLER stated that in 1928, the business office of the Federated Press was moved from Chicago to New York City with HARVEY O'CONNOR in charge. HAESSLER then stated O'CONNOR was followed by FRANK I. PALMER, and he in turn by HAROLD COY. It will be noted that HAESSLER did not indicate when HAROLD COY was in charge of the business office for the FEDERATED PRESS.

In an article which originally was alleged to have been printed by the publication "Editor and Publisher", dated August 13, 1938, the author of the article, JOHN R. WHITING, recounted the influence of the FEDERATED PRESS in the progressive and labor journals of the country. The article stated that the FEDERATED PRESS was directed by MARK STONE, who had replaced "veteran HAROLD COY, who resigned to take over the 'editorship' of the Federal Writers Project".

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Testimony taken before the Dies Committee on November 19th and December 6, 1938, reflects that HAROLD COY was employed by the Federal Writers Project and according to the testimony of FLORENCE D. SHREVE, COY was the editor-in-chief of the Federal Writers Project to publish guide books. It was indicated from her testimony and from the testimony of others, that the Federal Writers Project had undertaken the task of compiling, writing and editing information pertaining to the separate states to be used as a tourist guide book for that particular state.

As referred to above, FLORENCE SHREVE on November 19, 1938, testified that she was in charge of publications for the Writers Project and that material which she considered to be propaganda and agitating for class hatred and struggle, was included in the guide books to be published by the Writers Project. She testified that it was her belief that the objectionable material was inserted in the manuscripts after they were approved by members of the staff of the Writers Project and before the time the manuscripts appeared in galley form for the printer. She testified that the "New Jersey Guide" was the most flagrant example of this unauthorized editing and said that the copy for the "New Jersey Guide" was taken from her office by Mr. Coy and kept by him for more than a week and when it finally came back, it had pages of notations to be inserted and they are in handwriting and every one of these new notations is inflammatory."

On November 19, 1938, Mrs. LOUISE LAZELL testified before the Dies Committee and stated that she was employed by the Federal Writers Project to delete objectionable material from the writings to be published by the Project. From her testimony, Mrs. LAZELL stated that the Project had experienced considerable difficulty by the insertion of inflammatory remarks in connection with the publication of the "New Jersey Guide". Mrs. LAZELL testified that the material for the "New Jersey Guide" was sent to the printer by HAROLD COY without first being given to her who was responsible for deleting any objectionable material. Mrs. LAZELL said it was her opinion that HAROLD COY had placed the objectionable insertions in the "New Jersey Guide". During the course of her testimony, she said that Mr. ALSEBERG, the Director of the Federal Writers Project, had brought in a number of people who were not needed and put them in key positions, adding, "Mr. COY feels very safe in the protection of Mr. AUBREY WILLIAMS".

An article appearing in the Chicago Herald and Examiner issue of February 19, 1939, reported the testimony of LOUISE LAZELL before the Dies Committee and credited her with stating that her efforts to edit out inflammatory

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material were defeated in many cases because her superiors added things to the copy. According to the newspaper account, LAZELL named HAROLD COY, assistant to HENRY G. ALSBERG as responsible for some changes.

On December 6, 1938, HENRY G. ALSBERG, the National Director for the Federal Writers Project - WPA, testified before the Dies Committee. ALSBERG testified that HAROLD COY was an employee of the Project and read for the Committee, the employment history of COY prior to his assignment on the Federal Writers Project. ALSBERG stated that COY did rewrites and had special assignments on the St. Louis Star; that he was an assistant general manager of the St. Louis Provident Association; that COY served on the Citizens' Committee on Relief and Employment in St. Louis and was publicity director for the St. Louis Community Fund. ALSBERG said that COY was the manager of the FEDERATED PRESS, a news service for both of the big labor organizations. In addition, ALSBERG testified that COY's writings included articles and feature stores in "Current History", "The Survey", "The Family", "The New York Times", the "Christian Science Monitor" and the "Baltimore Evening Sun".

ALSBERG commented that he was aware that COY had been in Spain and stated that he believed that HAROLD COY had taught literature at the Commonwealth College in Arkansas.

A Confidential Informant stated that she was personally acquainted with CAROLYN and MARY PRICE, sisters of MILDRED PRICE, wife of HAROLD COY, and that during 1936, HAROLD COY was at that time the editor of the DAILY WORKER. It will be noted that a spot survey was made of the issues of the DAILY WORKER covering the years 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937, and it was observed that there was no listing of HAROLD COY on the editorial staff.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, in a report dated July 2, 1941, reveal that HAROLD COY, residing with his wife, MILDRED PRICE, at 258 West 17th Street, New York City, was a writer and publicity man, and that for eight weeks beginning in September, 1940, he was head of the Publicity Division for the Newark Community Chest, 24 Branford Place, Newark, New Jersey. It was stated that in July of 1941, Mr. COY was in Washington where he was believed to be employed.

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 revealed that on November 12, 1941, HAROLD COY was the supervisor of the national field office of the RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF.

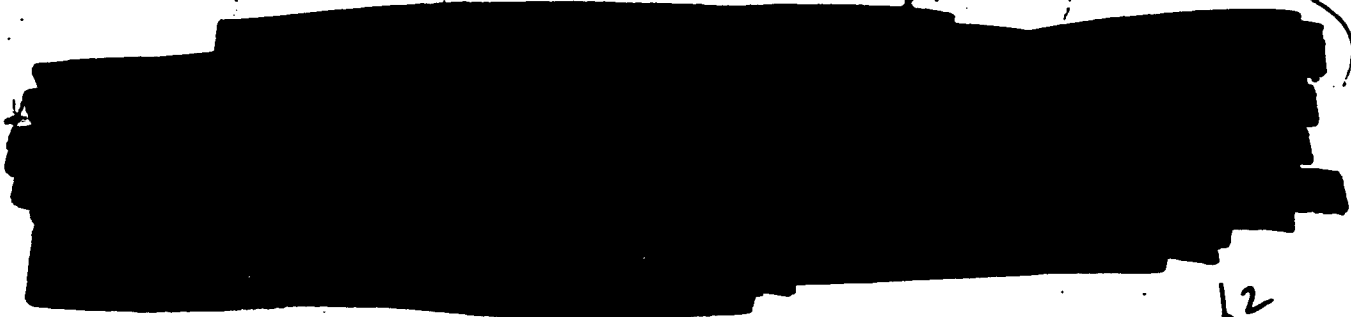
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Voters' Records

The records of the Election Bureau for Manhattan contained copies of the registration of HAROLD COY for the year 1936. It was noted that when COY registered, he gave his address as 1072 Tenth Street, Apartment 5, and indicated his previous address as 1496 Bell Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. A similar registration was located for HAROLD COY in the year 1939, when he listed his address as 226 West 25th Street and his business as 3 West 15th Street, both in New York City. In 1940, HAROLD COY registered as affiliated with the American Labor Party, residing at 258 West 17th Street, New York City. Subsequent registrations for the years 1941 and 1942, reflect COY maintains his affiliation with the American Labor Party and continues to reside at 258 West 17th Street.

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Contained among the files maintained in the "New York Times" morgue, is a copy of that newspaper dated October 19, 1934, in which it stated that HAROLD COY in the September issue of "Current History" discussed the question "Will Gil Rebles Rule Spain?" It was pointed out that COY was an American observer in Spain.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

As reflected in the report of Agent Jacob Spolansky, March 3, 1923, Chicago, Illinois, which report was a survey of the activities of the Young Workers' League of America, HAROLD COY was listed as the organizer of the Young Workers League in San Francisco, California.

On December 16, 1923, the various branches of the Young Workers League in San Francisco and Oakland, California, with the support of the general membership of various Communist groups in the area, produced a play for the benefit of the Communist local paper "San Francisco Labor Unity" at the San Francisco Turn Verein Hall. Included in the cast of characters for the play was the name of HAROLD COY. This information appears to have been obtained by Special Agent D.F. Costello from a copy of the published program for the play.

In September, 1927, MILDRED PRICE COY matriculated at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, where she was a candidate for a Master of Arts Degree. Professor WILLIAM F. OGBURN, Chairman of the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago, in an interview with Agents of the Chicago Field Division, observed that HAROLD PRICE COY, the husband of MILDRED PRICE, was "considered a little radical".

Literature of the League for Mutual Aid furnished Agents of the New York Office by a confidential source reflects that on August 16, 1936, HAROLD COY was a candidate for membership on the Executive Committee of the League for Mutual Aid. The literature of the League described HAROLD COY as being a labor journalist, Eastern Bureau Manager, Federated Press and a former instructor at Commonwealth College. It stated that in 1935, HAROLD COY helped organize the "Social Workers Union" in St. Louis, Missouri.

A Confidential Informant furnished Agents of the Chicago Field Division with copies of the literature distributed by the League for Mutual Aid during the year 1937. It is noted that the name of HAROLD COY appeared thereon as a member of the Executive Committee of the League for Mutual Aid.

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In 1941, literature of the League for Mutual Aid disclosed that HAROLD COY was a member of the National Advisory Committee of the League.

THE LEAGUE FOR MUTUAL AID, according to the literature published by it, was first organized in January, 1920, for the purpose of "bringing together radicals and liberals of all shades of opinion for a mutual helpfulness". It is stated that the reasons for such an organization were that an agitator "unfits himself for a place in a capitalist society with a few years of activity in the radical movement . . . and the political prisoner, radical agitator or worker are potential derelicts unless they band together for self-protection."

According to a highly confidential source, MILDRED PRICE and HAROLD COY, 1612 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. were either depositors or sought the services of the Political and Labor Bail Fund. This fund functions in connection with the League for Mutual Aid

An examination of the table of contents of the publication "Soviet Russia Today" disclosed that in February, 1937 issue of the publication on Page 16, there was an article "Negotiation in the Soviet Union" which article was written by HAROLD COY.

A Confidential Source in the New York Field Division furnished the national membership of the LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS in December, 1941. On the membership list of this League was the name of HAROLD COY, 258 West 17th Street, New York City.

In an article appearing in the FEDERATED PRESS issue of January 20, 1938, was an announcement that a course in journalism and publicity, which was designed to be of technical assistance to trade unionists, was offered by the WRITERS' SCHOOL OF THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City. HAROLD COY of the FEDERATED PRESS, Eastern Bureau manager, was described as the instructor of the course.

The pamphlet "Writers Teach Writing" published by the League of American Writers in 1940, states that the school conducted by the League since its beginning in 1940, has had among its teachers and lecturers, HAROLD COY.

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In the publication, "Writers Take Sides" published by the League of American Writers in 1938, which publication was the report of a poll of writers in the United States on the question of the Spanish Revolution, HAROLD COY was listed as one who signified his loyalty to the "legal Spanish government".

* [REDACTED] advised the New York Field Division on December 11, 1942, that HAROLD COY, 258 West 17th Street, New York City, was a teacher at the "Workers School" and according to the informant, HAROLD COY was described as a member of the Communist Party.

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CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES

MAURICE HOWE, executive assistant to the chief of the Federal Writers Project, WPA, during 1941, informed that HAROLD COY, who at one time was editor-in-chief at the Federal Writers Project, was an associate of JEROME GERLANDO MANGIONE. The informant stated that HAROLD COY was brought to Washington from New York City by MANGIONE and introduced to HENRY ALSBERG, the director of the Federal Writers Project. According to this source, COY had pronounced views regarding social injustice, which at the time were in accordance with the views commonly expressed by those who possessed Communist sympathies. MAURICE HOWE said that after COY left the employ of the WPA, he went to New York City where he published a magazine known as "Equality".

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MANGIONE was born March 20, 1909 at Rochester, New York. During the year 1934 he was reported to be associated with one TRACHTENBERG, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. MANGIONE was employed by the Federal Writers Project from 1937 to 1939, and on July 15, 1940, was employed as an information specialist by the Alien Registration Division of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Information received indicates that MANGIONE was connected with the "Labor Defender", the publication of the International Labor Defense. MANGIONE, who is now the assistant commissioner in charge of public relations, Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was during 1941 the subject of an extensive Hatch Act investigation by the Bureau.

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It will be noted elsewhere in this memorandum that Mrs. LOUISE LAZELL in testifying before the Dies Committee in 1938, indicated a close relationship between HAROLD COY and AUBREY WILLIAMS.

An article appearing in the "Hunterdon Republican," published at Hunterdon, New Jersey, under date of February 15, 1945, captioned "AUBREY WILLIAMS Has Long Record as Red Fellow Traveler," makes reference to HAROLD COY. The article states that the most flagrant of WILLIAMS' appointments of Communists to Government positions was that of HAROLD COY, who, according to the article, began his Communist career as an organizer of the Young Workers League in San Francisco, California. The article states that WILLIAMS placed COY in full charge of the editorial work of the Federal Writers Project of the WPA and adds that "as a result of the exposure of Communist domination of the Writers Project in which WILLIAMS' appointee, COY, was the leading figure, Congress abolished the project."

AUBREY WILLIS WILLIAMS of 5107 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, was born August 23, 1890, at Springfield, Alabama. In 1933, he was appointed a field representative of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and was appointed assistant administrator, FERA, and Civil Works Administration from 1933 until in 1935, he was appointed assistant Works Project Administrator and became executive director of the National Youth Administration in the same year, in which capacity he continued until 1943. WILLIAMS was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation conducted by the Bureau in 1942.

In January, 1939, GEORGE O. PERSHING was arrested at Oklahoma City while representing the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to aid Spanish Democracy. At the time of his arrest, he had in his possession a list of the names of persons in various sections of the United States whom he was supposed to contact. A copy of this list of names was furnished to the Bureau by the Oklahoma City Police Department. Included on the list was the name of HAROLD COY, Federated Press, 30 Irving Place, New York City. It will be noted that PERSHING was in Oklahoma City with the avowed intention of organizing groups for the aid of the Spanish Loyalists.

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A Confidential Informant advised that during the period from [REDACTED]

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 DONALD HENDERSON is the general president of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers, CIO, and his office is located at 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. HENDERSON has been named in the Dies Committee Records as a member of the Communist Party and admittedly was at one time secretary of the American League against War and Fascism. He is reported to be a close contact of EARL BROWDER, and it is known that in the Philadelphia area, he was in frequent contact with known Communist Party functionaries. (S) (u)

A Confidential Source advised that EUGENE DAVID, also known as DAVID ENGLESTEIN of 3827 North Freemont Street, Chicago, Illinois during May of 1944, visited HAROLD and MILDRED COY of 420 West 118th Street, New York City.

A letter was received from MILDRED COY in which she stated HAROLD has given up writing THE VOICE and is now studying in the Mexican Political Association, District No. 8, in Chicago, Illinois. In November, 1944, he acted as associate editor of the DAILY WORKER in the Chicago, area and in 1932 was associated with Commonwealth College in Mena, Arkansas. (S) (u)

A highly confidential source advised that GRACE GRANICH had in her possession in 1945 two envelopes, one bearing the typewritten address MILDRED and HAROLD COY, 420 118th Street, New York City and return address of R. BROWN, Caixa Postal 25, Santarem, Para, Brazil. The other envelope was addressed to Mrs. GRACE GRANICH, 207 Fourth Avenue, Room 902, New York City. It was marked "Personal" and bore the return address No. 33, 420 West 118th Street, New York 27, which is the address of HAROLD and MILDRED COY.

This same source furnished a copy of a letter dated March 14, 1944, received in the above mentioned envelope from R. BROWN which was addressed "Dearest Millie and Harold" and gave an account of the writer's experiences in the Amazon region of Brazil. During the course of the letter the writer states:

"Now the State Department is being reorganized, we have an idea maybe we could do useful Government work in some of the countries we know so well . . . If you see MANNY or GRACE, perhaps they know something about it."

The writer identified herself in the letter as a writer of juvenile books, one of which was called "Two Children and Their Jungle Zoo"

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published by LIPPINCOTT. The writer's husband, BOB, was indicated to have written the book entitled: "Amazing Amazon".

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RE: MRS. RAY ELSON, with aliases

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The following investigative activity concerning Mrs. RAY ELSON, 161 West 16th Street, New York, New York, during the period from February 1 to February 12, 1946, inclusive, is reported by Special Agent Howard Robert Hawkins:

A mail cover maintained on RAY ELSON's residence has reflected mail from ORSON WELLES, with the return address of 235 East 11th Street, New York City, postmarked January 31, 1946. (u)

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On February 1, 1946 an incoming call was reported at 6:50 p.m., between RAY ELSON and her husband, JOSEPH ELSON. RAY informed JOE that she was at the office, stating she would be detained, but would call him back prior to her departure. (u)

At 7:20 p.m. on the same date RAY again spoke to JOE, and asked him to meet her at the Little Shrimp Restaurant, 23rd Street near Seventh Avenue, at 7:50 p.m. (u)

On February 2, 1946 at 10:10 a.m., BILLIE HARDY spoke to RAY ELSON. RAY informed BILLIE she had remained at the office until 7:15 p.m. the previous evening. They discussed the work of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, where BILLIE HARDY is presently employed. BILLIE stated she found the work at the Federation excitingly stimulating. BILLIE asked RAY to endeavor to obtain tickets for some undisclosed purpose, and it was agreed they would use the tickets after dinner. (u)

At 11:50 a.m. a person known as LOUISE, believed to be LOUISE SCHATZ, spoke to RAY, and informed her that she and BILL would not be over to RAY's "festivities" on this evening, because BILL wasn't feeling well. During this conversation a person by the name of STELLA was also mentioned. This is believed to be STELLA HURLEY, who resides with LOUISE SCHATZ at 17 West 70th Street. (u)

On the same date at 4:05 p.m., a person who identified himself as BERT (phonetic), spoke to RAY. BERT stated he just arrived in New York, and informed RAY that he was starting school at Columbia on February 4th, and would study architecture. RAY informed BERT she had something very important to do until about 4:45 p.m. on this date, but that BERT should come to the ELSON apartment after 4:45. RAY stated JOE would be home at this time. (u)

On February 3, 4 and 5, 1946 no activity was reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] (u)

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On February 6, 1946 incoming, unanswered calls were reported at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (u)

At 10:15 p.m. a person known as BERT spoke to RAY ELSON. They discussed LOUISE, believed to be LOUISE SCHATZ, RAY stating she did not talk to LOUISE on this date. It was agreed BERT would call LOUISE himself. RAY gave BERT the telephone number of LOUISE's home as TR 7-1574, and her office phone as EL 5-1759. RAY also gave to BERT her own office phone number as MU 4-6640. (u)

The telephone number TR 7-1574 is LOUISE SCHATZ's home phone number at 17 West 70th Street, New York City. The telephone number EL 5-1759 is the telephone number of the Institute of Pacific Relations, 1 East 54th Street, where LOUISE SCHATZ is presently employed. The telephone number MU 4-6640 is that of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, 205 East 42nd Street. (u)

On February 7th at 9:22 p.m., a person known as GOLDA (phonetic), spoke to JOSEPH ELSON. JOSEPH stated he was reading and informed GOLDA that RAY was attending a meeting on this evening. During the conversation a person named FANNIE was mentioned by GOLDA. GOLDA further stated that FANNIE had informed her that JOSEPH and RAY ELSON were fine, indicating FANNIE had seen them recently. A general discussion was had during this conversation between GOLDA and JOSEPH ELSON, during which a person by the name of ELSA was mentioned, and also the possibility of the ELSONs going to Los Angeles was discussed. However, JOSEPH ELSON informed GOLDA that he did not think they would go. GOLDA asked JOSEPH ELSON to inform RAY to call, and JOSEPH inquired of GOLDA concerning a person known as SAMMY, who is apparently GOLDA's husband. GOLDA stated SAMMY is no longer employed at ROTHMANS, and that he is now employed as a salesman in the sale of garage supplies. (u)

On February 8, 1946 no activity was reported by this informant. (u)

On February 9, 1946 at 10:40 a.m. RAY telephoned the office of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties and spoke to a person known as HATTIE (phonetic). RAY inquired of HATTIE as to the amount of work that must be done on this date, and it was agreed RAY would stop by to assist in the completion of this work. (u)

At 4:40 p.m. an incoming call was reported. However, this call was not answered, and at 9:20 p.m. an outgoing call was attempted. However, this call was not answered. (u)

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On February 10, 1946 no activity was reported by this informant. (X) (U)

On February 11, 1946 at 10:42 p.m. an outgoing, unanswered call was reported and at 11:01 p.m. on the same date JOSEPH ELSON spoke to FRANK DUTTO. JOSEPH inquired about LENA, who is FRANK DUTTO's wife, and stated that a person known as JEAN had been at the ELSON's for dinner. He also mentioned MITCHEL SIPORIN and SUSAN SIPORIN. JOSEPH stated that with regard to SUSAN, she may return to Chicago soon. They discussed in great detail labor management difficulties, and FRANK's work in connection with these matters as an agent of the Bakers Union. JOSEPH and FRANK further discussed "Uncle Joe's speech", apparently referring to the recent address by JOSEPH STALIN. They agreed it was very good, and that they had read it in detail. Mention was made during the conversation of friends by the name of BERNSTEIN, (phonetic), and FRANK stated that the BERNSTEINs desired to see RAY and JOSEPH ELSON sometime. He added that FRIEDA BERNSTEIN is to celebrate her 44th birthday on February 22nd, and the ELSONs and DUTTOs were invited to come to the BERNSTEIN's home for the celebration. JOSEPH stated they would go if the DUTTOs would go, and FRANK added the BERNSTEINs live at 306 East 171st Street, apparently in the Bronx. (X) (U)

FRANK DUTTO also spoke to RAY ELSON during the conversation, during which RAY informed FRANK that they would not be able to go to the BERNSTEINs on February 22nd, because they were going to a formal dance on that date. RAY also informed FRANK that she was presently working at the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, preparing a national conference, which apparently is to be held sometime in the near future. (X) (U)

Physical Surveillance - February 1, 1946 to February 12, 1946

On February 1, 1946 at 9:30 a.m., RAY ELSON left her residence, accompanied by her husband, JOSEPH ELSON. She proceeded to the office of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties at 205 East 42nd Street. She remained there throughout the day and at 7:50 p.m. she joined her husband at the Little Shrimp Restaurant, 226 West 23rd Street. They had dinner at this restaurant, and at 9:30 p.m. they proceeded to the corner of 23rd Street and 7th Avenue, where they obtained a downtown bus. They made some purchases at the Chelsea Market in the vicinity of their residence, and a few minutes later entered their residence. They were at home for the remainder of the evening.

On February 2nd RAY ELSON was observed to leave her residence at 11:05 a.m. She was observed shopping in the vicinity of her residence and returned home carrying packages, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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At 12:30 p.m. she reappeared, accompanied by her husband, and again went shopping in the vicinity, returning home a few minutes later.

She was not again observed to leave her residence on this date. At various times throughout the evening she was observed in her apartment in the company of an unidentified woman.

On February 3rd she was observed in her apartment during the morning. She was not observed to leave her residence during the day. However, at 9:35 p.m. she was observed to enter her residence in the company of her husband from the direction of Seventh Avenue. At various times throughout the remainder of the evening she was observed in her apartment.

On February 4th she spent the morning at the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office, arriving there approximately 9:40 a.m.

At 12:50 p.m. she left the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office. She proceeded to the Shanty Restaurant, 42nd Street and Second Avenue. She remained there until 1:25 p.m., at which time she proceeded to the M. H. Lawson Store at 45th Street and Lexington Avenue. She also entered some other stores in the immediate vicinity, and at 2:05 p.m. she boarded an uptown bus at the corner of 44th Street and Lexington Avenue, at which point it was necessary to discontinue the surveillance. She was next observed entering her residence, accompanied by her husband, at 10:50 p.m. She was observed in her apartment the remainder of the evening.

On February 5th RAY ELSON left her residence at 9:25 a.m. and proceeded by subway to the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office. At 12:35 p.m. she reappeared, accompanied by a woman believed to be BILLIE HARDY. They had lunch at the Horn & Hardart Restaurant in the vicinity of 42nd Street and Third Avenue, and at 1:15 p.m. returned to the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office.

At 6:40 p.m. she reappeared and proceeded directly to her residence. She was not again observed to leave her residence on this date.

On February 6th she left her residence at 9:32 a.m. She went shopping in the vicinity of 16th Street and Seventh Avenue, and from there proceeded to the National City Bank, 27th Street and Seventh Avenue, where she entered at 9:50 a.m. She left this bank approximately 10:00 a.m. and proceeded directly to the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office, 205 East 42nd Street. She left the office at 6:20 p.m. and proceeded on foot and by subway to the Maine Seafood Restaurant, 48 West 8th Street. She left this restaurant at 6:15 p.m.

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and went nextdoor to the West Eighth Street Playhouse. She remained there until 9:40 p.m., at which time she returned directly to her residence, arriving approximately 10:00 p.m.

On February 7th RAY ELSON left her residence at about 9:25 a.m. and proceeded to the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office. She had lunch from 12:35 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. with a person believed to be BILLIE HARDY.

At 6:45 p.m. she left the office accompanied by BILLIE HARDY. They proceeded to the Little Campus Restaurant, 667 Third Avenue, where they had dinner. At 7:45 p.m. they left this restaurant and walked to 29 West 46th Street, where they entered at 8:00 p.m. At this address they made an inquiry of the elevator operator. However, they did not go upstairs. A few minutes later they left this address and proceeded by subway to 39 Charlton Street, where they entered at 8:30 p.m. At this address they were observed in the front living room with another woman and three unidentified men. At 12:30 a.m. on February 8th, RAY, BILLIE and an unidentified man left 39 Charlton Street, and proceeded by subway to 14th Street. The unidentified man remained on the platform of the subway. RAY ELSON proceeded north on Seventh Avenue, apparently in the direction of her residence, and BILLIE proceeded by subway to 341 West 84th Street, where she entered. The unidentified man mentioned above is described as follows:

Age	35
Height	6'
Weight	180
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Dark - curly
Dress	Herringbone grey topcoat; neutral hat

The people that RAY ELSON contacted at 39 Charlton Street are believed to be LOUIS and HILA C. COLMAN, concerning whom information is set forth below.

On February 8th at 9:40 a.m. RAY left her residence and proceeded to the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office, where she entered at 10:05 a.m. She reappeared at 1:05 p.m., accompanied by a woman believed to be BILLIE HARDY, and a man believed to be her brother, JERRY. They proceeded to the News Restaurant on 42nd Street, where they had lunch. At 2:10 p.m., RAY, accompanied by the same two people, left this restaurant and returned to 205 East 42nd Street, where RAY and BILLIE entered. RAY's brother proceeded to

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151 East 32nd Street, entering the offices of the National Jewish Welfare Board, located on the 4th floor at that address.

At 6:15 p.m. RAY left the office building at 205 East 42nd Street, and proceeded to her residence, where she entered at 6:42 p.m. At about 7:00 p.m. she reappeared, accompanied by her husband, and proceeded to the Sevilla Restaurant, 82 Charles Street. They remained at this restaurant until 10:30 p.m., at which time they returned to their residence.

On February 9th, RAY ELSON left her residence approximately 11:00 a.m. She proceeded by subway to Macy's Department Store, Herald Square, where she remained until approximately 12:10 p.m. From there she proceeded to the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office, 205 East 42nd Street, where she entered at 12:25 p.m. She reappeared at 2:40 p.m., and proceeded to her residence, where she entered. A few minutes later she reappeared and went shopping in the vicinity of her residence. She was not again observed to leave her residence on this date. However, she was at times observed in her apartment.

On February 10th, at 12:45 p.m., RAY, accompanied by her husband, left their residence. They proceeded to the Whitney Museum of American Art, 10 West 8th Street, where they entered at approximately 1:00 p.m. They remained there until about 2:05 p.m., after which time they returned to their residence. During the remainder of the day from time to time she was observed in her apartment, but at no time was she observed to leave her residence.

On February 11th, RAY ELSON was observed to leave her residence at 9:40 a.m. She was observed to purchase a copy of the newspaper PM in the immediate vicinity of her residence, and proceeded by subway to the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office. From 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. she had lunch with BILLIE HARDY, and spent the afternoon in the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties' office. She again appeared at 6:00 p.m., and proceeded to her residence, making some purchases en route.

On February 12th RAY ELSON was not observed to leave her residence during the day. At 7:50 p.m. she left her residence, accompanied by her husband, and proceeded by subway to 86th Street and Broadway, and from there walked to 317 West 84th Street, where they entered at approximately 8:15 p.m. They reappeared at 11:50 p.m., accompanied by an unidentified man. They all three walked to Broadway, where they entered an automobile bearing New York 1946 License Number 5Y232. The ELSONs left this automobile at 72nd Street and Central Park West, and proceeded by subway to their residence.

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It has been ascertained through the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles, that the automobile bearing New York 1946 License Number 5Y232 is registered in the name of WILL R. GOLDEN, 329 Melbourne Road, Great Neck, New York.

317 West 84th Street is the residence of SIMON and SYLVIA HALPERN, who are known contacts of RAY and JOSEPH ELSON. (u)

LOUIS and HILA C. COLMAN

On February 7, 1946 RAY ELSON spent the evening at 39 Charlton Street, New York City. She was observed in the left front living room at that address at that time. Also, on this same date, Confidential Informant [redacted] had reported that RAY ELSON was attending a meeting at some undisclosed place. (u) b2 b7D

Dr. A. GARBERINO, 41 Charlton Street, advised that he is the owner of the building located at 39 Charlton Street, and that the left front apartment, first floor, is occupied by LOUIS and HILA COLMAN. This apartment was first occupied by Mrs. COLMAN in June, 1944, at which time she was the wife of SAUL OCHS. Shortly after SAUL and HILA OCHS moved to that apartment they were divorced. Mrs. OCHS, now Mrs. COLMAN, remained in the apartment, and a few months later married LOUIS COLMAN, with whom she presently resides at that address.

Dr. GARBERINO stated that Mrs. COLMAN has a small child. However, he could not advise as to which marriage she had this child by. She is believed to be presently employed, but he could not give any information as to the place of employment. He described Mrs. COLMAN as follows:

Name	HILA C. COLMAN, with aliases: Mrs. Louis Colman, Hila C. Ochs
Address	39 Charlton Street
Age	40
Height	5' 1"
Weight	130
Hair	Dark - cut short
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 393 Seventh Avenue, revealed a report dated May 21, 1945 concerning Mrs. LOUIS COLMAN, formerly H. C. OCHS, 39 Charlton Street, New York City. This report reflected the following former addresses, all New York City:

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 62 Charles Street
 238 West 11th Street
 63 East 64th Street
 112 East 10th Street
 319 East 178th Street
 311 East 72nd Street
 161 West 75th Street

This Credit Bureau report described Mrs. COLMAN as in her late thirties or early forties, who was married quite recently to LOUIS COLMAN. She had been previously married to and divorced from SAUL PERRY OCHS. This had been her second marriage, and she had been previously married to and divorced from LEON MEADOW of Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. COLMAN, as Mrs. OCHS, is employed by Reynal and Hitchcock, Publishers, located at 8 West 40th Street, New York City. She is in charge of their Labor Book Club and has been employed there since February 26, 1945.

LOUIS COLMAN is employed by the International Labor Defense, 112 East 19th Street, New York City, and has been identified with this organization for the past 15 years.

The indices of the New York Field Office failed to reflect any information under the name of Mrs. HILA C. COLMAN. [REDACTED]

The indices of the New York Office were checked for information concerning SAUL OCHS, with negative results.

The records of this office reflect that LOUIS COLMAN is the Assistant National Secretary of the International Labor Defense, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Council for Pan-American Democracy. From investigation of his activities it was learned that he is constantly in touch with known Communists

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concerning legal and publicity problems.] a

In July, 1944 he resided at 310 East 25th Street, New York City, and according to the records of Local Board 13, he was born on March 3, 1904 in Canada, but claims to be presently a United States citizen. He listed CAROL KING, who is a key figure in the New York area, as the person who would always know his address in connection with Selective Service matters.] c

COLMAN's physical description is as follows:

Name	LOUIS COLMAN, with aliases: Louis Coleman, Linsy Coleman
Age	41
Born	March 3, 1904
Birthplace	Canada
Height	5' 10"
Weight	158
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium

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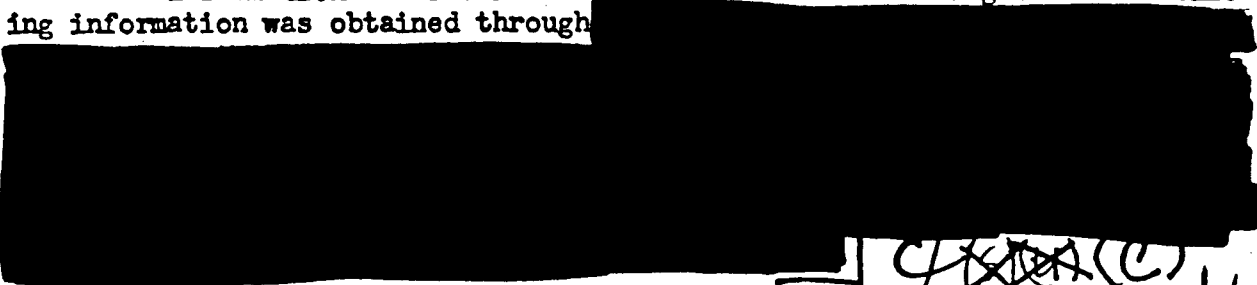
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Re: MICHAEL ENDELMAN, with aliases
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Lawrence W. Spillane:

Information was received from the Bureau indicating that the following information was obtained through



The Bureau advised that MARY ANN PRICE of the OUTPOST SERVICE BUREAU of the Office of War Information is probably identical with MARY WOLFE PRICE, a prominent subject of this case.

On his application, ENDELMAN listed the following references: GERSON C. YOUNG, attorney, 55 Liberty Street, New York City, and SAMUEL MARGOSHES, editor of the Jewish publication "THE DAY".

Regarding MARY ANN PRICE of the OUTPOST SERVICE BUREAU of the Office of War Information, it is noted that MARY WOLFE PRICE, a prominent subject of this case, had been employed by the McGRAW-HILL Publishers on West 42nd Street, New York City on the editorial staff of BUSINESS WEEK, from June, 1943 to about January, 1945. In view of this fact, it is not believed that MARY WOLFE PRICE is identical with MARY ANN PRICE, inasmuch as the information from the Bureau indicated that she was employed by the Office of War Information on September 30, 1944.

Information has previously been set out in the report of Special Agent Harold V. Kennedy at New York City dated December 21, 1945 regarding GERSON C. YOUNG and SAMUEL MARGOSHES.

The records at Local Board 120, 2258 Grand Avenue, Bronx, New York, reveal that SAMUEL MARGOSHES, 2277 Andrews Avenue, Bronx, New York, was born on October 21, 1897, in Poland; that he is employed by "THE DAY", at 183 East Broadway, New York City. MARGOSHES listed his wife, ROSE, of the same address, as the person who would always know his whereabouts. A description of SAMUEL MARGOSHES as obtained from the Selective Service file is as follows:

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Date and Place of Birth:	October 21, 1887, in Poland.
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	175 lbs.
Eyes:	Hazel.
Hair:	Gray.
Complexion:	Ruddy.

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A review of the files of the New York Field Division reflected the following information regarding SAMUEL MARGOSHES:

~~THE DAY (DER TAG)~~, published in New York, has a circulation of 49,000 on week-days and 58,000 on Saturdays and Sundays. The readers of this paper are considered the more progressive liberals among the Yiddish speaking Jews. This paper was founded in 1914 and the present owner, MORRIS WEINBERG, introduced a vigorous pro-Soviet policy. In keeping with this policy, a new editor, WILLIAM EDLIN, was brought in to replace Dr. SAMUEL MARGOSHES, a veteran Jewish journalist. MARGOSHES remained with this paper, writing an English language column, and ventured to criticize the Soviet Union from time to time.

These files further reflected that upon interview SAMUEL MARGOSHES, a friend of SERGEY RADAMSKI, advised that SERGEI stated he was a member of the O.G.P.U. and after his break with the Party had openly stated that he had been active in the work on the O.G.P.U.

An examination of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia reflected that SAMUEL MARGOSHES, a Yiddish writer and editor, was born at Josefow, Galicia, in 1887. He attended a Yeshiva and Gymnasium in Europe; that he entered the United States in 1904; that he received a Rabbinical Degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City in 1910, and that he received a Ph.D. at Columbia University in 1911. This encyclopedia further reflected that MARGOSHES was the editor of NEIE SHTIMME in 1906; that he was affiliated with the New York KEHILLAH as Director of its Text-Book Department for its Educational Division from 1910 to 1917; that he was President of the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GALICIAN & BOUCOVINA JEWS from 1917 to 1917, and that he became editor-in-chief of the "TAG" in 1926.

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The records of Local Board 33, 455 Central Park West, New York City, revealed that GERSON CLARENCE YOUNG, 420 Central Park West, New York City was born on April 18, 1885 at London, England. These records further reflected that he was self-employed as an attorney at 55 Liberty Street, New York City, and SAMUEL KELSEY, 1100 Albermarle Road, Brooklyn, New York, was listed as the person who would always know his whereabouts.

A description of YOUNG was obtained from the Selective Service file which is as follows:

Date and Place of Birth:	April 18, 1885, at London, England.
Height:	5'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	170 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue.
Hair:	Gray.
Complexion:	Ruddy.

An examination of the files of the New York Field Division revealed that GERSON C. YOUNG was on the Board of Directors of the AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF JEWS IN BIRO-BIDJAN, INC.

These files further reflected that GERSON C. YOUNG was one of the signers of a telegram sent to the JEWISH ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE in Moscow, Russia, which telegram dealt mainly with the praise of the Soviet Union.

The results of the mail cover placed on ENDELMAN have not revealed any information of value that has not been previously reported and ENDELMAN has received very little mail. (u)

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RE: MICHAEL GREENBERG
 was.: Monahan Greenberg, Michael Gibson

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Lawrence W. Spillane:

L. ROCKER, superintendent of Station O, United States Post Office, 217 West 18 Street, New York City, advised that there was no removal address for GREENBERG at 7 West 15 Street, New York City.

ALEXANDER GRILLO, letter carrier at Station O, advised that he continues to deliver mail to MICHAEL GREENBERG at 7 West 15 Street, New York City, which mail consists mainly of circulars and other non-personal mail. GRILLO advised that he has no personal knowledge regarding MICHAEL GREENBERG.

* Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on February 14, 1946, MICHAEL GREENBERG spoke to MICHAEL STRAIGHT of the "New Republic". GREENBERG stated he just arrived in New York City and intended to remain here for about three days. He made a tentative luncheon date for the following day and GREENBERG said he would call STRAIGHT again at noon on the following day to definitely arrange for their luncheon appointment. (u) b2 b7D

An inquiry was conducted at 40 East 49 Street, New York City, which revealed that MICHAEL STRAIGHT is employed by the "New Republic" and that he usually goes to lunch at 1:00 pm. A physical surveillance was conducted by Special Agents Nicholas M. Kalnes and Lawrence W. Spillane at 40 East 49 Street on February 15, 1946 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm, but MICHAEL GREENBERG was not observed in this vicinity.

A review of the files of the New York Field Division revealed that the file entitled "MICHAEL W. STRAIGHT, Internal Security - R" indicated STRAIGHT had been employed by the State Department as a Division Assistant, Division of European Affairs, from August 27, 1940 to May 21, 1941. This file further reflected that STRAIGHT received an invitation to a reception at the Russian Embassy on November 7, 1941 and that he was active in the AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION and in the NORTH AMERICAN SPANISH RELIEF COMMITTEE. It was further indicated that STRAIGHT enlisted in the Air Forces, Enlisted Reserve Corps on November 24, 1942.

Mrs. GERTRUDE REAFELLE, superintendent of the building at 7 west 15 Street, New York City, stated that Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL GREENBERG resided in the J house at 7 West 15 Street for about three months prior to the middle

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of January, 1946. She stated GREENBERG had been frequently seen during these three months that he lived at this address and she believed that GREENBERG had been employed in New York City at that time. She further stated that Mrs. EDITH EPSTEIN had been living with her husband who was stationed in an Army camp in the South and during that time, the GREENBERG's had occupied the EPSTEIN apartment. She advised that Mr. and Mrs. GREENBERG visited Mrs. EPSTEIN on February 14, 1946 and on February 15, 1946 for a period of about 15 minutes on each occasion.

She indicated that when Mrs. MARIAN GREENBERG left 7 West 15 Street, New York City, on February 15, 1946, she advised that her mail should be forwarded to her present address at 4884 MacArthur Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. Mrs. REAPELLE further advised that Mrs. GREENBERG told her that MICHAEL GREENBERG is employed by Mr. Byrnes and that he is going to Tokyo, Japan in the immediate future.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that on February 15, 1946, GREENBERG called an unknown individual named MURRAY and he also spoke to an unknown person named MARIAN, during which time they had a discussion regarding the contacting of LEO, and GREENBERG mentioned that there were some very interesting political angles regarding JACK, although nothing will probably come of it. (u)

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As a result of a mail cover placed on MICHAEL GREENBERG at 7 West 15 Street, New York City, it is noted that the following return addresses were obtained from his mail:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RETURN ADDRESS</u>
January 16, 1946	FOREIGN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION Office of Internal Trade Operation Washington, D. C.
January 22, 1946	405 Spooner Trip Hall Madison, Wisconsin
January 26, 1946	H. McDAVIS 560 West 163 Street New York City
	Treasury Department Office of Internal Revenue Baltimore, Maryland

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It was further indicated that GREENBERG regularly receives mail from the ALLIED LABOR NEWS, 1133 Broadway, New York City. (u)

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Donald E. Shannon:

On February 14, 1946, Special Agent G. E. Davis of the Washington Field Office telephonically advised Special Agent Meffert W. Kuhrtz of this office that agents in the Washington Field Office observed JOSEPH GREGG board a train, departing from Washington, D. C. at 6:00 p.m., on that day, via the Pennsylvania Railroad. Confidential sources in Washington, D. C. advised that GREGG had previously contacted his wife and advised her he was departing for New York to see his dentist and that if he did not take too long he would be back on Friday, February 15, 1946. At that time GREGG asked his wife for the address of HARRY GREENSTEIN in Maplewood, New Jersey. This is a brother of JOSEPH GREGG, and at whose home GREGG has stayed when he has made a trip to Newark and New York. (X)(u)

Subsequently, the Newark Field Office advised that JOSEPH GREGG arrived at Newark, New Jersey on the evening of February 14, 1946, and stayed at the home of his brother, HARRY GREENSTEIN, 89 Midland Blvd., Maplewood, New Jersey. At approximately 10:00 a.m., February 15, 1946, JOSEPH GREGG was observed by surveilling agents from the Newark Field Office to enter 20 East 53rd Street, New York, New York. This is the office of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN, who is a suspect in the instant investigation. Further, on prior visits to New York City, JOSEPH GREGG has visited the office of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN, 20 East 53rd Street, New York, New York.

At 10:30 a.m., February 15, 1946, Special Agents Frank J. Nolan and John Henry Doyle took over the surveillance of JOSEPH GREGG, and he was observed to leave the building at 20 East 53rd Street at 1:10 p.m., and proceeded to shop in the Times Square area of New York City until 4:30 p.m., at which time he boarded a Pennsylvania Railroad train and proceeded to Newark, New Jersey, where the surveillance was turned over to the Newark agents.

The only significant contact made by JOSEPH GREGG while in the New York Field Division on February 15, 1946, was with the office of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN, 20 East 53rd Street.

The following information was obtained from Local Board 14, 331 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

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JOSEPH B. GREGG was born in Columbus, Ohio on May 2, 1909, and attended Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio for a period of one and one-half years, during which period he pursued a course in arts. He listed his former employment as a reporter on the Writers Project of the WPA from 1936 to 1937. From 1937 to 1939 he was engaged in real estate promotion and apartment renting promotion. No name of employer was listed for this type of work. From 1939 to 1942 he was employed as Business Manager in charge of business activities, circulation, etc., and as Editorial Assistant for "The Hemisphere Corporation", 154 Nassau Street, New York, New York. From 1942 to 1944 he was employed as Assistant Chief of the Political Analysis Section, United States Government—Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Department of Commerce Building, Washington, D. C.

In this regard, JOSEPH GREGG stated he "assists in the direction of section responsible for reports, analyses, digests and other processes involved in political and related affairs of the inter-American field".

In his Occupational Certificate and Affidavit, sworn to by THOMAS KLECHAK, Director of the Division of Personnel, Executive Section, Committee on Draft Deferments, he states, "JOSEPH GREGG maintains liaison with other officials in this and other agencies, in order to render advice upon political problems and to give information of political developments throughout Latin America; is directly responsible for the digesting work done on clippings from Latin American press".

He was still employed, according to his Selective Service file, in this capacity as of May 15, 1945.

This file reflects that the following are the living relatives of JOSEPH GREGG:

Wife - ROSE and two children, who reside with JOSEPH GREGG at Washington, D. C.

Father - MAX, 70 years of age, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Brother - MAURICE, also residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Brother - HARRY, Newark, New Jersey

Sister - ROSE, Newark, New Jersey

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The following are a list of JOSEPH GREGG's wife's relatives:

- Father - WILLIAM LEFF, London, Ontario
- Mother - JENNY LEFF, London, Ontario
- Brother - HERMAN, London, Ontario
- Brother - ARTHUR, London, Ontario
- Brother - JACK, London, Ontario
- Sister - MARY DIAMOND, Canisto, New York
- Sister - RUTH APPEL, Canisto, New York
- Sister - VIOLA SHAW, Alexandria, Virginia

ROSE LEFF GREGG, wife of the subject, was employed as a social worker by the New York Board of Education, New York City, until 1939, at which time she was forced to retire from her employment because of ill health.

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RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT GREGORY ~~SECRET~~

The following is being dictated by Special Agents THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY and represents the results of conversations with confidential informant GREGORY for the period February 11, 1946 to February 19, 1946.

On February 15, 1946 informant advised that in accordance with instructions earlier given to her by Colonel JOHN H. REYNOLDS, she telephonically communicated with EARL BROWDER at the latter's office on February 11, 1946 and made an appointment to see him that day. The purpose of this meeting was to extend an invitation to BROWDER and his wife to be dinner guests at the REYNOLDS' apartment on February 18, 1946; the purpose of this invitation to the BROWDERS was so that REYNOLDS might secure BROWDER's advice on the subject of a proposed expansion of the U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP. and also to request BROWDER to do some errands if his proposed trip to Russia materializes. According to the informant BROWDER gladly accepted this invitation and arrangements were made for informant to meet him on Fifth Avenue and 43rd Street on February 18, 1946 and accompany him to the REYNOLDS home at 825 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

No other information believed pertinent was developed by informant on the occasion of this conversation with BROWDER.

During the course of this same interview confidential informant GREGORY made available to the Agents a mimeographed bulletin entitled, "APPEAL OF EARL BROWDER TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE C.P.U.S.A. against the DECISION OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF FEBRUARY 5th, 1946 FOR HIS EXPULSION". It was noted that the envelope in which this pamphlet was mailed to the informant bore the return address of W. E. BRANCH, 38 West 9th Street, New York, New York, and was postmarked at the West 43rd Street station.

Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZINCK, of the New York Field Division, who is familiar with the activities of WILLIAM BROWDER, advised that W. E. BRANCH is known to him as one of the aliases used by WILLIAM BROWDER, brother of EARL BROWDER, and that 38 West 9th Street is known to him as the present residence of WILLIAM BROWDER. The informant was somewhat mystified by the name and address of the sender on the envelope but did recall that the telephone for the BROWDER summer home, near Monroe, New York, was listed under the name of W. E. BRANCH, and she said she had always assumed this was a friend of the family. Also on this occasion informant made available an issue of

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"Distributors Guide" dated February 16, 1946.

With reference to the dinner to be held at the home of Colonel REYNOLDS, it was suggested to the informant that she attempt to develop in conversation with BROWDER what assurances, if any, he has received from Russian authorities that he will be granted a Russian visa in the event his United States passport is granted. It was also requested that she attempt to learn if possible who was underwriting the expenses of this proposed trip and further, what the real object of the trip is. Informant was likewise requested to attempt to learn who, if anyone, planned to accompany BROWDER and the anticipated duration of his stay in Russia.

On February 19, 1946 informant GREGORY on interview advised that in accordance with the plans made earlier, she had accompanied EARL BROWDER to the REYNOLDS apartment on the evening of February 18, 1946 and that BROWDER had remained there for approximately two hours. Informant reported that BROWDER was consulted by Colonel REYNOLDS as to what procedure he should follow with reference to the monetary demands reported hereinbefore as having been made by LEW HARRIS and more lately by TED BAYER and after some discussion BROWDER advised REYNOLDS to repay to them the \$15,000 originally advanced from COMMUNIST PARTY funds and thereafter to have no association whatsoever with them.

With reference to his proposed trip to Russia BROWDER inferred that he has neither sought nor received any assurances or promises from the Russians that a visa will be granted to him in the event he receives an American passport and added that he supposed a waiting period of approximately one month would be required for it after he received his passport. Informant further reported that she mentioned that probably some persons in the United States, like EDWIN CARTER, of Russian War Relief, could expedite matters for him but BROWDER indicated that he could expect no assistance from such sources. He remarked that his application has been pending for five or six weeks and that he has heard nothing from it; he explained to the informant that an interdepartmental committee, including an FBI representative, passed on all requests for passports and that he supposed the FBI was holding his up. He jokingly

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remarked that he imagined the FBI thought he had the secret of the atom bomb in his pocket and further, that he was probably thought to be identical with ARTHUR ADAMSON, alleged Soviet spy, whose activities have been publicized in the "New York Journal American".

Informant learned in addition that if BROWDER secures his passport and necessary visas he plans to go abroad sometime in March, 1946 and to remain out of the country for a month or so. He did not indicate directly the exact object of his trip to Russia, but insinuated that he had a definite idea of the person whom he wanted to see over there. According to the informant BROWDER did not even indicate if his trip was in connection with Party affairs or was on commercial business, but informant is definitely of the opinion that BROWDER is going mainly to attempt to regain favor of the inner councils in Moscow.

There was also some discussion between BROWDER and REYNOLDS as to the reason for the former's expulsion from the Party and BROWDER placed most of the blame on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and indicated that the present ruling clique of the Party was too stupid to realize that the United States was adaptable only to modified Communism, such as BROWDER favored during the war.

REYNOLDS asked BROWDER if the latter would be able to take care of some matters for him with respect to the U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP. while in Moscow and BROWDER enthusiastically replied that he would be glad to do anything along this line that he could. It was agreed that there would be a further conference between the two, in the event BROWDER's trip materializes.

During the general discussion REYNOLDS asked BROWDER if he had any Russian contacts in the United States and BROWDER replied that he had no contact with the Russians except where matters of Party policy were concerned; according to informant he then quickly explained that of course he meant the COMMUNIST PARTY headquarters in downtown New York City. It was the informant's opinion, however, that BROWDER, who was drinking considerably during the evening, probably was accurate in his first statement when he indicated that he did in fact have some Russian contact in this country. In the general discussion which resulted after REYNOLDS asked the reason for BROWDER's expulsion from the Party, BROWDER related the following sequence of events, which is believed to be of interest generally.

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He stated it was his opinion that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER had made arrangements through GIUSEPPE BERTI and AMBROGIO DONINI, Italian Communists, who for a time were associated with L'Unita del Popolo, for them through underground sources in Italy to contact JACQUES DUCLOS, prominent French Communist and that the latter would prepare a bitter public denunciation of BROWDER, thereby gaining considerable prestige and possibly overshadowing MAURICE THOREZ, another prominent French Communist. It apparently was BROWDER's idea that DUCLOS could be influenced to take this action by suggestions that he would become the most prominent Communist in France, with FOSTER to assume the position held by BROWDER, and that the two leaders could work in close harmony. Informant was unable to conclude if this series of events, as narrated by BROWDER were strictly a matter of conjecture with him or whether they were based at least partly on fact. It would, however, from the above remarks made by BROWDER, seem to be his opinion that the DUCLOS attack on him was not Moscow inspired but rather the result of conniving between DUCLOS and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

Informant was also able to learn during the dinner that BROWDER is having 40,000 copies of his "defense" printed and distributed generally to COMMUNIST PARTY members and further, that HAROLD SMITH, who has been his secretary for some years, recently resigned because he "couldn't stand the pressure any longer". BROWDER told informant that insofar as he knew SMITH was unemployed at the present time.

Informant reported in addition that during the evening there was considerable discussion between REYNOLDS and BROWDER as to the current articles in the press relative to the round-up of alleged Russian spies in Canada, and that both agreed such newspaper stories were probably for the purpose of discrediting Russia and that what action had been taken by the Canadian authorities was undoubtedly traceable to the difficulties between Secretary of State BYRNES and Foreign Commissar MOLOTOV at the conference of foreign ministers and, more lately, the dispute between ANDREI VISHINSKY and ERNEST BEVIN.

It was noted by the informant that when BROWDER was leaving the REYNOLDS apartment, Colonel REYNOLDS gave him a sum of money and a bottle of Scotch Whiskey as a "consultation fee", ostensibly in payment for his advisory services in connection with the affairs of the U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP. It was further reported by the informant that her firm has received no reply to date to the cable dispatch to INTOURIST, Moscow, with reference to the demand made by AMTORG for a copy of the contract existing between INTOURIST and U.S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP. and also that there has been no further demand from AMTORG in New York City for a copy of this contract.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent EDWARD W. DOOLEY dated at New York City January 28 in this investigation concerning one "Miss WHITE". Confidential informant GREGORY advised that she has been recontacted by this individual who is in fact DORIS WHITE, a casual acquaintance of the informant's who she met sometime ago, when she was on vacation in Vermont.

Special Agent JAMES M. McGRATH discreetly determined that NORMAN BURSNER, who has previously been referred to, is presently in the Antitrust Division in New York City but expects to resign March 1, 1946 to return to private practice in Chicago.

With reference to the Bureau letter dated January 15, 1946, in instant matter, requesting that a photograph of ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDELMAN be secured and displayed to Confidential Informant GREGORY, it is desired to point out that this individual is undoubtedly identical with the NEEDELMAN who telephoned GREGORY from the office of the Amtorg Trading Company, the details of which are set out in the report of Special Agent Edward W. Dooley dated February 11, 1946, at New York City. As explained therein, GREGORY did not know NEEDELMAN by name, and during the numerous times she was interviewed by agents of this Division she has never referred to any individual who is at all close to the physical description of NEEDELMAN; it is to be noted that a review of the New York file on NEEDELMAN reflects that he is partially paralyzed and goes about with a great deal of difficulty. A complete description of NEEDELMAN, however, has been furnished to GREGORY, and she is unable to identify this man as anyone whom she has ever known or seen. Inasmuch as no photograph of him is presently available it is not believed possible that GREGORY could identify him among the persons involved in instant case and accordingly no further action is being taken with respect to NEEDELMAN.

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RE: ALEXANDER KORAL

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The following matter was dictated by Special Agent
NICHOLAS M. KALMES and covers the period from February 1st through
February 4th, 1946.

Through the services of Confidential Informant [redacted]
whose identity is known to the Bureau, it was ascertained that KORAL made
no contacts during the above period.

From SALVATORE BASILE, superintendent of the apartment
house at 290 Empire Boulevard, where KORAL resides, it was ascertained that
KORAL and his wife were at home during the above period and that they en-
gaged in no activity of note observed by him.

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RE: ALEXANDER KORAL

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The following material was dictated by Special Agent Nicholas M. Kalnes and covers the period from February 5 through February 19, 1946:

Through the services of Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, it was ascertained that neither KORAL or his wife made any contacts of importance on February 5, 6, or 7, 1946.

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On February 8, 1946, Mrs. KORAL, in a conversation with an unknown person, gave that unknown person the telephone number of one SAM MURDOCK. The number given was CI 5-7380. It was ascertained that this number is listed to the SEABOARD RAILROAD COMPANY offices in New York.

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The name of SAM MURDOCK was checked in the indices of the New York Field office and it was found that there was no record for him there.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that no contacts were made by either KORAL or his wife on February 9, 10, 11, 1946, and that no contacts of importance were made on February 12, 1946.

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From the above informant, it was ascertained that KORAL and his wife were at their country place for several days, presumably from Friday night, February 8, until Tuesday morning, February 12. This information was obtained by the informant who learned of it through a contact between Mrs. KORAL and her mother.

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On February 14, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that one SAM contacted Mrs. KORAL and advised her that he was staying at the Park Central Hotel in Room 2065. SAM extended greetings to Mr. and Mrs. KORAL and asked that they visit him at the hotel.

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As a result of investigation at the Park Central Hotel, it was ascertained that Room 2065 is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. S. KLEIN of 40 East Oak Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 15, 16, and 17, there were no contacts of importance made by either Mr. or Mrs. KORAL.

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On February 18, 1946, the informant advised that Mrs. KORAL was contacted by her mother and that the former advised that she was attending a series of lectures.

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On February 19, 1946, Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted], during a conversation with one ROSE, stated that she was attending lectures at Town Hall in New York.

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On December 4, 1945, while under surveillance of agents of the New York office, a man, who was later identified as GEORGE REICHELSEIMER, was observed in the company of Mr. and Mrs. KORAL. As a result of investigation by Special Agent John J. Rooney at Local Draft Board 702, Patchogue, New York, the following additional information was obtained concerning REICHELSEIMER:

REICHELSEIMER registered according to the regulations of the Selective Service and Training Act on April 27, 1942. At that time he resided on Maple Avenue in Port Jefferson and listed as his telephone number Port Jefferson 66. He was employed on Main Street, Port Jefferson Station, New York.

There is being set out a description of REICHELSEIMER as obtained from the files of Local Draft Board 702:

Name	GEORGE REICHELSEIMER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	January 22, 1897, Brooklyn, New York
Height	5'10"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Dark
Marital Status	Married
Wife	MARIE REICHELSEIMER
Occupation	Stationery store operator.

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RE: FERRUCCIO MARINI with aliases

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*Confidential Informant [redacted] has continued to advise as to the activities of MARINI. MARINI principally concerns himself with the Italian Communist Weekly "L'UNITA DEL POPOLO" and frequently confers with high functionaries of the Communist Party, such as STEVE NELSON, ROSE WORTIS, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, ABNER GREEN and so forth. The activities of MARINI are not significant to the above-entitled case presently and all information received from the informant is being reported in the case files of "L'UNITA DEL POPOLO" and FERRUCCIO MARINI.

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RE: ROBERT T. MILLER

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The following matter was dictated by Special Agent Nicholas M. Kalnes:

On January 31, 1946, ROBERT T. MILLER and his wife came to New York City and remained until February 6, 1946. During that period, a spot check surveillance was maintained on them and their contacts set out in the report of Special Agent Edward W. Dooley dated February 11, 1946 at New York.

As a result of the search of the indices in the New York Field Division, it was ascertained that CAROL JANEWAY, who had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. MILLER on February 4, 1946, was telephonically contacted by LOUIS FISCHER in 1942. FISCHER was born in the United States, lived in Moscow for 18 years and then returned to the United States. He was a suspected GPU agent.

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The following names of MILLER's contacts were also checked in the indices of the New York Field Division:

- DANIEL HOWLAND - no record;
- ANN ROSENER - no record;
- Mrs. WILLIAM HENRY WALKER - no record
- DICK SHELDON - no record.

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MILLER and his wife visited numerous commercial firms in the city of New York, but inasmuch as it is not known whom they contacted in these firms, no search of the indices was made of the firms' names.

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Re: OLGA BORISOVNA PRAVDINA, with alias Margaret ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Michael M. O'Rourke from February 4 to February 19, 1946. OLGA has been on constant physical surveillance from February 1 to February 19, 1946. Surveilling agents are F. J. Nolan, J. H. Doyle, Joseph C. Walsh and Howard C. Klebe.

PRAVDINA spends most of her time during the course of the day shopping and attending the movies. The details of specific days on which OLGA did anything that was pertinent to this investigation will be set out.

FEBRUARY 7, 1946: OLGA PRAVDINA and two children left 125 Riverside Drive at 10:45 A.M., walked to Broadway and 92nd Street and returned to 125 Riverside Drive, entering at 11:45 A.M.

At 1:45 P.M. OLGA left her residence at 125 Riverside Drive, walked to 85th Street and Broadway where she descended the stairs to the 7th Avenue subway, rode the subway to 59th Street where she left the train, walked north on the 59th Street platform to the end, reversed her path, walked to the south end and proceeded via the underground passage to the 8th Avenue subway. OLGA on arrival at 8th Avenue subway station, stopped, walked around for several minutes, proceeding along the platform, allowed three or four express trains and seven or eight local trains to leave without boarding any of them. OLGA then boarded the 8th Avenue subway D train to 47th - 50th Street station where she left the train and ascended the stairs to 50th Street and 6th Avenue. She then proceeded east to 630 - 5th Avenue, where she entered. On entering 630 - 5th Avenue, she stood in front of a directory and appeared to be checking near the name of B. C. BELL, room #2064 and then took the elevator to the upper floors.

FEBRUARY 8, 1946: At 10:10 A.M. OLGA and two children left their residence at 125 Riverside Drive, walked to Gristedes, 95th Street and Columbus Avenue where she shopped. Subject then returned to 125 Riverside Drive entering at 11:30 A.M. At 12:55 P.M. VLADIMIR PRAVDINA was observed to enter 125 Riverside Drive.

At 1:55 P.M. OLGA left 125 Riverside Drive, walked to 86th Street and Broadway, where she entered the 7th Avenue subway. She left the 7th Avenue subway at 59th Street and boarded an 8th Avenue southern bound subway to 34th Street. She ascended the stairs to 34th Street and proceeded to BEST's department store at 35th Street and 5th Avenue, walked through and then proceeded to the Amtorg Building, 210 Madison Avenue, where she entered. At 6:05 P.M. OLGA left 210 Madison Avenue, proceeded to the 6th Avenue Independent subway to her home. No further activities for the day.

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FEBRUARY 9, 1946: At 7:30 A.M. OLGA, VLADIMIR and child, "VICKY", left their residence, 125 Riverside Drive, entered black Dodge bearing New York 1946 license number G-1475, and proceeded to the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, 210 East 64th Street, where they entered. The purpose of this visit to the hospital was for the removal of the tonsils of "VICKY." OLGA, VLADIMIR, and child "VICKY" observed leaving the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, 210 East 64th Street at 9:05 A.M. They then proceeded via taxicab to their residence, 125 Riverside Drive, where they all entered. The PRAVDINS left the hospital on February 11.

FEBRUARY 16, 1946: At 9:50 A.M. OLGA, VLADIMIR, and child "VICKY" left their residence, 125 Riverside Drive, entered a car and drove to 239 Central Park West where they entered the office of Dr. SLOBIDY. It is believed that Dr. SLOBIDY removed the tonsils of "VICKY." At 10:50 A.M. OLGA, VLADIMIR, and "VICKY" left the office of Dr. SLOBIDY and returned to their residence, 125 Riverside Drive, where all entered.

OLGA left almost immediately after entering 125 Riverside Drive, entered a car with her husband, VLADIMIR, and they drove through Central Park, alternately speeding and dawdling, and proceeding to Altman's Department Store, 34th Street and 5th Avenue, where OLGA entered and shopped. OLGA left Altman's and proceeded to the Amtorg Building, 210 Madison Avenue, where she entered at approximately 11:30 A.M. At 12:55 P.M. OLGA left Amtorg, walked to 5th Avenue, where she took a bus and proceeded home, entering at 1:25 P.M.

Special Agents F. J. Nolan and J. H. Doyle, who have been working on the surveillance of OLGA PRAVDINA, stated that she occasionally checks to ascertain if she is being followed, and that her husband, VLADIMIR PRAVDINA, who leaves his residence at 125 Riverside Drive at approximately 9:45 every morning, also looks up and down the street in a manner that would indicate that he is checking to ascertain if he is being followed.

[REDACTED] advised that there is little of pertinent value to this case to be reported as a result of his activities.

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The Newark Field Division has been advised of this by letter and has been requested to make the necessary arrangements in order that in cooperation with the Customs authorities a search may be made of the luggage of the PRAVDINAS. This authorization was granted by the State Department as set out in a teletype from the Bureau dated January 23, 1946.

Investigation is continuing to ascertain the identity of the person that OLGA PRAVDINA visited on February 7, 1946, at 630 - 5th Avenue. Surveillances of OLGA are continuing with a view to ascertaining the identity of CATHERINE and BILL, unidentified subjects mentioned by Informant GREGORY in this case.

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RE: PETER CHRISTOPHER RHODES X(u) CONFIDENTIAL

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Joseph E. Condon at Poughkeepsie, Amenia and Leedsville, N. Y. on February 12, 14 and 18, 1946. X(u)

On or about February 9, 1946, the above captioned subject together with his wife and children, moved from New York City to Leedsville, N.Y. which is about two miles east of Amenia, N.Y. He presently resides on Amenia-Union Road, RFD #1, and a physical surveillance by reporting agent revealed that the subject is living in a rather old white, frame house of eight rooms, which house is located in a very rural section.

MR. BERTRAM MILLER, Postmaster at Amenia, N.Y. related that the subject presently is renting the home of MR. LEWIS MUMFORD, who at this time is teaching at Hanover, N.H. Mr. Miller went on to state that LEWIS MUMFORD has resided in this community for twenty years or more and he is an author, lecturer, teacher and traveler. At the time this contact was had with the postmaster, Mr. Miller, arrangements were made to put a cover on the mail received by the subject at Leedsville, N.Y. X(u)

At the conclusion of the interview had with MR. BERTRAM MILLER, he stated that he believed the subject would have to vacate Mr. Mumford's home prior to the latter's return from Hanover, N.H. in June of this year. In this connection he stated that if the subject intends to leave Leedsville and leaves a forwarding address at the Amenia Post Office, same will be forwarded immediately to the New York Field Division office.

Reporting agent contacted Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff GEORGE DUNBAR who resides in the Village of Amenia and without furnishing him any information concerning the Bureau's real interest in the subject RHODES, an arrangement was made whereby Deputy Sheriff Dunbar would discreetly obtain information concerning the subject's activities at Leedsville, N.Y. and subsequently furnish same to this office.

Reporting agent reviewed the newspaper morgue at the POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORKER newspaper office located on Market Street, Poughkeepsie, and noted that there was one item in this morgue pertaining to LEWIS MUMFORD of Amenia, N.Y. This news item was dated December 15, 1940, and had commented upon a new book entitled "FAITH FOR LIVING" which was at that time released by MUMFORD and published by HARCOURT BRACE of New York City. The news item described this book as one dealing with the development of modern

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man as a political and moral animal beginning from the time of the disintegration of the Roman world. This news item further indicated that for the past two decades MUMFORD had published a series of books and papers on architecture, literature, city development and philosophy. In addition to his work as a writer the item indicated that MR. LEWIS MUMFORD previously served as a radio operator in the U. S. Navy (1918) and as editor of the "DIAL", as a member of the Board of Higher Education of New York City and as a consultant on City and Regional Planning in Honolulu and the Pacific Northwest.

A review of the Poughkeepsie Telephone Directory which includes the town of Amenia, indicated that the telephone listing for LEWIS MUMFORD is Amenia 193M. A check at the office of the New York Telephone Company, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. reveals that this number is still listed for the residence of LEWIS MUMFORD.

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Re: **NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER,**
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Floyd L. Jones in the instant case dated at Washington, D. C., December 13, 1945. At pages 165 and 166 information is set out to the effect that on November 27, 1945, SILVERMASTER and an unidentified individual proceeded from SILVERMASTER'S residence to a house located at 3731 Appleton Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Subsequent investigation developed that the owner of that residence was an individual identified as JOSEPH GAER. At page 162 of the report there is another reference undoubtedly to this same individual.

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent Floyd L. Jones dated at Washington, D. C., January 11, 1946. At page 121 of that report is further information connecting SILVERMASTER with JOSEPH GAER.

A review of the files of the New York Office concerning JOSEPH GAER has been made and considerable background information relating to this individual, as well as information of direct interest to the instant investigation, is set out herewith:

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It is noted that an investigation entitled "JOSEPH GAER, with alias; EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT" was conducted relative to the instant individual upon the application of GAER for employment with the OWI, OEM. This investigation reflects that JOSEPH GAER was born March 16, 1897, in Edinets, Bessarabia, under the name of ELI YOSSEF FISHMAN. He came from there to Canada in 1915, and entered the United States for the first time in 1916. He returned to Canada in 1917 and re-entered the United States in 1919. During the time he was in Canada, he attended the Canadian schools and at one time during his trip to the United States attended the University of Minnesota.

When he returned to the United States in 1919, he went to the West Coast, apparently teaching English writing and manuscript writing from 1930 to 1935 at the University of California. He is also believed to have lived during this period in San Diego. On September 2, 1936, he was naturalized in the Southern District of New York, under Certificate No. 2322604. At this time he legally changed his name to JOSEPH GAER. He married FAY RATNER at San Diego on March 20, 1923. She was born in London, England, and had become an American citizen under Certificate of Naturalization No. 2532397 on May 16, 1927, in the Southern District of New York. They have two children, one of whom is ELSA FAY GAER, and the other is PAUL JOSEPH GAER.

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GAER was appointed Field Supervisor of the WPA on October 8, 1935, and resigned October 27, 1939. It is believed that during this period he was working under the Federal Writers Project of the WPA, and allegedly he was closely associated with H. GALSBERG, who is reportedly Communistically inclined and who, it is noted, was named before the Dies Committee as being a Communist. It is also to be noted that GAER was also named in the testimony before the Dies Committee as being a Communist.

It is also noted that in an article in Headlines dated March 25, 1939, published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., GAER was alleged to be a functionary of the Communist Party, Department of Propaganda and Education, which was formerly headed by V. J. JEROME. After working for the WPA, GAER was employed in Washington, D. C., from December, 1940, to June, 1941, as consultant in the Farm Security Administration, Department of Agriculture. Information was received to the effect that most of his activities during this period were in the preparation of a booklet called "Toward Farm Security" for the Department of Agriculture. GAER also reportedly handled the indexing for the La Follette testimony, in which the Communist Party was vitally interested.

In the investigation referred to, a reference of GAER, MR. C. B. BALDWIN, who was employed by the PAC, CIO, as Administrative Secretary to SIDNEY HILLMAN at 205 East 42nd Street, was interviewed and stated that he had been the superior of GAER while he was employed by the Farm Security Administration, and stated that GAER had been sent to him by MR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE, who was personal assistant to the President in 1940. Other persons interviewed during this investigation advised that GAER was an able writer and had achieved some prominence as a writer of folk lore legend stories.

Relative to his writings, it is noted that in the Daily Worker of June 9, 1945, page 8, column 4, there appears an article entitled, "GAER Marshals His Pamphlet Army for the People's Battle." This article lauds GAER's work as a pamphlet writer and mentions that he is the Publication Director for the CIO, PAC, and was active during the election campaign, and stated that he has recently formulated the Pamphlet of the Month series, which is being published by Reynal and Hitchcock and which is being backed by the CIO, PAC. It is also noted that there is a photograph of GAER with this article.

In this connection, the investigation entitled "THE LABOR BOOK CLUB; INTERNAL SECURITY - C" sets forth that the Labor Book Club is being sponsored by the CIO, PAC, and that JOSEPH GAER has been closely connected with this book club.

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In the investigation entitled "JOSEPH GAER; INTERNAL SECURITY" there is information set forth that GAER is in sympathy with the Communist movement and was so affiliated while he was employed by the Federal Writers Project. It is also noted that this investigation sets forth that GAER was employed after July 21, 1941, doing confidential work at the Treasury Department, but that during this period he was not actually on the Federal payroll but was doing work of a propaganda nature and that the material from which he was writing was in the Treasury buildings. It is also noted that after this, on May 2, 1942, he was reportedly employed as a consulting expert for the War Savings Bond group under CAF-14 at \$6,500 per year, doing publicity and promotional bond selling work.

It is also noted that Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that JACOB ARONOFF, close contact of ARTHUR ADAMS, had been at a party at EVA ROBINS' home in Stamford, Connecticut. He mentioned that he had had an interesting evening and had had a long talk with JOSEPH GAER, who was connected with the CIO, PAC during the last election campaign.

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Re: ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN (u) CONFIDENTIAL

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DONALD E. SHANNON.

Confidential informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and who is in such a position that he is able to obtain information pertaining to contacts made at the home of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN, 23 Ralsey Road, South Stamford, Conn., ascertained the following: (u) b2 b7D

On January 14, 1946, an individual by the name of NAT, last name unknown, contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN and invited him to attend dinner to be held in New York City, sponsored by "NEW MASSES" magazine, a Communist publication in New York City. On the same date a Mrs. KENNEL, (phonetic), who was visiting at the home of the WEINSTEINS on that day called BARNEY KENNEL (phonetic) at New York City. This individual may be identical with BARNEY CANAL, with aliases, who is the subject of an Internal Security-C investigation and who is prominently mentioned as a Communist sympathizer and organizer in the files of the New York office. (u)

On January 15, 1946, EDWIN B. MICHAELS, who is the leader of the Communist Party at Stamford, Conn., contacted LENORE WEINSTEIN, wife of Dr. WEINSTEIN, and stated that he wanted to talk to "ABE" about some education, and that they were all very anxious to get a series of study groups started in Stamford and that they contemplated holding the meeting on the following Sunday night, January 27, 1946, in order to discuss this plan. MICHAELS invited WEINSTEIN to attend this meeting. (u)

On January 18, 1946, Dr. WEINSTEIN attempted to contact the home of EDWARD CHODOROV, the Russian playwright who is prominently mentioned in the files of the New York office as a Communist sympathizer. (u)

On January 19, 1946, ROSE MICHAELS, wife of EDWIN B. MICHAELS, spoke with LENORE WEINSTEIN and stated that her husband EDWIN had talked to Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN about some talent and entertainment in case of strikes. ROSE stated she had talked to a lawyer friend in Bridgeport, Conn., and that in view of the mass picketing to be held at the G. E. CO. at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 21, 1946, that they thought some talent would be appropriate. (u)

On January 21, 1946, EDWIN B. MICHAELS spoke with LENORE WEINSTEIN and suggested that she and ABE be at the MICHAELS home the following evening, January 22, 1946, at eight o'clock for a meeting. On this same date LENORE WEINSTEIN contacted BARNEY JOSEPHSON, who is subject of an Internal Security-C investigation, and who is the owner of a night club known as "CAFE SOCIETY", uptown in New York City, to congratulate him to tell him that the "girl" is a sensation. LENORE stated that she had (u) C

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packed the place to the doors and that she was another HAZEL SCOTT, as far as the audience's reaction was concerned. IENORE stated that "they" want to come down to New York soon to see the JOSEPHSONS. (u)

On January 22, 1946, IENOPE WEINSTEIN contacted Mrs. MARJORIE CHODOROV, 815 Park Avenue, New York City. She is the wife of EDWARD CHODOROV a Russian playwright. (u)

A further check of the toll calls made from the residence of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN at 23 Ralsey Road, South Stamford, Conn., disclosed that on November 20, 1945, a telephone call was made to BARNEY JOSEPHSON at New York City; on November 25 a telephone call was made to a Mrs. MARJORIE CHODOROV at New York City and again a call was made to this same party on November 30, 1946. (u)

On December 3, 1945, a call was made to the residence of MARTIN BAYER, 10 West 90 Street, New York City. This is the same MARTIN BAYER, who was previously mentioned in prior reports and who is subject of an Internal Security-R investigation with New York as origin. (u)

On August 17, 1945, a call was made to the residence of Dr. HAROLD AARON, who is subject of an Internal Security-C investigation, who was previously mentioned as an associate of Dr. WEINSTEIN. (u)

The following information was obtained through confidential sources by the New Haven Field Division: (u)

The following individuals were telephonically contacted by Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN during the year 1945: (u)

EDWARD TOBIAS, Chestnut Street, Bldg. 9, apartment 64-A. He is a known member of the Communist Party at Bridgeport, Conn., and is in frequent contact with Connecticut State Communist Party functionaries.

L. LEIGH DANNENBERG, Moorehouse Road, Easton, Conn. He is a publisher of the BRIDGEPORT HERALD, a newspaper. The indices of the New Haven Field Division reflect that he is frequently contacted by Communist Party professionals and others suspected of Communist sympathies. He has been identified in connection with numerous reported Communist-Front organizations both in Connecticut and in New York City. (u)

ANDREW and RUTH ONDA, 116 Denner Street, Bridgeport, Conn. This individual was, until the early part of January, 1946, the State Chairman of the Connecticut Communist Party.

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The following was obtained by Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau: (u) b2 b7D

On January 24, 1946, a party by the name of MITZIE, last name unknown, contacted LENORE WEINSTEIN at her residence and a general discussion took place concerning individuals whose first names never were mentioned. LENORE did state "What was RITA doing there? Isn't she connected with Russian War Relief?" In reply to this MITZIE stated that RITA is not working any more, although she may go in once in a while. (u)

On January 28, 1945, LUCY JOSEPHSON, wife of LEON JOSEPHSON, who is the subject of Bureau investigation, contacted LENORE WEINSTEIN and made a date with her to meet her on the following Tuesday. It was contemplated at that time that MORRIS WEINSTEIN, brother of ABRAHAM, would also be present at this proposed meeting. (u)

On January 30, 1946, LENORE WEINSTEIN was informed by the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN that Doctor ABE was at that time out with LEON JOSEPHSON, and that he would shortly be leaving for Connecticut. (u)

On February 1, 1946, a girl by the name of ROSE, who is employed in the office of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN contacted BETTY HEART, Secretary to Dr. WEINSTEIN and advised her that a party by the name of GREGG had left the office without signing ten checks and she wanted to know how to get in touch with him. BETTY told her that he had left and BETTY stated that he lived in Washington and was leaving for Washington that night, but that he would be back in two weeks or so and that he could sign the checks at that time. This individual, who is referred to as GREGG, is in all probability JOSEPH B. GREGG, subject of the instant investigation. (u)

On February 4, 1946 LENORE WEINSTEIN contacted MARJORIE CHODOROV, who was at that time a patient at the BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL at New York City. At that time LENORE WEINSTEIN advised her that her brother-in-law MORRIS WEINSTEIN had just finished his play and that it was in the process of being stencilled and she wanted to know if it would be okay to give it to JERRY to turn over to MAX GORDON. MARJORIE stated that it would be a good idea, as she was sure MAX would read it. (u)

On February 5, 1946, ROSE MICHAELS contacted LENORE WEINSTEIN and advised her they were having a meeting on Sunday, February 17, 1946, at the ELKS HALL in connection with "Negro Week". She stated that she wanted LENORE to supply some form of entertainment. On this same day LENORE WEINSTEIN was again in contact with MARJORIE CHODOROV. (u)

The following information was obtained from confidential informant [redacted] who is closely associated with the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53rd Street, New York City: (u) b2 b7D

On February 7, 1946, RALPH BOWMAN, who is subject of Internal (u) CONFIDENTIAL

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Security-R investigation with New York, as origin, and who was identified as the writer of the unknown "AL" letters in the case entitled "THE COMINTERN APPARATUS", contacted the office of ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN and spoke with a girl employed at that office. He stated that he would be unable to make his dental appointment on that date and it was then suggested that he come in again to the City on February 15, 1946, at which time he could have another appointment with Dr. WEINSTEIN. (u)

On February 8, 1946, LOTTIE GORDON, who is connected with "NEW MASSES" magazine, Communist publication, contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN and stated she was about to mail the doctor ten tickets for the NEW MASSES new play "JEB", by HERBERT SHUMLIN. LOTTIE GORDON stated she would come in to see the doctor herself on February 13, 1946. (u)

On February 11, 1946, JOE ROBERTS, who may be identical with JOSEPH ROBERTS, who was connected as an officer with the Communist Party in Kings County, New York, contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN and advised him that he was leaving that day for Hartford, Connecticut, and stated he had to be in Bridgeport for a secretariate meeting tomorrow and then had to get back for a National Committee meeting, of which Dr. WEINSTEIN indicated he was aware. This individual is subject of a Bureau investigation. (u)

On February 12, 1946, an unknown woman attempted to contact ANNE LOUISE STRONG at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN, but she was advised by one of Dr. WEINSTEIN'S secretaries that Miss STRONG could not be contacted at that time as she was actually being treated at that moment. (u)

On February 13, 1946, BETTY HEART, Secretary to Dr. WEINSTEIN, contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN, and in a discussion BETTY HEART stated that LEON JOSEPHSON and Mrs. GORDON were at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at that time. Also at that time Dr. WEINSTEIN advised BETTY that his brother's play had been sold and that furthermore ABEL WEINSTEIN was contemplating purchasing the house which he now resides in in Stamford, Conn., and for which he pays a monthly rate of \$200. (u)

On February 15, 1946, Dr. WEINSTEIN contacted a party by the name of FRANCES, one of his secretaries and stated that GYPSY ROSE LEE, the actress, was due at his office in a few minutes and to tell her to wait as he would be there presently. (u)

On February 15, 1946, CARL WINTER, subject of a Bureau investigation, contacted ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN at his office and advised that he was leaving tomorrow and that at present he was staying at the ALBERT HOTEL in New York City. They arranged to meet when CARL was finished with the work he was doing and the meeting was for later that evening. (u)

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On this same date February 15, 1946, RALPH BOWMAN, who was at that time at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN, 20 East 53rd Street, New York City, contacted ABRAHAM UNGER, his attorney, and advised him that he would see him when he was in town again. BOWMAN stated he expected to be in New York on Thursday February 21, 1946, and that he would contact him at that time. (u)

On February 19, 1946, BETTY HEART in a discussion had with LUCY JOSEPHSON stated that Dr. WEINSTEIN had purchased his house in Stamford, Conn., that is the house in which he is residing, and in which he has been paying a monthly rent of \$200. (u)

The following is a result of a mail cover placed on the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53rd Street, New York City: (u)

On February 7, 1946, a letter was received addressed to Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN from PETER and IONE RHODES, RED Amenia, New York. (u)

On February 11, 1946, a letter was received addressed Special Delivery Air Mail to Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN from HAROLD HECHT, 24 South Beverly Drive, Heverly Hills, California. (u)

On February 11, 1946, a letter was received by Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN from T. BAUMGOLD, Century Hotel, Antwerp, Belgium. (u)

On February 12 a letter was received by A. B. WEINSTEIN from J. B. GREGG, 6829 Piney Branch Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. (u)

On February 13, 1946, a letter was received by A. B. WEINSTEIN from Mrs. EDGAR SNOW, Route 1, Madison, Conn. (u)

In connection with a physical surveillance conducted of JOSEPH GREGG on February 15, 1946, he was observed to enter the building at 20 E. 53rd St., at approximately 10 a.m. on this date. He was observed by Special Agents F. J. NOLAN and J. H. DOYLE to leave this building at 1:10 p.m. on the same date. This is a seven-story building and Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN maintains offices on the entire sixth floor of this building. Prior to this surveillance it had been ascertained through confidential sources that JOSEPH GREGG contemplated visiting the dentist on that date. (u)

On February 15, 1946, Special Agent DONALD M. JARDINE and DONALD E. SHANNON physically surveilled RALPH BOWMAN, and he was observed at 2:35 p.m. to enter the building at 20 East 53rd Street, New York City. He came out of this building at 3:36 p.m. and proceeded by train to his home in Peekskill, New York. (u)

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On this date confidential informant ~~██████████~~ advised that ~~██████████~~
RALPH BOWMAN was actually at the office of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN.

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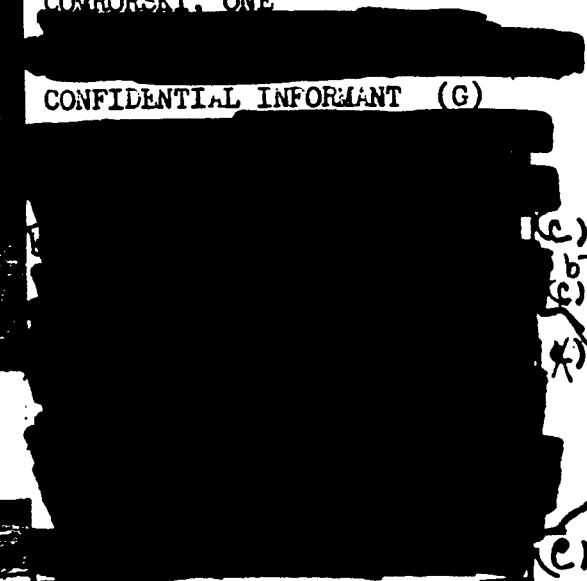
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