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Honorable George E. Allen
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Dear George: **CONFIDENTIAL**

I thought the President and you would be interested in the following information concerning the activities of Charles Kramer.

Charles Kramer, who at the present time is on loan from the Office of Price Administration to Senator Claude Pepper's Wartime Health and Education Subcommittee, has been identified by an unusually reliable source as a known Soviet espionage agent operating within the United States Government offices in Washington. You may further recall that on March 20, 1946, Senator Claude Pepper delivered before the United States Senate a formal speech contained in the Congressional Record dated March 20, 1946, in which he strongly criticized the United States Foreign Policy for the Soviet Union and advocated the destruction of all United States facilities capable of producing the destructive forms of atomic energy. In addition, in this speech Senator Pepper advocated that the United Nations Security Council be afforded the right of examination of all United States facilities of research in the atomic energy field.

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With further reference to the activities of Charles Kramer, who is presently in California assisting Congressman Philip Patterson in his Congressional campaign, this Bureau has determined that on May 1, 1946, prior to Kramer's departure, he surreptitiously disposed of various Communistic material in a refuge camp near an isolated bus stop in the vicinity of his residence in Arlington, Virginia. Examples of the material deposited were copies of "New

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Masses," "The Communist," "Moscow," "Cairo and Teheran" by Earl Browder, "The Sixteen Soviet Republics," "Molotov's Report to the Soviets," "A Talk about the Communist Party" by Earl Browder, "Stages in the History of the Communist Party" published by Workers Library Publishers, New York City, "Policy for Victory" and "Production for Victory" by Earl Browder, the May, 1945 and March, 1946 copies of "Political Affairs" by Earl Browder, and a copy of "Soviet Russia Today."

With assurances of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SAC, New York

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: April 16, 1946

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT:

Pursuant to your instructions there have been prepared blind memoranda on the following subjects: John Grierson, Alger Hiss, Nicolai V. Novikov, and Byron S. Miller and James Newman. These memoranda are attached. There is also attached a memorandum entitled "Win the Peace Conference, April 5-7, 1946."

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April 16, 1946

ALGER HISS

Alger Hiss has been connected with the State Department since 1936. On November 16, 1944, he was made Deputy Director in the Office of Special Political Affairs, and in 1945 he was Secretary General to the United Nations Conference on International Organization held at San Francisco, California. He is at present serving with the State Department on United Nations matters.

Prior to his employment with the State Department he was from 1929 to 1932 Secretary to Justice Holmes of the U. S. Supreme Court. Later he was connected with law firms in New York City and on May 12, 1933, he was made Principal Attorney in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture. In 1935 he was employed as a Special Attorney by the Department of Justice.

He is a subject in the Gregory case and was reported to have been one of the principal contacts of a group of subagents in an unknown espionage underground parallel operating in the government in Washington, D. C.

According to Dies Committee records, Alger Hiss was reported to be a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, an alleged Communist front organization. His wife, Priscilla, is also reported to be a member of the same organization.

According to information made available by a former member of the Communist Party, Alger Hiss was associated with the Communist Party as late as 1937 as a member of the underground and was quite active with a group in Baltimore, Maryland. He is reported by another source to have been active in the underground Communist Party movement in Washington, D. C., as late as 1945.

The former Party member stated that there was no reason to believe that Alger Hiss had ever broken with the Communist Party. On one occasion the informant made a special trip to the home of Alger Hiss in Washington with the intention of talking to him in an effort to persuade Hiss to leave the Communist Party. After exhaustive efforts and an all night session with Hiss, the informant said that Hiss, with tears in his eyes, refused to break with the Communist Party and gave as his reasons his loyalty to his friends and his principles. The informant said that in his opinion one of the strongest reasons for Hiss' maintaining contact with the Communist Party was the fanatic loyalty to the Party on the part of his wife.

Alger Hiss recently attended the United Nations Conference in London and shortly after his return to the United States in February, 1946, at his own request, Hiss was interviewed by a Bureau representative at which time he failed to furnish any additional information concerning himself and his past activities.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY ESPIONAGE R
(James R. Newman; Herbert S. Marks; Howard C. Peterson)

DATE: May 21, 1946

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- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahn
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to your recent inquiry concerning the progress the Bureau is making in the investigation of Peterson, et al.

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On March 27, 1946, the Washington and New York Field Offices instructed to continue investigations concerning the activities of Herbert Marks. It is noted that the information furnished in a recent investigation.

HERBERT SIMON MARKS

Marks is presently the Legal Assistant to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of State, Room 281, State Department, telephone Extension 2161.

Investigation reveals from 1941 to 1945 he was employed as Assistant General Council, War Production Board. It is interesting to note that from 1942 to 1943 James Newman was also employed by the War Production Board as a liaison man with the War Department. It therefore appears that Newman and Marks have had an opportunity to become acquainted with one another through their association at the War Production Board. Investigation further reveals that Marks has been in telephonic communication on two occasions with Dr. Julius Robert Oppenheimer, namely on December 26, 1945, and May 16, 1946. Oppenheimer is presently employed on the National Committee of Atomic Information. Investigation reveals that Oppenheimer has been in contact with high Communist Party functionaries on the west Coast while he was connected with the Radiation Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley, California.

JAMES R. NEWMAN

Newman is presently Program Analyst, Office of War Mobilization, at a salary of \$9,000 per annum.

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Investigation reflects that Newman was formerly engaged in the practice of law in New York City and in 1940 and 1941 he employed Michael Endelman, a prominent Communist Party member in New York City.

A physical surveillance of Newman reflects that he has been seen in Washington in contact with Dr. Edward U. Condon of the Bureau of Standards, who is a known contact of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. He has also been seen in the

company of Senator Erien McMahon who heads the Committee on Atomic Energy. Another of his contacts, according to a physical surveillance, is Harold W. Stein of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, who is a known contact of Alger Hiss as reflected by investigation in the Gregory Case. Continued surveillances are being conducted on both Marks and Newman by the Washington Field Office.

No investigation is being conducted of Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Petersen; however, all information concerning him has been furnished to Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg of G-2 and to Colonel L. R. Forney for their personal and confidential information. Both of these have assured the Bureau that should any information come to their attention concerning Petersen, it would immediately be brought to the Bureau's attention.

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The above data are for your information. Investigation of the above allegation is for the present being centered around the activities of Newman and Marks [redacted]. This investigation is being made as a part of the Gregory Case since it was alleged that the information Newman desires to pass on to his Russian principals is made available to either Nathan Gregory Silvermaster or Dr. Edward Condon, who are known contacts in the Gregory investigation. The field has been instructed to press this angle of the Gregory Case and should further substantiating information be developed, the investigation will be expanded.

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Honorable George E. Allen
Director
Reconstruction Finance Corporation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear George:

I thought the President and you would be interested in the following information with respect to certain high Government officials operating an alleged espionage network in Washington, D. C., on behalf of the Soviet Government.

Information has been furnished to this Bureau through a source believed to be reliable that there is an enormous Soviet espionage ring in Washington operating with the view of obtaining all information possible with reference to atomic energy, its specific use as an instrument of war, and the commercial aspects of the energy in peacetime, and that a number of high Government officials whose identities will be set out hereinafter are involved. It has been alleged that the following departments and agencies of the United States Government handle the problem and current development of atomic energy and among these departments and agencies, the United States secret of atomic energy is held in trust. The names of the individuals in each department or agency who control such matters have been furnished as follows:

State Department - Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson
Assistant to the Under Secretary of State Herbert Marks
Former Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy

War Department - Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Peterson.

Commerce Department - Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace

Bureau of the Budget - Paul H. Appleby
George Schwartzwalder

Bureau of Standards - Dr. Edward U. Condon

United Nations Organisation - Alger Hiss
Abe Feller

Paul Appleby (who is being considered for transfer from the Bureau of the Budget to the United Nations Organisation)

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Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion - James R. Newman

Advisers to the Congressional Committee
on Atomic Energy - James R. Newman
Dr. Edward U. Condon

The individual who furnished this information has reported that all of the above individuals mentioned are noted for their pro-Soviet leanings, mentioning specifically Alger Hiss of the United Nations Organization, Paul Appleby and George Schwartzwalder of the Bureau of the Budget, Dr. Condon of the Bureau of Standards, and John J. McCloy of the State Department.

The informant has stated that the McMahon Committee headed by Senator Brien McMahon of Connecticut is charged with formulating the policy concerning atomic energy and serving as advisors to the Committee are Dr. Condon of the Bureau of Standards, who, the informant states, is nothing more or less than an espionage agent in disguise, and James R. Newman, an employee of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion who is known to the informant to be a personal friend of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, who, you may recall, is one of the principal individuals known to have operated as an agent of the Soviet Government in U. S. Government offices for a considerable time until December, 1944. It is known that Silvermaster obtained information through his associates in a Russian espionage network and such information was turned over to the Soviet Government. The informant has indicated that Newman is also a friend of the news commentator Raymond Gram Swing and columnist Marquis Childs. Newman is also reported to be the so-called ringleader of this particular Soviet espionage network and through his employment with the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, he had access to material flowing from the White House. The informant stated that through Dr. Edward Condon at the Bureau of Standards, Newman has access to technical data concerning atomic energy. The informant further stated that Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace knows of the background of Dr. Condon but condones his further employment in this highly strategic and important position.

James Newman allegedly obtains from the War Department through the cooperation of Assistant Secretary of War Peterson highly technical information on the atomic bomb itself and all matters relating generally to atomic energy. According to the informant, Newman has a direct line to Assistant Secretary Peterson's office.

With reference to the State Department, it was reported that Newman is in personal and daily contact with Dean Acheson, Herbert Marks, and on some occasions with John J. McCloy, and therefore, any knowledge of atomic energy and international relations with reference to it are immediately known to him.

Honorable George E. Allen

In so far as the international picture is concerned with respect to atomic energy, it was reported that Newman is in a position to obtain this information from Alger Hiss of the State Department who holds the position of advisor to Mr. Stettinius, the American Representative to the United Nations Organization.

Concerning the Bureau of the Budget, the informant reported that Paul Appleby and sometimes George Schwartzwalder pass upon the recommendations of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion which are made to the President concerning the necessary appropriations to carry on experimental operations concerning atomic energy and particularly its relative position to that of a large Army and Navy. It was pointed out that in almost all cases the final decision at the Bureau of the Budget on such matters is passed upon by Paul Appleby.

The informant has drawn the conclusion that the entire setup of the McMahon Committee to investigate and recommend legislation on atomic energy and its use is a scheme to make available information concerning the atomic bomb and atomic energy, and that it all amounts to Soviet espionage in this country directed toward the obtaining for the Soviet Union the knowledge possessed by the United States concerning atomic energy and specifically the atomic bomb.

The informant stated that technical and exacting information which Newman desires to pass on to Russian principals is made available to Mr. Silvermaster, or, in those matters of a highly technical nature, Dr. Edward Condon of the Bureau of Standards contacts Silvermaster directly. The news commentator Raymond Gram Swing, according to the informant, is utilized for subtle propaganda with reference to agitation for release of atomic energy to the Allied Powers and that the same use is made of Marquis Childs, a feature Washington newspaper writer.

The informant is of the opinion that the entire setup has a use other than that of espionage for the Soviet Government, namely, the promotion of pro-Soviet propaganda, which, when reduced to its simplest form, advances the argument "why keep a large Army and Navy when the use of atomic energy eliminates the necessity for such a large force." In Government circles and among those handling the question of atomic energy, the unanimous argument of all and especially of those mentioned above is in agreement that a large Army and Navy are not necessary to the United States as the United States has exclusive knowledge and the "know how" of the atomic bomb.

It is known to this Bureau that Dr. Condon is a personal friend of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, and although Silvermaster is presently under investigation by this Bureau, no information has been developed to substantiate

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the fact that Condon has turned over any information of a confidential nature to Silvermaster. It has also been made known to this Bureau through various sources in the past that the political views of Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Peterson, and Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace have been pro-Russian in nature, and therefore, it is not beyond the realm of conjecture that they would fit into a scheme as set out above. Alger Hiss of the United Nations Organization has been reported to this Bureau as a former member of the Communist underground organization operating within the Government in Washington, D. C.

Since James E. Newman has been described as the ringleader of this alleged espionage network and, further, since Herbert S. Marks is in close touch with information dealing with relations between the United States and Russia at the State Department in the office of Dean Acheson, investigations are being conducted by this Bureau concerning the activities of these two individuals. You may be assured that you will be kept advised of all developments in connection with the above allegations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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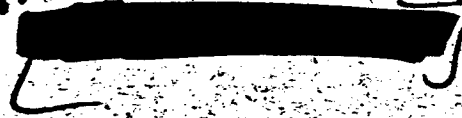
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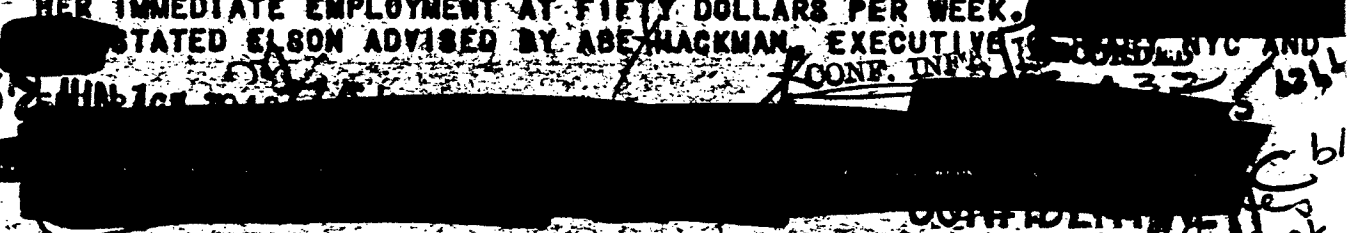


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GREGORY. ESPIONAGE R. REFER FIVE IS. ~~CI~~ GREGORY ARRIVED NYC TODAY EN ROUTE FROM CANADA VIA COLONIAL AIRLINES. TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT SHE HAD MET MURRAY SOLKIN OF HIAS AND SUBSEQUENTLY SPENT THREE DAYS IN THE LAURENTIAN MOUNTAINS. SHE INDICATED THAT SHE DID NOT EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTY ENTERING OR LEAVING CANADA AND HER TRIP CONSISTED OF HER BUSINESS WITH SOLKIN AND A SHORT VACATION IN THE LAURENTIAN MOUNTAINS. SHE WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TODAY BUT WILL BE INTERVIEWED TOMORROW, AT WHICH TIME FULL DETAILS CONCERNING HER TRIP WILL BE OBTAINED. IN TODAY'S EDITION OF NEW YORK DAILY NEWS AN ARTICLE BY PATRICIA CHAIRE AND CHARLES MC HARRY ENTITLED QUOTE PARCELS FOR RUSSIA COST YOU PLENTY UNQUOTE APPEARED. THIS ARTICLE CONCERNS ITSELF WITH THE HIGH COST OF SENDING USED CLOTHING TO RUSSIA AND MENTIONED WORLD TOURISTS, INC., ELEVEN TWENTYTHREE BROADWAY, AS A FIRM IN THE US THAT HAD RUSSIA'S PERMISSION TO COLLECT ALL DUTIES ON SHIPMENTS HEADED FOR THE SOVIETS. THIS ARTICLE IS BEING FORWARDED THE BUREAU UNDER SEPARATE COVER. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MAY TWENTYEIGHT ASCERTAINED THAT MATERIALS IN ROOM OF SILVERMASTER, NEW YORKER HOTEL FOR MOST PART CONSISTED OF MEMOS, APPLICATIONS, AND WRITINGS RELATING TO WAR ASSET ADMINISTRATION. IT ALSO CONTAINED SEVERAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES WHICH ARE BEING CHECKED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MAY THIRTYONE MADE AVAILABLE SEVERAL PICTURES FROM APARTMENT OF OLGA PRAVDIN. THESE PICTURES WILL BE SHOWN TO CI GREGORY FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION. PRAVDIN LEFT US MARCH ELEVEN FORTYSIX. HOWEVER, APARTMENT AT 125 RIVERSIDE DRIVE PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY HER MAID, CATHERINE DUFFY, RENT BEING PAID BY THE TASS NEWS AGENCY. RAY ELSON HAS ACCEPTED EMPLOYMENT AS A STENOGRAPHER WITH SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS COMPANY NYC WORKING TWENTY HOURS PER WEEK AT SALARY OF THIRTY DOLLARS. ON MAY TWENTY ELSON INTERVIEWED AT PERSONNEL OFFICE AND MISS [REDACTED] DEFERRED HER IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT AT FIFTY DOLLARS PER WEEK.

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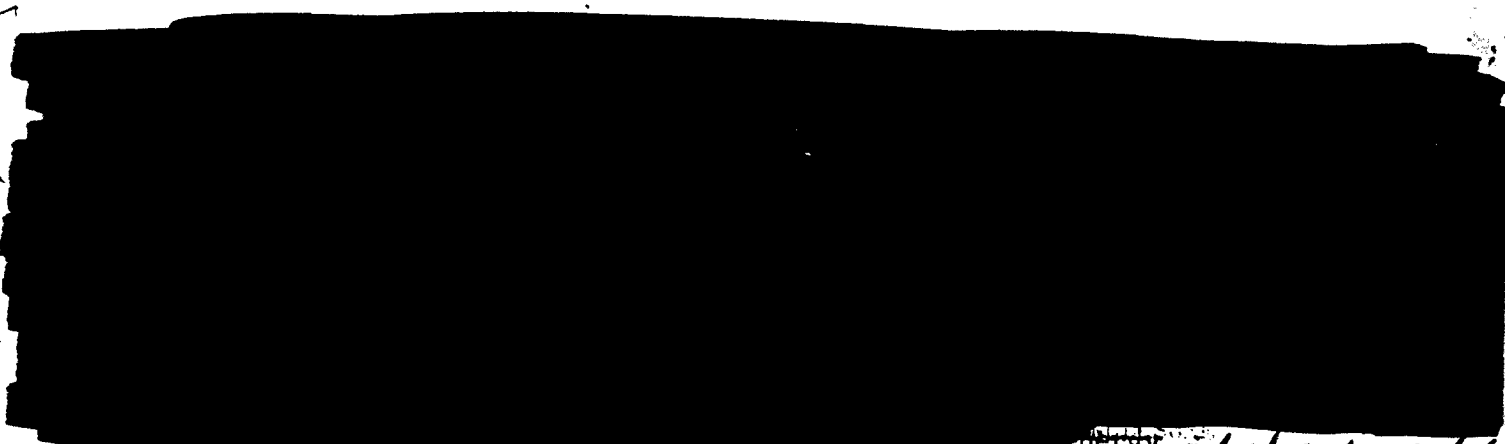
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Re: JAMES R. NEWMAN - SUBJECT
BYRON S. MILLER

Set out below is a summary of available information regarding James R. Newman and Byron S. Miller, both presently employed by the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

JAMES R. NEWMAN

James R. Newman is presently employed as Program Analyst, Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, Grade P-8, \$9,000 per annum. He was born in New York on August 3, 1907, and his father was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1880, becoming a naturalized American citizen in 1906. Newman, from December, 1941 to June, 1942, was employed by the War Department as Assistant Chief of Tax Amortization; from June, 1942 to April, 1943 he was employed by the War Production Board as Head Program Planner; from April, 1943 to August, 1944 he was employed as Head Intelligence Officer in Washington and London, England with the Foreign Economic Administration; and from May 17, 1945 to date he has been employed by the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. During 1937 and 1938 one James Newman, a graduate of Wesleyan University, possibly identical with James R. Newman, is known to have been active in the American Student Union, an organization which was subject to considerable Communist infiltration. In June, 1937, this James Newman was Cooperative Secretary of this organization. On September 19, 1941, Carl Sacner, who was born October 24, 1864, in Czechoslovakia filed application for visas for himself and his immediate family. One of the sponsors listed by him was James R. Newman, age 34, Attorney-at-Law, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York City, a cousin of the visa applicant.

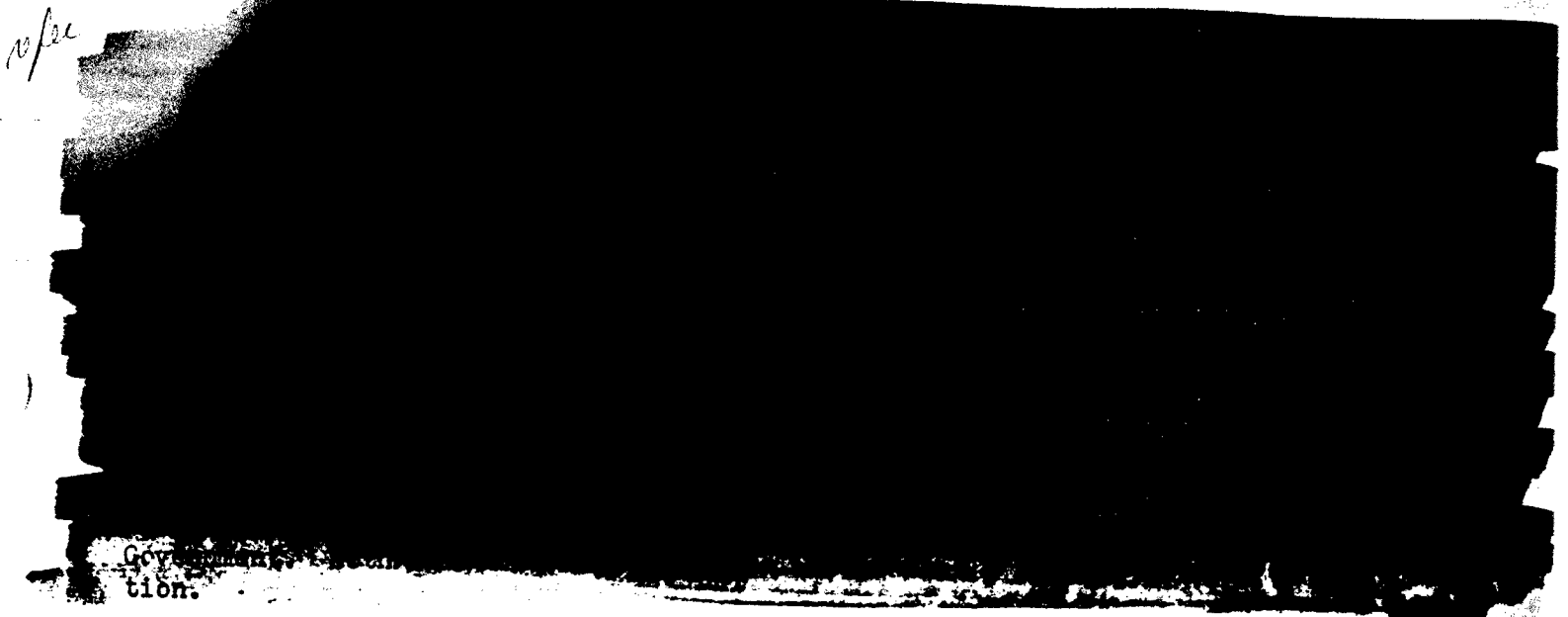
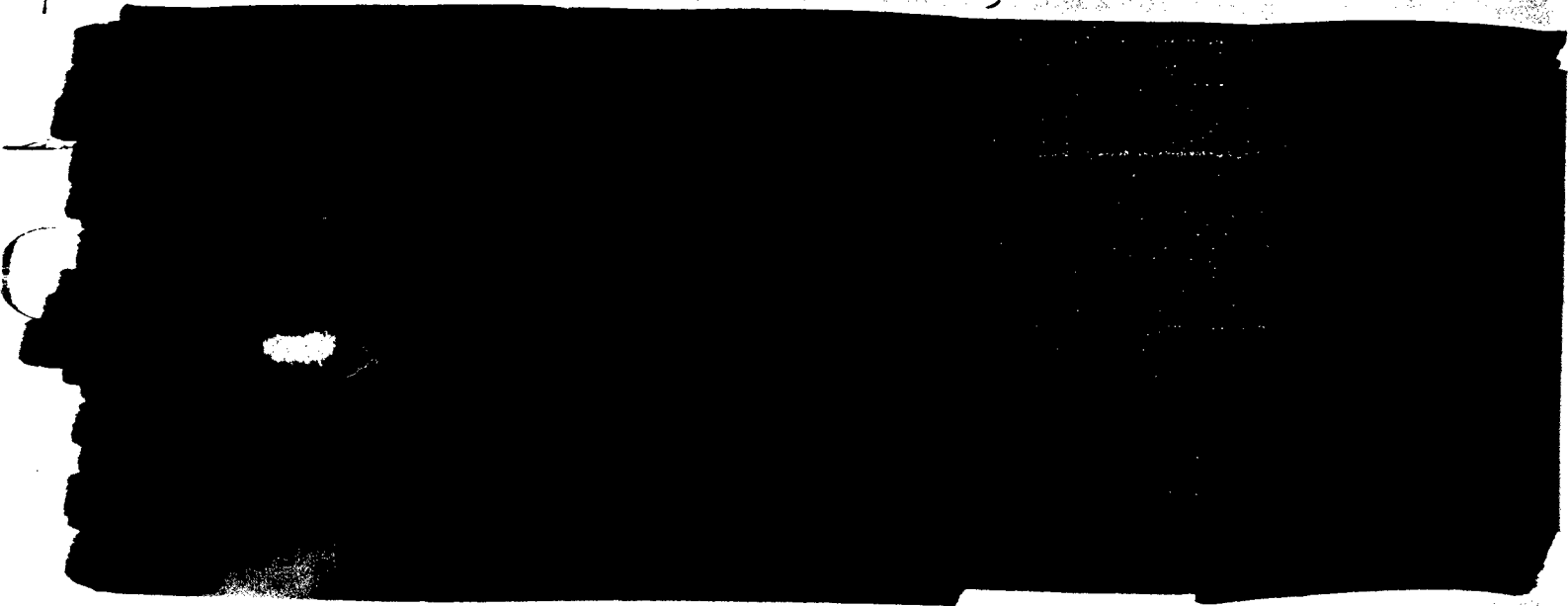


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BYRON S. MILLER

Byron S. Miller was born February 24, 1915, at Gary, Indiana. He attended the University of Chicago, receiving an A.B. Degree on June 11, 1935, and a J.D. Degree on June 11, 1937. From 1937 until November, 1941, he was employed as an attorney by Charles Aaron, an attorney in Chicago. In 1941 he applied for a position with the Office of Price Administration. He is presently employed by the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. During the hearings of the Senate Committee on Atomic Energy on April 8 and 9, 1946, Byron S. Miller was present for the purpose of presenting legislation suggested by the Federation of Atomic Scientists in Washington, D. C. It was ascertained at this time that Miller was working under James R. Newman concerning whom information is set out above. Newman was also present at these hearings and appeared to be on the staff of the Committee, possibly in association with Dr. Edward U. Condon.

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The original draft of legislation submitted by Miller on behalf of the Federation of Atomic Scientists contained numerous loopholes inasmuch as it restricted any violations of law to the wilful communication or transmission of secret data and based the penalty upon the degree of intent, also making the crime dependent upon the successful commission of the offense to the point where an actual advantage is secured by a foreign nation.

At one time Miller was reported to have been a member of the National Lawyers Guild, an organization subject to considerable Communist infiltration and influence.

In addition, on February 5, 1946, William Walter Remington, a subject of an active investigation involving Soviet espionage agents in agencies of the United States Government, is known to have indicated that he was acquainted with Byron Miller. Remington has been reliably identified as a Soviet agent and is presently the subject of investigation in the same case involving Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

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Mr. E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Conroy:

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 [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED FITZGERALD CONTACTED [REDACTED] MAGDOFF WHO
 ADVISED WALLACE IS LEAVING TOWN FOR REST OF WEEK TO MAKE UP HIS MIND.
 HE SUGGESTED MAYBE HE WOULD SEE [REDACTED] ELEANOR WHICH FITZGERALD SAID
 MIGHT CONFUSE HIM, ALTHOUGH HE GUESSED SHE WOULD BE ALL RIGHT ON
 THIS. HE ALSO COULD BE TALKING TO MORGENTHAU WHILE UP THERE.

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[REDACTED] ON SAME [REDACTED] TED CONTACTED ONE BETTY
 IN COTTONS OFFICE DISCUSSING JOB PROSPECT. BETTY MENTIONED THE HOUSE
 HAD PASSED THE CASE BILL AND TED EXPRESSED AN INTEREST CONCERNING HOUSE
 MEMBERS. ON NIGHT MAY TWENTYNINE SUBJECT HALPERIN ADVISED HIS WIFE HE
 HAD RETURNED FROM NEW YORK AND INDICATED THE NEW YORK POSITION
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IN NEW YORK. ON MORNING MAY [REDACTED] THIRTY SAME SOURCE ADVISED HALPERIN ENDEAVORED TO CONTACT HENRITEEA KLOTZ, MURRAY HILL FIVE FIVE THREE SIX TWO, SPEAKING WITH MORGENTHAU. HALPERIN INQUIRED IF BYE HAD SPOKEN TO MORGENTHAU ABOUT HALPERIN AND WAS ADVISED HE HAD. THEY [REDACTED] SET THE DATE FOR MEETING WEDNESDAY JUNE FIFTH, THREE PM. TWENTYSECOND FLOOR, AT TWO EIGHT FIVE MADISON AVE. MORGENTHAU INQUIRED IF HALPERIN WAS OUT OF STATE DEPARTMENT AND HAD SOUTH AMERICAN CONTACTS, HALPERIN ANSWERING IN AFFIRMATIVE. THEREAFTER HALPERIN CONTACTED BOB ROGERS STATING THE JEWS WERE MEETING MONDAY NIGHT AND MENTIONED ^EPH THOUGHT THEY WERE IN BUSINESS WITH MORGENTHAU. ROGERS COMMENTED BYE WOULD PEDDLE IT AND HALPERIN SUGGESTED LIGHTLY THAT THEY MAY NEED TO INCORPORATE. THEY MENTIONED WOODROW BORAH WOULD DO THE WORK AND COULD STAY RIGHT WHERE HE IS TO DO IT. THEY AGREED MORGENTHAU WAS A VALUABLE CONTACT IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THEREAFTER HALPERIN CONTACTED BORAH IN EXTENDED CONVERSATION STATING IMMEDIATE TASK IN NEW JOB FOR WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS IS TO SERVE AS LIAISON WITH UN. HE INDICATED POSITION WOULD INVOLVE JURISDICTIONAL BATTLES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION JUST LIKE [REDACTED] OSS AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY WOULD BE CROSSING SWORDS WITH [REDACTED] PEOPLE AS SMART AS THEY ARE. HE STATED ON OF THE MEN TALKED IN TERMS OF RAISING MILLION COLLARS FOR [REDACTED] REAL RESEARCH OUTFIT. HE COMMENTED THE JOB WOULD NOT BE EASY AGAINST PRESENT WORLD BACKGROUND. HALPERIN INDICATED HE HAD RECEIVED VERY INTERESTING SECURITY CHECK IN WHICH ALL OF THE WEAKNESSES OF OTHER SECURITY CHECKS BECAME THE STRENGTH HERE, [REDACTED] THAT WAS IN [REDACTED] REVERSE AND HE NEVER ENJOYED HIMSELF SO MUCH.

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POSSIBLY IMPLYING HIS COMMUNIST BACKGROUND WAS ENTIRELY AGREEABLE TO THE JEWISH ORGANIZATION. ON THE MORNING OF MAY THIRTY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED VICTOR PERLO CONTACTED BEADIE MAGDOFF INDICATING THEY MIGHT DROP IN ON MAGDOFFS ON WAY TO GLEN ECHO OR MAY WAIT UNTIL SUNDAY FOR VISIT.

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ON AFTERNOON MAY TWENTYNINE SUBJECT ULLMANN CONTACTED HELEN SILVERMASTER INDICATING HE HAD SEEN PETE AND [REDACTED] FIXED IT UP WITH HIM, AND THAT PETE HAD BEEN VERY FRIENDLY. REFERENCE APPARENTLY TO PETE HUDGINS WHOM ANNA BERENSON AND HELEN SILVERMASTER WANTED AS REFERENCE FOR GREG. AT FIVE PM ON MAY TWENTYNINE ULLMANN AND HELEN SILVERMASTER DEPARTED WASHINGTON VIA PENNA. RR ENROUTE TO [REDACTED] PHILA WHERE THEY MET GREGORY SILVERMASTER, THEREAFTER PROCEEDING TO SUMMER RESIDENCE A ALEXANDER PORTNOFF. ON EARLY MORNING MAY THIRTY SILVERMASTER RESIDENCE CHECKED BY HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. NUMEROUS NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS AND SOME CORRESPONDENCE OBTAINED, HUNDREDS OF BOOKS, SOME IN RUSSIAN, ON COMMUNISM AND [REDACTED] RELATED MATTERS OBSERVED [P]

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ON MAY TWENTYSVEN

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED REBEKAH FITZGERALD INDICATED SUBJECT FITZGERALD WAS PREPARING RETURN TO NEW YORK APPARENTLY DUE ILLNESS FATHER. NOTHING MORE DEFINITE AVAILABLE. ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN INFORMANT ADVISED DAVE WAHL INFORMED ~~HALPERIN~~ HALPERIN HE TALKED WITH CANNON WHO DESIRES TO SEE HALPERIN IMMEDIATELY. WAHL STATED CANNON WOULD WANT HALPERIN TO SEE LIPSKY, PHONETIC, GOLDSTEIN, PHONETIC, AND THAT MONSKI, PHONETIC, WHO IS IN IDAHO HAD GIVEN OK. ON HALPERIN. ABOVE INDIVIDUALS ALL APPARENTLY CONNECTED WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS. HALPERIN STATED HE WOULD SEE GEORGE BYE, SATURDAY EVENING POST. ALSO. ON SAME DAY CARL GREEN CONTACTED HALPERIN AND DISCUSSED INDIVIDUAL WHO SPOKE ON RADIO WEEKS OR SO PAST WHOM HALPERIN WANTED TO MEET. GREEN INDICATED MAYNARD GERTLER STATED IT WAS POSSIBLE AND HE INQUIRED CONCERNING HALPERINS BACKGROUND AND STUFF. GREEN INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO NEW YORK MAY TWENTYEIGHT AND HALPERIN INTIMATED THEY MIGHT GO TOGETHER.

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[REDACTED] ON MORNING MAY TWENTYSEVEN INFORMANT ADVISED HELEN SILVERMASTER CONVERSED ~~WITH~~ WITH UNKNOWN WOMAN BELIEVED WILLIE MACAVOY. THEY DISCUSSED RAIL STRIKE AND WILLIE STATED PRESIDENT HAD GONE MAD. SHE STATED LEE PRESSMAN THINKS HE JUST GETS AWFULLY MAD AND DOES ~~THESE~~ THESE THINGS, THAT POEPL E CAN GET TO ~~HER~~ HIM AND USE HIM FOR THEIR PURPOSES. ~~SHE~~ SHE ALSO QUOTED PRESSMAN AS STATING TRUMAN ~~WROTE~~ WROTE THE DEATH ~~OF~~ OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY SATURDAY.

[REDACTED] AT FIVE TWENTY PM MAY TWENTYSEVEN SUBJECT TAYLOR, WIFE DOROTHY AND TWO CHILDRED AGE ~~ABOUT~~ ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AND EIGHTEEN MONTHS, DEPARTED ~~WASHINGTON~~ WASHINGTON LIBERTY LIMITED, PENNA RR. BOUND WEST COAST VIA CHICAGO. ~~TAYLOR~~ TAYLOR CARRIED SEVERAL HANDBAGS. CHECKED TRUNK TO VANCOUVER B. C. ~~ALTHOUGH~~ ALTHOUGH RAILWAY TICKETS INDICATE SAN FRANCISCO IMMEDIATE DESTINATION. CONTENTS TRUNK NEGATIVE. AS NO ~~ADDRESSES~~ ADDRESSES AVAILABLE INQUIRY TREASURY DEPARTMENT ~~DISCLOSED~~ DISCLOSED TAYLOR TO BE ~~GONE~~ GONE ONE MONTH, LEFT ADDRESS ONE SIX THREE ONE WEST EIGHT AVE. VANCOUVER B. C. PROBABLY FAMILY ADDRESS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER COVERAGE VANCOUVER, CANADA.

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Honorable George E. Allen
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Dear George:

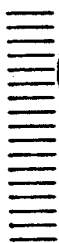
As of possible interest to the President and you, information has been received from a highly confidential source of unquestioned reliability that on the morning of May 27, 1946, Helen Silvermaster, the wife of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, an employee of the War Assets Corporation, who has been reliably identified as an important Soviet espionage agent, was in contact with an unknown woman believed to be Willie Macavoy. Willie Macavoy is the wife of Clifford Macavoy, an employee of the CIO.

During the conversation between Helen Silvermaster and this woman, they discussed the recent rail strike and the woman believed to be Willie Macavoy stated that the President had gone mad. She stated further that Lee Pressman, attorney for the CIO, thought that the President "just gets awfully mad and does these things; that people can get to him and use him for their purposes." The unknown woman believed to be Willie Macavoy also quoted Pressman as stating that President Truman wrote the death of the Democratic Party on May 25.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Surveillance **JOS. GREGG** taken over from Agents NY Field Office at Seneca Falls, NY, 4-29-46. Subject visited relatives at London, Ontario, Canada; Canistota, NY, and Rochester, NY. Only contact made with **MARVIN GERSTMAN** Buffalo. Background GERSTMAN set out. Subject returned New Rochelle, NY, 5-4-46 and surveillance continued by Agents NY Field Office.

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REFERENCES: Two telephone calls from Special Agents **E. T. DOOLEY** and **TUOHY**, New York Field Division, to Special Agent **CHARLES J. HARKINS**, Buffalo Field Division, April 29, 1946.

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Teletypes to Bureau, New York and Washington Field, from Buffalo dated April 30 and May 4, 1946.
Teletype from Bureau to Buffalo dated May 1, 1946.
Letter to Bureau from Buffalo dated May 8, 1946.
Letter from Washington Field to Buffalo dated May 10, 1946.

DETAILS: Instant investigation is predicated on a telephone call received by Special Agent **CHARLES J. HARKINS**, of the Buffalo Field Division, at approximately 5:30 P.M., April 29, 1946, from Special Agent **E. T. DOOLEY**, of the New York Field Division. Agent **DOOLEY** advised that at that time a surveillance was being conducted by Special Agents **LARRY W. SPILLANE** and **ROBERT PURCEAN**, who were at that time in Binghamton, New York. Agent **DOOLEY** said that the ultimate destination of **GREGG** was unknown to the New York Office, but that they desired that a

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surveillance be maintained upon him as soon as he entered the Buffalo Field Division, and requested that Agents of this office be ready to relieve Agents SPILLANE and FURCHAY. Agent DOOLEY further advised that GREGG, who was also known as JOSEPH GREENSTEIN, had left New York City via his personally owned automobile, which is a greyish-brown Chevrolet coach bearing Virginia license 142009.

At approximately 10:15 P.M. on the same date, Special Agent TUOHY, Night Supervisor of the New York Field Division, again telephonically contacted Special Agent CHARLES J. HARKINS and advised that Agents SPILLANE and FURCHAY were presently located at Seneca Falls, New York, where subject registered at the Pine Tree Lodge, Auburn and Cayuga Roads. He said that Agents FURCHAY and SPILLANE were at the Gould Hotel, Seneca Falls, New York, and requested that the Buffalo Field Division immediately take up the surveillance of the subject at Seneca Falls. At that time, he also advised that the Bureau had telephonically advised him that in the event the subject should enter Canada

Accordingly, Special Agents JOHN L. REITER and MARION E. TORRENS, of the Buffalo Field Division, took over the surveillance of JOSEPH GREGG at Seneca Falls at 11:30 P.M. on April 29 last, relieving Agents SPILLANE and FURCHAY, of the New York Field Division. Subject remained at the Pine Tree Lodge until 11:00 A.M. on April 30 last, at which time he drove on Route 20 to Canandaigua, New York, where he spent approximately fifteen minutes in the Post Office, and then proceeded on Routes 20 and 55 to Buffalo, arriving at about 3:10 P.M.

In Buffalo, he had the car serviced on Genesee Street near the corner of Erb, after which he proceeded to Delavan Avenue, and finally parked at the intersection of Elmwood Avenue and Bidwell Parkway at about 4:00 P.M. At that time, the surveillance was continued by Special Agents EDWIN F. DOOLEY, ROBERT CLARE STOFF, T. DANA CLARSON and E. STANLEY KEMP. By teletype dated April 30, 1945, the Bureau, Washington Field and New York were advised of the above information. At about 4:20 P.M. on April 30, subject proceeded to 567 Auburn Avenue, where he stayed until about 6:15 P.M. Instant residence is the home of one MARVIN GERSTMAN, information about whom will be set out later in instant report.

After leaving GERSTMAN's home, GREGG proceeded to the Peace Bridge, where he entered Canada. It was noted that at Customs, he asked directions to London, Ontario, Canada, and Detroit, Michigan. Subject then drove directly to London, Ontario, arriving at about 10:30 P.M. on April 30. On arrival, he asked directions to 300 William Street, and entered a house.

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recognized by Agents as Dr. DIAMOND. No further activity was noted until 11:50 A.M., at which time subject, his father-in-law and sister-in-law and an elderly woman and child entered his car and drove directly to Hornell, New York, where he parked at Broadway and Main Streets. Subject was seemingly on a shopping tour and at 12:30 P.M., he was observed writing a letter while having his shoes repaired. At 1:00 P.M., subject mailed instant letter at a box located at the corner of Church and Main Streets in Hornell. From a highly confidential source, it was ascertained that instant letter contained the following information:

"Dear Liffley

"This is Canistota. It has been many years since I was associated with a very large family that I feel a lot like a horse swimming under water.

"See what I mean. I can't even sit in a corner—write a letter. I am writing this now in Hornell. Net effort of this trip isn't too constructive. I am on a sort of vacation, and I don't feel guilty. I can't pin down my reaction so far, but as I said on the plane, I am growing less enthusiastic about a retail business. A small investment—5-10,000—is too long a pull for the eventual income. A large investment for a new idea is terribly risky. What I lack, besides a lot of money, is insufficient amount of enthusiasm. It is such a new world for me. I am having trouble grasping the business world so far no chance to get your Ma or Pa alone for a minute.—But I will.

"The Ruth business is temporarily delayed by a surprise reversal of Dr. Bright. So I and Viola don't have to go back. Viola was downright without courage and was scared stiff and relieved by the delay.

"Anyway I will write later today—I will be home after visiting Rochester around Sat. or Sun. Are you all right—Nothing else but I miss you.

/s/ "Joe"

This letter was addressed to Mrs. J. E. GREGG, 6529 Finney Branch Rd., N.W., Washington 12, D. C.

Subject left Hornell at approximately 1:15 P.M., and returned directly to Canistota, where he entered Dr. DIAMOND's house at 1:30 P.M. At 2:50 P.M., subject and an unidentified woman drove to an unlettered house

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located on the corner of Union Street near Route #21, where he looked at a trailer, returning to Dr. BLANFORD's house at 5:10 P.M.

No further activity was noted until 12:00 A.M. on May 3, 1946, at which time the surveillance was taken up by Special Agents P. MARTIN SMITH, L. STARLEY KEMP, W. DANIEL CARSON and ROBERT CLARK STONE. No activity was noted until 4:50 A.M. on May 3, 1946, when the subject and his sister-in-law placed several bags in the 1942 Chevrolet coach driven by GREGG. At 12:00 noon, they both left Canistota and proceeded to Hornell, where subject went to the telephone company, remaining there for a few minutes. They then left Hornell at approximately 12:40 P.M. and proceeded directly to Rochester, where they dined at the Home Cafeteria, 40 E. Main Street, and asked directions to 279 Alexander Street in Rochester. They went to the Children's Book Shop, 289 Alexander Street, arriving at 3:15 P.M., and leaving at 4:05 P.M. Leaving the Children's Book Shop, they proceeded from Rochester to Watkins Glen, stopping enroute near Canandaigua to view the scenery.

At Watkins Glen, they dined and then drove around Seneca Lake, finally stopping at the White City Cabins, where they obtained lodging for the night. At approximately 2:00 A.M. on May 4, instant surveillance was taken over by Special Agents WELDON J. PENNINGTON and JOHN L. BURKE.

No activity was noted until 10:30 A.M. on May 4, when subject and his sister in law, VIOLA SHAW entered subject's car and proceeded to a service station on Main Street, Watkins Glen. After having the car serviced, they left at approximately 11:00 A.M. and drove to Carbondale, Pennsylvania, where they had lunch. They then proceeded east through Pennsylvania and New Jersey and drove to New Rochelle, where they arrived at approximately 6:30 P.M. At 6:45 P.M., VIOLA SHAW left instant car and entered a house on the corner of Fairview Place and North Avenue, New Rochelle, where she remained about five minutes. At about 6:50 P.M., SHAW entered the Hotel Osborne, where she again remained about five minutes. At 7:30 P.M., subject entered 34 Beaulieu Avenue, New Rochelle and VIOLA SHAW drove instant car away from that address.

Subject remained at 34 Beaulieu Avenue and was at that address when surveillance was turned over to agents of the New York Field Division at approximately 9:30 P.M. By teletype dated May 4, 1946, the Bureau, New York Field and Washington Field Offices were advised of the above information. It is to be noted further that when subject entered Canada, he informed the Canadian Immigration officials that he was taking nothing to relatives in London, Ontario, and an examination of his car reflected that his statement was correct. He obtained a permit to retain his registration certificate for the car, saying that he intended to leave Canada at Detroit, Michigan.

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although he indicated that he might return via Buffalo. In the statement to obtain instant permit, the furnished the information that instant car is a 1942 Chevrolet tudor and is the property of his brother-in-law, RALPH SHAW, 4910 S. 30th Street, Arlington, Virginia.

By teletype dated May 1, 1946, the Bureau requested full background particule-- relative to MARVIN GERSTMAN, whom subject GREGG contacted in Buffalo, as set out above. By letter dated May 8, 1946, the Bureau was advised that the Buffalo City Directory, telephone directory and credit records reflected that MARVIN GERSTMAN has resided at 567 Luburn Avenue, Buffalo, since June 12, 1935, and has listed telephone number Lincoln 8390. He is Vice President of the Gerstman Manufacturing Company, clothing manufacturers, located at 706 William Street, Buffalo, New York. The clothing company was incorporated February 27, 1934, incorporators and officers being SARAH R. GERSTMAN, 957 West Delavan Avenue, Buffalo, New York, IRVING GERSTMAN, 11 Linden Park, Buffalo, New York, and MARVIN GERSTMAN, 249 Oxford Avenue, Buffalo, New York (MARVIN GERSTMAN, 249 Oxford Avenue, is identical with MARVIN GERSTMAN, who presently resides at 567 Luburn Avenue.) Not listed as a director or incorporator but as Treasurer of the Gerstman Manufacturing Company is NORMAN GERSTMAN, who resides at Forrest Hills, New York. IRVING GERSTMAN, President of the company, presently resides at 140 Linwood Avenue, Apartment C-9. MARVIN GERSTMAN has been in the records of the Merchants Retail Credit Company since 1924. The Automobile Bureau of the Buffalo Police Department reports that a 1939 Plymouth Sedan, New York 1946 License 5E-378, is registered in his name.

The marriage license records, City Hall, Buffalo, New York, reflect Certificate #2030, issued June 21, 1927, for a marriage performed at Temple Beth El, Buffalo, New York, on June 27, 1927; groom, MARVIN GERSTMAN, the bride, FLORA I. FOX. The record further reflects that GERSTMAN resided at 957 West Delavan Avenue; occupation, salesman; born in Buffalo; father, LOUIS, who was born in Poland; mother, SARAH R. COHEN, who was born in Buffalo, New York. The bride's residence was also listed as 957 West Delavan Avenue, Buffalo, New York; occupation, stenographer; born West Hoboken, New Jersey; father's name was reported as NAT, born in Hungary; mother, FLORA SEDERER, born in New Jersey. B. SCHAETTEL officiated; ARTHUR S. FOX and WILLIAM STONE were witnesses.

GERSTMAN registered with Local Board 616 at 709 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York, on February 14, 1942 and was classified AL on October 24, 1945. He has two minor children.

A check on the toll calls from the GERSTMAN residence telephone for the period April 4, 1946 to May 8, 1946, reflects a telephone call on April 13, 1946, to Dr. RALPH PLACED, telephone number Canisteo, New York 92.

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also on April 18, 1946, a station to station call to Number 247, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. It is to be noted that subject GREGG visited at the Dr. DIAMOND residence, 33 Greenwood Street, Canisteo, New York, on May 2nd and 3rd, 1946.

Discreet inquiry in the neighborhood disclosed that MARVIN GERSTMAN is not known to have made any recent trips; that he visited in Pennsylvania during the Summer of 1945, making a motor trip with his family, presumably to see relatives, who returned the visit the same season. He was reported active as Chairman of a Fund Drive for the Jewish Home for Old People in Buffalo this Spring and is active in the Masonic Lodge.

The investigation thus far has disclosed no subversive activity on the part of GERSTMAN. From a review of the file in the Buffalo Office, it cannot be determined whether GERSTMAN is in some way related to GREGG or Dr. DIAMOND at Canisteo.

The following is a description of MARVIN GERSTMAN:

Name:	MARVIN GERSTMAN
Address:	567 Auburn Avenue, Buffalo, New York
Race:	White
Born:	March 22, 1901 Buffalo, New York
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	175 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Dark
Education:	8 yrs. elementary; 2 yrs. high school; 2 yrs. trade school
Employment:	Vice President and Secretary, Gerstman Manufacturing Company
Social Security:	[REDACTED]
Marital status:	Married
Relatives:	Wife - Flora Gerstman, nee Fox Cm. - Nathaniel, age 17; David, age 10
SS data:	Registered LDB 616, Buffalo, NY, classified 4A.

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RE: PHILIP O. KEENEY

By referenced letter from the Washington Field Division, dated May 10, 1946, the Buffalo Field Office was requested to ascertain the identity and background of W. K. ELTON, 50 Ohio Avenue, Elmira, New York, who is one of the correspondents of PHILIP O. KEENEY, one of the subjects in instant case. A lead is being set forth to obtain this information.

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THE BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION

AT ELMIRA, NEW YORK

Will ascertain all available background information relative to W. K. ELTON, 50 Ohio Avenue, Elmira, New York.

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ON JUNE FIVE

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED BEADIE MAGDOFF AND PEARL AXELROD DISCUSSED VACATIONS. HARRY MAGDOFF WILL VACATION FROM JULY FIFTEEN TO AUGUST FIFTEEN. APPARENTLY PEARL IS LEAVING SOON AS INDICATED BY AXELROD WOULD BRING CLOTHES TO MAGDOFFS APPARENTLY PLANNING TO STAY WITH MAGDOFFS.

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ON JUNE FIVE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED SUBJECT SILVERMAN ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS ~~CONVERSATIONS~~ CONVERSATIONS WITH CHRIS AND FLORENCE WAGNER AND DAVE WEINTRAUB CONCERNING PURCHASE AND DISPOSITION VARIOUS SUPPLIES INCLUDING RAIL ROAD CARS, MEATS, RICE, WHEAT, ETC. INDICATED THEY HAD AVAILABLE LARGE AMOUNT BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS WHICH THEY ENDEAVORED SELL DAVID WEINTRAUB UNRRA. WEINTRAUB INDICATED THEY HAD PLENTY MEAT ~~WHEAT~~ BUT WERE BUYING ~~MEAT~~ WHEAT. DURING CONVERSATIONS SILVERMAN INDICATED HE WOULD GO TO NEW YORK JUNE SIX RETURNING SATURDAY JUNE EIGHT AND ~~HE~~ WOULD STAY WITH JACK FIELDS WHILE IN NEW YORK. ON EVENING JUNE FIVE SETH GAER AKA JOE GAER ~~CONTACTED~~ CONTACTED HELEN SILVERMASTER ~~INDICATING~~ INDICATING HE WOULD BE OVER ABOUT NINE PM. HELEN INFORMED SILVERMASTER WAS OUT OF TOWN AND WOULD BE GONE MONTH WHICH GAER REGRETTED STATING HE WANTED TO SEE GREG VERY MUCH BECAUSE THERE WAS SO MUCH TO TELL GREG. GAER INVITED ~~HE~~ ~~TO~~ ~~SEE~~ ~~GREG~~

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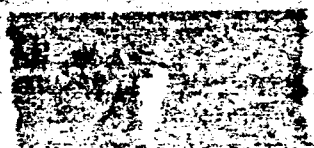
SILVERMASTERS TO SPEND SOMETIME WITH HIM IN NEW YORK AS HE HAS MOVED
 DOWNTOWN. ON NIGHT JUNE FIVE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED HELEN TENNEY
 CONTACTED BY MOTHER FROM NEW MARKET, VA. TENNEY AGREED TO SPEND WEEKEND
 WITH ~~MOTHER~~ MOTHER HOWEVER PLACE NOT YET DECIDED UPON. SUBSEQUENTLY
 TENNEY CONTACTED BY GRAHAM, *Telephone Number WICHERSHAM TWO ONE SEVEN FOUR SEVEN, WHO
 STATED HE WOULD LEAVE NEW YORK EIGHT THIRTY FIVE AM TRAIN FRIDAY AND CALL
 HELEN AT HER OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL. HELEN INTENDS LEAVING WASHINGTON
 ABOUT NOON ~~PREVIOUSLY~~ PRESUMABLY WITH GRAHAM TO JOIN MOTHER.

ON NIGHT JUNE FIVE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED O. M. WILSON
 ASSOCIATE DEAN, ~~CHICAGO~~ CHICAGO UNIVERSITY, CONTACTED WHEELER ADVISING
 FORSTON, PHONETIC, HAD GIVEN HIM WHEELERS NAME AS CAPABLE FELLOW. THEY
 DISCUSSED TEACHING JOB AT UNIVERSITY AND WHEELER INDICATED INTEREST
 IN POSITION OUTLINED BY WILSON STATING HE WOULD BE LEAVING GOVERNMENT
 BEFORE OCTOBER. WHEELER STATED HE WAS LEAVING WASHINGTON SATURDAY FOR
 SAN FRANCISCO VIA SOUTHERN ROUTE BECAUSE OF FRIENDS THERE. PROMISED TO
 FURNISH WRITTEN ~~OUTLINE~~ OUTLINE OF EDUCATION ~~AND~~ AND EXPERIENCE AND ~~HE~~
 MAY VISIT WILSON IN CHICAGO AT UNIVERSITYS EXPENSE.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R, REFER FIVE IS. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED
 JOSEPH GREGG CONTACTED MAURICE HALPERIN AND HALPERIN ADVISED HE EXPECTED
 SOME DEFINITE WORD ABOUT HIS NEW JOB BY NEXT WEEK. HALPERIN RECOMMENDED
 TO JOE CONVERSE THAT HE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A POSITION AS
 SALES MANAGER FOR THE METROPOLITAN BROADCASTING COMPANY AND RECOMMENDED
 THAT HE CONTACT ED BRECHER. BOB ROGERS ADVISED MAURICE HALPERIN HE
 HAS SUBMITTED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO LANGER REQUESTING THE
 ACCEPTANCE OF HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE
 JULY SEVENTEEN. HALPERIN ADVISED LOUIS REAM WHEN HE WAS IN NEW YORK
 HE HAD A MEETING WITH QUOTE ONE HUNDRED NINE UNQUOTE AND SPENT
 AN HOUR IN HIS OFFICE YESTERDAY. HALPERIN SAID HE DID NOT RAISE QUOTE
 THE QUESTION UNQUOTE WITH HIM AS HE FELT REAM SHOULD DO SO. REAM
 INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO SEE QUOTE ONE HUNDRED NINE UNQUOTE NEXT WEEK
 AND THEN HE WOULD DISCUSS QUOTE THE QUESTION UNQUOTE WITH HIM, THAT HE
 DID NOT WISH TO WRITE ABOUT IT. HALPERIN FURTHER ADVISED QUOTE ONE HUNDRED
 NINE UNQUOTE SAID NOTHING ABOUT A PERMANENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

HALPERIN STATED QUOTE ONE HUNDRED NINE UNQUOTE FEELS A PERSONAL
 CONNECTION WITH THE AFFAIRS GOING ON AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND
 REQUESTED HALPERIN TO SEND WHATEVER DOCUMENTS HE HAD ON THE THING.

HALPERIN ADDED HE HALPERIN KEPT THAT LITTLE BOOK ON THE THING. EDITH
 WAHL ADVISED EDITH HALPERIN THAT DAVE WAHL LEFT FOR NEW YORK TODAY AND
 WOULD RETURN TOMORROW. SARAH SILVERMAN ADVISED GEORGE SILVERMAN IN NEW

YORK CITY UNABLE TO REACH GEORGE SILVERMAN AT HIS HOME ZERO FOUR SEVEN
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SIX, AND THAT HE EXPECTS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

ALLAN ROSENBERG CONTACTED ERNA ROSENBERG APPARENTLY FROM SPRINGFIELD MASS. AND ADVISED HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK FRIDAY NOON, THAT HE WILL

PROBABLY BE IN WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY. MARY JANE KEENEY CONTACTED HELEN

SILVERMASTER AND ADVISED SHE HAD SPENT LAST WEEKEND AT CAPE COD. SHE

INDICATED THE JAPANESE SITUATION IS STILL PENDING AND THAT ANGUS WILL STAY IN JAPAN UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. ANGUS FEELS HE IS NOT

ACCOMPLISHING ENOUGH THERE AND FEELS THERE IS LOTS DOING IN THE UNITED STATES. AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN CONTACTED JENNY MILLER WHO SUGGESTED

HE COME OUT TO THE HOUSE FOR DINNER, THEN TAKE A LATE TRAIN OR STAY ALL NIGHT. HE SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED HE WAS STAYING IN ROOM THREE ELEVEN

AT THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL. INVESTIGATION AT THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL INDICATED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS REGISTERED IN ROOM THREE ELEVEN

ANDRZEJ SOLTAN FROM LODZ, MICHAL HOFMAN FROM WARSAW, POLAND, AND STEFAN PIENKOWSKI FROM WARSAW, POLAND. INVESTIGATION FURTHER DISCLOSED

THAT SOLTAN CALLED ROBERT MILLER ON EVENING OF JUNE SIX. HE ALSO CONTACTED ONE MILLER AT FIFTEEN EAST SIXTY FIFTH ST. NYC.

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE APPARENTLY

INTERESTED IN THE ATOMIC BOMB EXPERIMENT AND MAY BE OFFICIAL OBSERVER FOR THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. ALL ANTICIPATE LEAVING WASHINGTON SATURDAY

JUNE EIGHT. FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED. INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISED ROBERT MILLER ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT DR. ROBERT MORSE

AND ADVISED HIS SECRETARY HE WAS SORRY HE FAILED TO MET DR. MORSE LAST NIGHT BUT HE WOULD SEE DR. MORSE ON SATURDAY. THE SECRETARY ASKED

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IF THAT WAS THE NORMAL ARRANGEMENT OR SHOULD DR. MORSE CALL HIM. MILLER INDICATED IT WAS THE NORMAL ARRANGEMENT.

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BELA GOLD CONTACTED HERMAN MEYERS AND REQUESTED HIM TO OBTAIN ANNUAL REPORTS FROM FORTY ONE TO FORTY FIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION, THAT HAROLD COPPERSMITH, PHONETIC, WOULD BE IN TOWN AND PICK UP THEIR MATERIAL. HAROLD COPPERSMITH SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED BLEA GOLD AND ADVISED HE HAD CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR HIM BUT WOULD CONTINUE HIS RESEARCH AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. BILL PABST CONTACTED BEADIE MAGDOFF AND INDICATED HE HAD RESIGNED FROM THE FACULTY OF TULAND UNIVERSITY AND THAT HE IS NOW EMPLOYED AT THE NAVY DEPARTMENT AS A CIVILIAN, THAT HE IS WORKING ON THE SAME THING AS HE DID WHEN HE WAS IN THE NAVY. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir:

There is attached a newspaper clipping from the New York Daily News of June 4, 1946, entitled, "Parcels for Russia Cost You Plenty."

* Confidential Informant GREGORY has recently advised that LOUIS BERDANSKY, who presently operates World Tourists, Inc., had taken up with her the possibilities of sending used clothing to Russia and indicated that this would be a source of revenue for the company. It was agreed that this could be done through the present contract with Intourist, and BERDANSKY has for the past several weeks been very active in attempting to send this used clothing to the Soviets. It would appear, therefore, that World Tourists' activity in sending used clothing to the USSR is responsible for the attached article.

When Confidential Informant GREGORY is next interviewed she will be interrogated for any information she may have concerning this release.

Very truly yours,

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Parcels for Russia Cost You Plenty

By PATRICIA O'HAIRE and
CHARLES McHARRY.

Sending clothing and food items to needy relatives in the Soviet Union is an expensive —almost prohibitive process—these days, this city's one million persons of Russian descent are complaining.

Moscow insists that recipient of a parcel containing food or clothing pay import duties, which, in some cases, amount to 100% of the value of the items received.

The parcel may be paid for in advance, through World Tourists Inc., an agency with offices at 1123 Broadway which has Russia's permission to collect all duties on shipments headed for the Soviets.

Suppose you wish to send a parcel to Pinsk. You have a cousin there who can use an old suit which is hanging in your closet. You have the suit cleaned and fumigated, get receipts for same and take suit and receipts to World Tourists, Inc. There your suit is "processed," and there you start paying.

Import Duty Charged.

It is first appraised. Let's say its worth is set at \$20. You first pay the Russian import duty. That amounts, in the case of your \$20 suit, to 80% of the value, or \$16. Then you pay an item which is listed as "USSR . . . 10%." That is two bucks more. Then there's a "Soviet 1% fee." Somehow that comes to only 38 cents.

Next comes the "Inspection Charge . . . \$1.65." That goes, the agency explains, to the Russian import inspectors. Afterward comes a "license fee," which, for your suit, amounts to \$2. It also goes to Moscow. That ends your duty paying. The suit has cost you, up to this point, \$22.03.

But you're not finished. There is a \$7 service fee which goes to the agency for packing and "processing."

Parcel Post, Yet.

You are now down to the parcel post rate. It comes to \$1.23 for your suit and brings the total outlay to \$30.26. That ends it. If you pack and mail the suit yourself, the cousin in Pinsk will pay about \$20 on its receipt.

Leon Fedotov, an attache at the USSR consulate here, admitted yesterday that many Russians were in dire need of food and clothes.

"The duty is high," he said, "but after all, the workers receive many rubles. They can afford to pay to receive such things as Americans

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(EDWIN BERNARD ROSSKAM)

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 9, 1946, requesting information concerning the above captioned individual.

All available files of the United States Embassy in Havana, Cuba were checked and various Attaches were personally interviewed to ascertain if the files reflected or if Embassy personnel had any recollection of EDWIN BERNARD ROSSKAM having visited the United States Embassy at Havana. The files were negative and no one recalled ever having heard of ROSSKAM. & u

The records of the WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Embassy at Havana were searched for information concerning the SS "CAPE BARROW". Mr. COLINS HAY of the WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION Office, Havana, stated that this ship is operated by the American Export Lines as general agents but that at the time of the last trip to Havana the SS "CAPE BARROW" was operated by the Agwi Lines. Their record did not reflect that the SS "CAPE BARROW" called at the Port of Havana but that this ship arrived at Santa Cruz, Cuba en route from Puerto Rico to the United States; that it arrived on March 3, 1946 and departed Santa Cruz for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 12, 1946. & u

Mr. DOUGLAS SINGER, assistant manager of the Ward Line docks, an agent of Agwi Lines at Havana, Cuba, was interviewed for additional information concerning the movement of the SS "CAPE BARROW" and to ascertain if his records revealed that this ship carried passengers and if so their identities. & u

Mr. SINGER, after reviewing his records, stated that the SS "CAPE BARROW" docked at Santa Cruz del Sur, Guayabal, Cuba on March 3, 1946, arriving from Puerto Rico, and & u

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that this ship loaded raw sugar and sailed March 12, 1946 at 2:30 p.m. and arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania March 17, 1946. & u

Mr. SINGER had no information concerning passengers aboard this ship other than a copy of a telegram from the ship's agents, namely, the Puerto Rican Lines, San Juan, Puerto Rico received prior to the arrival of the SS "CAPE BARROW" at Cuba stating that the ship carried five passengers who were American citizens in transit to the mainland from Puerto Rico. & u

Mr. SINGER stated that the names and identities of these passengers can be obtained at the New York-Puerto Rico Steamship Company, pier 13, East River, New York City, or from the offices of the Puerto Rican Lines, San Juan, Puerto Rico. & u

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Therefore, it does not appear on the official records that EDWIN BERNARD ROSSKAM visited in Cuba during the trip mentioned in the Bureau letter of reference and that his journey back to the United States probably began at Puerto Rico. & u

Inasmuch as there appears to be no further investigation conducted by this office, this matter is being considered Referred Upon Completion.

Very truly yours,

Loane J. Randall
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[REDACTED] NIGHT MAY TWENTYTHREE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED MAGDOFF CONTACTED FITZGERALD WHO INDICATED [REDACTED] KAPLANS HAD PLANNED TO VISIT FITZGERALDS BUT SAM NORMAN, [REDACTED] BROTHER IN LAW WAS ILL AND DOROTHY HAD TO VISIT HIM IN BALTIMORE. THEY DISCUSSED RAIL STRIKE AGREEING THE PRESIDENT LACKED ASTUTENESS AND IS A DOPE WHICH INCIDENTALLY APPEARS TO BE GENERAL OPINION OF SUBJECTS. ON MAY TWENTY SIX CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED HALPERIN CONTACTED WARREN THORNTWAITE DISCUSSNG FARM PROJECT LATTER OPERATING IN NEW JERSEY. HALPERIN INDICATED HE LUNCHEDED WITH PRESIDENT BYRD, MARYLAND UNIVERSITY, LAST WEEK AND [REDACTED] STATED HE IS STALLING BUT FAVORABLE TOWARD HIS PLAN FOR LATIN DIVISION AT UNIVERSITY. HALPERIN INDICATED HE RECEIVED INVITATION TO VISIT NEW YORK ABOUT THE OTHER JOB WITH WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS AT THEIR EXPENSE. HALPERIN INDICATED IT IS SOMETHING FAIRLY LARGE AND CONCERNED UNITED NATIONS INVOLVING LIAISON WITH UN. IT WOULD BE PERMANENT AS SUCH THINGS GO [REDACTED] SOUL FINALLY SETTLE IN NYC ON THIS DATE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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VISIT ~~GEORGE~~ BYE. WAHL REQUESTED HIM TO SEE ~~LEPSKI~~, ~~PHONETIC~~, AND ~~GOLDSTEIN~~, PHONETIC, APPARENTLY ~~CONNECTED~~ CONNECTED WITH WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS. SAME ~~SOURCE~~ SOURCE INDICATES HALPERIN WILL STAY WITH MRS. JANE ROGERS, FIFTY SIX SEVENTH AVE. MOTHER BOB ROGERS. ROGERS FATHER HAS OFFICE ONE THIRTY WEST FORTYSECOND STREET, NYC, PHONE WISCONSIN SEVEN ZERO FOUR ~~FOUR SEVEN~~ FOUR SEVEN. HALPERIN WILL RETURN WASHINGTON WITH BOB ROGERS ~~WEDNESDAY~~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT. ~~REDACTED~~

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ON MAY TWENTY FIVE ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ INFORMANT

ADVISED MRS. GIBBS AT LEE RESIDENCE TOLD MARIAN COLEMAN THAT ISHBEL LEE STILL HOPED TO MAKE TRIP TO ENGLAND SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHE INDICATED DON AND MARY WHEELER WOULD PICK UP ~~LESLIE~~ LEES ~~THAT~~ THAT NIGHT TO VISIT COLEMANS. MARIAN COLEMAN INDICATED TRUMAN HAD NO IDEA HOW TO HANDLE STRIKE AND WOULD BE GLAD IF THEY THREW GENERAL STRIKE. ON NIGHT MAY TWENTYSIX DAVID KARR, DREW PEARSON EMPLOYEE, CONTACTED LEE FURNISHING BULLETIN ON COAL CRISIS. THEY DISCUSSED WHETHER LEWIS WOULD ATTEMPT TO BUCK THE BIGGER THING. LEE INDICATED HE DID NOT KNOW AND KARR SUGGESTED HE MIGHT BE AGENT PROVA CATEUR TO GET LEGISLATION THROUGH IN TIME TO KNIFE THE SEAMEN. ON MAY TWENTY FOUR JOE FISHER, NEW YORK, CONTACTED MAGDOFF WHO INQUIRED IF JOE WAS GOING TO SEE THE SECRETARY. JOE INDICATED THE SECRETARY WOULD SPEAK OVER COAST TO COAST NETWORK AND ~~WAS~~ HAD TOLD JOE HE WOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ~~OUTLAWING~~ OUTLAWING STRIKES BUT JUST STATE CONGRESS HAD BETTER DO NOTHING RASH, THAT FOR SUCH STRIKES ~~YOU~~ YOU MUST WORK OUT A

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MECHANISM. MAGDOFF STATED HE, APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE PRESIDENT WAS GOING TO ASK THEM TO RETURN IF ~~NOT~~ NOT, HE WOULD USE FORCE. ON MAY TWENTY FOUR CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ~~JENNY~~ MILLER INFORMED ~~HILDA~~ KOHN THE MILLERS WOULD LEAVE THURSDAY ON A FIVE DAY VACATION, PRESUMABLY AT FREDERICK MD. REFERRED TO PREVIOUSLY. ON AFTERNOON MAY TWENTY SIX CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED MILLER CONTACTED HELEN ^①SILVERMASTER INDICATING HE WANTED TO DROP OVER FOR FEW MINUTES. HELEN STATED SHE AND ULLMANN WERE PAINTING GREGGS ROOM BUT INVITED HIM OVER. SUBJECT GREGG RETURNED TO WASHINGTON OVER WEEKEND AND ON THIS DATE MET MILLER ABOUT NOON AT FOURTEENTH AND G STREETS NW, FRONT GREGGS BANK, HAMILTON NATIONAL BANK. EARLIER CONVERSATION INDICATED MILLER INTENDED TO GIVE GREGG CHECK POSSIBLY AS ~~PARTNER~~ PARTNER IN VIRGINIA REAL ESTATE LOT BEING PURCHASED. ~~REDACTED~~

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~~REDACTED~~ ON MAY TWENTYFIVE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ^{b1} ADVISED MARY JANE ~~KENNEY~~ CONTACTED HELEN ~~SILVERMASTER~~ ~~REDACTED~~ SILVERMASTER WHO INDICATED GREG WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY. HELEN STATED SHE ~~REDACTED~~ PLANNED MEETING GREG WEDNESDAY AND MENTIONED GREG WOULD BE IN NEW YORK TUESDAY TO GIVE TALK. MARY JANE STATED SHE MAY LEAVE DEPENDING ON APPROVAL FROM JAPAN, AND PROMISED TO SEE SILVERMASTERS AFTER MEMORIAL DAY. SUBSEQUENTLY SAME SOURCE ADVISED ¹⁰ SILVERMASTER CONTACTED HELEN STATING HE WOULD TO TO NEW YORK MONDAY

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AFTERNOON AND MEET HELEN WHEN SHE ARRIVED WEDNESDAY. NOT CERTAIN ~~WHETHER~~
 WHETHER THIS MEETING TO BE NEW YORK OR PHILA. SUBSEQUENTLY ON MAY
 TWENTYFIVE HELEN TOLD CYNTHIA ~~DIERKES~~ DIERKES THAT SHE WOULD MEET
 GREGORY IN PHILA. AND GREG INTENDED TO ADVISE HER WHERE. ON EVENING
 MAY TWENTYSIX HELEN SILVERMASTER ADVISED JENNY MILLER SHE WOULD JOIN
 GREG IN NEW YORK TUESDAY. FROM THE ABOVE ~~EXACT~~ EXACT PLANS OF SILVER-
 MASTERS ~~CANNOT BE DEFINITELY~~ CANNOT BE DEFINITELY OUTLINE. ON MORNING
 TWENTYFIVE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED HELEN TENNEY CONTACTED ~~HOTEL~~
 HOTEL NENEDICK ARRANGING ROOM FOR COLONEL ERDWURM. ON EVENING MAY
 TWENTY SIX COLONEL ~~ERDWURM~~ ERDWURM CONTACTED RESIDENCE MRS. MABEL A. TENNEY
 TALKING WITH MARY INDICATING HE EXPECTED TO DRIVE TO GO NEW YORK MONDAY
 OR EARLY TUESDAY. SUBSEQUENTLY HELEN TENNEY REQUESTED MARY TO MAKE
 APPOINTMENT FOR HER SATURDAY JUNE FIFTEEN. COLONEL ERDWURN PROBABLY
 IDENTICAL DR. FRANK ~~ERDWURN~~ ERDWURN, ONE FIVE SIX EAST FIFTY SECOND ST
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TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd
SUBJECT: GREGORY
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DATE: June 7, 1946

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Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

You have previously been advised by memoranda that certain subjects and contacts of subjects in the Gregory Case employed by the State Department have either been dismissed or demoted as a result of information made available to the State Department by the Bureau and other investigative agencies. I thought you would be interested in the following information concerning additional action taken by the State Department.

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However, it is noted through technical sources presently in effect in this case that she spends a great deal of time in her office at the State Department.
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The foregoing is for your information. You will be kept advised of any further action taken by the State Department in this regard.

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IT WAS REPORTED FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE THAT
BELA AND SONIA GOLD EXPECT TO LEAVE WASHINGTON [REDACTED] FOR NEW YORK ON
FRIDAY JUNE FOURTEEN. ACCORDING TO A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE [REDACTED]

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~~REDACTED~~ (C) ACCORDING TO A CONFIDEN-
TIAL SOURCE MAURICE HALPERIN HAD A LUNCHEON ENGAGEMENT WITH MR. ROLAND
B. HUSSEY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT THE COSMOS CLUB JUNE THIRD. THE
SAME SOURCE REVEALED IN A CONTACT BETWEEN MAURICE HALPERIN AND WARREN
THORNTHWAITE THAT HALPERIN STATED HE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL WORD
OF HIS NEW POSITION ON JUNE FOUR AND INDICATED HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED
BY THE BOARD OF ELDERS DASH PROTOCOLS OF ZION DASH ELDERS OF
ZION. HALPERIN INDICATED THE OUTFIT FOR WHICH HE IS GOING TO WORK
IS A COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ABOUT SIXTYFIVE DIFFERENT
ORGANIZATIONS RANGING ALL THE WAY FROM THE EXTREME CLERICAL RIGHT TO
THE EXTREME ANTI CLERICAL LEFT. HE STATED THE ORGANIZATION DEALS WITH
CURRENT PROBLEMS. IT HAS A COMMON DENOMINATOR BEING PROBLEMS OF
IMMIGRATION, EMIGRATION, CIVIL LIBERTIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, DISPLACED
PERSONS, RELIEF, ETC. HE STATED HIS INITIAL JOB WOULD BE TO SET UP
AND PERFECT LIAISON WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE
REVEALED MAURICE HALPERIN AND PHILIP DUNAWAY WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON, D. C.
JUNE FOUR AT EIGHT TWENTYSIX A. M. ON THE B AND O COLUMBIAN ENROUTE
NEW YORK CITY WHERE THEY WILL ARRIVE AT THE FORTYSECOND STREET TERMINAL

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AT THREE TEN P. M. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A SIMILAR
SOURCE INDICATED THAT HARRY [REDACTED] AND ANNE WHITE WILL ENTERTAIN FOR
DINNER ON JUNE FOUR BRUNS OF THE FRENCH FINANCIAL MISSION, EUGENE LA
GENTIL, ON OF THE FOUNDERS OF FRANCE FOREVER AND PRESIDENT OF A
CHEMICAL COMPANY IN FRANCE, MR CHEN CHIH DASH MAI, CHINESE OFFICIAL,
AND SANTOS TILIAS, PHONETIC. *Jau*

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Argentina GREGORY CASE
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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

James P. McMahon
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SYNOPSIS OF CASE: Background information on various contacts of subject of this case set out. **PHILIP O. KEENEY** reported to be a Communist and former instructor at Montana State University. **u**

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **JAMES E. McARDLE** dated April 29, 1946, at Chicago. **(u)**

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:
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Reference is made to a letter from the Washington Field Office to Chicago regarding the above-mentioned individual dated May 3, 1946, requesting background information on **WILLIAM CARD**,

WILLIAM CARD

The indices of the Chicago Field Division reflect that **WILLIAM MARTIN CARD** was born at Fonda, Iowa, in 1906. He is described as follows:

Height	6 feet, 1 inch
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Reddish brown, straight
Complexion	Light
Peculiarities	Prominent nose; wears rimless glasses

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Dr. CARD, the subject of Chicago file No. 100-4503, is Executive Director of the Council of American-Soviet Friendship, and as such has been one of the foremost Russian apologists and advocates in the Chicago area. He has in the past been a lecturer on the Rotary International program for international understanding. It has been reported that he has spurned offers to be a guest lecturer at the Communist dominated Abraham Lincoln School or to speak at functions of Russian War Relief to avoid confusion as to with which organization he was identified. He is reported to have been in sharp conflict with the CCASF over a statement of policy, taking the position that the chairman's ideas were much too conservative. u

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CARD is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where he received his AB degree in 1926, and was given his PhD degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1935. He presently resides at 6128 Ingleside Avenue in Chicago. u

WILLIAM W. REMINGTON

By letter dated April 29, 1946, the Washington Field Division requested background information on a Mrs. J. B. MOOS, Lake Forest, Illinois. This letter states that the wife of WILLIAM W. REMINGTON directed a telegram to Mrs. MOOS in July of 1945. (u)

It has been ascertained Mrs. WILLIAM W. REMINGTON is the granddaughter of Mrs. J. B. MOOS of 451 East Illinois Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. (u)

Mr. CHRISTIAN PHILIP, the gardener of the MOOS estate in Lake Forest, advised that Mrs. REMINGTON is the husband of WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON, who was formerly in the Russian Branch of UNRRA. Mr. PHILIP advised that the MOOSes, a couple between 80 and 85 years of age, are (u)

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presently in Florida and will probably be there until the warm weather returns to Lake Forest. (u)

A check of the indices of the Chicago Field Division as to Mrs. J. B. MOOS was made with negative results. (u)

HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF

By letter dated April 19, 1946, the Washington Field Division requested information regarding the above-named individual.

A check of the indices of the Chicago Field Division as to HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF reflected that he is presently residing at 3226 Ravensworth Place, Alexandria, Virginia, telephone number Temple 5642, b1

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The files of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reflect that HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF was a member of the National Committee for Students Congress Against War in July of 1932. This information appeared in an article in the Student Review for July of 1933 entitled "Imperialism." b2
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The files of the Industrial Detail, Chicago Police Department, reflect that the Daily Worker of March 21, 1933, on page three, column 7, on a New York date line, has the following story. " 'Karl Marx - Fifty Years After,' by Harry Magdoff features the March issue of Student Review of which he is editor." The story further states that the Student Review is the official publication of the National Student League with offices at 13 West Seventeenth Street, New York City.

On May 1, 1946, the writer checked the marriage licenses at the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Chicago and ascertained that HARRY MAGDOFF and BEATRICE GREZIER were married at Paris, Illinois, on December 30, 1932, by GEORGE B. BRESTON, a judge of the circuit court. This license, No. 1359-811, Cook County, Illinois, reflects that HARRY MAGDOFF was born August 21, 1909, and that as of December 30, 1932, resided at 6030 Ingleside Avenue, Chicago. It further reflects that his wife was then residing at 6020 Drexel Boulevard in Chicago and was born February 18, 1911.

Efforts to locate further information relative to subject's activities in Chicago have met with negative results.

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PHILIP O. KEENEY

By letter dated May 3, 1946, the Washington Field Division requested the Chicago Office to ascertain the identity of the residents of 348 South Madison Street, Woodstock, Illinois, and to furnish background information on the individuals residing there.

On May 22, 1946, Mr. LEWIS THAYER, Chief of Police at Woodstock, Illinois, advised that the building at 348 South Madison Street has two floors, the first floor of which was occupied by Mr. A. L. HUFFMAN, and that the second floor was occupied by Mrs. RAYMOND DANIELS, a woman of some 83 years of age and the mother of MARY JANE DANIELS KEENEY, the wife of PHILIP O. KEENEY.

Confidential Informant T-1 has advised that MARY JANE KEENEY is a brilliant but neurotic individual, and that she had met PHILIP O. KEENEY at Ann Arbor, Michigan, while KEENEY was a librarian at the State University at Ann Arbor. It was while they were both located in Ann Arbor that they were married.

The informant stated that some time in the early 1930's the KEENEYS moved to Missoula, Montana, where Mr. KEENEY was finally elevated to the position of professor in the School of Library Science, and that he was subsequently discharged from the university because of his reported Communist activities in the State of Montana. The informant made available to the writer a pamphlet entitled "The Keeney Case" published by the American Federation of Teachers, 506 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, she thought in 1937. However, it appears that the pamphlet was published in March, 1939. This pamphlet is being enclosed for the Washington Field Division for whatever information of value it may contain relative to the above-mentioned individual.

The informant advised that Mrs. KEENEY has recently returned from Paris, France, where she was a member of the Board of Foreign Relations, and that she was at this time planning to join her husband in Japan, where he is believed to be making a study of Japanese libraries.

The informant further advised that Mrs. KEENEY was last in Woodstock, Illinois, in March of 1945 to visit her mother who, at that time, was in very poor health. She at that time advised the informant that she could be reached at the following addresses in Washington, D. C.: Mrs. PHILIP OLIN KEENEY, 215 B Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C., telephone Franklin 1955, or at Executive 7030, Executive 2554 or Executive 2222.

WALTER R. SASSAMAN

By letter dated May 10, 1946, the Washington Field Office requested the Chicago Office to obtain information relative to one SASSAMAN, who resides at 11027 South Green Street, Chicago. It has been ascertained that

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the building at 11027 South Green Street, Chicago, is occupied by WALTER R. SASSAMAN and his family. The files of the Chicago Field Division reflect that Mr. SASSAMAN is the educational director of Region No. 4 of the United Auto Workers, CIO.

The indices further reflect that SASSAMAN is an associate of various instructors of the Communist dominated Abraham Lincoln School at 30 West Washington, Chicago, and is reflected to have been a partner of ARTHUR STEIN, former art director of the Abraham Lincoln School, in an art program for the working people.

On May 18, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] learned from LUCILLE COLBERT of the Abraham Lincoln School, Extension Division, that WALTER SASSAMAN was interested in getting an extension course for one of his UAW locals. She also advised the informant that SASSAMAN was endeavoring to do all he could for the advancement of the Abraham Lincoln School. b2 b7c

On November 30, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] learned from LILLIAN ELKIN of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee that she was to have a conference with WALTER SASSAMAN on that day. The exact nature of this conference was not learned by the informant.

On May 21, 1946, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the SASSAMANS have a daughter approximately four years of age, and that there is frequently delivered to their home at 11027 South Green Street by the postman a small package which could contain slides for a magic lantern. It was this informant's opinion that these packages undoubtedly contained files for some type of camera equipment. However, he had no specific information on which to base his opinion.

BORIS O. WITTE;
EVA KNOX WITTE

Reference report of the writer sets forth leads relative to contacts of the WITTEs while they were in Chicago in April of 1946. Relative to these individuals, it has been ascertained that LEON CARNOVSKY of 1424 East 58th Street, Chicago, is an associate professor and assistant dean of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, and that as such he teaches methods of library operation and edits the Library Quarterly.

The files of Local Board No. 88 in Chicago reflect that he was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 28, 1903, and that he is married to MARION S. CARNOVSKY.

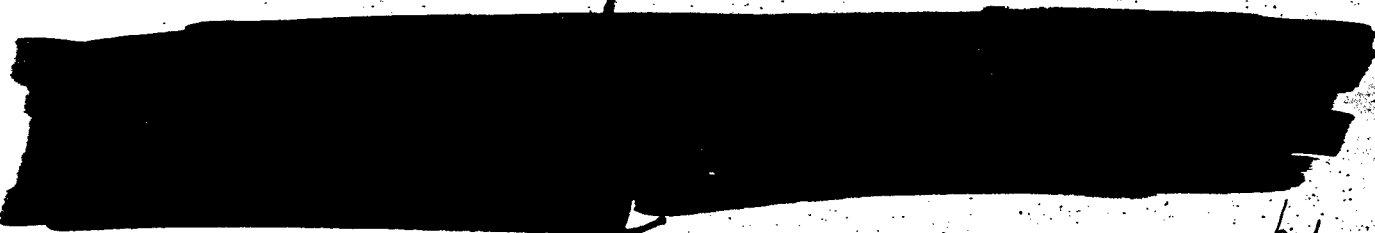
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Until their marriage in 1939, she was a director of the training class at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland. The following is the description of CARNOVSKY obtained from his Selective Service file:

Date and place of birth	November 28, 1903, St. Louis, Missouri
Height	5 feet, 8 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Color	White
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Relatives	ISAAC. CARNOVSKY, father St. Louis, Missouri Mrs. LEON HEMPLE, sister St. Louis, Missouri MRS. NATHAN BLUMBERG, sister St. Louis, Missouri MORRIS CARNOVSKY, brother Los Angeles, California Mrs. M. BARON, sister St. Louis, Missouri GERTRUDE CARNOVSKY, sister Jerusalem, Palestine DEBORAH CARNOVSKY, sister St. Louis, Missouri

The indices of the Chicago Field Division as to LEON CARNOVSKY have been checked with negative results.



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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois, will continue to follow and report the activities of NORMAN CHANDLER BURSNER as they reflect participation, if any, in the case entitled "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, et al." (u)

Will ascertain the identity of WILLIAM HUBER of 5000 South Cornell Avenue, a reported correspondent of WILLIAM W. REMINGTON, a subject in this case. (u)

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Confidential Informant T-1 is [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] b7C

Confidential Informant T-2 is [REDACTED] of
the Beverly Postal Station at 1805 Monterey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. b7C

These two individuals have been carried as confidential informants
inasmuch as they have requested that their identities be kept confidential.

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REPORT MADE AT PORTLAND, OREGON	DATE WHEN MADE 6-3-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-31-46	REPORT MADE BY KENNETH L. LADD
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Re: DONALD NIVEN WHEELER
V.C. VANCE is identical with Mrs. VERA C. VAUSE who resides at Pendleton, Oregon. Background information on Mrs. VAUSE set forth in report.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Washington Field Division to Portland Field Division dated April 19, 1946.

DETAILS: Re: DONALD NIVEN WHEELER

In the above referenced letter the Washington Field Division requested that this office discreetly ascertain the identity of V.C. VANCE, 611 S.W. 1st Street, Pendleton, Oregon, and furnish available background information on this individual who corresponded on several occasions with DONALD NIVEN WHEELER, the subject in this case.

Investigation in this case was conducted by Special Agent MARSHALL I. BARNES.

AT PENDLETON, OREGON:

Investigation at Pendleton reflected that there was no one in that city by name of V.C. VANCE, however, investigation disclosed that Mrs. VERA C. VAUSE, also known as Mrs. FRANCIS FREEMAN VAUSE, nee VERA CHILD, resides with her husband, FRANCIS FREEMAN VAUSE, at 611 S.W. 1st Street, Pendleton, Oregon.

Mr. VAUSE is an employee of the Harris Pine Mills, Pendleton, and also a salesman for the Beneficial Life Insurance Company of Salt

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DEB	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 65-1645-56402-1184	RECORDED & INDEXED
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Lake City, Utah. Mr. VAUSE is 62 years of age, a native of Plain City, Utah, and a registrant of Local Draft Board No. 1, Pendleton.

When Mrs. VAUSE registered in Precinct 22, Pendleton, on October 4, 1940, she listed her occupation as housewife, and registered as a Republican. She listed her parents as ATTILIA and CHARLES U. CHILD and stated that she was born at Ogden, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. VAUSE have a twenty-four year old son, COLONEL RALPH VAUSE, NSN 6546770, who was born July 29, 1921, at The Dalles, Oregon. Young VAUSE was separated from the Navy on November 3, 1945, with the rank of Aviation Chief Radio Technician.

Mr. and Mrs. VAUSE moved to their present address in Pendleton in 1940, prior to which time they had lived for approximately ten years at Milton, Umatilla County, Oregon. While Mr. and Mrs. VAUSE were living at Enterprise, Oregon, their fifteen year-old daughter died on May 19, 1927.

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AT PENDLETON, OREGON:

Will conduct appropriate investigation to develop complete background information on Mrs. VERA C. VAUSE.

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Office Memorandum ? UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *JH*

FROM : J. C. Strickland *JCS*

SUBJECT: HELEN TENNEY
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DATE: June 10, 1946

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[REDACTED] You will recall that information in the files on Helen Tenney was furnished to the [REDACTED]

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refer [Helen Tenney, as you will recall, is a subject in the Silvermaster case and is presently in charge of the Communist Desk in SSU. [REDACTED]

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refer [[REDACTED] but that the information was furnished them on a strictly confidential basis for any action they may desire and that under no circumstances should Helen Tenney be apprized of the information or the source. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and he was advised that at the present time no such information was available but that should the Bureau receive any information indicating that she is contacting or associating with employees in this Unit of course he will be advised.

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