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SUBJECT SILVERMASTER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALBERT EUGENE KAHN;

Internal Security - C, R

Pursuant to your request, there is set out below brief, identifying information concerning Albert E. Kahn.

Albert E. Kahn at the present time is the President of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order which is the Jewish section and by far the most powerful section of the International Workers Order, primary Communist front in the foreign language field. Kahn is a Communist, is known to be extremely pro-Soviet and extremely anti-Bureau and in the past has been identified with the publication of a number of pro-Communist, pro-Soviet publications including "The Hour". Kahn has also contributed material to the officially recognized Communist press.

It will be recalled that the informant Gregory in the Silvermaster case has advised that Kahn furnished information to Jacob M. Golos, important Soviet agent who was Gregory's superior until his death on November 27, 1943, in New York City. Investigation of Kahn in connection with the Silvermaster case has not yet reflected that he is presently involved in operational active Soviet espionage.

It will be recalled also that Albert E. Kahn was apparently instrumental in furnishing George Seldes, Editor of "In Fact", with the highly unreliable and specious statement of Alexy Pelypenko concerning Father Charles E. Coughlin whose statement was made the basis for a "blast" in both "In Fact" and the "Daily Worker", which "blast" it should be noted was directed at the Department of Justice but did not name the Bureau.

Albert E. Kahn is a figure of considerable importance in Communist activities and particularly in Communist Jewish activities. It appears probable that his desire to go to Poland is in some way connected with the Professional Communist-Jewish organization of which he has so long been a part.

Respectfully,

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 15, 1946

FROM : E. G. Fitch

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SUBJECT: ALBERT EUGENE KAHN

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*Referred*

Agent Bartlett conferred with Supervisor W. K. Harvey of the Internal Security Section who expressed an opinion that the issuance of a passport to Kahn by the State Department would seriously interfere with the Bureau's investigation of him.

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Director's notation: "I agree the granting of a passport would be a great mistake. H."

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 26, 1946

FROM : J. C. STRICKLAND

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

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

Reference is made to my memorandum of March 25, 1946, in which you were advised the New York Office has been instructed to contact Whittaker Chambers and endeavor to determine whether he will consent to the use of his name in connection with any further investigation regarding Alger Hiss and whether he will be able to testify to the matters disclosed by him to the Bureau concerning Hiss. SAC Comroy has advised that Whittaker Chambers is presently out of the city and will return to New York late Wednesday evening and will be contacted Thursday morning and the results immediately transmitted to the Bureau.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington Field Office, 1435-37 K St., N.W.  
Washington 25, D. C.  
March 25, 1946

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 100-17493

GGM:MCP

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Director, FBI

CHARLES KRAMER  
RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: CHARLES KRAMER  
Aliases: Charles Krivitsky, Charles Krevisky

Residence Address: 4621 South 34th Street  
Fairlington, Virginia

Business Address: ~~Senator Claude Pepper's Subcommittee,~~  
Wartime Health & Education,  
Room 10B, Senate Office Building

Native Born       Alien       Naturalized  
 Communist       German       Miscellaneous  
 Fascist (Italian)       Japanese

Date of Birth December 14, 1906  
Place of Birth Brooklyn, New York  
Entered U. S. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Naturalized (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
Naturalized (place and Court) \_\_\_\_\_

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Very truly yours,  
*Guy Hottel*  
GUY HOTTEL  
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SAC, Washington

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al  
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In connection with the above case there is set out below information concerning Silvermaster obtained discreetly by Mr. Leo L. Laughlin, former Bureau SAC now connected with the War Assets Corporation, from Charles E. Keeting, a former employee of the Civil Service Commission now employed by the Office of Compliance Enforcement, War Assets Corporation.

"The following information concerning Silvermaster was obtained discreetly through several conversations with Charles E. Keeting, formerly with the Civil Service Commission and now employed as an agent in the Office of Compliance Enforcement:

"Around 1943 Silvermaster was employed by the Department of Agriculture, and he went from there to the Foreign Economic Administration on a reimbursable basis. He refused to transfer until cleared by Civil Service Commission. Keeting gave them a hearing. However, Silvermaster sensing what was in the air went back to Agriculture and Civil Service lost jurisdiction. Keeting insisted that if he had transferred to FEA Civil Service probably would have had him removed because of un-American activities on the theory that all appointments to FEA were subject to investigation by Civil Service.

"Alfred Klein, Council for the Civil Service Commission, indicated by an informal memorandum that even if the Civil Service Commission had jurisdiction over Silvermaster, he probably would have retained his eligibility because the Commission had been unable to prove recent activities on the part of the subject.

"According to Keeting, the Department of Agriculture conducted quite an extensive investigation on Silvermaster. This inquiry was handled by an investigator named Johns, who was attached to the office of the Chief Investigator Forester.

"Keeting also alleges that the American Legion in the State of California has a large file on Silvermaster and has been insisting from time to time, when his name arises in connection with Government employment, that he be removed from Government service.

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"While Silvermaster was in FEA, according to Keeting, he was closely connected with the 'Bureau of Areas' and as such had access to all confidential information concerning the movement of ships, troops, etc. In view of his position MID wanted an investigation conducted on everybody in the Bureau. MID investigated Silvermaster during the course of which they obtained copies of Bureau reports. MID furnished a copy of its report to the Administrator of FEA and in some manner the report found its way into Silvermaster's hands. He prepared a several page

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answer to the various allegations in the report, and the report with Silvermaster's answer was referred to Secretary of War Patterson. He ruled that in his opinion a case had not been made against the subject.

Keeting states that Silvermaster's alleged Party name is Serge Komov and that he was a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party in San Francisco, California. Keeting says, according to investigation conducted by Civil Service, Silvermaster has been underground since about 1935. He added that the Civil Service Commission has a 200 page report on this individual. He also stated that Silvermaster is an extremely close friend of Bruce Minton, whose real name is Richard Brandenstein, alias Richard Branston, the editor of 'New Masses'.

In addition to the above information, a photostatic copy has been obtained in strictest confidence of Silvermaster's personnel file at the War Assets Corporation, a copy of which will be made available to you for your confidential information and assistance in connection with the above case as soon as possible.

In connection with furnishing the above information to the Bureau, Mr. Laughlin stated that in the event any further information or assistance was desired from the War Assets Corporation concerning Silvermaster, either he or Mr. Joseph Carroll, former Bureau agent also connected with the War Assets Corporation as you are aware, would be more than happy to render any possible assistance to the Bureau.

With regard to the investigation of Silvermaster individually, any further information or assistance concerning him which may be desired by you from the War Assets Corporation should be directly requested of Mr. Laughlin or Mr. Joseph Carroll. It is not desired that any other individual connected with this agency be contacted unless contacted through Mr. Laughlin or Mr. Carroll, in connection with Silvermaster.





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 United States Department of Justice  
 Washington Field Office, 1435-37 K St., N.W.



Washington 25, D. C.

March 25, 1946

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 100-17493

HW:MCP

Director, FBI

EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD

Aliases:

Residence Address: 2209 Observatory Place, N. W.  
 Washington, D. C.

Business Address: Room 3020, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic  
 Commerce, Department of Commerce Building,  
 Washington, D. C.

Native Born                       Alien                       Naturalized

Communist                       German                       Miscellaneous

Fascist (Italian)                       Japanese

Date of Birth November 19, 1911

Place of Birth New York, N. Y.

Entered U. S. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Naturalized (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Naturalized (place and Court) \_\_\_\_\_

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Very truly yours,

*Guy Hottel*  
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June 25, 1946

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Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D. C.

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

FITZGERALD, EDWARD JOSEPH

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COMMUNIST

2209 Observatory Place, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. (Res.)

Room 3020  
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce  
Department of Commerce Building  
Washington, D. C. (Res.)

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The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

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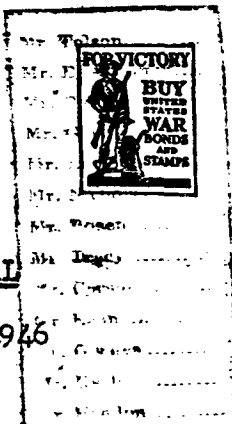
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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PLEASE REFER TO  
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March 22, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al  
 ESPIONAGE - R

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Dear Sir:

During the course of investigation of the captioned case, subject JOSEPH GREGG has come to New York on several occasions. Usually these visits were ostensibly for the purpose of having dental work performed at the offices of Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN, who has figured prominently as a suspect in the investigation.

On February 15, 1946, GREGG came from his brother's residence in Newark to the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53rd Street, arriving at about 10:00 A.M. He remained in Dr. WEINSTEIN'S office until 1:10 P.M. After lunching at a nearby restaurant he began a shopping tour which took him into a number of stores. As soon as surveillance was instituted it was obvious to the surveilling agents that GREGG was taking highly unusual precautions to determine whether he was under surveillance. In the various stores it was obvious that he was more interested in determining whether or not he was being followed than he was in making any purchases. At one store he was observed to stop at a tie counter and subsequently to assume a crouching position so that his whole body was below the counter level. He then remained in this position and by peering over the top of the counter endeavored to ascertain whether or not he was being followed.

On the occasion of GREGG'S last visit to New York on March 21st, he again went to WEINSTEIN'S office at about 10:30 A.M. and left there at about 1:20 P.M. He immediately embarked upon a series of maneuvers and evasive tactics, going in and out of Fifth Avenue stores, entering by one door and immediately exiting by another door. He would stop in front of store windows, using same as mirrors in his attempt to determine whether there was anyone behind him. He would stop in the middle of the street and turn completely around, obviously examining the faces of all persons who were behind him. On one occasion he stood on a crowded street corner for at least fifteen minutes, ostensibly reading a newspaper. It was obvious to the surveilling agents, who were, of course, discreetly concealed, that he was again attempting to discover whether anyone was watching him.

GREGG eventually entered the main entrance of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Madison Avenue and 46th Street. At this time there were the agents

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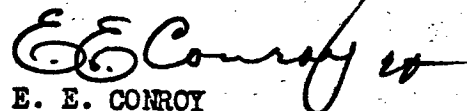
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on foot and one agent driving a car. The agents on foot entered the lobby as soon as a discreet interval had elapsed and observed GREGG passing down a corridor towards the men's bar. The surveilling agents went down the same corridor and, having ascertained that GREGG was not in the men's bar, immediately went out of a door at the end of the aforementioned corridor, which also exits on Madison Avenue. In the meantime the agent driving the car had observed GREGG come out of the last mentioned exit. GREGG of course had entered and left the hotel only as an evasive maneuver. Due to heavy traffic conditions it was impossible for the agent in the car to leave the vehicle. He directed the two agents on foot, but they were unable to find GREGG in the heavy pedestrian traffic. GREGG was located on the following day in the vicinity of WEINSTEIN'S office.

The above information is set out in order that the Bureau may be aware of the extreme difficulty encountered in attempting to maintain a discreet surveillance in this city. On the occasion of GREGG'S last visit to New York the surveillance was lost in the interest of discretion. Since the inception of this investigation every precaution has been taken so that the various surveillances would be conducted on a most circumspect basis. With regard to subject GREGG, however, it appears that a completely discreet and yet fully effective physical surveillance is virtually impossible.

It is felt that the Bureau may desire to authorize a somewhat closer coverage of GREGG on his visits to New York City, assuming, of course, that every attempt would be made to conduct the physical surveillances on the most discreet possible basis.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY  
SAC

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SAC, New York

April 15, 1946

Director, FBI

GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to your letter dated March 22, 1946, pointing out in detail the difficulties encountered by the New York Office in the physical surveillance of Joseph B. Gregg on the occasion of his visits to New York City.

Although the Bureau is cognizant of the difficulties experienced in conducting such a surveillance, it is believed that in view of the most recent developments in this case, Gregg, because of his importance, should be kept under surveillance on his visits to New York and every effort should be made to determine fully the nature and identity of his contacts. In so doing, the surveillance should be conducted with as much discretion as is physically possible.

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Director, FBI

Re: FERRUCCIO MARINI, WAS.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the services of Confidential Informant [redacted] has been utilized for the period from February 20, 1946 to March 20, 1946 in covering the activities of L'UNITA DEL POPOLO at 13 Astor Place, New York City, and in covering the activities of the above captioned subject. Prior to this letter, information regarding this Informant has been furnished to the Bureau under the caption of "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was etal, Espionage - R", but in the future will be under the above caption inasmuch as it has been found that while information of considerable value has been developed concerning MARINI's activities and organizational work in the Italian language field, little pertinent information has been developed regarding MARINI as a subject in the Silvermaster investigation.

As an example of information of value furnished by the Informant relative to MARINI, the following is set forth:

On March 12, 1946 the Informant advised that the secretary of V. J. JEROME called MARINI and advised that JEROME was writing an article on the Catholic Church and wanted information from MARINI regarding political groups in European countries, both before and after the War, which had the backing of the Vatican. On March 15, 1945 MARINI advised JEROME's secretary that he had already furnished the desired information to JEROME relative to the Vatican political activities.

In view of information, such as is set forth above, and information of a like nature, it is recommended that the services of this Informant be continued.

Very truly yours,

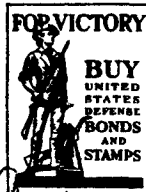
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd  
FROM : J. C. Strickland  
SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 25, 1946

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- Mr. Clegg ✓
- Mr. Coffey ✓
- Mr. Glavin ✓
- Mr. Ladd ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
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With regard to Alger Hiss, who was interviewed by you at 2:30 p.m., March 25, 1946, the Bureau files indicate that information regarding Hiss was originally furnished to Adolph A. Berle of the Department of State by Whittaker Chambers in September, 1939. (100-25824-27)

Chambers first furnished information to the Bureau regarding Hiss on May 13, 1942. (100-25824-22)

Additional information was furnished in a reinterview of Chambers on May 10, 1945. (100-25824-36)

ACTION:

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The New York Office has been instructed to contact Whittaker Chambers and obtain information as to whether he will consent to the use of his name in further developments in this investigation regarding Hiss and whether, if necessary, he will be able to testify to the matters disclosed by him to the Bureau.

The notes of Special Agent Whitson covering the interview with Hiss on March 25, 1946, are attached hereto for inclusion in the file of this case.

Attachment

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CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH  
ALGER HISS  
ON  
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Alger Hiss

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on Hill - 2 ref comm listed persons CP

Both had listed Hiss

Lawyers Guild

Prussian - Head to know very well

not contact recently

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Jointly House Committee on Un-American Activities

" House Military Affairs Committee

Byrnes indicated one of these had a former FBI agent who <sup>fr it</sup>

Prussian classmate Harvard Law

on Hiss Law Rev together

saw little until Dept Ag

From Frank selected Hiss for work either because of rec of Pruss or Judge Frankfurter

Very close to Prussian during Ag Dept days

Left to go CP - seen practically nothing since

Never mbr of org that could be called subversive

Before going to Dept Ag - was for 6 months with Int World Assoc

Not much of a joiner - could have been on mailing list of some org - doesn't know

wife could have been League of Women Shoppers  
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Charles Dancer Hobson

wife could have belonged to some grocery cooperative in Georgetown

Report from FBI

While in SF at UNCID! 2 people with Sp Ref. Aid outfits who called on Hiss officially had reported back to their org. that Hiss had advised them on matters. Hiss checked & found Mela Kirchwey had sent 2 people - one a local lawyer - who had a revolution

re Franco later introduced by Alex govt. Hiss told them he couldn't handle matter & explained to them the procedural limitations in WCIO.

Former chief in Wate - Stanley Hornebeck - somebody had told Hadden Hiss started to work for him that Hiss was a red. Don't know who ~~that was~~ Hornebeck paid no attention.

Mother in Paltz wrote several years ago she Mary Hiss had joined some group name not known.

Never member of CP. Heard many people say Pressman was CP or followed party line - Hiss doesn't know.

In past yr's or 2 yrs many in Dept have made speeches to groups - since Dumbarton Oaks accused of whitewashing Russians. Might have been allegations about a number.

In July friend on Readers Digest said Isaac Don Levine claimed Hiss got Roosevelt to agree to admission of Uk & Byelo at Yalta at mtg where R H & Stalin present. Hiss said was in meet with R & Stalin. Doesn't speak Russian.

Prepares mentioned Bill Stone. He known him long time, knows no CP connection. <sup>with F. Pol Assn</sup> Stone, Pressman, Mrs. Morehead had supper group with people from various govt depts. Had it for a year or two. Various speakers. Once or twice a month. Ezekiel (?) Agriculture Evergreen Cafeteria by Dept Ag. Lives on R St.

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS, ET AL, ESPIONAGE R. *[redacted]*

*[redacted]* CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, ON MARCH EIGHTEEN, ADVISED SUBJECT GREGG CONTACTED HALPERIN ADVISING HE LEARNED FROM WOODROW BORAH THAT HALPERIN WAS SICK AND QUITTING OSS. HALPERIN ENGAGED IN LENGTHY SILLY CONVERSATION ABOUT NEEDING REST AND RECUPERATING. APPARENTLY ILLNESS FEIGNED IN PART AT LEAST IN ORDER USE ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE. HALPERIN INQUIRED CONCERNING GREGGS TEETH AND THEY HAD CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT *[redacted]* GREGGS DENTAL WORK. CONVERSATION APPARENTLY GENUINE, DISCUSSING UNUSUAL NATURE WORK AND GREGGS ABILITY TO CHEW PROPERLY NOW. GREGG INDICATED WOULD BE AWAY THIS WEEKEND AND VISIT HALPERIN NEXT WEEK. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ON *[redacted]*

*see Tel. 3/18/46 from NY*

HOTEL WASHINGTON, WHERE REGISTRATION REFLECTS LEON JOSEPHSON, ONE TWO EIGHT EAST FIVE EIGHT STREET, NYC. OCCUPIED ROOM EIGHT NAUGHT THREE FROM MARCH SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN. MADE SEVERAL LOCAL CALLS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND WAS CALLED GRAMER SEVEN

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MARCH EIGHTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED WOODROW BORAH CONTACTED HALPERIN AND ENGAGED IN BIT OF DOUBLE [REDACTED] TALK, STATING ANOTHER MEMBER OF THEIR DIVISION HAD BEEN BITTEN. FURTHER CONVERSATION INDICATES THIS INDIVIDUAL MAY BE ONE CARL. ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED [REDACTED] FITZGERALD CONTACTED MAGDOFF AND DISCUSSED RECENT POLITICAL REMARKS OF WALLACE, INDICATING HE HAS BAD ADVISERS. LATER, MRS. MAGDOFF CONTACTED SYLVIA ZISKIND WHO SUGGESTED THEY ENDEAVOR OBTAIN CONGRESSMAN HEALY, WHO LIVES IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, AS THIRD SPEAKER FOR ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM ON MARCH TWENTYFIVE, PROBABLY REFERRING TO CONGRESSMAN NED R. HEALY OF CALIFORNIA. ZISKIND STATED HE HAS THE RIGHT IDEAS AND BEATTIE [REDACTED] SUGGESTED FIRST ASCERTAINING HIS STAND ON ATOMIC QUESTION, ADDING QUOTE IF HE IS IN FAVOR OF ARMY CONTROL WE DONT WANT HIM UNQUOTE. ON SAME DATE MRS. MAGDOFF CONTACTED ANNIE [REDACTED] STEIN, WIFE OF ARTHUR STEIN, WELL KNOWN MEMBER LOCAL COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT GROUP. ANNIE [REDACTED] REQUESTED ADDRESS OF SWEETIE OR SWEDIE GROSSMAN, PHONETIC WHO LIVES WITH FATHER, MAX GROSSMAN, IN BRONX. BEATTIE DID NOT HAVE ADDRESS, BUT STATED IT IS

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IN PHONE BOOK AND SHE HAS WONDERFUL JOB WITH JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, NYC. ON MARCH [REDACTED] EIGHTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL (A) INFORMANT ADVISED SILVERMAN ENDEAVORED CONTACT PHIL BERNSTEIN WHO IS IN [REDACTED] NEW YORK, OFFICE ONE SIX FIVE BROADWAY. SUBSEQUENTLY, MAT MURRAY CONTACTED SILVERMAN FROM NEW YORK ON BUSINESS MATTERS, AND SILVERMAN INDICATED HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK. MURRAY DISCUSSED SEEING ODWYER AND MENTIONED HE IS DIFFICULT TO SEE. SILVERMAN STATED IF HE HAD [REDACTED] DIFFICULTY HE WOULD SHOW HIM HOW TO GET TO SEE ODWYER. ON MARCH EIGHTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JOAN REDMONT INDICATED SHE PLANNED PARTY MARCH TWENTYTWO FOR GROUP INCLUDING BOB KLEIMAN, HELEN SCOTT, THE BORIS KRYLOVS AND SAM KRAFSURS, LATTER MEN TASS AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES. IN CONVERSATION WITH HELEN SCOTT, SHE INDICATED [REDACTED] QUOTE WE THOUGHT WE WOULD HAVE A KIND OF A DASH DASH WELL NOT RUSSIAN EVENING REALLY BUT UNQUOTE, AND BOTH LAUGHED. JOAN INDICATED SHE WANTED SY AND DICKIE BAKST, KNOWN [REDACTED] COMMUNISTS, BUT THAT THEY COULD NOT COME.

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ON THIS DATE, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED SUBJECT HARRY WHITE HAS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON. YESTERDAY WHITE CONTACTED HIS WIFE FROM SAVANNAH INDICATING HE WOULD ARRIVE WASHINGTON ABOUT ELEVEN AM, NINETEENTH. ANNE ADVISED LEON ~~BLUM~~ WAS IN ~~WASH~~ WASHINGTON AND WHITES WERE INVITED TO FRENCH EMBASSY WEDNESDAY EVENING. WHITE STATED THERE WERE NUMBER OF THINGS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF, BUT HE WAS NOT QUITE CLEAR ABOUT THEM. ANNE ~~INQUIRED~~ INQUIRED IF HE WOULD ~~STAY~~ STAY AT TREASURY UNTIL FRENCH LOAN IS SETTLED, AND WHITE STATED, QUOTE I DONT KNOW. I MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT HAVE TO DASH. DONT KNOW HOW THINGS WILL SHAPE UP UNQUOTE. THROUGH PRETEXT CALL TO OLD WASHINGTON ADRESS, ASCERTAINED PRESENT ADDRESS NORMAN BURSLEER IS SIX TWO TWO NAUGHT GREENWOOD AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. REQUEST FOR MAIL COVER OR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION CHICAGO LEFT DISCRETION BUREAU AND OFFICE ~~ORIGIN~~ ORIGINAL

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CONTACTED CAROLINE ~~PLANCK~~ WHO INDICATED ~~██████████~~ CANADIAN FILM BOARD WAS SOURCE AND SUGGESTED CALL MISS LILIAS ~~SAVAGE~~, MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY IN CASE ENTITLED MARY LOSEY ~~MAPES~~, IS-R. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON SAME EVENING, MAGDOFF CONTACTED MILDRED KRAMER WHO ADVISED SUBJECT KRAMER NOT HOME, BUT PREPARING SPEECH FOR SENATOR PEPPER TO DELIVER NEXT DAY. MILDRED EXPRESSED REGRET MAGDOFFS COULD NOT VISIT THEM LAST ~~██████████~~ TIME BECAUSE HERMAN ~~EDELSBERG~~ AND DELACY AND HIS WIFE WERE THERE, APPARENTLY REFERRING TO CONGRESSMAN HUGH ~~DELACY~~. MAGDOFF MENTIONED HE HAD NOT SEEN CHARLIE KRAMER IN OVER HALF YEAR. ~~██████████~~ SAID WERE AT KRAMERS LAST FALL ON AFTERNOON MARCH TWENTY, MRS. ESTHER ~~CLARK~~ CONTACTED JOAN ~~REDMONT~~ WHO STATED BERNIE <sup>Redmont</sup> WOULD LEAVE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND ~~██████████~~ SHE MAY LEAVE NEAR END MAY, BUT MUST FIRST OBTAIN VISA IN NEW YORK. ON SAME DATE, JOAN CONTACTED SUBJECT REDMONT AND DISCUSSED DINNER NEXT FRIDAY. REDMONT STATED HORAH, PHONETIC, ~~██████████~~ WOULD COME BUT WIFE UNABLE ATTEND. JOAN STATED BORAH NEVER BRINGS HIS WIFE. THIS INDIVIDUAL MAY BE IDENTICAL WOODROW WILSON ~~BORAH~~, OSS, ~~██████████~~ ASSOCIATE SUBJECT HALPERIN. REDMONT ALSO MENTIONED SAW CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH CLARK BALDWIN THIRD, NYC, THAT MORNING WHO JUST RETURNED FROM ~~██████████~~ ARGENTINA, AND WOULD DISCUSS IT LATER. REDMONT STATED WOULD PICK UP HIS PAN AMERICAN AND EASTERN AIRLINE RESERVATION. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, ON EVENING MARCH TWENTY, ADVISED ANNE ~~REMINGTON~~ WAS CONTACTED BY ~~██████████~~ UNKNOWN WOMAN WHO INQUIRED IF SHE WOULD CONSENT

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TO NOMINATION CHAIRMANSHIP LEAGUE ~~OF~~ ~~OF~~ WOMEN VOTERS. ANNE  
AGREED ON TEMPORARY BASIS SINCE SHE MAY NOT BE HERE IN FALL. ~~X~~ ON  
EVENING MARCH TWENTY, SUBJECT SILVERMAN CONTACTED WIFE FROM CAMBRIDGE,  
MASS. HAVING DEPARTED WASHINGTON PREVIOUS EVENING WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE  
THIS OFFICE. ~~HE~~ STATED SAW THEIR SON DICK WHO CHANGED MIND AND  
WILL NOT LEAVE SCHOOL. PROMISED DICK A CAR WHICH PLEASED SARAH

~~X~~ SILVERMAN. SUBJECT STATED HE WAS SEEKING ROOM. SARAH SUGGESTED HE  
CALL HER SISTER. HE STATED HE DID NOT PLAN TO CALL HIS OR HER FOLKS  
AND PLANNED RETURN BY PLANE FRIDAY. IN VIEW LACK DEFINITE INFORMATION,  
NO REQUEST BEING MADE OF BOSTON OFFICE FOR COVERAGE. EARLIER, ONE  
JUSTIN ~~X~~ RADIN, PHONETIC, CONTACTED SARAH SILVERMAN INDICATING HIS  
FATHER GOOD FRIEND OF SILVERMAN IN BOSTON. JUSTIN STATED JUST OUT OF  
ARMY AND EMPLOYED NHA IN WASHINGTON. ON EARLY EVENING, MARCH TWENTY,  
ONE JOHN ~~X~~ NANCE CONTACTED DONALD WHEELER STATING HE WAS STATIONED  
ABERDEEN, ~~MARYLAND~~ MARYLAND, BUT WOULD BE RETIRED ON PHYSICAL  
DISABILITY IN SEVERAL MONTHS. WHEELER INDICATED HE WAS STILL WITH OSS,  
BUT WOULD BE WITH STATE DEPARTMENT AND WAS LEGALLY THERE NOW BUT NOT  
CAREER ~~FOREIGN~~ FOREIGN SERVICE MAN. THEY DISCUSSED WORLD SITUATION  
AND NANCE INDICATED ECONOMIC ~~REASONS~~ REASONS PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF WARS.  
THEY ~~AGREED~~ AGREED DISCUSS SUBJECT AT LENGTH LATER DATE. ~~X~~ ON ~~X~~

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SOURCE ADVISED ONE SUE CONTACTED SONIA GOLD ADVISING SHE AND HENRY  
ARE SPENDING WEEKEND AT MANNING CLAGETTS. SONIA CONCRATULATED SUE  
ON HER RADIO PROGRAM AND LATTER GUESSED THEY WOULD CONTINUE  
UNTIL RANKIN COMMITTEE GOT ON THEIR NECKS. SUE AND HENRY  
BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH HENRY AND SHSAN COLLINS, NYC. REFERENCE  
PAGE TWO FIVE, REPORT LAMBERT ZANDER MARCH ELEVEN, CONCERNING  
EFFORTS OF DR. WEINSTEIN TO LOCATE JOSEPH GREGG IN STAMFORDM CONN-  
ECTICUT. IN ORDER SIGN TEN CHECKS. HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED  
ON FEBRUARY ONE, A. WEINSTEIN ADDRESSED LETTER TO SUBJECT GREGG,  
WASHINGTON, STATING IN GREAT HURRY TO LEAVE THE OFFICE THEY OVER-  
LOOKED GIVING GREGG ANOTHER CHECK BOOK WHICH CONTAINED TEN MORE CHECKS  
OF THE SERIES OF THE THIRTYTWO SO INTENDED TO HOLD THEM FOR HIM TO  
SIGN WHEN HE NEXT CAME IN OFFICE. ON MARCH SIXTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL  
SOURCE ADVISED HALPERIN CONTACTED WOODROW BORAH, INVITING HIM TO  
HALPERIN HOME. BORAH EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR COOLNESS AND  
POISE OF ONE LYNN, PHONETIC, AND THOUGHT HE HAD DONE WONDERFUL JOB.  
SUBSEQUENTLY, LYNN CONTACTED HALPERIN WHO TOLD HIM HE HAD LIVE  
PROSECT FOR POSITION AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY, ONLY PROBLEM BEING SALARY.  
EARLIER REFERENCE FROM SAME SOURCE INDICATES LYNN POSSIBLY FELLOW

EMPLOYEE HALPERINS OFFICE. ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, MARY JANE KEENEY  
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VISITED SILVERMASTER HOME FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS, THEN PROCEEDED IN HER CAR TO HOME MARCUS I. GOLDMAN, ARRIVING SEVEN TWENTYFIVE PM. AT NINE FIFTEEN PM, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ THELMA DALE, NEGRESS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, ARRIVED IN COMPANY ANOTHER NEGRO WOMAN DRIVING CAR NINETEEN FORTYSIX NEW YORK FOUR U NINE ONE ONE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SEVEN. BOTH OBSERVED ENTER GOLDMAN RESIDENCE. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED BEATTIE MAGDOFF INFORMED

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MOTHER OF HARRY MAGDOFF THAT LATTER HAD CHANGED POSITIONS AND NOW IS IN OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, AND HOPES RECEIVE RAISE SOON. REGARDING ATOMIC ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MEETING PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TELETYPE MARCH FOURTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED MRS. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MAGDOFF ATTEMPTED TO SECURE CONGRESSMEN JERRY VOORHIS AND CHET HOLIFIELD OF CALIFORNIA AS SPEAKERS ON MARCH TWENTYFIVE AT ST. MARYS CHURCH. VOORHIS DECLINED. HOLIFIELD FIRST ACCEPTED AND LATER INDICATED ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ UNABLE TO ADDRESS MEETING. MRS. HUDSON, PHONETIC, PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED SUGGESTED THAT HELEN GAHAGAN ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ DOUGLAS IS VERY INTERESTED IN ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL. ON MARCH FIFTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JOAN REDMONT CONTACTED ANNE REMINGTON WITH INVITATION FOR MARCH TWENTYTWO. ANNE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ DECLINED BECAUSE REMINGTONS WILL BE IN WILLIAMSTOWN THAT WEEKEND, AND PLAN ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ RETURN MARCH TWENTYFIVE. JOAN INDICATED REDMONT WOULD LEAVE IN THREE WEEKS. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ON MARCH FIFTEEN ADVISED ERNA ROSENBERG ADVISED EMILY SCHARFMAN THAT

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ALLAN HAD NEW CASE WITH CONGRESSMAN HUGH DELACY, WHO IS TRYING TO SECURE LICENSE FOR LABOR STATION IN SEATTLE. ALLAN GOT CASE THROUGH ED BRECKER, PHONETIC, WHO RESIGNED FCC TO BECOME MANAGER METROPOLITAN RADIO BROADCASTING. ERNA STATED THEY ARE TRYING TO GET SIMILAR STATIONS FOR HOLLYWOOD AND SAN FRANCISCO AND ALSO A STATION FOR ELMER BENSON, FORMER SENATOR FROM MINNESOTA, WHO IS VERY PROGRESSIVE. ERNA FEARED METROPOLITAN LICENSE MIGHT BE REFUSED ON ACCOUNT OF DIES COMMITTEE STUFF, STATING THEY WERE CLOSELY QUESTIONED ABOUT THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, BUT THEY PICKED IT VERY CAREFULLY AND THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE WERE ALL WELL EDUCATED AND LEADERS IN VARIOUS FIELDS. SHE SAID ED BRECKER DID WONDERFUL JOB WITH IT. ON EVENING MARCH FIFTEEN, HALPERIN CONTACTED ROSENBERG AGREEING TO PICK UP ROSENBERG IN THE MORNING. HALPERIN INDICATED HE WOULD LEAVE MONDAY, APPARENTLY MEANING HALPERIN WOULD LEAVE WASHINGTON. THEY DISCUSSED CHURCHILLS LATEST ADDRESS AND ROSENBERG THOUGHT CHURCHILL BACKTRACKING QUITE A BIT. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE DISCLOSED THAT PARTY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR HOME BRUCE WAYBUR GIVEN BY IZZY CAULKINS AT RESIDENCE SILVERMASTER EVENING FRIDAY, MARCH FIFTEEN. FROM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT AND PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS INVITED OR ATTENDED. RUSSELL AND FLORENCE NIXON, DANIEL AND JO METCALF SCHWARTZ, LATTER ON INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE, IZZY CAULKINS, AND ONE MICKEY, BELIEVED TO BE A MAN, BILL AND JEAN HINTON, BRENN, MARCEL KISTIN,

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JACK KAUFMAN, ~~██████████~~ FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, ~~██████████~~ AND DICK  
 AND ELIZABETH SASULY ~~██████████~~ ON MORNING MARCH FIFTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE  
 ADVISED WHITE CONTACTED ANNE WHITE FROM SAVANNAH, ~~██████████~~  
 INDICATING HE THOUGHT CONFERENCE WOULD EXTEND UNTIL MONDAY OR ~~██████████~~  
 TUESDAY, MAKING SLOW PROGRESS. WHITE INDICATED SITE WILL BE  
 WASHINGTON. HE STATED PRESS NOTICES INDICATE LOU DOUGLAS, FORMER  
 BUDGET DIRECTOR, MAY HEAD BANK. WHITE STATED CONFERENCE HAD NOT BEEN  
 EXACTLY UPBUILDING AND THAT HE ~~██████████~~ HAD BEEN ~~██████████~~ DISGUSTED OFF  
 AND ON. ON MARCH SIXTEEN, ANNE WHITE CONTACTED FRANCES ~~██████████~~  
 EDDELSTEIN AND ~~██████████~~ DISCUSSED ~~██████████~~ SHOPPING FOR NEW DRESS  
 FOR PARTY AT FRENCH EMBASSY. FRANCES MENTIONED MARY MARNOL OR MARNOW,  
 PHONETIC, IS WORKING ON THE ATOMIC BOMB. ~~██████████~~

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RECEIVED WIRE TODAY FROM A. B. WEINSTEIN, NYC, ADVISING LATTER EXPECT-  
ING GREGG TEN THIRTY AM THURSDAY. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED GREGG  
PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON VIA SIX PM TRAIN THIS DATE AND INTENDS TO  
STAY WITH HARRY, PRESUMABLY HIS BROTHER, HARRY GREENSTEIN. CONFIRMING  
TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION THIS DATE WITH AGENT DOOLEY, NYC, AGENT JOHN  
BARRON WILL SURVEILL GREGG AND NEWARK DIVISION WILL BE ADVISED BY  
TELEPHONE. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED ON MARCH EIGHTEEN ONE  
WILL CONTACTED SUBJECT GOLD FROM NYC, DISCUSSING FAMILY MATTERS.  
GOLD INDICATED HE WAS LEAVING HIS JOB AT END OF MONTH, BUT SONIA  
PLANNED TO WORK UNTIL JUNE. GOLD STATED WOULD ATTEMPT OBTAIN LARGE  
HOME NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR SUMMER AND RETURN WASHINGTON IN  
SEPTEMBER. WILL JUST APPOINTED PLANT MANAGER BY HIS FIRM FOR NEW  
PLANT BUILDING ON LONG ISLAND. ON MARCH EIGHTEEN, CONFIDENTIAL  
SOURCE ADVISED MAGDOFF TOLD ONE LARRY KEIGAN, PHONETIC, THAT HE IS  
NOW IN SECRETARY OFFICE WITH PHIL HAUSER. LARRY WANTED TO SECURE  
JOB FOR GEORGIANNA OSNER, A BRIGHT GIRL WHO FORMERLY WORKED WITH  
IRENE TILL, PHONETIC, OEP AND FEA. HARRY SUGGESTED SHE CALL GAMILTON  
GILBERT, PRESUMABLY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE THIS  
DATE INDICATED MAGDOFF DEPARTED WASHINGTON ELEVEN AM ENROUTE NYC

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HERE INTENDS STAY WITH MRS. MAGDOFF, PRESUMABLY MOTHER. ENTIRE FAMILY HAD INTENDED GOING NEW YORK, HOWEVER, BEATTIE MAGDOFF NOT WELL, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON MARCH NINETEEN, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED SUBJECT Remington W. [REDACTED] CONTACTED WIFE TO ADVISE HE IS OUT, MEANING DISCHARGED FROM NAVY. THEREAFTER SUGGESTED SHE INVITE GROUP, NOT LISTED HEREIN CONSISTING OF CHARACTERS MENTIONED IN CASE, FOR DRINKS. (u)

[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, ON MARCH NINETEEN, ADVISED ERNA ROSENBERG WAS CONTACTED BY EMILY SCHARFMAN [REDACTED] AND DISCUSSED INJURY RECEIVED BY CARL GREEN THE [REDACTED] OTHER DAY IN FIGHT. THEY BELIEVE [REDACTED] IT WAS [REDACTED]

CARL

[REDACTED] RECEIVED THIRTEEN STITCHES AND PHONE WAS RIPPED OUT. HE DECLINED TO TELL MAYNARD GERTLER, HIS BEST FRIEND. EMILY AND ERNA ADVANCED THEORY POSSIBLY THE MEN WHO ASSAULTED CARL WERE FRIENDS OF SENATOR KILGORE. EARLIER SAME DATE, ERNA ROSENBERG CONTACTED SISTER IN LAW, BEATRICE KOPLOWITZ. SHE STATED THEY COULDN'T BUY HOUSE [REDACTED] NOW BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY. ERNA STATED ALL THEIR MONEY WENT TO THE YUGOSLAVS. REFERENCE MY TELETYPE MARCH NINETEEN, PAGE THREE, CORRECTION. UNDERSTAND VIRGINIA GARDNER, REPRESENTATIVE NEW MASSES WASHINGTON, NO LONGER CONNECTED WITH DAILY WORKER. ROB, SUGGESTED IDENTICAL ROBERT MINOR, BELIEVED TO BE ROBERT F. HALL, NOW REPRESENTATIVE OF DAILY [REDACTED] WORKER IN WASHINGTON. (u)

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RE: URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN  
(GREGORY CASE)

Reference is made to the information previously furnished you concerning the above individual and also to your memorandum dated March 15, 1946, furnishing background information concerning her. Set out below are a number of names and addresses known to have been in the possession of Ursula Wasserman at the time she departed from the United States for Buenos Aires aboard the SS Pacific Express at 8:00 PM, March 1, 1946:

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9 Nell Road  
London, N.E. 3

~~Reagan, Beulah (T)~~  
E.B.C. 630 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

~~Buckingham, Bob Roy (Nancy McHenry)~~  
United Press  
Buenos Aires

~~Cecil, Robert (Lord)~~  
16 Sentulaten Place  
London, S.W.1.

~~Daniel, Max~~  
Lorebe 1717  
Buenos Aires

~~Fancett, James~~  
Foreign Office  
Whitehall, London

~~Fish, A.~~  
215 Vallum Park Road  
London, N.W. 6 (T)

~~Ford, Richard E.~~  
URRA  
11 Portland Place  
London, W.1.

~~Geiringer, Margaret~~  
& Guilford Place  
London, W.C.1.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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\*Haynes, Duncan (Mrs.) (Bachrach)  
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\*Bymanson, Randall  
Ass. Aushal, Press  
Buenos Aires (Central)

\*Hirsch, Carlos  
Anchorena 1338  
Buenos Aires

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\*Jones, Austin Duncan  
Birmingham

\*Jones, Elsie Duncan  
Birmingham

\*Mandelkorn, Abe  
Buenos Aires

\*Mandelkorn, Lazare  
Buenos Aires

\*Nigey (?), Norman  
Kian Sei Han  
Buenos Aires

\*Hills, Mitai H.  
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\*Stevenson, Helen  
Abbots House, Brightwell  
Wallingford, Bucks.

\*Bassetts, (T) Nat and Fran  
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For your further information in connection with the above subject, there are set out below copies of two letters on the stationery of the Tass Telegraph Agency both signed by Hans Freeman, one addressed to Ursula Wasserman, 110 Christopher Street, New York, New York, and the other addressed to Grigori Stepanian, Tass Correspondent, Montevideo, Uruguay.

February 16, 1946

\*Ursula Wasserman  
110 Christopher Street  
New York, New York

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Dear Ursula,

Here is that letter of introduction I promised to send you. Unfortunately I do not know Stepanian's address in Montevideo, but I'm sure that you'll have no trouble locating him.

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With best wishes,

/s/ Hans Freeman

February 16, 1946

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\*Grigori Stepanian  
Tass Correspondent  
Montevideo, Uruguay

Dear Grigori,

This will introduce Ursula Wasserman, a friend of mine, who is going to Argentina to do some magazine articles. You will find her a very well-informed as well as a charming acquaintance.

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With warm greetings,

/s/ Hans Freeman

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On the basis of recently developed information, it appears that Ursula Wasserman is, at the present time, deeply involved in Soviet espionage operations in the United States and possibly in Latin America. She first came up in connection with the Gregory Case in view of the activities of her paramour, Jules Korchein. Korchein is a partner of Abraham Brothman, a consulting engineer, who, at least as late as the fall of 1940, is known to have been furnishing commercial blue prints to the NKVD through the Soviet agent Jacob Golos, who died November 27, 1943. X(u) b7D

Wasserman apparently was intended to be used as an intermediary by a strongly suspected Soviet agent who re-entered the United States from Europe on March 8, 1946, carrying a package which reportedly contained a "political testament" from France and which was delivered through intermediaries to Alexander Frachtenberg, a National Functionary of the Communist Party - USA. It is noted that the strongly suspected Soviet agent who carried this document into the United States had directed a letter to Ursula Wasserman requesting that Wasserman meet the boat on which the suspected agent was arriving. As noted, at this time, however, Wasserman had already departed for Buenos Aires and the letter was opened by Jules Korchein, who met the suspected agent and took her to Wasserman's empty apartment in New York City. X(u)

In view of the importance of Wasserman's activities and contacts at the present time, it will be appreciated if you will furnish us all information available to you or which you can procure regarding the individuals and addresses listed above. In connection with the

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cc - Mr. John A. Cimperman  
Legal Attache  
The American Embassy  
London, England

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: March 26, 1946

FROM : Mr. Ladd

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS; ET AL  
(JAMES R. NEWMAN AND HERBERT S. MARKS)  
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Reference is made to your instructions in connection with the above case that an investigation be conducted of James R. Newman and Herbert S. Marks, who have been alleged by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Reference is made, also, to your request that you be furnished a memorandum regarding James R. Newman and to my memorandum to you in the above case regarding Newman and Marks dated March 25, 1946. *referred*

In view of the fact that, according to [REDACTED] the investigation being conducted of Newman and Marks will, at least for the present until more information is developed, be handled in connection with the above case. *referred*

For your further information in this connection there are set forth below the results of a complete review of the Bureau files regarding Herbert S. Marks and James R. Newman. It should be noted in this connection that while voluminous references were contained in the Bureau files to individuals of these names, the various reviews which have been conducted reflect that little of this information is identical with the above subjects.

### HERBERT S. MARKS

The only reference in the Bureau files, other than the information received on March 25, 1946, from the Washington Field regarding Marks' [REDACTED] which was furnished you in my memorandum in the above case dated March 25, 1946, which can be identified with this subject is contained in the report of Special Agent Norman E. Hanson dated April 1, 1942, in the case entitled "Edward F. Prichard, Jr.; Internal Security; Hatch Act." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Other than the above, the Bureau files contain no identifiable record with regard to Marks. *referred*

### JAMES R. NEWMAN

Set out below are the results of a complete review of the Bureau files regarding this subject:

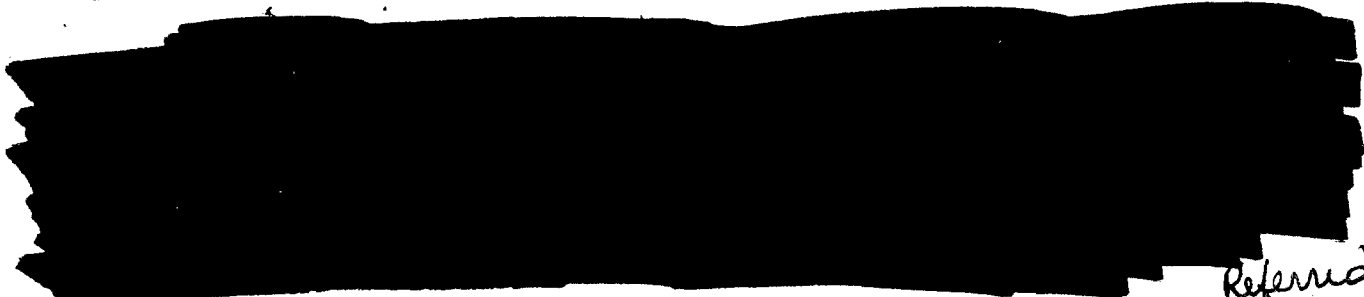
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In the October 26, 1937 issue of "The Student Advocate," official publication of the American Student Union, was a statement that one of the contributors to this publication, James Newman, a graduate of Wesleyan University, in June, 1937, was at that time Cooperative Secretary of the American Student Union. You will recall that considerable investigation was conducted of the American Student Union which reflected strong Communist infiltration thereof and reflected further that the American Student Union had a predilection for following the then official Communist Party line.

The magazine "National Republic," edited by Walter S. Steele and devoted in major part to a continuing expose of Communism, contained in its issue of February, 1938 on page ten, an article concerning the Third Annual Convention of the American Student Union, which was held December 27 to 31, 1937 at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. This article reflects that one of the speakers at this convention was James Newman, a member of the Cooperative Section of the American Student Union.



On June 11, 1943, Captain W. D. Puleston, Security Officer, Board of Economic Warfare, by memorandum in connection with a security check, requested any information in the Bureau files concerning James R. Newman, who was described as follows:

*Referred*

Address:	6019 North 19th Street, Arlington, Virginia
Born:	August 3, 1907 at New York City.
Government Employment Records:	December, 1941 to June, 1942, War Department, Chief Tax Amortization Division, Pentagon Building. June, 1942 until approximately June, 1943, Head Program Planner, WPB and, subsequently, Chief Intelligence Officer, Board of Economic Warfare, London, England.

In answer, Captain Puleston was furnished the information above set out concerning the James Newman possible identical with subject who at one time was closely connected with the American Student Union.

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No further information could be identified with Newman in the Bureau files. *Referred*

ACTION:

The above data are being submitted for your information and pursuant to your request.

On March 21, 1946, the Washington Field Office was telephonically advised of your instruction that a discreet investigation be instituted of Newman and Marks.

Attached for your approval is a detailed letter of instructions in connection with the investigation of this matter to the Washington Field Office and the New York Field Office.

You will, of course, be kept currently advised of developments of importance in connection with this matter.

Attachment.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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

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Dear General Vaughan:

As of interest to the President and you, information has been received from a source regarded as completely reliable that on March 11, 1946, Harry E. Magdoff, a subject in the Silvermaster case, complete details of which have been furnished to you previously, contacted Mr. Norton Long, of the National Housing Administration, and they discussed the national housing program. As you may recall, Harry Magdoff is presently employed in the Current Business Analysis Unit, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, United States Department of Commerce.

Mr. Long attempted to persuade Mr. Magdoff to transfer from the Commerce Department to the National Housing Administration. Magdoff indicated that he was going to remain with the Department of Commerce. However, he suggested to Long the names of several individuals who he thought would fit into the program and would be approved by Long. Mr. Long did not exactly approve of some of the recommendations made by Magdoff and he told Magdoff that he wanted somebody in Magdoff's class who was not a "second-string reactionary." Long indicated to Magdoff that he would be sorry when Secretary of Commerce Wallace goes to the Political Action Committee, and Magdoff stated that he would go with Mr. Wallace even if he had to work for half of his present salary. To this Mr. Long exclaimed, "You really have got religion."

Long further stated that they were looking for able men to do a tough job. He said that Magdoff and others like him are going to "torpedo the housing program and whatever chance liberals have in this country." Long advised Magdoff that he, Magdoff, "wanted to get up in the watchtower with Wallace and look at the sky." He said that it would be better for the liberal cause if men like Magdoff would join the housing program and "slog" on the program, which would show the practical effect of liberal action. Long said that he and Magdoff should show them that the New Dealers can build houses instead of reports. He then tried to further persuade Magdoff to transfer over to the Housing Administration and told him that he could get a letter for him from the President. However, Magdoff declined, stating that he could not see his way clear. Long indicated that there never has been a liberal party that succeeded without a good strong housing program, and now that they have one by mistake, men like Magdoff want to remain in the Commerce Department and try to improve that they can get together some reactionary small businessmen, farmers, and laborers, and that they just misguide the American people with their "phony

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I thought the President and you would be interested in the above information, which clearly indicates the efforts being made on the part of Horton Long to infiltrate the National Housing Administration and its housing program with so-called "liberal elements" presently in Washington.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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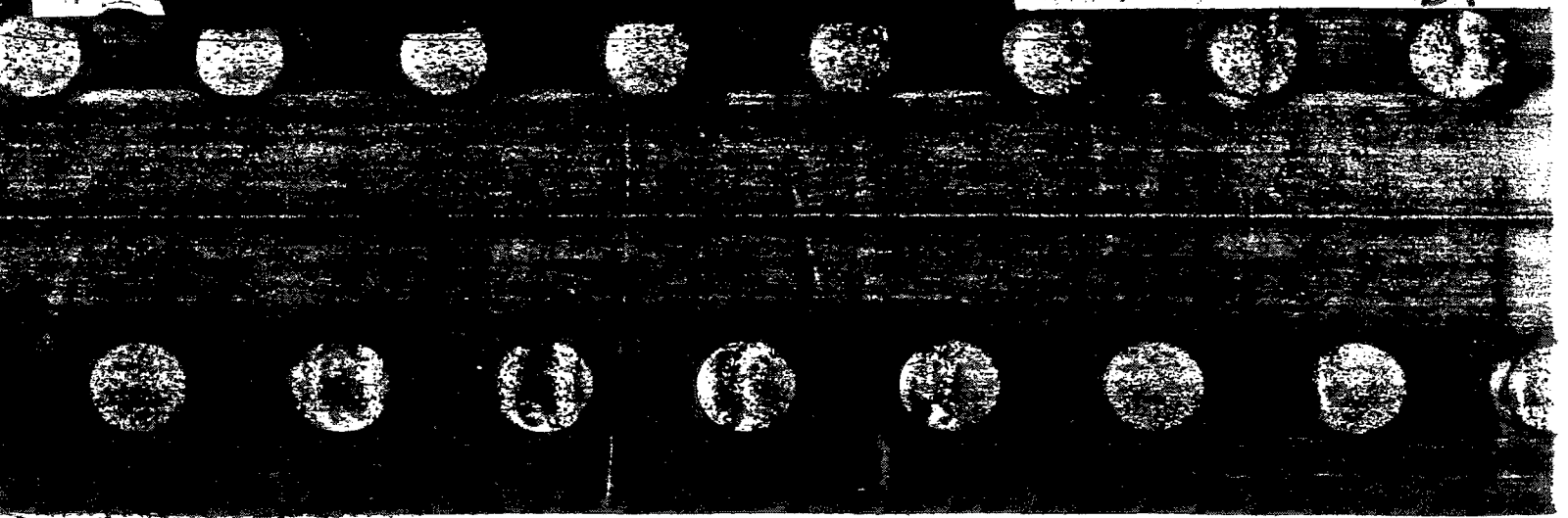
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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS, ETAL, PARENTHESIS URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN, WAS URSULA WASSERMAN, ERSALA WASSERMAN PARENTHESIS, ESPIONAGE - R. URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN DEPARTED US VIA SS PACIFIC EXPRESS, VESSEL LEASED TO ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, EN ROUTE TO BUENOS AIR VIA MONTEVIDEO, FIVE PM MARCH FIRST, LAST. ADDRESS BOOK OF WASSERMAN CONTAINED NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS SEVERAL KNOWN SOVIET ESPIONAGE AGENTS AND ALSO FOLLOWING NAME AND ADDRESSES LATIN AMERICA. DR. BERMAN, PHU, SANTIAGO, CHILE; ROB ROY BUCKINGHAM PARENTHESIS NANCY MC HENRY PARENTHESIS, UNITED PRESS, BUENOS AIRES; SUSAN BURNETT, US EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES; MAX DANIEL, LOREBE ONE SEVEN ONE SEVEN, BUENOS AIRES; CHARLES GUTWIRTH, US EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES; MRS. DUNCAN HAYMES PARENTHESIS BACHRACH PARENTHESIS, BUENOS AIRES; RANDALL HEYMANSON, ASS. AUSHAL, PRESS, BUENOS AIRES PARENTHESIS CORTESI PARENTHESIS; CARLOS HIRSCH, ANCHORENA ONE THREE THREE EIGHT, BUENOS AIRES; ABE MANDELKORN, BUENOS AIRES; LAZARO MANDELKORN, BUENOS AIRES; NORMAN MIGEY, XIAN SEI HAN, BUENOS AIRES; JOSEPH NEUMAN, DIAGONAL NORDE SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT, BUENOS AIRES; AND RUDOLPH REID, RUA ALIHANTE ALEXANDINO FOUR EIGHT SPACE SIX A, RIO DE JANEIRO. IN ADDITION, WASSERMAN CARRYING FOLLOWING LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION. LETTER DATED FEBRUARY SIX, LAST, FROM BELLE MEYER, GENERAL CONSUL'S OFFICE, STATE DEPARTMENT, TO CHARLES GUTWIRTH, US EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES; LETTER DATED FEBRUARY SIXTEENTH, LAST, FROM HARRY FREEMAN, TASS TELEGRAPH AGENCY, USSR, IN NEW YORK, TO WASSERMAN ENCLOSEING LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM HARRY FREEMAN OF TASS DATED SAME DATE TO GRIGORY STEPANIAN, TASS CORRESPONDENT, MONTEVIDEO.

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NTITLED QUOTE THE BLACK BOOK UNQUOTE, PUBLISHED BY JEWISH COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS,  
NCLUDING JEWISH ANTI FASCIST COMMITTEE, MOSCOW. WASSERMAN APPARENTLY ASSISTED IN  
DLTING THIS BLACK BOOK. WASSERMAN ON BASIS RECENTLY DEVELOPED INFORMATION APPEARS  
BJECT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE ABOVE INVESTIGATION WHICH IS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE.  
ASSERMAN IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECTS ABOVE AND OTHER SPECIAL CASES. [REDACTED]

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DESIRED BE GIVEN MOST INTENSIVE AND CAREFUL ATTENTION AND THAT I BE KEPT b1  
CURRENTLY ADVISED. RE ALSO RADIOGRAM FROM BUENOS AIRES MARCH FOURTEENTH, LAST, CONCERNING  
WASSERMAN [REDACTED]

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WASSERMAN BORN MARCH TEN, NINETEEN b1  
FIFTEEN, HAMBURG, GERMANY, HEIGHT FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS,  
HAIR BROWN, APPEARANCE NEGROID, ENTERED US FEBRUARY TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE,  
NATURALIZED US CITIZEN AUGUST ONE, NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR, FORMERLY EMPLOYED OWI, BRITISH  
INFORMATION SERVICE, AND INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE, WASHINGTON. TRAVELING ON US PASSPORT  
NUMBER ONE TWO EIGHT SEVEN ONE SIX ISSUED WASHINGTON, DC, DECEMBER TWENTY, LAST, IN  
POSSESSION OF ARGENTINE VISA EXPIRING MAY SIXTEEN, NEXT. BROTHER ERNEST WASSERMAN RESIDES  
ONE NINE NAUGHT SIX MELLAN, BUENOS AIRES. PARENTS AND A MARRIED SISTER, LISELETTE DANIEL,  
ALSO APPARENTLY NOW RESIDE BUENOS AIRES. ANOTHER SISTER ERICA WATANEK IN NINETEEN FORTY-  
THREE EMPLOYER CZECH LEGATION, LONDON. (S) (u)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject **GEORGE H. PERAZICH** arrived Fresno 5:20 PM 1/6/46 via TWA; proceeded to residence of father-in-law, **M. RADICH**, Rt. 2, Box 162, Dinuba, California. PERAZICH and wife contacted various individuals believed to be relatives and family friends. Communications and automobile license numbers checked. Mail cover and records of Tulare County Recorder negative. **M. RADICH**, when interviewed under pretext, advised Mrs. PERAZICH is his daughter. PERAZICH with wife and two sons departed from Fresno 2:05 P.M. 1/14/46 en route Washington, D. C. via Santa Fe and Pennsylvania Railroads. **GEORGES ADAM** arrived Los Angeles 1/7/46 from San Francisco; addressed gatherings in Hollywood and Los Angeles. ADAM departed for Chicago, Cleveland and New York on 1/15/46, according to informant. ADAM left forwarding address c/o French Institute, 22 East 60th Street, New York 22, N. Y.

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REFERENCES  
New York letter December 14, 1945.  
Washington Field teletype January 5, 1946.  
San Francisco letters January 8 and 11, 1946.  
Teletype to Washington Field January 15, 1946.  
Teletype to New York January 16, 1946.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM P. JONES and the writer.

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AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA:

According to information contained in the referenced teletype from Washington, subject GEORGE PERAZICH was scheduled to arrive at Fresno via Flight 578, United Airlines at 4:09 A. M. January 7, 1946. Flight 578 was delayed in arriving at Fresno until 5:10 A. M., at which time subject did not leave the plane. In checking with United Airlines office in San Francisco through the Fresno office, it was ascertained that the space reserved for the trip had not been cancelled and that PERAZICH was listed as a "No Show Passenger". Appropriate stops were placed with the hotels and railroads at Fresno, and it was ascertained from ARLOND H. MONROE, passenger agent, Transcontinental and Western Airlines, that PERAZICH arrived in Fresno via TWA Flight #4 at 5:20 P. M. on January 6, 1946. Stops were placed with all transportation lines for reservation requests and future travel by PERAZICH.

Investigation disclosed that PERAZICH proceeded directly to Dinuba, to the home of LARRY RADICH, Rt. 2, Box 162, which residence is located on the outskirts of a small community three miles east of Dinuba. A spot surveillance was maintained on the residence of RADICH during the ensuing week. Appropriate stops were placed to insure the receipt of all information regarding mail received and sent by the subject, as well as on two-way traffic on telephone calls and telegrams.

Two cars were noticed visiting the RADICH residence during the week, one bearing California license 4-J-2624, registered to CHRIS VUKOVICH, whose address was given as General Delivery, Great California. This is for a 1937 Chrysler coupe, cream colored. The other car was a 1938 Chevrolet, California license 1-F-3000, registered to DAN J. SESCO, Rt. 1, Box 214, Cupertino, Santa Clara County, California.

Information was received from Source A that on January 3, 1946 the following telegram was sent to RISTO L. RADOVICH, 1969 Jefferson Street, San Francisco: "GEORGE DUE HERE SUNDAY WILL DUSHAN CAN YOU COME /s/ AMELIA." This was sent by AMELIA PERAZICH who gave her address as Rt. 2, Box 162, Dinuba, telephone 46-F-3.

Source A later advised that on January 12, 1946 at 12:45 P.M. a wire was received by G. PERAZICH, c/o RADICH, Dinuba, as follows: "PLEASE NOTIFY WHEN AND WHERE ARRIVING HERE. LIKE TO SEE YOU /s/ DRAGA DIVANOVIC."

This source stated that at 2:29 P.M. on the same day the following message was sent to DRAGA DIVANOVICH, 260 Paige St. San Francisco: "LEAVING MONDAY FOR WASHINGTON. SORRY WILL NOT BE IN SAN FRANCISCO. /s/ G. PERAZICH."

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Source A stated that these wires were all the traffic that had been noted in a search of back traffic from December 26, 1945.

Source B furnished the following list of telephone calls made from 46-F-3, for December 1945 and January 1946 through the pertinent period. This phone is listed to MARKO RADICH, Rt. 2, Box 162, Dinuba, California:

12/14/45 - Kerman 589. This is listed to GEORGE SKLENDER.

12/14/45 - Fresno 3-3449 (two calls). Source C advised that this phone is listed to Apartment 25, 1105 Divisidero V. and M. RADOVICH.

12/15/45 - Fresno 24528. Listed to 345 Clark, PETER E. RAFALLOVICH.

12/20/45 - Fresno 2-4125. Listed to T.W.A. (two calls).

12/30/45 - A collect call from Washington, D. C. from PERAZICH at the Sheraton Hotel.

HELEN STEFANICH, clerk at the Fresno Police Department, who resides in the apartment house at 1105 Divisidero, was interviewed for information regarding the occupants of Apartment 25, and advised that they are VIOLET and MARY RADOVICH. They are approximately twenty years of age. She stated they have relatives in Dinuba, and that VIOLET RADOVICH is employed as a secretary for Timm-Larson Aircraft Company.

MARKO RADICH was interviewed by Special Agent THOMAS F. McKEIGHAN, under pretext, at which time RADICH advised that his daughter and her two sons, aged three and five, were staying with him, also that his son-in-law was there, and that the family was leaving by train for Washington, D. C. on January 14, 1946. RADICH advised that the father of the two boys has recently come to the United States from Europe and is returning to his position in Washington.

Source D advised that space had been requested for January 14th for the PERAZICH family consisting of two adults and two children from Fresno to Washington, D. C. Source E advised that Section 14, Car Train 2 of the Santa Fe "Scout" had been reserved for the PERAZICH family from Fresno to Chicago, leaving Fresno at 2:05 P. M. on January 14, 1946, arriving in Chicago at 1:45 P. M. January 17, 1946. This source advised that continuing reservations had been made for the PERAZICH family on Pennsylvania Railroad Train 54, "The Gotham Limited", leaving Chicago at 10:00 P. M. January 17th and arriving in Washington at 5:00 P. M. January 18, 1946.

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The records of the Tulare County Recorder's Office, Visalia, were checked from 1909 to the present date for a record of any marriages in the RADICH family, with negative results. This investigation was undertaken because of the statement in the referenced teletype from Washington, D. C. that the maiden name of Mrs. PERAZICH was AMELIA IVANKOVICH.

On January 14, 1946 a surveillance was undertaken of the RADICH home, and of the Santa Fe Railway Station in Fresno. This surveillance reflected that the PERAZICH family, accompanied by MARKO RADICH, drove from the RADICH residence outside of Dinuba, to the Santa Fe Railway station in Fresno, where they were met by other friends who obviously came to the station to bid the PERAZICH family good-bye. Mr. and Mrs. PERAZICH and their two sons boarded the train occupying Compartment 13, Car W, Santa Fe Train #2, which departed from Fresno at approximately 2:20 P. M. Surveilling agents ascertained that the PERAZICH family traveled with seven pieces of luggage consisting of one maroon canvas overnight bag which GEORGE PERAZICH retained in his possession and took aboard the train, one tan canvas overnight bag, one portable typewriter in a black case, one black leather zipper bag, two gray airplane cloth striped suitcases, and one hat box, gray with lavender stripes. Surveilling agents also noted the following cars driven by individuals who were in the party bidding farewell to the PERAZICH family:

4 J 2624, registered to CHRIS VUKOVICH, previously mentioned.

1 F 894, 1936 Dodge or Plymouth coupe, registered to TODOR ANGUSICH, Box 944, Cupertino, California. Agents noted that this car was driven by an elderly man who was alone in the automobile.

60 T 673, 1939 green Buick coupe, registered to GEORGE L. FRANICHEVICH, 969 West 9th Street, San Pedro, California. This car was occupied by a man and woman.

2 J 4289, 1939 LaFayette sedan registered to NICK F. ZENOVICH, 394 Effie Street, Fresno, California. This car was occupied by a man of approximately 25 to 30 years of age, and a man of about 50.

1 D 8208, 1939 Mercury sedan, registered to [REDACTED] WHICH, Rt. 2, Box 150, Madera, California. This car was occupied by a young couple and a child.

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A search of the indices of the Los Angeles Field Division reflected that NICK ZENOVICH is the uncle of one FILIP MARKO ZENOVICH who is the subject of an Internal Security-J case, of which Los Angeles was office of origin.

The Los Angeles Field Division files also reflect that an individual named GEORGE L. FRANICHEVICH, 10723 Ohio Avenue, Los Angeles, California, applied in 1941 for a position as translator with the Bureau and was afforded an interview on January 15, 1941, but was not recommended for a position with the Bureau.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

A request was contained in referenced letters from San Francisco that the New York Office be advised as to the activities, contacts, and itinerary of GEORGES ADAM, a contact of subject PETER C. RHODES of this case. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RICHARD K. GRACE:

Mr. CHARLES THOMASET who was contacted under pretext, advised that at the time GEORGE ADAM was staying at the Chelsea Hotel, 504 South Bonnie Brae Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

On January 11, 1946, M. C. BOTTENFIELD, manager of the Chelsea Hotel, advised that ADAM was registered at that hotel and that he was a French journalist on a lecture tour. The reservation for ADAM was made by THOMASET. BOTTENFIELD said that he did not know how long ADAM would be there, but that at the time the reservation was made a passing comment indicated that it might be over a week. He was unable to offer any information concerning ADAM, other than the fact that several local reporters had called on him for interviews and ADAM had called and visited JEAN PIERRE MIMONT, French motion picture actor, on several occasions.

At the time the inquiry was made ADAM had a special delivery letter in his box from JULIA PONTELL, 131 West 58th Street, New York 19, New York.

BOTTENFIELD advised that he had no idea of the it- or possible forwarding address of ADAM but stated he would attempt to secure same when ADAM checked out, and would advise this office.

The following investigation was conducted by writer:

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M. C. BOTTENFIELD, manager of the Chelsea Hotel, on January 15, 1946 advised that GEORGE ADAM had checked out of the hotel and had stated to BOTTENFIELD that he was going to Cleveland by plane, then to Chicago, and from there to New York; further that he was leaving on January 15th. BOTTENFIELD stated that ADAM left the forwarding address with him: b/o French Institute, 22 East 60th Street, New York 22.

Efforts were made to confirm space out of Los Angeles via airlines or rail for Cleveland or Chicago, with negative results.

The Los Angeles "Times" of January 8, 1946, carried an article with photograph, headlined "Underground Hero in City", which stated that "GEORGE ADAMS, 38 year old graduate engineer-turned-writer" published an underground journal in the days of the Nazi occupation of Paris. This article went on to state that ADAMS was in Los Angeles on a lecture tour and had given a talk the preceding evening at the University of Southern California. The article further described ADAMS' activities in Paris during the Nazi occupation in working by day as a civil servant in a textile control office and conducting his publishing activities of his underground journal "Les Lettres Francaises", which he stated he pushed to a circulation of 20,000 and in which he included warnings against German messages, etc. This article has been included with this report as an enclosure to New York, as has an article appearing in the Tuesday, January 15, 1946 edition of the Los Angeles "Evening Herald and Express" under the by-line of HARRISON CARROLL, movie columnist, which stated "GEORGES ADAM, editor of 'Les Lettres Francaises', resistance newspaper, apologized to a Hollywood audience for his English, saying 'I have been in America for only a few weeks' whereby CHARLES BOYER, one of the hosts, interrupted and got a big laugh by saying in his inimitable accent, 'Don't apologise - English is a very difficult language.'"

The indices of the Los Angeles Field Office were checked for the names of CHARLES BOYER, JEAN PIERRE AUMONT and CHARLES THOMASSET. The Motion Picture Almanac lists BOYER and AUMONT as prominent French actors of the movie colony. THOMASSET is the subject of a closed file entitled "CHARLES A. THOMASSET, REGISTRATION ACT" which reflects that he registered as an agent of a foreign principal on November 30, 1942. In his registration statement he gave his residence address as 2625 1/2 South Manhattan Place, Los Angeles, his business address as 610 South Broadway, Los Angeles, his nationality as American, and his business as an attorney at law. He indicated that he was acting as an agent for one HENRI EDWIN, an American citizen, whose address was French Morocco. He stated he held the following positions: President, L'Alliance Francaise de Los Angeles, President of "Ouvrier Francais" Pub Company - a French language newspaper, and secretary of the Relief. This registration statement was withdrawn from the

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Previous information had been received by the Los Angeles Office from Source F that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Referenced letter from New York contained information *Referred*

that [REDACTED]

*sc* A search of the indices of the Los Angeles Field Office for these individuals was negative. It was ascertained that the premises at 416 North Beverly Drive are occupied by Bruce's Women's Apparel. *bl*

ENCLOSURES: TO THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Article, with picture of GEORGE ADAMS, from the January 8, 1946 issue of the Los Angeles "Times".

Article from the Los Angeles "Evening Herald & Express", issue of January 13, 1946.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

At Cupertino, California will ascertain the identity and background of DAN J. SOSO, Rt. 1, Box 1048, registered owner of an automobile, license 1-F-5002, which was observed at the residence of M. RADICH, where GEORGE PERAZICH was residing, January 12, 1946.

Will ascertain the identity and background of TODOR ANGUSICH, Box 944, Cupertino, whose automobile, 1-F-894, was observed at the Santa Fe Railway Station, Fresno, on January 14, 1946, when the PERAZICH family departed from that city.

At San Francisco, California will identify and obtain background information regarding DRAGA DIVANOVICH, 260 Paige Street, with whom subject PERAZICH exchanged wires on January 12, 1946 relative to a possible meeting in San Francisco.

Will ascertain the identity and obtain background information relative to RISTO L. RADOVICH, 1969 Jefferson Street, to whom the wife of subject PERAZICH sent a wire on January 3, 1946 advising that PERAZICH was arriving in Dinuba.

Will endeavor to identify and obtain information regarding "DUSHAN" who was mentioned in the wire addressed to RISTO RADOVICH by Mrs. PERAZICH requesting that DUSHAN be advised of the arrival of PERAZICH.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Fresno, California will identify and obtain background information regarding NICK F. ZENOVICH, 391 Ellis Street, who was in the party bidding farewell to PERAZICH at the Santa Fe Station, January 14, 1946.

At Karman, California will identify and obtain background information regarding [redacted] who was in telephonic contact with the RADICH family in 1945.

At Madera, California will identify and obtain background information regarding JOHN VUICH who was in the party bidding farewell to PERAZICH at the Santa Fe Station, January 14, 1946.

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farewell to the PERAZICH family on January 14, 1946.

At Orosi, California will ascertain the identity of, and obtain background information on CHRIS VUKOVICH, General Delivery, whose car 4-J-2624, was observed visiting the RADICH residence, and who was also at the Santa Fe Station, Fresno, on the occasion of the departure of PERAZICH for Washington, D. C.

At Beverly Hills, California will ascertain background information and present activities of [REDACTED]

At San Pedro, California will ascertain the identity of and secure background information concerning GEORGE L. FRANICHEVICH, 969 West 9th Street, whose automobile was observed at the Santa Fe station, Fresno, on the occasion of the departure of the PERAZICH family for Washington.

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- SOURCE A - ROBERT H. GREEN, Manager,  
Western Union Telegraph Company  
Dinuba, California
- SOURCE B - OTIS G. SIEDLER, Special Agent,  
Investigative Division,  
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.  
Fresno, California
- SOURCE C - BUD TAYLOR, Manager,  
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.  
Fresno, California
- SOURCE D - C. A. TULLIS, Station Agent  
Santa Fe Railway  
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- SOURCE E - C. H. WILLIAMS, Passenger Agent  
Santa Fe Railway  
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- SOURCE F - [REDACTED]

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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February 6, 1946

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter to Mr. Frederick Lyon, together with enclosures referring to Mr. Harry D. White, was called to my attention this afternoon and this morning I am presenting it to the President with the request that he read it.

Sincerely yours,

*James G. Byrnes*

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Director, FBI

Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; et al  
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Dear Sir:

The technical surveillance of Confidential Informant [redacted] has been of considerable assistance in ascertaining the activities and future plans of CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE who resides at Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

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This informant revealed BELFRAGE has been attempting to obtain employment in Germany either as a representative of the United States Government or with private industry. In this regard, BELFRAGE contacted Mrs. SPEHARD STONE, 302 West 12th Street, New York City concerning "the Germany proposition." This informant further advised BELFRAGE contacted LUTHER CONANT, an employee of OWI, who had been in Germany in charge of the administration of German newspapers.

BELFRAGE resides in a sparsely settled area and a physical surveillance could not be conducted discreetly in this area.

In view of the above information, it is recommended that the services of this informant be continued.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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SAC, NEW YORK

Transmit the following message to:

**NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS, ET AL, ESPIONAGE R. IDOR GOLENKO (CORBY CASE), IS R. REURTEL MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY GREGORY REGARDING FRED ROSE, IMPORTANT SUBJECT CORBY CASE, CANADA. INFORMATION PRESENTLY BEING COMPILED AND WILL BE FURNISHED YOU AS BASIS DETAILED REINTERVIEW OF GREGORY REGARDING ANY SUBJECTS OR ASPECTS OF CORBY CASE. MEANWHILE DESIRED GREGORY BE RECONTACTED THIS MATTER AND ALL FURTHER INFORMATION HER POSSESSION SECURED REGARDING ROSE AND CONTACTS INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, DETAILED DESCRIPTION ROSE'S MISTRESS, NEW YORK CITY, FALL OF NINETEEN FORTYTHREE.**

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: March 27, 1946

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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(CLAYMER SCHLUTER)  
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Attached to my memorandum of March 14, 1946, as you will also recall, were personal and confidential memoranda to Mr. Fred Lyon, State Department, and to Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg of the Military Intelligence Service.

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February 27th, 1946.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S.A.

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Re: Hazen Size.

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Dear Sir:

From the information relative to the Gregory matter available in this Office, it is noted that Fred Rose sent an R.C.A.F. Pilot to see Colos concerning Hazen Size who was association with the Canadian Film Board in Washington, D.C.

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It is noted that, according to the Bureau's informant, Hazen Size is in a position to further involve Fred Rose and it is thought that if he is properly interrogated he might furnish information concerning his activities in Washington, D.C. and New York City. X

It would be appreciated if I could be immediately advised if it is satisfactory

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Very truly yours,

*Glenn H. Bethel*  
Glenn H. Bethel.

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Mr. Glenn H. Bethel  
c/o The Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

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Subject: HAZEN SISE  
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Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau in the above matter dated February 27, 1946, requesting authorization

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In view of the fact that the information concerning Sise would appear of considerable interest in this connection and in view of the fact that information regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is desired that the Bureau be advised of the action taken by you in this regard, and of course, of any additional information developed concerning Hazen Sise or his activities or contacts.

In connection with Hazen Sise further, you will of course recall that the RCAF pilot who, according to the statements of the informant in the Gregory case, was sent to the United States by Fred Rose and introduced Hazen Sise to the informant and to Jacob M. Golos, has not yet been identified although photographs of a number of logical suspects have been exhibited to the informant. Reference is made in this connection to the photographs of the following persons, all connected with the RCAF, which have been exhibited to the informant without any identification being effected:

- Tolson
- E. A. Tamm
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Carson
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- Harbo
- Quinn
- Nease
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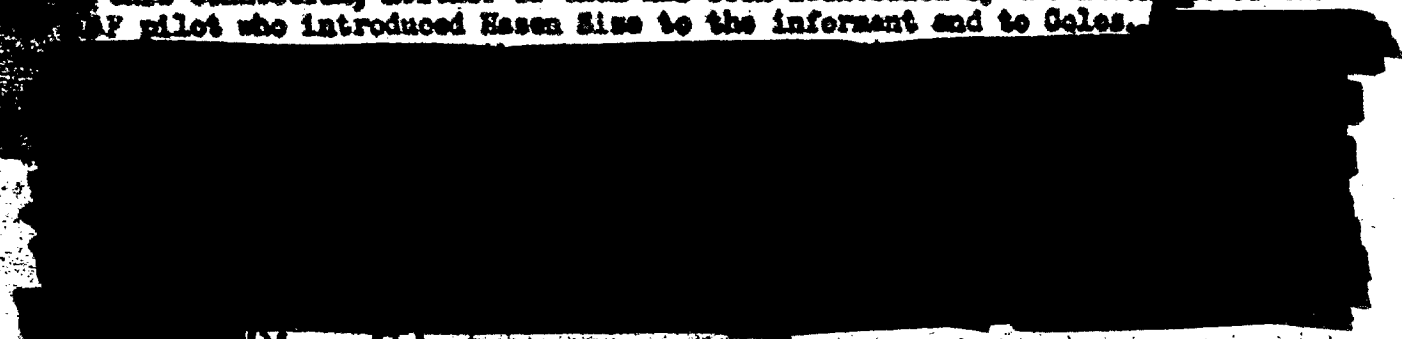
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- A. Dalroy
- H. K. Koch
- M. S. Nightingale
- F. J. [unclear]
- R. G. [unclear]

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Although Nightingale and Poland are obviously the most logical suspects in this connection, neither of them has been identified by the informant as the pilot who introduced Hasen Sims to the informant and to Coles.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 19, 1946

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach

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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY AND SOVIET ESPIONAGE  
ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

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From the above information supplied and names listed, it can be readily

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

noted that a number of individuals on some of whom the Bureau has considerable derogatory information are involved in the so-called Russian espionage circle, particularly does the Bureau have informant consistent with this scheme on Mr. Alger Hiss of the State Department, Dr. Condon of the Bureau of Standards and related information on Messrs. Appleby and Schwartzwalder of the Bureau of the Budget. It is known from Bureau investigations that Dr. Condon is a personal friend of Silvermaster, although investigation has not definitely shown that Dr. Condon has passed on information to Silvermaster.

With reference to Undersecretary Acheson of the State Department, Assistant Secretary Peterson of the War Department and Secretary Wallace of the Commerce Department, their political leanings have been known to the Bureau for some time, and it is not beyond the realm of conjecture that they would fit into such a scheme. So far as the comments and writings of Swing and Childs are concerned, it is again possible that they could be used outside of espionage activities but to a certain degree of usefulness in subtle Soviet propaganda.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the many non-specific statements made by [redacted] in relating the above information, and in view of the fact that many of his comments are based upon dislike of certain individuals mentioned, it is recommended that no definite action be taken on this matter as a whole, but that the matter be referred to the Internal Security Section for an appropriate check of the files on the names of Newman, Dr. Condon and others who may be in touch with known Soviet espionage agents. It is particularly suggested that the names of James Newman be checked through the indices to determine if there is any tie known to the Bureau between him and Silvermaster or other Soviet agents. It may also be advisable to determine the activities of Hiss and Marks in the Undersecretary of State's Office to reveal the part they play, if any, in this so-called espionage ring.

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It is not suggested that any active investigation be conducted on Swing or Childs in view of the non-specific information related by [redacted] regarding their activities.

*Referred*

March 20, 1946 -- Addendum-It would be my recommendation, in view of the circumstances outlined above, that a discreet, active investigation should also be conducted of James Newman.

D. M. Ladd

*Herbert S. MARKS & R. JAMES NEWMAN*

*I agree by all means & also as to Charles. Set up me have memo on Newman as soon as possible.*

*10:15 am 3-21-46 WFO advised of Director's wishes letter to follow Ladd*

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United States Department of Justice

Washington Field Division  
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Director, F.B.I.

Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, ETAL  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephonic request of Mr. LISH WHITSON of the Bureau of March 20, 1946 that this Office identify and obtain background information concerning one JAMES NEWMAN, attached to the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

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The above information is obviously of paramount importance and it is my desire that the investigation requested above receive the most careful and intensive attention. In view of the high positions of the individuals listed above, the necessity for extreme discretion in the conduct of this investigation is obvious. At the present time it is not desired that active investigation be conducted of the above individuals other than Marks and Newman as subjects in the above case, although some investigative activity relating to these individuals will, of course, be necessary in order for you to fully develop all pertinent information regarding this matter. After preliminary investigation is conducted in accordance with the above instructions, if considered necessary or advisable, you should request Bureau authority to institute active investigations of the other individuals named above in addition to Marks and Newman.

Set out for your further information in this connection are the results of a complete review of the Bureau files regarding Herbert S. Marks and James E. Newman.

HERBERT S. MARKS *Summary*

The only reference in the Bureau files which can be identified with this subject is contained in the report of Special Agent Norman E. Hanson dated April 1, 1942 at Washington, D. C. in the case entitled "Edward F. Prichard, Jr.; Internal Security; Hatch Act." This report contains information that in March, 1942 Herbert S. Marks, Assistant General Counsel, WFB, 5517 Social Security Building, Washington, who is identical with the above subject, was interviewed in connection with this investigation and furnished no derogatory information regarding Prichard, with whom he had been associated at WFB. Other than the above, the Bureau files contain no identifiable record with regard to Marks.

JAMES E. NEWMAN *Summary*

Set out below are the results of a complete review of the Bureau files regarding this subject:

In the October 26, 1937 issue of "The Student Advocate," official publication of the American Student Union, was a statement that one of the contributors to this publication, James Newman, a graduate of Wesleyan University, in June, 1937, was at that time Cooperative Secretary of the American Student Union. You will recall that considerable investigation was conducted of the American Student Union which reflected strong Communist infiltration thereof and reflected further that the American Student Union had a predilection for following the then official Communist Party line.

The magazine "National Republic," edited by Walter A. Steele and devoted in major part to continuing exposure of Communism, contained in its issue of February, 1938 on page 19 an article concerning the Third Annual Convention of the American Student Union, which was held December 27 to 31, 1937 at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. This article reflects that one of the speakers at this convention was James Newman, a member of the Cooperative Section of the American Student Union.

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On June 11, 1943, Captain W. D. Palestine, Security Officer, Board of Economic Warfare, by memorandum in connection with a security check, requested any information in the Bureau files concerning James A. Newman, who was described as follows:

Address:

6019 North 19th Street,  
Arlington, Virginia  
August 3, 1907 at New York City.

Born:

Government Employment  
Records:

December, 1941 to June, 1942,  
War Department, Chief Tax  
Amortization Division,  
Pentagon Building.  
June, 1942 until approximately  
June, 1943, Head Program Planner,  
WPA and, subsequently, Chief  
Intelligence Officer, Board of  
Economic Warfare, London, England.

In answer, Captain Palestine was furnished with the information above set out concerning the James Newman possibly identical with the subject who at one time was closely connected with the American Student Union.

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Copies of this letter are being transmitted to the New York Office for its information and in view of the fact that it is office of origin in the above case. The New York Office is being instructed to conduct appropriate discreet investigation regarding the background and activities of James H. Newman in New York as indicated by the information set out above resulting from the review of the Bureau files. *Refer*

In conclusion, you are advised that I consider this matter one of extreme importance and I desire that it receive immediate continuous and intensive attention.

The information set out above should, of course, be maintained in strictest confidence and the utmost discretion must be used in connection with all phases of the investigation of Marks and Newman. The Bureau should be kept currently and especially advised of developments in connection with this phase of the investigation in the above case.

CC: NEW YORK

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: March 27, 1946

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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SUBJECT:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al  
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The New York Office has now advised that on the basis of the recent publicity in the Corby Case in Canada, the informant Gregory in the above-captioned Silvermaster case recalled on March 26, 1946, that four or five weeks prior to the death of Jacob M. Golos, her then Soviet superior, on November 27, 1943, Fred Rose and his wife came to New York City and remained approximately ten days, spending most of the time with Golos. You will recall that Rose is presently being tried in Montreal, Canada, in connection with the above-captioned Guzenko case on charges of violating the Canadian Official Secrets Act. According to the informant Gregory, the expense money for the trip of Rose and his wife to New York was secured by Golos from his Soviet contacts and furnished to Rose before his departure from Montreal.

Gregory was not present at most of the conversations between Golos and Fred Rose but she does recall that Rose had a list of the names of seven or eight Canadian Government employees with whom he desired to have Golos arrange contacts presumably in Canada. Although Gregory saw this list, she does not recall any of the names but she stated that she believes the name, Eric Adams, may have been on the list. It will be recalled in this connection that Eric Adams is presently in custody in Ottawa in connection with the Canadian prosecutive action in the Corby Case.

The informant advised further that in the early part of 1944, several young Canadians of both sexes in uniform contacted her in New York and mentioned that Fred Rose had suggested that they look her up. These Canadians carried no messages and there was no indication that the visits were other than social, except that all of them advised Gregory that Fred Rose would like very much to have her visit him in Canada. Later in 1944, Gregory received a note from Rose, asking that she come to Canada to see him but she declined because of the press of business. She has not seen Rose since the Fall of 1943 and has received no other communications from him. Gregory recalls that at the time Rose was in New York with his wife, his mistress was there also and that his

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : J. C. Strickland

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was et al  
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DATE: March 29, 1946

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Ladd  
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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
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Miss Beahm  
Miss Gandy

You will recall that the New York Office made an appointment with Whitaker Chambers on March 28th at which time they were going to determine whether Mr. Chambers had any objection to the use of his name in connection with the information he previously furnished the Bureau concerning Alger Hiss.

SAC Conroy called and advised that Mr. Chambers was contacted by SA Tom Spencer and according to SA Spencer, Mr. Chambers stated that in the past he has furnished information of a confidential nature to the Bureau and that the Bureau has treated his information in a confidential manner. He stated that if the Bureau thought the use of his name would be beneficial to the Bureau, he would have no objection, however, he would like to be notified in advance.

With reference to Alger Hiss, Mr. Chambers stated that he would have no objection to testifying as to the information he furnished the Bureau concerning Hiss but hoped that if such an occasion arose that it would be a closed hearing as he wants to protect his position, and he would do anything within reason. Mr. Chambers stated that he cannot testify that Alger Hiss was an actual member of the Communist Party or was paying dues, but that the only thing he could testify to was the information he previously furnished the Bureau. You will recall that Mr. Chambers was interviewed in August 1942 and June 1945 when he furnished information concerning the alleged connection of Alger Hiss with the underground organization of the Communist Party.

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According to SA Spencer, Mr. Chambers was very cordial and the New York Office is of the opinion that he would go along with the Bureau. However, he desires to be notified in advance of the use of his name. If you agree, hereafter the name of Mr. Chambers will not be furnished to any other Governmental agency as to the source of information on Hiss unless approval is obtained from you.

*Yes I agree.*  
*J.C.S.*

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THE DIRECTOR

March 9, 1946

Mr. E. W. Ladd

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, et al  
ESPIONAGE - R;

BOB BROWDER (with aliases), with aliases, et al  
(CONY CASE), INTERNAL SECURITY - R;

ANDREI IVANOVICH SCHWENKHO  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R;

ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH KORN, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Attached hereto is a recapitulation of the individuals in agencies to whom summary memoranda in connection with the above cases have been transmitted as well as the dates of such transmittals. This dissemination is up to date as of March 9, 1946.

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HARRY H. VAUGHAN

12-4-45

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MATTHEW CONNELLEY  
(WHITE HOUSE)

SECRETARY OF  
STATE

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IRAN ACHESON  
STATE DEPT.

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12-17-45

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FRED LYON  
STATE DEPT.

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ATTORNEY  
GENERAL

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SECRETARY OF  
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A. T. SCHEVCHENKO

ARTHUR ADAMS

CHIEF OF NAVAL  
INTELLIGENCE

10-19-45

JAMES V. FORRESTAL  
SECY OF NAVY

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ADM. WILLIAM B.  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

DETROIT FILE NO. 65-2122

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/11/46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/7, 21-23; 2/5, 13, 14, 25-27/46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>BOWEN F. ROSE EBF</b>
TITLE <b>NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases ET AL</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE</b> <i>3042 ADJ/SC 2/1/46</i> <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/23/93 BY SP5 RJS</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

VERA WITTE, 12607 Longview, Detroit, Michigan, was born April 20, 1898, Russia. Employed Hamtramck Welfare Department November 15, 1933, to March 15, 1940; Michigan State Welfare December 16, 1940, to date. Brothers SERGEI LAVROW and ALEXANDER LAVROW presently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Credit and criminal record negative.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letters from the Washington Field Office to the Detroit Office dated December 26, 1945, and December 29, 1945.

**DETAILS:**

**RESIDENCE:**

VERA WITTE presently resides at 12607 Longview, Detroit, Michigan, with WILMA LAVROW and Mrs. CHAMBERLAIN, mother of Mrs. LAVROW, and has previously resided at 7758 Burnette, Detroit; 167 Ford Street, Highland Park; 1408 Lee Place, Apartment 304, Detroit; 13725 Dexter Boulevard, Detroit; 976 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

VERA WITTE was employed with the Hamtramck Welfare, Hamtramck, Michigan, as a welfare worker from November 15, 1933, to March 15, 1940, and her employment records reflect that during this period she requested a leave of absence from January 31, 1937, to October 5, 1937, and from March 15, 1940, a leave for a period of six months duration, which was taken, and she did not

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return to her employ after this leave. It was further indicated that she was born in Russia April, 1899, and she has two brothers, names not stated, and that her husband, believed to be BORIS WITTE, left Detroit, Michigan, during 1940 for employment in Washington, D.C. The nature of this employment was not stated. It is to be noted that no derogatory information or additional background information was contained in the records of the Hamtramck Welfare Department relative to VERA WITTE.

The records of the Michigan State Welfare Department, Detroit, Michigan, indicated that Mrs. WITTE has been employed by the State of Michigan as a welfare worker since December 16, 1940. Mrs. WITTE since her employment has requested leaves on the following occasions: from July 9 to August 31, 1942, reason given as sickness with a notation that she could be reached c/o Mrs. I. PETERS, 1351 15th Street, NW, Puyallup, Washington. (It could not be ascertained if this was the State of Washington or Washington, D.C.); from July, 1943, to December, 1943, reason given as sickness, to be reached at the address of 5515 30th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

In a form made out by Mrs. WITTE at the time of her employment, she stated she was born April 20, 1898, in Russia, that she was an American citizen and that she had attended the Classico Gym, Tvrutrx, Siberia, and had completed this course in 1915. She attended the University of Petrograd from 1915 to 1917 and did voluntary work for the YMCA, Tvkutrx, Siberia, from 1918 to 1919. The personnel file contained the following telegram dated August 23, 1942, addressed to Mrs. CELIA GREEN, Wayne County Social Aid, 4707 Rivard, Detroit, Michigan: "Brother escaped Japanese concentration camp, Hong Kong. Arrived unexpectedly Washington. Will appreciate extension of my sick leave another week in order I may stay a few days with him before he reports for military service over seas." It was signed, "WITTE, 5515 30th Street, NW, Washington, D.C." There was no derogatory information relative to VERA WITTE in the records of the Michigan State Welfare.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

The Indices of the Detroit Field Office were checked relative to VERA WITTE and the initials V.V. but it was ascertained that on October 30, 1945, a highly confidential source made available to Special Agents of the Detroit Field Office the contents of the personal brief case of CARL WINTER, Michigan State Chairman of the Communist Party which was located in his residence at 1446 Collingwood, Detroit. Among the contents of this brief case was noted a type-written memo, the minutes of the meeting of the Michigan Communist Party State Board dated October 1, 1945. At the heading of the memo opposite the abbreviation ABS were the initials T.J., V.V. and J.I. It is believed that the abbreviations

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and initials represent the names of those individuals excused or absent from the Board meeting. The names represented by the initials were identified, with the exception V.V.

Mrs. K. REIN, 2611 Medbury, Detroit, Michigan, who formerly resided next door to VERA WITTE at 12597 Longview, afforded the reporting Agent the following information. VERA WITTE resides at 12607 Longview, Detroit, Michigan, with WILMA LAVROW and Mrs. CHAMBERLAIN, who is the mother of WILMA LAVROW. It is the understanding of Mrs. REIN that VERA WITTE was born in Russia and came to the United States, date unknown, after fleeing from Russia during the revolution. She has two brothers, Major ALEXANDER IVAN LAVROW and SERGEI LAVROW, believed to hold the commission of Captain, who are both serving with the United States Army, present addresses unknown.

VERA WITTE was formerly married to BORIS WITTE, who was also born in Russia but they are now separated or divorced and it is believed that BORIS WITTE is presently employed by the United States Government in Washington, D.C. It is the recollection of Mrs. REIN that VERA WITTE made a trip to the State of Washington remaining away approximately six months during 1942 and that in 1942 she made a brief trip to Washington, D.C. to pay a very close friend a visit. Mrs. REIN believes that VERA's friend's name was SILVERMAN. Mrs. REIN further stated that VERA WITTE speaks and writes Russian fluently and is employed as a social worker for the State of Michigan. Mrs. REIN stated that to her personal knowledge, VERA WITTE has a Russian typewriter and that she is constantly typing and writing letters. VERA WITTE is very quiet and seldom discusses her personal affairs but on several occasions WILMA LAVROW has become irritated at VERA WITTE and her husband ALEXANDER LAVROW for leaving her and going to another room and carrying on lengthy conversations in Russian which she cannot understand.

Mr. E. C. SCHULTZ, Postmaster of Parkgrove Post Office, covering the address of 12607 Longview, Detroit, Michigan, advised the reporting Agent that the following mail was received at this address.

<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
January 28, 1946	Mrs. VERA WITTE, 12607 Longview	Major S. E. LAVROW, Headquarters US Forces, C.T., A.P.O. 971, c/o RM, San Francisco, Calif.
January 31, 1946	Mrs. VERA WITTE	F. WAYNE, 3721 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
February 2, 1946	Mrs. VERA WITTE	V. KIRALIFF, 3250 Broadway, West Vancouver, B.C.

IVAN LAVROW:

LOUIS M. MCKNIGHT, Dean in Charge of the Detroit Institute of Technology, Detroit, Michigan, advised that ALEXANDER IVAN LAVROW was employed as an engineering instructor at this Institute from 1938 to 1942 and that his services as an instructor were satisfactory but did not consent to his re-employment because of his desire to enter into any new project or venture whereby there was a possibility that he would be able to make a considerable sum of money. Mr. MCKNIGHT further explained that Mr. LAVROW was not dishonest but that he considered him too greedy in money matters. Mr. MCKNIGHT further stated that the school was not in possession of any records that would afford any information relative to the background of Mr. LAVROW and was unable to afford any information relative to his background other than that he spoke with a Russian accent and that it was his belief that he was born in Russia.

SELECTIVE SERVICE:

The records of Local Board 19, 13329 Gratiot, Detroit, Michigan, reflect that ALEXANDER IVAN LAVROW is a registrant of this board and assigned order number 12015 and serial number 2700 and that his residence addresses are listed as 30 32 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C., and 12607 Longview, Detroit, Michigan, that he was born November 7, 1897, in Russia, and that his wife's name is WILKA LAVROW, and that she resides at 12607 Longview, Detroit, Michigan. At the time he registered, February 16, 1942, he advised that he was employed by the Navy Department Bureau of Aeronautics, Washington, D.C. His draft board is in receipt of a letter from his wife dated May 12, 1943, advising that her husband had received a commission in the United States Army as a major and stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado. This board is also in receipt of a letter dated October 19, 1942, from Mrs. LAVROW stating that her husband, Major ALEXANDER IVAN LAVROW is in the active military service and stationed with the Army Air Corps in California. There was no address given.

The following is a description of ALEXANDER IVAN LAVROW as set forth in his Selective Service file:

Height:	5' 8 1/2"
Weight:	165
Eyes:	Grey
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Born:	November 7, 1897

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It is to be noted that at the time ALEXANDER LAVROW filled out his questionnaire he failed to answer all questions and did not state his additional background or citizenship.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL:

A credit and criminal check with the Detroit Credit Agencies and Detroit Police Department failed to disclose any information relative to ALEXANDER IVAN LAVROW, WILLA LAVROW or VERA WITTE.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At Muskegon, Michigan:

Will check the records of the National Lumbermens Bank, for all information regarding financial transactions of ALBERT EUGENE KAHN in which bank KAHN maintained an account during 1940 and 1941. (This lead was set out for the Detroit Field Division by a letter from the New York Field Division dated February 4, 1946.)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO. 65-3155

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/28/46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/6-28/46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FREDERICK M. CONNORS</b>
TITLE <b>NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, et al</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b> <i>3042 PWS/AB 2/1/88</i>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">DECLASSIFIED BY <u>SP5 KJ</u> ON <u>5/23/83</u></span>			
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<p style="text-align: center;">Surveillance of MAURICE HALPERIN at Boston reflects he resided at 1155 Commonwealth Ave., with his father PHILIP HALPERIN, from March 7, 1946 until March 11, 1946 at which time he departed for Washington, D. C. on the 3 o'clock train. HALPERIN went to Harvard University, visited Dr. SAMUEL MONTEFIORE HAYMAN, Prof. of Romance Languages, Boston University, and met his brother-in-law, MILTON FRISCH, on two occasions. THELLA FRISCH identified as sister-in-law of HALPERIN, who is married to HAROLD S. ROSE, ceremony taking place 12/8/45 at Lynn, Mass. No record located of individual by the name of "SOLEN" residing at 4 Sumner St., Lynn, Mass.</p>			
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REFERENCE:	Report of Special Agent BRENTON S. GORDON, dated 3/21/46 at Boston, Mass.		
DETAILS:	<u>MAURICE HAYMAN HALPERIN</u>		
<p>On March 7, 1946, a surveillance was conducted at 1155 Commonwealth Avenue, to which address the above named individual was reported to have proceeded from Washington, D. C. HALPERIN was not observed in the neighborhood on this date by any of the Agents conducting the surveillance. Special Agent BRENTON S. GORDON contacted Informant T-1,</p>			
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a member of the faculty at Harvard University because the Boston Field Division had been advised that the above named HALPERIN would undoubtedly contact the Romance Language Department at Harvard. T-1 advised that he could remember HALPERIN as a student at Harvard, in approximately 1927. He remembered further, that HALPERIN at that time had a definitely Jewish appearance and that he was an outspoken advocate of Communism.

The surveillance was undertaken at the above address on March 8, 1946, by Special Agents JOHN DESMOND and BRENTON S. GORDON and at approximately 10:15 a.m. HALPERIN left the Commonwealth Avenue address and proceeded to Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He traveled by the Boston public transportation system, and appeared to be suspicious during this twenty minute trip. He constantly looked about him and in traveling on foot, would run for approximately one block and then walk slowly for a block. From the transportation center at Harvard Square the Subject of the surveillance, proceeded in the fashion described heretofore, to the Wiedener Library at Harvard. It is noted that this is a large building with multiple entrances. Through observation it was determined that HALPERIN entered one of the corridors which houses the Romance Language Division but it could not be determined whom he visited. The narrow corridors and guard system in force at the Wiedener Library did not permit a discreet observation of the corridor in which HALPERIN was last seen, and efforts to locate him upon his departure from this point, were met with negative results.

On the same date at 5:25 p.m., HALPERIN was observed returning to 1156 Commonwealth Avenue, where he stayed for the remainder of the night, by Special Agents FREDERICK M. CONNORS and RICHARD DOW.

Under date of March 9, 1946, Special Agents JOHN LEAHY and JOHN F. DESMOND of the Boston Field Division observed HALPERIN leaving his apartment at 1156 Commonwealth Avenue, at which time he took a street car in front of the building, to Copley Square, Boston, proceeding to Boston University College of Liberal Arts. He left the University at 11:50 a.m. in the company of an elderly Jewish-appearing man described as 5'5", approximately 150 lb., 60 years of age, who was later identified as Professor SAMUEL MONTEFIORE WAXMAN, head of the Romance Language Department, Boston University. HALPERIN, in company with WAXMAN, proceeded to the main dining room of the Hotel Lenox at the corner of Boylston and Exeter Streets, remaining there until about 2:10 p.m. They then went to the Vendome Bookshop on Boylston Street, where they remained for approximately three or four minutes. Thereafter they parted company and HALPERIN returned to the apartment on Commonwealth Avenue.

On March 10, 1946, Special Agents DAVID A. LYNCH and JOHN F. DESMOND observed HALPERIN leave the apartment at approximately 6:00 p.m. and

take a street car to the Arlington Street Station. He came upstairs and entered the Hotel Statler. Inside the front door he was immediately greeted by an individual who was later identified to be his brother-in-law, MILTON MARTIN FRISCH. After conversing a few minutes they left the Statler, returning immediately to the Commonwealth Avenue apartment of HALPERIN'S father. HALPERIN remained at the apartment the remainder of the evening, and MILTON FRISCH returned to downtown Boston.

On March 11, 1946, at 10:10 a.m., HALPERIN left the apartment at Commonwealth Avenue and took a subway to the First National Bank building located at 1 Federal Street, Boston, Mass. He entered the First National Bank building and took an elevator to an office on the 11th floor. It was not feasible to ascertain just which office HALPERIN entered, and inquiries have failed to reflect whom he contacted. The physical characteristics of this building are such that a close, discreet surveillance is not possible.

At 11:30 a.m., HALPERIN was observed leaving the building, at which time he returned to his father's apartment at 1156 Commonwealth Avenue.

At 2:00 p.m., HALPERIN, accompanied by his father, proceeded to the South Station at which time they were met by MILTON FRISCH and his girlfriend. HALPERIN boarded the train "The Patriot" which left Boston at 3:00 p.m. It was determined that HALPERIN'S reservation was for Seat 22, Car 710. He was carrying two bags--a light brown traveling bag, and a small black brief case.

Immediately following HALPERIN'S departure on the train, Agents DESMOND and LYNCH placed under surveillance, MILTON FRISCH and his girlfriend, to a point where their car was parked. They were driving a Packard bearing Massachusetts license No. D-891-B which, it was ascertained from the Mass. Registry of Motor Vehicles, is listed to the United Auto Wrecking Co., Broad Street, Lynn, Mass.

On March 13, 1946, Special Agent JOHN DESMOND identified SAMUEL MONTEFIORE WAXMAN from the 1944 Year Book of Boston University, entitled "The Hub", in which book WAXMAN'S picture appeared. Further inquiries reflected WAXMAN was head of the Romance Language Department at Boston University and resides at 21 Forest Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. No record was located in the indices of the Boston Field Division except that WAXMAN appeared on the list of the North American Spanish Aid Committee.

On March 12, 1946, Special Agent DESMOND and the reporting Agent contacted Chief of Detectives CHARLES DUGGAN at the Lynn Police Department. By use of a telephonic pretext, Chief Detective DUGGAN ascertained that MILTON FRISCH had operated the Packard bearing

Massachusetts license No. D-891-B which is licensed to the United Auto Wrecking Co., 869 Broad Street, Lynn, Massachusetts, and at which place MILTON FRISCH is self-employed.

The records of Local Draft Board No. 88, Lynn, Mass., reflect MILTON MARTIN FRISCH, Order No. 2075, resides at 62 Rogers Avenue, Lynn, Mass., that he was born at Lynn, Mass., September 23, 1919. He listed as the person who would always know his whereabouts, Mrs. ANNIE M. FRISCH; at the time of his registration October 16, 1940 he was attending Boston University as a student. He was described as follows: 175 lb., eyes brown, hair black, complexion dark. His questionnaire reflected that he was taking a course in Business Administration at Boston University and would graduate in 1941.

The file further reflected that MILTON ~~M.~~ FRISCH entered the Marines on May 16, 1941. He went to Quantico, Virginia, Feb. 1, 1942, went through O.C.S., and when separated from Service, January 14, 1946, he held the rank of Captain.

No further information was located on FRISCH at Lynn, Mass., and the records of [REDACTED] and Marine Corps Intelligence at Boston, disclose no further information concerning him. b2  
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The 1945 directory at Lynn, Mass., reflected the following names at 62 Rogers Avenue, Lynn, Massachusetts, all with the surname of ~~M.~~ FRISCH:

HAROLD, U.S. Marine Corps.  
HYMAN S.  
ANNIE M., (wife)  
JOSEPH, physician;  
MILTON, Capt., USMC;  
SAUL, Sergeant, USA;  
SEENA, teacher, 62 Rogers;  
SYLVIA, clerk, Milton's Men's Shop, Lynn, Mass.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that he was reasonably familiar with FRISCH family and the United Auto Wrecking Co. He stated that to his knowledge they were not Communistically inclined and that he could not recall them ever receiving Communist literature.

Informant T-3, a neighbor of the FRISCH family, advised that he had been residing in the neighborhood for several years and that to his knowledge the family was not involved in radical or Communist matters. He stated that he could not recall any periodicals or Communist literature having been delivered to the house. He stated that SEENA (or SEENA) was presently residing at the address. He also said that a son-in-law whom he later recalled was MALPERIN, was investigated by the Dies Committee. He also recalled that another

daughter resided in Providence, R.I., and was married to a man by the name of ROTTENBERG. He recalled that THELMA taught Hebrew in Boston, Mass.

Inquiries at the School Committees at Lynn and Boston, Mass., as well as the State House, have failed to reflect the school at which THELMA FRISCH is teaching.

The marriage records at the City of Lynn, Mass., indicate THELMA FRISCH, 62 Rogers Avenue, Lynn, Mass., a teacher, with parents HERMAN S. FRISCH and ANNIE STEIN FRISCH, was married December 5, 1945, at Lynn, Mass., by Rabbi I. HARBURG, to HAROLD S. HOCH, U. S. Army, whose home address was given as 382 South Broadway, Lawrence, Mass. With respect to HOCH, the records indicate his birthplace as Lawrence, and his parents' names were HARRY L. HOCH and ANNIE SPERBER.

On March 13, 1946, reporting Agent contacted Informant T-4, who stated that MAURICE HALPERIN had not applied for a position in the Romance Language Department of Harvard University, and that if he had done so, such a request must necessarily clear through him. He further advised Agent that he would contact the Boston Field Division in the event such a request should develop from MAURICE HALPERIN.

Informant further obtained from the records of Harvard University, information that MAURICE HYMAN HALPERIN graduated from Harvard, cum laude, in 1927. His mother's name was indicated as ETHEL SUMNER HALPERIN.

The record further reflected he married EDITH FRISCH, September 1926 and that he was at the University of Oklahoma, in 1937.

The Bureau of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Mass., reflected that on September 5, 1926, MAURICE HALPERIN married EDITH FRISCH at Nahant, Mass. The marriage ceremony was performed by B. GORDON, Rabbi, 28 Blossom Street, Lynn, Mass. The record reflected that at the time of marriage MAURICE HALPERIN was a teacher, with birthplace at Boston, Mass., and EDITH FRISCH was a college student with birth place of Wabash, Indiana. The parents of HALPERIN were indicated as PHILIP HALPERIN, father, and ETHEL SUMNER, mother. The parents of EDITH FRISCH were indicated as HERMAN FRISCH and ANNA STEIN.

Contact was made at the West Lynn Post Office and at the main Post Office, Lynn, Mass., for an individual by the name of "SULLY", residing at 44 Somerville Street, Lynn, Mass. There is no such individual known to postal authorities and there is no such street listed at Lynn, Mass. A directory check at the Police Station and other sources of information at Lynn, Mass., has failed to reflect the identity of this individual.

The records of the Boston Field Division reflect a Dr. JOSEPH FRISCH, Union Street, Vineyard Haven, Mass., born January 26, 1912, at Ashwell, Illinois, further, that his father and mother reside in Lynn, Mass.,

and that both parents were born in Austria and of the Jewish race. The aforementioned Dr. FRISCH is reported as a graduate of the Middlesex School of Medicine, Prospect Street, Cambridge, Mass. The information contained herein does not reflect, however, anything of a derogatory nature concerning Dr. JOSEPH FRISCH, nor do the indices of the Boston Field Division reflect anything concerning members of the FRISCH family, of a derogatory or Communistic nature.

- P E N D I N G -

Confidential Informants are identified as follows:

- T-1: ~~LOUIS~~ ~~MERCIER~~, Prof. Emeritus, Romance Language Dept.,  
Harvard University. ~~MERCIER~~ resides at Brattle St.,  
Cambridge, and is a personal acquaintance of SA  
BRENTON S. GORDON.
- T-2: ~~JOHN~~ ~~MARTIN~~, Postmaster, Lynn, Mass. Post Office.
- T-3: ~~HERMAN~~ ~~SACRISON~~, a neighbor of the FRISCH family, and  
Postman at Central Post Office, Lynn, Mass. He has been  
delivering mail to the family for several years.
- T-4: ~~DR.~~ ~~WHITTEN~~, head of the Department of Romance Languages,  
Harvard University.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. ~~ADAMS~~

DATE: March 27, 1946

FROM : J. C. STRICKLAND

SUBJECT: LARRY KERLEY;  
BRIBERY

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

You will recall that the New York Office is going to contact Mr. Whitaker Chambers on Thursday, March 28, 1946, to determine if he has any objection to the use of his name in connection with the information for questioning Alger Hiss of the State Department.

SAC Conroy called and advised that on March 18, 1946, Rushmore talked to Betty Lewis and she said that some "Commie" wanted to know who had released the information. Rushmore replied that he has a friend who will go on record concerning Alger Hiss and this witness is with the "Time" magazine. According to Rushmore, this individual would get on the witness stand and state that he has paid dues in the Communist Party. It is possible that Rushmore is referring to Whitaker Chambers.

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This information is set forth in the report of Special Agent Miller of the New York Office dated March 25, 1946, in the above entitled case, which report was mailed yesterday from New York City.

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See that we contact Chambers promptly

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by [unclear]  
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March 25, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: <sup>①</sup> NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, #75-1121  
with aliases, et al;  
ESPIONAGE - R

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ON 2/23/88

Dear Sir:

~~X~~ Confidential Informant [redacted] who is in a position to advise this office of the activities of Confidential Informant GREGORY as they relate to the business of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corp., has continued to supply information of value up to the present time. <sup>b2 b7D</sup>

Through utilization of this confidential source, it is possible to check on the movements of Confidential Informant GREGORY, as well as to identify persons in contact with the informant at her office, and although there is believed no reason at this time to doubt her complete cooperation, trustworthiness, and veracity, it is believed advisable to retain this confidential informant. In addition, it will be recalled that in one of her later meetings with AL (GROMOV), the latter told her that in the event he desired to reach her telephonically he would call at the office of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corp., identify himself as Mr. ALLENBURG, and make inquiry concerning a shipment of handkerchiefs to Sweden. Although GROMOV is of course known to have returned to Russia and indications are that he will not return, at least in the immediate future, the possibility remains that someone acting in his stead may follow the procedure outlined above in attempting to contact Confidential Informant GREGORY. For this additional reason, the services of [redacted] should be continued. <sup>b2 b7D</sup>

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy  
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March 28, 1946

Director  
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Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER,  
was, et al  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a teletype received from the Washington Field Division under date of March 25, 1946, requesting further efforts to verify the surname of HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

No record of this Subject's birth was located at the Boston City Hall, or at the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Boston, Mass.

The high school records at Everett, Massachusetts, reflect that HARRY DEXTER WHITE was born October 9, 1892. No place of birth was given nor was the name of his parents. The records reflected that he resided at 20 Dyer Avenue, Everett, Massachusetts, and that he graduated from Everett High School, in June 1909. No further record was located at the high school or at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Everett, Massachusetts.

A directory check was made at the Parlan Memorial Library, 410 Broadway, Everett, Massachusetts, which reflected the following in the Everett directories:

1908. JACOB WHITE - business crockery, 99 Salem St., Boston, Mass., home 20 Dyer Street.

NATHAN, clerk, business 99 Salem, home 20 Dyer.

SAMUEL, apprentice, home 20 Dyer

1910. This directory reflected JACOB died 16/1909.



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1912. This directory reflects SAMUEL and NATHAN removed to Boston.

1915. This directory listed ESTHER, widow of JACOB, at 20 Dyer Ave. The directory did not list other members of the family at this address.

1920. Boston city directory reflects ESTHER removed to Boston, at 50 Fowler Street, and this is maintained in the Boston directories until the year 1930. However, none of these directories reflect the names of NATHAN, SAMUEL, or HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

The voting records at Everett, Massachusetts, disclosed JACOB WHITE registered October 12, 1906, then 47 years of age; that he was a merchant, and had been naturalized at Boston, May 6, 1897. No record of SAMUEL, HARRY, or NATHAN, was located.

The records of the District Court of Boston, Massachusetts, reflect in Volume 300, Page 192, Circuit Court, JACOB WHITE a peddler, of 109 Salem Street, was born in Russia, age 1, August 1, 1860, that he arrived at Boston, April 2, 1885, and made primary declaration, July 23, 1888, in which he was erroneously called JACOB WEIT. The records further reflect that JACOB WHITE was admitted to citizenship in 1897. However, this record was not stamped with the actual date of admission, but it is probably true that the date was May 6, 1897.

No record was located at the Immigration & Naturalization office, or through the State House records, East Boston, Mass., of the arrival of JACOB WHITE in this country, nor were there records of NATHAN I. WHITE, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, or SAMUEL A. WHITE.

The Boston city directory of 1911 disclosed HARRY D. WHITE boards at 282 Hanover Street, place of employment at 99 Salem Street, Boston, Massachusetts. NATHAN I. WHITE had the same business and residence address, reflecting further that he was employed by J. WHITE SONS. SAMUEL A., student, was also indicated as residing at 282 Hanover Street, Boston. There is the probability that some confusion occurred and that SAMUEL A. WHITE, not HARRY D., was employed at 99 Salem Street, as college records reflect HARRY D. WHITE was in school in 1911.

The records of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Massachusetts, reflected HARRY DEXTER WHITE was born October 29, 1892 at Boston, Massachusetts, and that his father's name was N. I. WHITE, 288 Hanover Street, Boston, Massachusetts. He attended this college from September 14, 1911, to February 1912.

The voting records at Brookline, Massachusetts, reflect that NATHAN I. WHITE, age 38 in 1924, resided at 21 Russell Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, that his father was JACOB WHITE, admitted to citizenship in the Circuit Court, U.S., Massachusetts district, May 6, 1897, and and the occupation of NATHAN I. WHITE was listed as merchant. In

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addition, the voting records disclosed the name BESSIE F. WHITE, wife of NATHAN, registered to vote October 14, 1924, being 32 years of age, and that she was born in Austria.

The 1945 street list at Brookline, Massachusetts lists in addition to NATHAN I. and BESSIE F. WHITE at 21 Russell Street, Brookline, WILLIAM H., age 21, student at Harvard University.

No record of NATHAN I. WHITE, SAMUEL, or HARRY DEXTER WHITE, was located at the local draft board in Brookline, Massachusetts.

The city of Boston records reflect the birth, October 9, 1892, of a male child named HARRY, born to ISAAC and SARA WHITE, who were born in Russia, and the further fact that ISAAC was a peddler. It was suggested by city officials at City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts, that there was a probability the foregoing HARRY WHITE, born October 9, 1892, son of ISAAC and SARA, could be HARRY DEXTER WHITE, inasmuch as it appears to be a common practice on the part of foreigners to change their names on arriving in this country, and assuming others at their own free will. This possibility should be noticed in view of the fact that HARRY DEXTER WHITE listed as his date of birth at Everett High School, October 9, 1892, and the further fact that both JACOB WHITE, who was erroneously called JACOB WEIT, was also indicated as being a peddler in the official court records.

NATHAN I. WHITE, whom HARRY DEXTER WHITE mentions as his father, appears from the directory checks, to be the same individual who is presently residing at 21 Russell Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, and HARRY DEXTER WHITE appears to be, from this information, the brother, rather than the son, of NATHAN I. WHITE.

Records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, Boston, Mass., fail to reflect information concerning SAMUEL A., or HARRY DEXTER WHITE. Information contained concerning NATHAN I. WHITE was not of material value in this investigation, as it did not disclose members of his family.

Unless advised to the contrary, no further investigation will be made concerning HARRY DEXTER WHITE, by the Boston Field Division.

Yours very truly,

*E. A. Soucy*  
E. A. SOUCY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc New York

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~~BY SPECIAL MESSENGER~~

Date: March 14, 1946  
To: Mr. Frederick E. Ives, Chief  
Division of Foreign Activity Correlation  
State Department  
Washington, D. C.  
From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: CLAYMER SCHLUTER

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It will be recalled, as we were advised on March 12, 1946, that Claymer Schluter has applied for a United States passport for the purpose of leaving within the coming week for Bucharest, Rumania, where he is to serve as an agent of the Strategic Services Unit, War Department. Information concerning Claymer Schluter appears on pages 140 and 141 of the secret memorandum dated February 22, 1946, entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the United States Government." A copy of this secret memorandum has been made available to Secretary of State Byrnes, and an additional copy has been forwarded to you by my personal and confidential memorandum to you dated March 13, 1946.

Briefly, the information available in this memorandum concerning Schluter reflects that he has been in contact with Peter Christopher Rhodes, strongly suspected as a Soviet agent and identified by the admitted Soviet agent Gregory as having furnished information to Gregory's superior, Joseph K. ... a Soviet agent of outstanding importance who died in New York City on November 27, 1942.

In view of the potentialities involved in Schluter's serving as a representative of the Strategic Services Unit in Bucharest, Rumania, it is not believed that he should be granted a passport. For your confidential information, the above matter has been confidentially called to the attention of Lieutenant General Hoyt H. Vandenberg, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department.

The above data are being furnished you for your informational and consideration, and in the event you may desire to call this matter to the attention of the Secretary of State.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. M. Ladd

FROM : J. C. Strickland

DATE: April 1, 1946

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al  
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You will recall that on February 1, 1946, Dr. Abraham B. Weinstein, the dentist in New York City, wrote a letter to Joseph Gregg, advising Gregg that the Doctor had ten additional checks of the series of the "thirty-two," which he was holding for Gregg and told Gregg to stop by for them the next time he was in New York City.

There is attached hereto a photographic copy of the letter sent by Dr. Weinstein to Gregg, which is handwritten and was signed for the Doctor by an individual whose initials are R. G.

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It is requested that the attached letter be made available to the FBI Laboratory in order that it can be given an appropriate handwriting examination and that the writing can be checked against the file on espionage writings, secret writings and letters in the Comrap and Alto cases.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT New York, N.Y.

FILE NO. 65-255

REPORT MADE AT <b>Anchorage, Alaska</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/15/46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/18, 25, 28; 3/1, 4, 8, 12/46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN R. HAYES lmr</b>
TITLE <b>NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, wa; Et Al</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><del>CONFIDENTIAL</del></p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>BORIS WITTE and wife, EVE, have resided in Anchorage, Alaska, since summer of 1945, when they arrived from Washington, D.C. Until recently WITTE has operated for himself a woodworking shop producing various articles of furniture and sleds and has experimented with birchwood. WITTE reportedly pro-Russian. Both are presently contemplating trip which will include visits to California, Georgia, Washington, D.C., and New York. Mail cover reflects receipt of moderate amount of correspondence, all of an innocuous nature.</b></p> <p><i>Ann. Policy Committee 1-6-54 1-6-54 Personally del. WAB - Amb</i></p> <p><b># 75-1121 DECLASSIFIED BY 3042 ON 2/25/88 PWT/lmb</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/25/83 BY SP5 RLS/MT</b></p>			
REFERENCE:	radiogram from Bureau, dated 2/14/46. radiogram from Washington Field, dated 2/27/46.		
DETAILS:	<u>AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA</u>		
<p>Referenced radiogram from the Bureau advised that <b>BORIS WITTE</b> is a brother of <b>HELEN WITTE</b> and that the latter is the wife of <b>NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER</b>. It further advised that <b>BORIS</b> married one <b>VERA LAVROW</b> on June 17, 1921.</p> <p><b>Confidential Informant T-1</b> advised that <b>BORIS WITTE</b> and his wife, <b>EVE</b>, arrived in Anchorage by boat in the early summer of 1945 from Washington, D.C. Upon their arrival they resided for a few days at the Westward Hotel in Anchorage and then purchased a Pacific hut, in which they presently reside, for \$400.00. According to informant, <b>WITTE</b> made the statement that he would have to cash some War Bonds in order to immediately obtain the \$400. After the purchase</p>			
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of the Pacific hut, WITTE and his wife purchased three or four lots in the vicinity of 15th and East H Street for \$1250 and a second Pacific hut for \$200. In the second hut, WITTE set up a woodworking shop where he engaged in the manufacture of various articles of furniture and Christmas items, such as sleds, which he subsequently sold to the Northern Commercial Company of Anchorage. He further engaged in experiments with birchwood for furniture, but later ceased these experiments when he found the wood unsatisfactory.

At the present time WITTE is attempting to sell his shop and the Pacific hut in which he is residing in contemplation of a trip to the States. Shortly after their arrival, they purchased a truck from the Surplus Property Division for \$600 and WITTE recently sold it for \$675. They have also purchased a sedan which they plan to take with them by boat from Anchorage to Seattle, from which point they plan to travel by this sedan along the West Coast through California, across Southern United States for a visit with her mother in Atlanta, Georgia, and thence to Washington, D.C. According to the informant, after renewing acquaintances in Washington, they intend to travel along the East Coast to New York and then to Detroit, Michigan, where they contemplate the purchase of a truck in order to return to Alaska via the Alcan Highway.

The informant further advised that WITTE has expensive cameras, including a motion picture camera, and several guns of expensive makes. According to a "For Sale" advertisement in the local newspaper, WITTE is attempting to sell these guns at the present time. Mrs. WITTE has written a child's book on Alaska and has been paid \$600 on account. In addition, she also writes articles regarding life in Alaska.

The Anchorage NEWS of January 13, 1946 contained an article concerning the manner in which the WITTES have made themselves comfortable in a Pacific hut and also details with his experiments in his woodworking shop. The paper contained a picture of Mr. and Mrs. WITTE and this together with the article is being forwarded as an enclosure to the office of origin.

The informant further advised that WITTE and his wife are quite social-minded and that several Army officers visit them at their residence. One officer was identified as Major WAKEFIELD, who is reportedly connected with the Surplus Property Office at Fort Richardson near Anchorage. According to the informant, the WITTES have traveled extensively over the Territory of Alaska and have indicated that they are believers in non-profit business. Mr. WITTE especially delights in talking about Russia and is reportedly very clever and entertaining.

Mrs. WITTE advised the informant in the course of general conversation that her husband left Russia when he was 27 years of age and that his father was a Baron there and a liaison officer between Russia and the

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Mongolian Government. She advised that his father was sent by the Russians to make an agricultural survey in Mongolia and that the change in the political set up in Russia has not affected his status as he still holds his position there. She advised further that she has been in Russia and that WITTE divorced his first wife, who was a Russian. She advised that her husband made his money running a transportation company between Russia and Mongolia while he was with his father during the latter's agricultural survey. She advised also that her husband attended Stalingrad High School and Oskburg (ph.) University. In conclusion, she stated that when they returned from their trip to the States they plan to raise racing dogs and continue their travel throughout the Territory.

Referenced radiogram from the Washington Field Division advised that no record of BORIS WITTE was located in the Passport Division of the State Department.

On March 4, 1946, Mr. GERALD ROBERTS, 11th and East E Streets, Anchorage, volunteered the following information:

On the previous evening near the corner of 9th and East E Streets he was stopped on the street by an individual making inquiry as to whether or not any Russians lived in the vicinity. He engaged the man in conversation and was advised by the individual that he was a civilian worker who had just returned from Attu and that he was to be paid off at Fort Richardson, that he had come by boat to Seward, Alaska, and that he constantly compared conditions about him with the conditions in Russia, commenting, "The people here don't seem to have any mental happiness". According to ROBERTS, the individual was of Russian extraction and was interested in the East B area of the city and apparently had been told or knew that someone of Russian ancestry could be located in this area. ROBERTS stated that the man was evidently without funds and questioned him several times about the possibility of getting work, stating that he had been offered a job in the last day or two as a truck driver.

ROBERTS thought that because of the man's behavior he may be a survivor of the wreck of the DONBAS. In addition he was wearing a white sailor's cap and a heavy Navy blue service coat.

Because of the Russian's interest in the East B area, ROBERTS advised that he drove him to the home of BORIS WITTE, but inasmuch as it was late at night the WITTES had apparently retired or were not at home. The Russian advised ROBERTS that there was someone living in Anchorage whom he had met in Washington, D.C. at a Rotary Club meeting but that the name of WITTE appeared unfamiliar to him. The following description of the individual was supplied by ROBERTS:

Age	36
Height	5'6"
Weight	140 - 150 lbs.

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Build  
Complexion  
Dress

Stocky to medium  
Ruddy  
White sailor's cap, Navy heavy blue  
service coat, dungaree type trousers,  
crew neck shirt with alternate red and  
white horizontal stripes.

Confidential Informant T-2 made available the following information regarding the correspondence received by BORIS and EVE WITTE through Post Office Box 2366 in Anchorage, from February 18, 1946. A moderate amount of mail was received and all appeared to be of an innocuous nature.

- To: Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - Play Center, 1819 ~~11th~~ Street, NW, Washington, D.C., postmarked Washington, D.C., 2/16/46, 6:30 P.M. The writer indicated that she saw HELEN SILVERMASTER recently at a Russian War Relief dinner and that HELEN indicated that she never hears from the WITTES. The writer stated also that she had tried to talk HAROLD ICKES out of being so hasty about quitting but had been unable to make any impression. The letter was signed only with the initials "L.K."
- To: Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - BERT VAN BUREN, 837 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, postmarked at Atlanta, 2/15/46. The writer appeared to be the mother of Mrs. WITTE and advised that "JOHN received compensation for his lectures", but requested Mrs. WITTE not to tell anybody about this matter. Apparently Mrs. WITTE's mother expects a visit from BORIS and her daughter in the near future.
- To: Mr. and Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - FRED B. O'DELL, Van Gilder Hotel, Seward, Alaska, postmarked at Seward, 2/19/46. The writer informed the WITTES of the wreck of the SS YUKON. It is noted that O'DELL was one of the soldier survivors and he was interviewed by an agent of this office concerning this wreck. At that time he advised that he was a Sea Scout and that he was enroute to his home in Virginia.
- To: Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - HELEN R. BRYAN, 58 Bank Street, New York, dated 2/17/46. The letter begins "Darling EVE" and BRYAN states that she is pleased that the WITTES are contemplating a visit to her in New York. She advised that EDDIE's appearance before the RANKIN Committee was quite different from hers. She continued by stating that there was an entirely different atmosphere. BRUCE ADAMSON, the counsel, introduced him

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to each member of the committee and he was permitted to consult with his counsel, that is, the lawyer was not allowed to go in but was just outside. He was in the room with the committee about an hour. They asked him several questions, a number of which he answered and others he did not. We felt ever so relieved because they did not cite him and we all felt very gay coming home on the train. We all went to Cafe Society for dinner. We heard that WOOD had announced at his press conference that afternoon that his committee would meet on Friday at which time he would attempt to cite EDDIE for contempt of Congress. So all day I worked for pressure so that they would not cite EDDIE. Friday they announced that the committee had not come to an agreement on the citation and that they would meet again on Tuesday. VITA is now in charge of our fund raising. She comes in each morning at 11 and works until 6 on a voluntary basis. It is perfectly wonderful having her for I just have not been able to do any fund raising in weeks. Signed, My heart full of love to you, As Always, HELEN.

- To: Mr. and Mrs. BORIS WITTE - postcard mailed from London, 2/7/46, "Finally got from Paris to London. Am going to UNO session. Should I call on Mrs. FED? Love, MARG."
- To: Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - Mrs. KNOX 837 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, postmarked 2/22/46, 1 PM, at Atlanta. Letter apparently from Mrs. WITTE's mother indicating that she is glad they are coming to visit her.
- To: Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - A. ROBERTS, Route 1, Box 22-A, Corcoran, California, postmarked 1:30 PM, 2/21/46 at Corcoran. A letter from ALTA, apparently a sister of Mrs. WITTE, describing her trip from Seattle to Corcoran.
- To: Miss EVA KNOX WITTE, 3505 Livingston Street, NW, Washington, D.C., postmarked 2/13/46, 7 PM, New York, Church Street Station. Letter was forwarded from Washington to Anchorage. Form letter from EDWARD K. BARSNY, M.D., Chairman, Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, 192 Lexington Avenue, New York. The envelope also contained a circular issued by the Spanish Refugee Appeal of New York. Copies of the material contained in this letter were obtained through a highly confidential source and are being forwarded to the office of origin.

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To: Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - 837 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 2/26/46 at Atlanta. A letter from Mrs. WITTE's mother advising that JOHN, apparently her husband, is away and that he called from Washington. He gave two lectures at his old college in Ashland and is to preach in Washington Sunday. This letter also contained an enclosure which was a letter from "JAMES", apparently a brother of Mrs. WITTE, on Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas, stationery. JAMES advised his mother that he was planning to stay here through Wednesday night and at the Texas State Hotel for five days and then five days at the San Jusinto. He advised that the company is taking care of additional hotel expenses and that there is no place to rent in Houston so we are forced to buy.

To: Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - 58 Bank Street, New York City, 3/5/46. This envelope contained two letters signed "SMITTY". HELEN BRYAN advised Mrs. WITTE that she does not think SMITTY had anything to do with the whole business about the letter. In addition, she had just heard that the WOOD-... Committee had cited the entire executive board of their committee on the grounds that the executive board had refused to give EDDIE permission to produce "the books and records". SMITTY advised HELEN in the enclosed letter that he was very glad to hear from her. In addition, he stated that it has been so long and then there was that crazy business of some-one writing a letter. I can understand that as you too had some uncomfortable moments over it. I am going to appear in the Atlantic Monthly in May.

To: Mrs. BORIS WITTE; return address - ~~BARTLETT~~ (?), 3065 Porter Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 3/6/46, 7:30 PM, at Washington. The letter was written in pencil apparently by a woman. She was glad that EVE and BORIS are returning and hope they can spend some time at the ocean together this summer. PAUL and RUTH are breaking up and PAUL is taking in an English girl named ANN who arrived in Boston in January. Signed "L.A.B."

The following are the descriptions of BORIS and EVE WITTE as supplied by Confidential Informant T-1: *1 of u*

Name	BORIS WITTE
Age	43
Height	6'1"
Weight	190 lbs.

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Hair	Grayish-white
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Face	Round

Name	EVE WITTE
Age	40
Height	5'4"
Weight	130 lbs.
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium

ENCLOSURES; TO NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION - Newspaper clipping, dated 1/13/46, form letter and circular from Spanish Refugee Appeal, and article from Washington POST, dated 2/5/46.

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ANCHORAGE FIELD DIVISION

AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Will maintain contact with informants for additional information as to the activities and correspondents of the WITTES.

Will obtain additional information regarding the unidentified Russian who was reported in the vicinity of the 9th and East B area on the night of March 3, 1946.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Washington Field Division in view of the WITTES residence there.



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Confidential Informant T-1 -

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who requested that his identity be treated confidentially

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Confidential Informant T-2 - MICHAEL SHEPPARD, Superintendent of Mails, Anchorage Post Office, whose identity is treated confidentially because of the highly confidential information obtained through him.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Details of surveillance of William Walter Remington in the usual fashion at Hanover, N. H., on 1/21/46 and the following days set forth herein. Details of surveillance of Donald Niven Wheeler and summary of readily available information concerning him and his contacts set forth herein. Arnold 9787 is listed to Paul Halagian. No record Halagian Boston Field Office indices. Lynn 3-3395 listed to Frank Frissh. Additional information regarding Lauchlin Currie set forth.

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DETAILS: WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON

At 2:20 PM on January 12, 1946 the Newark Field Division telephonically requested this field division to undertake a surveillance of WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON who is believed by the Newark Field Division to then be en route or at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. It was assumed that REMINGTON was endeavoring to secure a position at some New England Institution of learning where he could teach and also study for a

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doctor's degree in economics. (u)

AT HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents Robert Scott McLeod, James M. Ackerman and Charles T. Fletcher. (u)

WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON arrived at White River Junction, Vermont, on a train out of New York City. His train arrived at White River Junction at 4:15 and he immediately took a bus to Hanover, New Hampshire. While in Hanover, he was under constant surveillance of agents. (u)

He roomed in the Green Lantern Inn, 80 South Main Street, Hanover, and spent much of the first day wandering about the campus of Dartmouth College and observing points of interest. He manifested special interest in the art collection in the Baker Library. He was unaccompanied on this tour and his familiarity with the various sites of the college caused a check to be made of the Dartmouth Alumni Register. This source revealed that REMINGTON had graduated from Dartmouth in the class of 1939. He majored in economics and received a Phi Beta Kappa key. (u)

In the latter part of the evening of January 12, 1946 REMINGTON visited GEORGE THERIAULT at the latter's home at 20 Valley Road, Hanover. Theriault is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Dartmouth College. (u)

Confidential Informant T1 ascertained that REMINGTON had contacted Dean of Faculty at Dartmouth GORDON BILL telephonically from New York City at about 6 PM on January 11, 1946. He arranged for an appointment with DEAN BILL for Sunday morning, January 13, at 10 AM. The purpose of the appointment was to secure the Dean's advice concerning several opportunities for employment available to him, these opportunities allegedly including a Government position carrying a salary of \$7,500, and several teaching positions including one at Williams College, Williamsburg, Massachusetts. In this telephone conversation REMINGTON also announced that he was presently completing a thesis on "Russian Economy," and that he contemplated contacting several Dartmouth professors concerning this thesis while at Hanover. (u)

On Sunday morning, January 13, 1946, REMINGTON first visited Mr. RUSSELL R. LARMON of Bulch Hill Road, Hanover. Larmon is the Professor of Administration and holds the chair furnished by the Benjamin Ames Kimball Foundation at Dartmouth. During the war, Larmon took a sabbatical leave of absence in order to accept a position as director of the OPA for the State of New Hampshire. (u)

At 10 AM on the same morning, REMINGTON kept his appointment with Dean GORDON BILL at the Administration Office of Dartmouth College. Thereafter, REMINGTON visited WILLIAM PHELPS KIMBALL at 12 Buel Street, Hanover, New Hampshire. KIMBALL is the Dean of Thayer School at Dartmouth and is also Professor of Civil Engineering. (u)

Thereafter, Confidential Informant T1 contacted DEAN BILL under a suitable pretext and in a thoroughly discreet manner. From Dean BILL he ascertained that REMINGTON discussed various opportunities for employment and showed a definite inclination to accept the teaching fellowship at Williams College, Williamsburg, Massachusetts. (It is to be noted that the Boston press has reported that Williams College has more than tripled its enrollment in its effort to accommodate veterans, both as students and as teachers. Its program of expansion insofar as veterans are concerned is under the direction of its leading authority in history, Professor FREDERICK L. SCHUMAN. SCHUMAN, an author of several current works on European history, has been attacked by book reviewers in the New York Times and in Boston papers as a Soviet apologist. He is the subject of a closed Internal Security case in the Boston Field Division). (u)

REMINGTON also advised DEAN BILL that he had contacted several of the professors at Dartmouth for the purpose of getting informative data and advice about his thesis. Dean BILL considers REMINGTON to be absolutely brilliant for his age and a person who is loyal to the United States beyond question. (u)

REMINGTON had advised Dean BILL that he intended to take the 2:55 PM train from White River Junction, Vermont, on that day and that he intended to return to Washington, D. C. (u)

REMINGTON departed from Hanover by bus at 2:30 PM and thereafter boarded the 2:55 PM train. The train arrived at Springfield, Massachusetts, at 6:40 PM and without any prior indication of his action REMINGTON suddenly jumped off the train with all his belongings and ran into the station where the surveillance was lost. It was ascertained that by sprinting REMINGTON would be able to get a 6:35 PM train for Grand Central Station, New York, inasmuch as the 6:35 PM train was habitually late at Springfield. By catching this train more than two hours could be saved in the time of arrival at New York City. It was further ascertained that the constant failure of the 6:35 PM train at Springfield to maintain its schedule is well known to Dartmouth students who take advantage of this point in cutting their traveling time to New York City. This field division was subsequently advised that the subject (u)

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did take that train and did arrive in New York City. (u)

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DONALD NIVEN WHEELER

By teletype dated January 31, 1946 the Washington Field Division requested

a surveillance of DONALD NIVEN WHEELER and MARY WHEELER who left Washington at 10 AM on that day and whose arrival in Boston was anticipated at about 7 PM. The Washington Field Division advised the WHEELERS were visiting Boston upon the invitation of DICK and JACKIE GOODWIN and they had left word in case of emergency they could be reached through RICHARD and HELEN SCHLATTER.

The indices of the Boston Field Division reflect that DONALD NIVEN WHEELER, according to a Bureau letter dated April 30, 1942, was under consideration for a position in the office of the Coordinator of Information. From this source it was ascertained that DONALD N. WHEELER was then residing at 4118 Third Road, North Arlington, Virginia; that he was born on October 23, 1913 at White Bluffs, Washington. He had served in the United States Army from March 1918 to August 1919, although no explanation was given of his ability to serve in the armed forces at such a tender age. He claimed employment at Harvard University as an assistant professor from 1928 to 1942 at a salary of \$6,000 per year. He also claimed to have been employed at the University of Chicago as an associate professor under Professor H. H. Barrows from 1919 to 1928 at \$4,500 per year, and to have been employed by Denison University, Danville, Ohio, as an instructor to Professor Chamberlain from 1915 to 1916 at \$1,500 per year. The applicant claimed to have attended Beloit, College, Beloit, Wisconsin, from 1909 to 1911 and the University of Chicago from 1912 to 1917, receiving a PhD from the latter school in 1920.

It is noted that all the foregoing dates are inconsistent with the self-alleged birthdate of October 23, 1913.

For references WHEELER gave the following: Mrs. R. C. Barnard, 223 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; PHILIP S. BROWN, economist, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, Washington, D. C.; G. B. NOBLE, Professor, Reed College, Portland, Oregon; V. L. Shittick, professor, Reed College, Portland, Oregon and BLAIR STEWART, professor, Reed College, Portland, Oregon.

Special Agent J. E. Baumert ascertained from the secretary of the Harvard Club, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1942, that DONALD N. WHEELER had never been employed at the University as an assistant or an associate professor. Moreover, the secretary, J. W. Greene advised that it would have been impossible for WHEELER to have been employed by Harvard without some record being available at the University and there was no record of Wheeler either as a student or as a teacher.

The records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, 52 Chauncy Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Board of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse were also checked by Special Agent Baumert with reference to WHEELER with negative results.

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In accordance with Bureau teletype instructions dated May 16, 1942 the employee investigation of WHEELER was discontinued.

On January 31, 1946 the WHEELERS arrived at the South Station, Boston, on the second section of the train from Washington, D. C. They arrived in Boston at 7:15 PM and were met by an individual subsequently determined to be ROBERT M. GOODWIN. They proceeded via the Boston Elevated System to Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from which point they walked leisurely to 7 Revere Street, Goodwin's home, where they spent the evening. They slept that evening at Mrs. Horton's Rooming House which is at the end of Revere Street, which is a dead-end street, and next to 7 Revere Street.

The surveillance this evening was conducted by Special Agent McGee and the writer.

At 10:10 AM on February 1, 1946 the WHEELERS were observed by Special Agents DESMOND and BRASSARD to enter 7 Revere Street.

At 12:40 PM the Goodwins and the Wheelers left 7 Revere Street and were observed by Special Agents Desmond and Brassard to enter a large multiple section apartment house from the rear. It is to be noted that Revere Street is a short alley running from Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, toward but not quite into Memorial Drive, Cambridge. Memorial Drive bounds the Charles River and both it and Mount Auburn Street are main thoroughfares. There are four dilapidated houses on Revere Street which were unoccupied before the wartime housing shortage. Horton's Rooming House is at the end of Revere Street but there is an alleyway suitable for foot traffic between Horton's and #7 which leads into Gerry Street. Gerry Street is also a dead-end alley similar in type to Revere Street, opening onto Mount Auburn Street. It is closed and is bounded by the multiple section apartment house referred to above, which has fifteen entrances. It was not possible to follow the Wheelers into the apartment house. Therefore, the surveillance was momentarily discontinued. Fruitless efforts were made by the surveilling agents to cover the fifteen entrances to the Memorial Drive apartment house with negative results.

At 5:30 PM on February 1, 1946 the Goodwins and the Wheelers were observed by Special Agent FRANCIS MCGEE and the writer to return to 7 Revere Street. They remained there until 11:30 PM when the WHEELERS returned to their room at Horton's Rooming House.

Special Agent MCGEE and the writer observed DONALD NIVEN WHEELER leaving

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Horton's Rooming House at 9:20 A<sup>m</sup> on February 2, 1946. He obtained a paper and returned to 7 Revere Street where with his wife he joined the Goodwins at their home.

At 10:15 AM DONALD NIVEN WHEELER unaccompanied shopped in Harvard Square, Cambridge. He visited a Tweed Shop, Woolworth's and a Kresge's store. He was observed to purchase a small tablet of notebook paper. He returned to 7 Revere Steeet at 11 AM.

At 1 PM on February 2, 1946 the Goodwins and Wheelers went on an extensive shopping tour of Harvard Square. They made a number of purchases, principally of foodstuffs and returned to the Goodwin residence at 2:55 PM.

At 6:30 PM on February 2, 1946 the Wheelers and the Goodwins walked to 907 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. The surveillance at this point was being conducted by Special Agents JOHN DESMOND and PAUL BRASSARD. 907 Memorial Drive was determined to be the home of RICHARD B. and SUZANNE HELEN SCHLATTER. Surveilling agents noted a number of persons were visiting 907 Memorial Drive on that evening. 907 Memorial Drive is one quarter of a long two-story frame building divided into four apartments, each with a separate entrance. The building is approximately eighty years old and features windows which run from the floor to the ceiling. After the GOODWINS and WHEELERS entered, the shades were drawn so that the windows were completely covered. This was the only apartment in the building where such an action was taken on the evening in question.

Surveilling agents observed the following cars parked in front of this house and observed the occupants of some of them enter the Schlatter home. The license numbers taken will be referred to below together with available information concerning the registered owners.

On February 3, 1946 WHEELER and his wife left Horton's Rooming House at 10:30 AM and after obtaining a newspaper returned to the Goodwin home. Shortly thereafter the Goodwins and the Wheelers left 7 Revere Street and inasmuch as they gave indications of being "tail conscious," the surveillance was discontinued by Special Agents Brassard and Desmond. The two couples were observed by these agents to return to 7 Revere Street at 2:15 PM and to again leave 7 Revere Street at 3:20 PM under similar circumstances.

Special Agent McGee and the writer located the WHEELERS and GOODWINS at 907 Memorial Drive, the Schlatter home, at 6 PM on February 3, 1946. There were a number of people then present at the Schlatter home and at 7:10 PM the entire group was seen to proceed from 907 Memorial Drive to the Goodwin home at 7 Revere Street. A gathering of an undetermined nature ensued and



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lasted until 10:30 PM. At that time all persons departed and the numbers of license plates were observed and will be referred to below. The WHEELERS remained at the GOODWIN home until 12:30 AM, February 4, 1946, at which time they returned to the Horton's Rooming House.

At 10:15 AM on February 4, 1946 Special Agents McGee and the writer observed the WHEELERS leave the Horton's Rooming House and proceed to the Boston Elevated Station at Harvard Square. They were accompanied to Harvard Square by the Goodwins. The Wheelers proceeded to the station and boarded the 11 Am train for New York City, Grand Central Station. The New York Field Division was so advised by teletype on the same date.

For the completion of the Boston file the following description of the Wheelers is being set forth below:

Name	DONALD NIVEN WHEELER
Age	32, born 10/23/13
Place of Birth	White Bluffs, Washington
Sex	Male
Color	White
Height	5'10"
Weight	140#
Eyes	Light blue
Glasses	Wears rimless glasses
Hair	Light brown
Dress	Usually wears up-rimmed hat which may be described as a Homburg
Peculiarities	Swings shoulders from side to side as he walks and gives appearance of one whose clothes are slightly too large

Name	Mrs. MARY WHEELER
Age	Approximately 31
Height	Approximately 5'1"
Weight	Approximately 109#
Hair	Dark
Features	Plain

Mrs. WHEELER dresses in exceedingly simple fashion and on her visit to Boston was dressed entirely in black.

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There is being set forth below under suitable headings information available in the Boston Field Division concerning persons contacted by WHEELER during his visit reflected above.

RICHARD MURPHEY ~~GOODWIN~~  
JACQUELINE (JACKIE) ~~GOODWIN~~

The Harvard University Directory for 1945-1946 reflects that RICHARD MURPHEY GOODWIN is an instructor and tutor in economics at Harvard. His University address is the Lowell Building M-11, Harvard. His residence address is 7 Revere Street, Cambridge, and his residence telephone is Eliot 2981. The Goodwins have two children, a boy approximately seven, and a girl approximately four.

In December, 1942 agents of this office executed a Presidential Warrant of Search and Apprehension for Shigeto Tsura, a Japanese alien, who had been teaching fellow at Harvard University. Among his personal effects was found a considerable amount of material pertaining to "Science and Society - a Marxist Publication." Tsura appeared to have been one of the editors of this organ, described by [REDACTED] as Communist propaganda. GOODWIN was listed as one of the editors of "Science and Society" by Tsura. b2  
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There is information available locally that the Commonwealth College in Arkansas was closed by State authorities in 1940 because of its allegedly having taught subversive doctrines. Widespread publicity was given to the fact that the college had imbedded in its foyer the emblem of the Communists, the hammer and the sickle. GOODWIN was listed in that institution's records as a contributor of funds to the institution. Also in the effects of Shigeto Tsura was found a copy of the November 1933 issue of "The Harvard Critic." One of the editors of the "Critic" was RICHARD MURPHEY GOODWIN. The "Critic" was published four times per year and as indicated in its title was extremely critical of the president and trustees of Harvard University. It offered a book review and recommended for reading at that time a book entitled "The Coming Struggle for Power" by JOHN STRACHEY. This book and its author have both been described as Communist inspired in the Boston public press. The magazine also contains an article entitled "Propaganda in Art" in which the thesis is offered that there exists in the world today (1933) but two fundamentally opposing systems of life - capitalism and communism. It rests upon the student to choose one or the other. One sentence of the article was descriptive of the whole wherein it is stated that capitalism "is in the last stages of collapse and

Communism or the emancipation of labor is in the ascendency."

A highly confidential source having access to the records of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in August, 1945 advised that Mrs. RICHARD GOODWIN had attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in Boston in December, 1944 and again in January, 1945.

RICHARD B. SCHLATTER  
SUZANNE HELEN SCHLATTER

The 1945-1946 Harvard Directory reflects that Schlatter is an instructor at Harvard University and resides at 907 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. His residence telephone number is Trowbridge 1663.

Information in the files of the Boston Field Division reflects that SCHLATTER was associated with GOODWIN as an editor of the "Harvard Critic" and also of "Science and Society." SCHLATTER was also a financial contributor to the Commonwealth College in whose records it is noted he was a Rhodes scholar.

In 1942 there was established in the greater Boston area the American Defense Committee under the leadership of Dean Ralph Barton Perry of the Harvard Divinity School. It is to be noted that while PERRY has been affiliated with a large number of Communist front organizations there is no reliable source indicating that he is a member of the Communist Party.

As indicated in the details above concerning WHEELER a number of license plates were noted on two different occasions by surveilling agents. There is being set forth below under a heading pertaining to each plate pertinent data readily available.

OHIO DS 49

From C. Ervin Nofer, Chief of the Records Division of the Motor Vehicles Department, Columbus, Ohio, it was ascertained that this plate was issued to D. D. SCHLATTER, 310 North Union Street, Fostoria, Ohio. The plate was issued for a 1941 Packard Clipper sedan. This car was observed in front of the Richard Schlatter home on February 2, 1946 and again in front of the Goodwin home on February 3, 1946, on both occasions WHEELERS being present with other people.

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There is no record of D. D. SCHLATTER in the indices of the Boston Field Division and it is noted that he might be related to RICHARD SCHLATTER.

MASSACHUSETTS #151-077

This car was observed at 907 Memorial Drive on February 2 and 7 Revere Street on February 3 under the circumstances noted above.

At the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, 100 Nashua Street, Boston, Massachusetts, it was ascertained that 1946 plate 151-077 was issued to cover a 1939 Ford two-door sedan registered to HERTA M. EPSTEIN, 910 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. HERTA M. EPSTEIN had United States Enemy Registration 3755010 in the files of the Boston Field Division. She registered as an enemy alien on February 27, 1942 at which time her address was 910 Memorial Drive. HERTA EPSTEIN was born in Strossbourg, Alsace, in 1894 and her nationality was given as German. She arrived in Boston as a German-Jewish refugee on October 15, 1937 and took out first papers for citizenship on October 18, 1937. She has since been employed by the New England Division of the American Committee for Christian Refugees at 3 Church Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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A number of travel permits were obtained for her during the war in order that she might take refugee children to Concord, New Hampshire; Groton, Massachusetts; Marlboro, New Hampshire; and Northampton, Massachusetts. Her reference on each occasion was the Reverend ALBERT C. DIEFFENBACH. It is to be noted DIEFFENBACH, according to [redacted] and printed flyers maintained in the files of the Boston Field Division, has been affiliated with a number of Communist infiltrated groups. Particularly, he has been a sponsor of the Council of American-Soviet Friendship and a trustee of the Samuel Adams School. b2 b7D

A biography of Dieffenbach obtainable at the Kirstein Library in Boston reflects that he is the son of a person of the same name who assisted Karl Marx in staging a revolution in Germany.

The Boston Field Division has no information reflecting that DIEFFENBACH is a member of the Communist Party.

HERTA EPSTEIN was used as a reference by a number of Jewish German refugees who attempted to obtain travel permits during the course of the war. According to these sources she was, in 1941, the Executive Secretary of the

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Committee for Jewish Refugess located at 5 Beacon Street, Boston. It is to be noted that this group collaborated with the Unitarian Service Committee which operated underground houses in Spain and Portugal for the transmission of Jewish refugees from German occupied Europe to the United States. This same group received funds from and transmitted funds for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, according to information available locally through confidential sources.


MASSACHUSETTS #57-771

The vehicle bearing this plate was observed in front of 907 Memorial Drive February 2, 1946 under the circumstances described above.

At the Registry of Motor Vehicles it was ascertained that this vehicle is registered to ANNETTE B. SULLIVAN, 21 Lafayette Circle, Wellesley, and the automobile is a 1941 Dodge sedan.

A highly confidential source made available to Special Agent L. G. Healey in August 1941 the records of the North American Spanish Aid Committee, a Communist inspired organization. These records reflected that ANNETTE B. SULLIVAN was a member of the committee.

Confidential Informant T3 advised that ANNETTE SULLIVAN is the wife of DONAL M. SULLIVAN. She is of Jewish ancestry and her husband is of Northern Irish ancestry. T3 noted that DONAL M. SULLIVAN while a student at Harvard in the early 1930's was correspondent of the Boston Globe. Following his graduation he continued his affiliation with the Globe and was subsequently responsible for the formation of the Boston Newspaper Guild, CIG



T3 advised that in 1940 a series of meetings were held at 12 Wright Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the home of George F. Burrows. These meetings were directed, according to the informant who attended one of them, as occasions for the distribution of propaganda concerning Civil Liberties and other matters and for the exhibition of Russian films. Among those alleged by the informant to have attended the meetings at various times were the following individuals: DAVID NILES with alias David Neyhus, until recently Administrative Assistant at the White House; EARL WINSLOW

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(not otherwise identified but reported to hold a \$6,000 a year position in Washington, D. C., in government service.); OTIS A. HOOD (State chairman of the Communist Party in Massachusetts); ELLA FRANKFURTER (sister of Felix Frankfurter); former Congressman THOMAS ELIOT (whom the informant recalls was endorsed by the Daily Worker because with Congressman Geyer he introduced the first anti-poll tax bill); and DONAL SULLIVAN with his wife ANNETTE.

MASSACHUSETTS LICENSE 587-279

The vehicle bearing this number was observed among those present at 7 Revere Street on February 3, 1946 under the circumstances set forth above.

At the Registry of Motor Vehicles, 100 Nashua Street, Boston, it was ascertained this plate was issued to cover a 1940 Ford two-door sedan. The registration was issued to A. LINCOLN GORDON, 68 Snake Hill Road, Belmont, Massachusetts.

The "Advocate," a Jewish weekly newspaper published in Boston in a 1943 issue carried a news story reflecting Mrs. A. LINCOLN GORDON was a patroness of the American Jewish Congress.

The following plates issued to the following persons were also observed on the evenings in question but cannot be definitely established as having any direct contact with the WHEELERS. The information is, therefore, being set forth for potential reference purposes.

Massachusetts #21-658 issued to Robert J. Douglas, Jr., 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, who was observed parked in the vicinity of 907 Memorial Drive on February 2, 1946.

Massachusetts plate #89-410 issued to CHARLOTTE O. COUES, 908 Memorial Drive, Cambridge.

West Virginia plate #194520 issued to J. Frank Heflin, 900 Memorial Drive, Cambridge.

The indices of the Boston Field Division contain no references to any of the persons mentioned immediately above.

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ARNOLD 9787

By teletype dated February 26, 1946 the Washington Field Division requested the Boston office to identify the subscriber to Boston telephone "Arnold 9787."

It was ascertained that this number is listed for a pay station at 3115 Washington Street, Boston. The person responsible for the phone is PAUL HALAGIAN. There is no record of PAUL HALAGIAN in the Boston Field Division indices or in the Merchants Credit Bureau, 52 Chauncy Street.

The Polk City Directory and the Telephone Directory were checked for this name and address with negative results.

The Merchants Credit Bureau does have a record of a PAUL G. HALAJIAN. In September, 1945 HALAJIAN was fifty-five years old and resided with a son at 2 Victor Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts. He owns his own home at this address and conducts a small dry goods store at 710 Dudley Street, Boston. None of these addresses is in proximity to 3115 Washington Street.

LYNN 3-3395

By teletype dated February 26 the Washington Field Division requested the identity of the subscriber to Lynn 3-3395 be ascertained.

Through the listing service maintained by the telephone company it was ascertained this telephone was listed to FRANK FRISCH, 8 Chase Street, Lynn, Massachusetts.

There are no references to this name in the indices of the Boston Field Division.

The Merchants Credit Bureau at Boston advised that one FRANK FRISCH of Lynn is the president of the Manchester Waste Corporation, 36-38 Harbor Street, Lynn, Massachusetts. The treasurer of the company is MAX FRISCH and the clerk of the corporation is SADIE FRISCH. It is noted that a reference is made to a FRISCH family on page nine of the writer's reference report.

THELMA FRISCHE

By teletype dated January 9, 1946 the Washington Field Division requested

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the Boston Field Division to ascertain whether THELMA FRISCHE of Lynn, Massachusetts, who had recently married a soldier named HAROLD, was engaged in any Communist activities.

The indices of the Boston Field Division were checked with reference to THELMA FRISCHE with negative results.

LAUGHLIN CURRIE

The following information concerning LAUGHLIN CURRIE appeared in the Boston Globe of February 9, 1946.

"HARVARD'S CURRIE GOT YALE MAN OUT OF JAIL IN CHINA"

"Chungking, China, Feb. 8 (CDN) with new free speech laws protecting him from being returned to concentration camp, China's foremost expert on government craft, Yale educated economics professor Ma Yin-Chu today announced his unique plan to torture his former jailers.

"Kuomintang special police guards who once held him political prisoner near Manchurian young Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, in Kweichow, tremble to hear what Dr. Ma has in mind. Dr. Ma plans to settle an old score with the secret police by giving them life sentences at hard study--principally in economics.

"Torturing his wardens is nothing new to this bumptious Eli whose athletic tastes and behavior belong definitely to the turtle-neck sweater and beer-stein period. When given solitary confinement in 1939, under rough conditions, for criticizing the government, the roly-poly professor insisted on cold baths every morning. Watching the 60-year-old savant romping in the icy douches, the political police broke into shudders. Their confidence in their own methods was undermined.

"Dr. Ma is an expert on squeeze, which is Chinese for graft. He plans to educate his ex-guards by taxing the industrialists, who have built fortunes on alleged squeeze. Ma, who is Yale 1910, says the first taxee should be T. V. Soong, Harvard 1915, and second, H. H. Kung, Yale, 1909.



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"The fact that I am free today I owe to Roosevelt's economist, Lauchlin Currie," said Ma.

"I was released through Currie asking the Generalissimo about me. I understand Currie is Harvard."

(Currie studied at Harvard in 1926 and 1927 and later taught money and banking there.)"

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS

Will conduct further investigation to determine the married name and other identifying data of THELMA FRISCHE, 62 Rogers Avenue, Lynn.

Will endeavor to ascertain the extent if any of THELMA FRISCHE's Communist activities.

Will identify an individual known as "SULLY" who reportedly resides at 44 Summerton Street, Lynn. Will ascertain the extent, if any, of his Communist activities.

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Will obtain background information concerning Judge JACOB J. KAPLAN, 220 Devonshire Street, Boston, who corresponded with Allan Rosenberg on December 11, 1945.

It is noted that no leads have been set forth for the New York or other field divisions to check names and addresses contained herein outside the Boston Field Division territory. This matter is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS**

Confidential Informant T1 - Chief of Police ANDREW FERGUSON of Hanover,  
New Hampshire

Confidential Informant T2 - [REDACTED] the Green  
Lantern Inn, Hanover, New Hampshire

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Confidential Informant T3 - Detective Sergeant PATRICK M. RIEDY of the  
Cambridge, Massachusetts, Police Department

The information set forth under this symbol was first reported to the  
Bureau in reports emanating from Boston, Massachusetts, in the case  
entitled "LEO GORIANSKY with aliases" and prepared by Special Agent R.  
Bert Carter in 1942 and 1943.

Confidential Informant T4 - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], who provided the information set  
forth under his symbol to the writer in the  
course of inquiries on other matters.

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