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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mrs. CEDRIC BELFRAGE departing for Paris by plane 8/7/46. No significant activity of BELFRAGES noted. ABRAHAM BROTHMAN continues to do work for Chinese Government and is presently working on a project, the exact nature of which has not been determined. JULES KORCHIEN presently residing 28 East 10th St., NYC; continues active in CIO Housing Council and relations with URSULA WASSERMAN. WASSERMAN returned from South America; has made trip to Washington, D. C. and is presently attempting to secure position in NYC. She continues to receive mail from various communist front organizations in NYC. RAY ELSON now employed full-time at CARACUL FUR CO., NYC; no significant activities noted. Attempt to locate bank account of MICHAEL GREENBURG made with negative results. JOSEPH GREGG contacted PETER RHODES en route to Canada to home of parents of Mrs. GREGG. Background on SONYA THORP, contact of GREGG, set out. Informant GREGORY advises according to HELEN TENNEY, latter was dismissed from War Department effective 7/19/46 because of department's re-organization. TENNEY indicated she desired to make New York her permanent residence. In conversation with GREGORY and RAY ELSON the latter expressed considerable interest in present affairs and prospects of U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. OLGAPRAVDIN's apartment continues to be occupied by CATHERINE DUFFY, former maid, and indications are that the FRAVDINS are expected to return to the U. S. Pictures exhibited to page 2, 7-16.

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Informant GREGORY with negative results.
Dr. ABRAHAM BENJAMIN WEINSTEIN contemplating
trip to Quebec about 7/27/46. WEINSTEIN
contacted by JOSEPH GREGG 7/1/46. Background
of THEODORE BAUMGOLD, correspondent of
WEINSTEIN, set out. *JG*

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent John T. Hilsbos
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RE: CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE

The following information was obtained by Special Agent Lawrence W. Spillane and covers the period from June 1, 1946 to July 9, 1946:

On June 11, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that BELFRAGE spoke to JOSEPH GAER, of the CIO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, indicating that he would call GAER on the following Tuesday morning and arrange an appointment for that day. *S u (R) u*

On June 15, 1946, Mrs. BELFRAGE spoke to an individual in the TWA Airlines and it was indicated that she has paid the passage to Europe on this airline. *S u (R) u*

On June 17, 1946, ALLISON ROOPER arranged to meet Mrs. BELFRAGE at the home of Miss GUNDELL, 151 East 49 Street, New York City. Mrs. BELFRAGE indicated that she is writing an article for a Paris newspaper and that ERIC is doing the photography for her article. *S u (R) u*

This informant further advised that on June 17, 1946, Mrs. BELFRAGE told an unidentified woman that she would fly to Paris on August 7, 1946 and she intended to visit Paris, Rome, London and several other cities in Europe. *S u (R) u*

On June 22, 1946, a Western Union telegram was received by Mrs. BELFRAGE, according to Informant [redacted] and this telegram read as follows:

"Your phone does not answer. Terribly sorry unable to come. When will you be in town? Love, ERNEST". *S u (R) u*

This informant further advised that on June 25, 1946, ERIC spoke to Mrs. BELFRAGE and stated that his mother just arrived from Europe and he made an appointment to meet Mrs. BELFRAGE on the following Thursday at 4:00 pm in his office. *S u (R) u*

On July 6, 1946, an unidentified woman told BELFRAGE that the meeting for that evening was postponed to the following Sunday at 11:00 am. She indicated that ARTHUR McMANN (phonetic) and LOU were not able to come and inasmuch as ARTHUR McMANN was arranging for the dinner in New York for the Educational Advisors, it was necessary that he attend this meeting. *S u (R) u*

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This informant further advised that on July 9, 1946, a woman named TESSIE told BELFRAGE that she is considering sending her son to England to attend college and she requested BELFRAGE's advice. BELFRAGE suggested that her son be sent to Edinburg in Scotland, although he did not know much about this college, and he further suggested that she might send him to college in Moscow, Russia. This woman replied that she thought the language barrier would be too great in Moscow and she believed that she would send her son to Edinburg. *2 to (9) u*

Further information was received through the GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York City, that Lieutenant Colonel JOHN B. STANLEY, Commanding Officer of the 68-71st District Information Services Control Command (DISCC) was also listed as a reference for BELFRAGE. The address of the DISCC was the 7th United States Army, APO 758, and this command was located in Germany. The Bureau has been advised of the above information inasmuch as the Bureau has been requested to obtain background information on ALLAN J. ARONSON and ERNEST W. ADLER, who were members of the DISCC.

As a result of a mail cover placed on CEDRIC BELFRAGE at Croton-on-Hudson, New York, information was received that BELFRAGE received mail with the following return addresses: *(9) u*

~~FLOREY, INC.~~ *incorporated*
815 Bates
Detroit, Michigan
(Registered Letter)

Suite 5
301 S. 41 Street
Birmingham, Alabama

~~LYND WARD~~
200 Christie Heights
Leonia, New Jersey

~~FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.~~ *incorporated*
137 East 57 Street
New York City

Rev. E. W. ARTHUR
591 S. Downing Street
Denver, Colorado

~~R. ROSE~~
1246 Pratt Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

225 Fifth Avenue
Room 1130
New York City

~~ARONSON~~
"New York Post"
75 West Street, NYC *qu*

~~AUTHORS LEAGUE OF AMERICA~~
6 East 39 Street
New York City

~~C. W. (probably CLAUDE WILLIAMS)~~
2163 S. 14 Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

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An inquiry was conducted at 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and it was determined that the TURNER MANUFACTURING COMPANY has offices in Room 1130 at this address. Information has previously been reported regarding JACOB ~~TURNER~~ and the ~~TURNER MANUFACTURING COMPANY~~.

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Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
 (Jules Korchien)
 (Ursula Wasserman)

The following investigation concerning the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, JULES KORCHIEN, and URSULA WASSERMAN, covering the period from June 6, 1946 to July 10, 1946, inclusive, is being reported by Special Agent FRANK D. O'BRIEN.

Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

~~Confidential Informant~~ [redacted] has advised that BROTHMAN continues in his activities at his place of business, at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. BROTHMAN has been doing work for the Chinese Government, the nature of which was previously reported as developing some types of resins. In connection with this project for the Chinese Government, a MR. WAN (phonetic) has been in touch with BROTHMAN regarding a report which he desired. The Informant reported that on July 8, 1946, WAN was in touch with BROTHMAN and requested a summary report of the work that was being conducted. WAN stated that a General CHU (phonetic) should receive this report as soon as possible. *CU*

The Informant also advised that on June 18, 1946, BROTHMAN was in contact with CY MANDELBORN and SOB FANSHEL. Both of these men are believed to be employees of BROTHMAN, and they discussed some type of project which they are working on. BROTHMAN stated that they desired to build a chemical industry to match the DuPont empire for \$5.26. It is not known who the "they" are, to whom BROTHMAN referred. However, he did state that SLAVIN and he, BROTHMAN, had quite a tussle over the affair. SLAVIN is believed to be HARRY SLAVIN, 510 West 112th Street, New York City. Continuing on in this discussion, MANDELBORN stated that they are anxious to get the report out but that they did not desire to use their own stationery. *CU*

The contents of this entire discussion are being set forth below, and efforts will be made in the near future to ascertain for whom BROTHMAN is working on this project, and also the exact nature of it. *CU*

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C: All right. You're all straightened out now, SOL (ph.) ?

S: Right.

C: Okay, All right, ABE (ph.)

A: Hello

C: Yeah.

A: We had quite a tussle last night.

C: Yeah.

A: Uh, SLAVIN (ph.) and myself--uh, the main thing involved about this, uh-- in their anxiety to build a chemical industry for five dollars and twenty six cents -----.

C: Yeah, a little louder, ABE, Please.

A: I said in their anxiety to build a chemical industry complete to match the Dupont Empire for five dollars twenty six cents.

C: Yes.

A: They, uh, uh, find the engineering charges on this thing running high, you see.

C: Oh, do they?

A: The first thing they do, of course, is to suspect that we're chiseling.

C: Yeah.

A: --- so, uh, uh, the Commission or something that is investigating him appointed an expert to look over the set --- uh over our stuff.

C: Oh, is that a , uh, a British expert or, uh, one of their men?

A: It couldn't be a British expert so it's one of their men.

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C: Oh, I see. Well, I mean, I just wondered if it was one of their... or an expert...

A: Listen, uh...

C: I, uh...okay.

A: You listen to me.

C: Okay.

A: I always suspected it is a.....It's DR. ~~BEN~~MANFELD (ph.)....

C: Yeah.

A:who is their expert...

C: Yeah.

A:and, uh, he comes back with the decision that we are drawing experimental plans on the, uh, to the extent that, uh....(indistinct).

C: Oh, I see.

A: See?

C: Yeah, I got it.

A: So I told him what did you expect it to be when you're asking for it to be (indistinct) within five dollars and twenty six cents.

C: And you're asking for it without all the....you're asking for it this way and that way and conditions in which....uh, of course, they're experimental. They're not experimental. They're eighteen ninety.

A: Uh, well, the next thing was that....uh, while they shuffled back and forth, hither and dither and separations are made and in (indistinct)....in separation columns...

C: Yeah.

A: You have the fact that, uh, this operation is taking place according to plaque lines.

C: I see.

A: Now that wants to be said in the report.

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C: I see. Well, I can't do that without telling them something about the processing aid.

A: I know, uh, you don't try to prove it, you just state it.

C: Oh I see, I see. I'll point out certain operations which are required like separations and these that are not done in separatory columns are done in the parts. It doesn't make any difference. Uh, that's....uh, I mean there's (indistinct) and yet giving them some data.

A: Yeah.

C: Okay.

A: No, no data at all. You just say that process is taking place according to plaquette lines except, uh, with the operations of, uh.....confined to a small amount of equipment involving shuffling of materials so that.... so that to keep it within the small amount of equipment.

C: I see, uh....uh,uhuh. Okay, I can do that all right. There's no trouble about that. SOL'S taking care of the, uh, procurement aspect of the thing and the work we did on that....

A: Yeah.

C:and...and uh, uh, and...well, here's something I said in the introduction, you see, uh...SOL....one thing SOL, uh, questioned, which he may be correct in, is this. He wondered whether or not he ought to mention the specific materials by name like TNT and so on.

A: Yeah.

C: I, uh...okay. That's all right then, and, also, the fact that, uh, reference is made to DDT and alkede (ph.) resins as cover-ups.

A: Yeah.

C: In other words, just talk to them just like we do to SLAVIN.

A: Yeah.

C: All right. Well, we won't write it on company stationary so there will be no change of anything going wrong.

A: That's right.

C: Okay.

A: Now, the point of the thing is that you are to point out that we originally began a perfectly classic design in the beginning of the plan...

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C: Yeah.
A:but that we were notified of the limited sum of money they had available for the entire project and hence had completely amended the thing.
C: I did that already.
A: Yeah?
C: I've already done that....in great detail I point out all the changes that have taken place.
A. Yeah.
C: Okay.
A: You will also point out the, uh....that the question of the Atchinson(ph.) recovery was brought out to us and the work which we did on that.
C: And we developed the work which proves that it's all right. I planned to do that, yeah.
A: All right.
C: Okay.
A: You want to talk about the uh....
C: I'll talk about the changes that have been made on the ballistype (ph.).
A: Uh, what changes?
C: Well, uh, they don't have to know that we, uh, didn't, uh, point out that we planned to design it one way. We had adapted our, uh....some of the work to producing ordinary cordite and then, uh, decided we wanted to make ball-grain (ph.) powder all of a sudden.
A: Yeah.
C: Okay?
A: Well, I...I don't think we have to go into that. I mean, that's a sort of a feeble one...
C: Okay.
A:but I think what we had ought to do is to find a uh...the things that state facts and that we are attempting to restrict the (indistinct) to within the limit of a uh....of a uh limitation in the amount of money we could spend and that number two, we are attempting to cover the plant at the same time....

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C: Yeah.

A: ...and that the cover of the plant involves thus, thus and thus, and that we had to....uh, in using equipment for several different (indistinct) resulted in something different from the classical features of it.

C: Uhuh and, uh, another thing....

A: Is SOL on the phone?

C: Yeah. Right.

A: Uh, uh....a terrific squabble broke out between uh, uh, SLAVIN and myself yesterday in which I dressed him down (indistinct). Their expert, looking at the specifications and looking at the (indistinct) sheet, decided that, uh, that the plaque was an experimental plaquette and uh, (indistinct) made question marks over them. So I, uh, asked uh, SLAVIN, since he was so critical about (indistinct) his engineering help but there....uh, what he would think if I was to look at the door handle of an automobile and discover that the, uh, internal combustion engine that drove it was of low efficiency.

C: (Laugh)

A: Uh, he had no answer for that so I said, now MR. SLAVIN, I said, either the man who looked at that thing and came to that decision was a genius or you're a liar.

C: (Laugh) I see. Well, okay, so we have an idea now as to how to proceed. You want to go into as great deal as is consistent with not telling them anything except, uh, what we had to do. I mean, no precious information. Okay?Hey ABE?ABE? Uh, just a minute ABE. SOL?

S: I think he got cut off.

C: Oh, I see. Hello....uh, hello. Uh look, SOL. Suppose, uh, you jitter the operator. You want me to do that?

S: I'll take it.

C: Well, uh, I guess maybe we'd better hang up, SOL, and dial.

S: All right, hang up.

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S: Hello?

A: Hello.

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S: ABE?

A: Yeah.

S: I guess we were cut off.

A: Yeah, I'm on the phone now.

S: Uh, is there anything further?

A: What, uh...the only thing I was thinking when I think we were cut off... what I'm concerned with doing is pointing out that, uh, uh...there is no operation there which is being carried in an experimental fashion whatsoever. The main difference (indistinct) is the amount of the equipment involved and the price of the (indistinct) operation.

S: I do....are you getting that, CY?

C: Yeah, I've got it.

S: Okay. The main difference is in (indistinct) is the way we're handling the equipment, making one pot do three or four jobs but each job is being done exactly...as would...as if it were in it's own little pot.

A: (indistinct) equipment involved never (indistinct.)

S: uhuh.

A: And that the difference is in the separate operation.

S: I see. Well, I guess then that you want me to, uh, leave out the fact that we're working with sulphuric acid on a different cycle rather than oleum and so on.

A: No, no because (indistinct.)

S: I can't hear that.

A: (indistinct) oleum.

S: Back in the TNT?

A: Yeah.

S: Okay.

A: Pointed out to the fact that (indistinct).....

CY: Ask JULES (ph.) if he wants to talk to ABE.

SOL: Yeah. Well JULES does. ABE?

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ABE: Huh?

S: JULES wants to talk to you, okay? He's on another wire. He'll be with you in a minute.

A: Hello?

S: Yeah, okay. Is there anything further, ABE?

A: Yes.

S: Yeah.

A: You can point out in the (indistinct) that at one point we pointed out that he had nothing but ninety four per cent acid available for us...

S: Yeah.

A:and that with the ninety four per cent acid, uh, the acid does not do the same thing that we would get with (indistinct) oleum.

S: That's right.

A: Because we could not be certain that the (indistinct) would approve.

S: Yeah.

A: The uh, uh....the direction of the (indistinct) plate and....

S: Okay, so now we'll, uh....

A: We'll have to go back and use the design of the non-classic (ph.) lines of the uh, of the (indistinct).

S: Yeah.

A: The result of....the exclusive result of....

S: Yeah.

A: The uh, the exclusive result of the uh, uh....

S: The possibility that they might not get oleum.

A: That's right.

S: Okay.

A: And, uh....

S: And if they get oleum....

A: And if they get oleum it will return to the perfectly classic lines (indistinct)

S: Okay, fine.

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A: And you will also, uh, point out that the uh....the uh (indistinct) step process is uh....the same process (indistinct) is the process used to do....

S: Okay, I'll do that. Now, uh, JULES says he wants to say something to you ABE. Okay hold on. JULES.

(PAUSE)

JULES: Uh, ABE. I didn't realize that MARION (ph.) wouldn't be in today so I can't get that letter off.

A. Year.

J: What I thought I'd do is this. Uh, I'm expecting a call from RUBIN (ph)....

A: Yeah.

J:and uh, I'll suggest my going up to his house this afternoon.

A: Yeah.

J: If I can then I'll see ~~BUDENBAUM~~ (ph.)....

A: Yeah.

J:and uh, I'll talk to him...see what I can do. Either tell him to get off the job or, or come right over and finish it.

A: (indistinct)

J: Uh, it's over in Kent Cliffs (ph.). I don't think you'd be able to find it just wandering the country side.

A: Yeah.

J: It's uh, near Carmel, New York.

A: I could meet you in Carmel.

J: Uh, I don't think he goes through Carmel when we get there.

A: I see.

J: And I don't know just exactly when we would get there.

A: Where do you get off?

J: Well, he's going to drive up, you see.

A: Oh, I see.

J: Yeah.

A. Well, you give me a ring.

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J: I'll give you a ring from there.

A: Yeah.

J: Let me have your number again.

A: 3558 R2.

J: 3558 R2?

A: Yeah.

J: Okay, uh, SILVER (ph.) wants to talk to you ABE.

A: Yeah.

SOL: Go ahead SILVER.

(PAUSE)

SILVER: Hello.

ABE: Hello.

S: Is, uh, MARION there?

A: Yes.

S: Uh, can I speak to her?

A: Sure, just one minute.

S: Yeah.

(PAUSE)

MARION: Hello.

SILVER: MARION?

M: Yes.

S: GUS (ph.) just called and he said he wants the DDT and chloral folder that he left here. Do you know where it is?

M: The what?

S: He wants us to mail him the DDT and chloral folder. Do you know where it is?

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M: Now, how would I know where it is. I don't handle it.
S: Well, I thought maybe you saw it.

M: I put something to do with DDT away in the, uh, second drawer. There are a group of folders dealing with DDT in the second drawer. OSCAR (ph.) will show you where they are.

S: All right, I'll look for them. When are you coming back?

M: Probably tonight or tomorrow morning.
S: Okay.

M: All right.
S: So-long.

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Efforts are presently being made to ascertain the identity of HARRY SLAVIN, 510 West 112th Street, New York City. Inquiry at this address failed to reveal any person by the name of SLAVIN residing there.

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York was checked against the name of SLAVIN with negative results.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BROTHMAN has made several telephone calls from Peekskill 3-558R2. It was ascertained that this telephone number is listed to ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, Furnace Dock Road, Peekskill, New York. *u* *b2*

According to the same Informant, on June 7, 1946, an attempt was made by one, LACATUR (phonetic), to get in touch with BROTHMAN, at which time BROTHMAN was not in, but OSCAR VAGO, one of BROTHMAN'S associates, spoke with LACATUR and said that the meeting with POWELL (phonetic) was off, but that they would meet at a later time in BROTHMAN'S office to discuss the Soviet Russia proposal. *u* *b1*

Confidential Informant [redacted] also advised that MIRIAM MOSCOWITZ, Secretary to BROTHMAN, had made a reservation for three persons to fly to Chicago on July 15, 1946, and to return to New York City on July 16, 1946. *u* *b2* *b7D*

Re: JULES KORCHIEN

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Re: URSULA WASSERMAN

On June 14, 1946, the Miami Field Division advised that URSULA WASSERMAN had arrived in Miami via Pan-American Airways at 11.58 P.M. on June 13, 1946, and that a search made by the Customs was negative except that it revealed that she was carrying a briefcase filled with paper, the contents of which could not be determined during the short time of the Customs search in Miami. WASSERMAN stayed overnight at the Colonial Hotel and departed from Miami for New York City on the Florida East Coast Champion at 8.15 A.M. on June 14, 1946. Prior to WASSERMAN'S arrival at New York, the San Juan Field Division advised that WASSERMAN, while passing through the airport at San Juan, attempted to contact MAX A. EGGLEFF, Director of Street Office of Information; also, that she had telephoned the Normandie Hotel in an effort to contact JACK DELANO and one ELLSWORTH, who is believed to be ELMER ELLSWORTH, Coordinator, Governor's Office. There was no information at the time whether or not the telephone contacts with DELANO and ELLSWORTH were successful. It will be recalled that JACK DELANO, referred to hereinbefore, is a contact of WASSERMAN, and also MARY JANE KEENEY, and that DELANO is presently in Puerto Rico with his wife, IRENE, employed as photographers for the Office of Information, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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On July 1, 1946, URSULA WASSERMAN departed from New York City via the Pennsylvania Railroad at 9.30 A.M., and proceeded to Washington, D. C. At the time of this trip WASSERMAN was under surveillance by Special Agents FRANK D. O'BRIEN and GEORGE J. SULLIVAN. The surveillance in question was turned over to Special Agents of the Washington Field Division upon the arrival of the train in Washington, D. C., at 1.30 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, July 1, 1946. It was noted that WASSERMAN was met at the Union Station, Washington, D. C., by MARY JANE KEENEY.

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RE: LAUCHLIN CURRIE

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THOMAS P. LYNCH on June 5, 1946.

The following investigation was conducted as a result of a letter from the Washington Field Office dated April 15, 1946, which letter requested the identity of and available background information on DAVID SCOLL, 84 Pierce Drive, Pleasantville, New York, who was telephonically contacted by the above-named subject on May 13, 1945.

Chief of Police KENNETH ROMAINE advised that he did not know DAVID SCOLL personally. Chief ROMAINE checked his files and ascertained that a request had been submitted to him by the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial District on November 21, 1945 requesting information as to whether or not SCOLL had been arrested. Chief ROMAINE exhibited this letter to the writer and it reflected the following information:

DAVID E. SCOLL was an applicant for admission to the Bar in the Second Judicial District and he was being investigated by the Committee on Character and Fitness, 1105 Municipal Building, Brooklyn, New York. This letter had an attachment which gave the following background information on SCOLL. The following are the residences of SCOLL since he was sixteen years of age. No dates were furnished but it is believed that they are in chronological sequence:

2738 Grant Street
Evanston, Illinois

1513 30th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

10 Farwell Place
Cambridge, Massachusetts

2822 Dumbarton Avenue
Washington, D. C.

31 Wendell Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

3226 N Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

1201 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

60 Richardson Road
Berkeley, California

20 Prescott Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

The Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street
New York City

1526 18th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Present address - 84 Pierce Drive
Pleasantville, New York

SCOLL'S employer was listed as the International Commercial Trading Company, 19 Rector Street, New York City, and his place of birth was given as Baltimore, Maryland, and his age as 39 years old but the date was not furnished.

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Also listed on this form were the following but it did not state whether these were places of employment but merely said Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts; American Zinc Company, Mascot, Tennessee; Old Silver Beach, West Falmouth, Massachusetts; United States Embassy, London, England.

Chief of Police ROMAINE pointed out subject's residence to the writer and it was observed that he has a rather nice home in a sparsely inhabited section of Pleasantville and has a number of children's playthings indicating that he has a number of small children. Chief ROMAINE stated that this property previously was owned by a CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN.

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Reference is made to letter from the Washington Field Office dated April 15, 1946, letter from the New York Field Office dated June 7, 1946 and letter from the Washington Field Office dated June 18, 1946.

All letters referred to Mrs. MARION HENDERSON, residing at 134 West 67th Street, New York City. She was telephonically contacted by LAUHLIN CURRIE on August 15, 1945. Previous information concerning HENDERSON was set out in New York letter dated June 7, 1946. u

Mr. A. WITHERSPOON, owner of the building at 134 West 67th Street, was contacted and he advised that Mrs. MARION HENDERSON had resided on the first floor, west apartment, of these premises for the last six years. He advised that she was a widow, advanced in years, mother of two sons and one daughter. He further advised that she resided at these premises with her one daughter; that one son was engaged in the import-export business and that HENDERSON was presently away for the summer.

WITHERSPOON further advised that to his knowledge HENDERSON has acted solely as a housewife for the last six years and has had few or no visitors excepting her own family. He further stated that he never observed anything unusual about the activities of HENDERSON.

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Re: Mrs. RAY ELSON, was.
161 West 16th Street,
New York City

The investigative activity concerning Mrs. RAY ELSON is reported by Special Agent James R. Shanners.

In the report of Special Agent John T. Hilsbos dated June 14, 1946 at New York City, it was stated that Mrs. RAY ELSON had resigned her position with the NFCL, New York City and assumed employment at the SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT COMPANY, 119 Chambers Street, New York City. On July 1, 1946 ELSON resigned her position at the latter firm and is presently employed by the CAZACUL FUR COMPANY at 247 West 29th Street, New York City. ELSON received this employment by answering an advertisement in the New York Times. She is receiving a salary of \$50 per week and her hours are 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. five days a week. No additional information regarding ELSON's employment at the UNO has been discussed since the last report and it is believed that this possibility has been dismissed by the subject.

Since the last report ELSON has met with Confidential Informant GREGORY, whose identity is known to the Bureau, on one occasion but has discussed no moves that could be regarded as important to the instant investigation. During the course of their conversation, according to Confidential Informant GREGORY, ELSON discussed their weekend home at Far Rockaway and the various aspects of her job at that time with the SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT COMPANY. ELSON did state that she was curious regarding the possibility of her being surveilled but after she was reassured by the informant that this was not the case she dismissed the matter. Her actions while under surveillance do not indicate that she is surveillance conscious. The above instance regarding the inquiry of ELSON's being surveilled was brought up when surveilling agents made an inquiry of a doorman where ELSON visited one night at 333 West 53rd Street, New York City. This information was forwarded by the doorman to the residence of BERRY STAVIS with whom ELSON visited on that particular night.

Since the last report Confidential Informant [redacted] reflected no new activities on the part of either RAY or JCE ELSON. They have been spending every weekend at their Far Rockaway residence and have, while in New York, spent most of their evenings at home. Their contacts reflect those that have been previously reported and their background has already been set forth. This list includes the HALPERINS, LOUISE SCHATZ,

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the SHUCHTERS, BELLA DOREN, BERRIE STAVIS, FRANK and LENA BUTTO, and RUTH MILLER. It is interesting to note that since ELSON's resignation from the NFCL she has ceased having contact with any of her former associates with whom she had frequent contact. (S) u

Physical surveillance since the last report has indicated a similar status as that of [redacted]. While in their apartment in the city they entertain known friends, have been going to the usual number of motion pictures, and have also seen several Broadway play. It may be noted that the latter list included the play, "On Whitman Avenue" which is allegedly a Communist inspired play. (S) u b2 b7D

On May 29, 1946 ELSON attended a rally at Madison Square Garden which was sponsored by the SOVIET AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. At this rally she was accompanied by RUTH and IRVING LEVINE and her brother, JERRY SHUCHTER. LEVINE and SHUCHTER have previously been set out as to their background activity.

A mail cover on the residence of RAY ELSON at 161 West 16th Street reflects that three letters have been addressed to her during the past month. On June 19, 1946 she received a letter from the CHASE NATIONAL BANK and the NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY. On June 20, 1946 she received a post card from "SYLVIA" and also from the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, 205 East 42nd Street, New York City. On June 24, 1946 she received a letter from ROSE HARTMAN; 832 Buckingham, Chicago, Illinois. (S) u

In the report of Agent Hilsbos dated June 14, 1946, the results of a highly confidential informant having access to the residence of RAY ELSON was set forth. Investigation regarding the names set forth on that list are set out as follows: (S) u

JACK GOLDMAN, wa Yankel Bomb
226 East 12th Street, New York City

Investigation at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City by Special Employee Investigator Wade Fuller reflected the following information regarding JACK GOLDMAN: u

GOLDMAN was born in Warsaw, Poland on July 15, 1893 and has a wife named YETTA. His wife was also born in Warsaw, Poland in December, 1893. They were married on February 15, 1912 at Warsaw, Poland and entered the United States in January, 1914. Their residence at that time u

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was 2849 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, They have one child, HYMAN, ^{Tolson} born December 3, 1913 in Poland, and at the present time he resides in New York City.

The last known foreign residence for DOLB was at Warsaw, Poland. He emigrated from Antwerp, Belgium and his lawful entry unto the United States was under the name of YANKEL DOLB, January 12, 1914, on the SS LAPLAND.

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^{Jack} GOLDMAN filed his Declaration of Intention on October 31, 1938 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, number 422925. The witnesses were DAVID GANS, Fur Operator at 985 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and DORA EAGER, Restaurant Owner, 1500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York. Petition for Naturalization was filed on April 2, 1945 in the Southern District of New York, number 512684. He was naturalized in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on November 19, 1945. GOLDMAN's father was JOSEPH DOLB, his mother was ROSA CRUSHKA, and when he came to the United States GOLDMAN indicated he was going to see his brother, MORRIS DOLB.

The following are the residences of GOLDMAN since he came to the United States:

- New York City - January, 1914 to November, 1915;
 - Chicago, Illinois - November, 1915 to August, 1931;
 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - August, 1931 to July, 1933;
 - New York City - July, 1933 to May, 1935;
- (GOLDMAN has been in New York since this last visit)

His employment in New York City has been as follows:

- SCHULMAN & COMPANY, Dress Operator, 112 West 25th Street, April, 1939 to October, 1942;
- LOUIS ZUCKER, Dress Operator, 535 8th Avenue, October, 1942 to January, 1945;
- IWO, JEWISH PEOPLES FRATERNAL ORDER, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. from January, 1945 to the present time.

The following description of the subject was obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service file:

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Date of birth	7/15/1893
Place of birth	Warsaw, Poland
Sex	Male
Race	White
Complexion	Medium
Height	5'5 1/2"
Weight	155 lbs.
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown

Since the incident reported in the report of June 14, 1946, RAY ELSON has not had contact with JACK GOLDMAN and investigation is being continued to ascertain further background activity of GOLDMAN.

PAUL VINCENT ROONEY
39-48 65th Street, Astoria, Long Island

Florence Rooney

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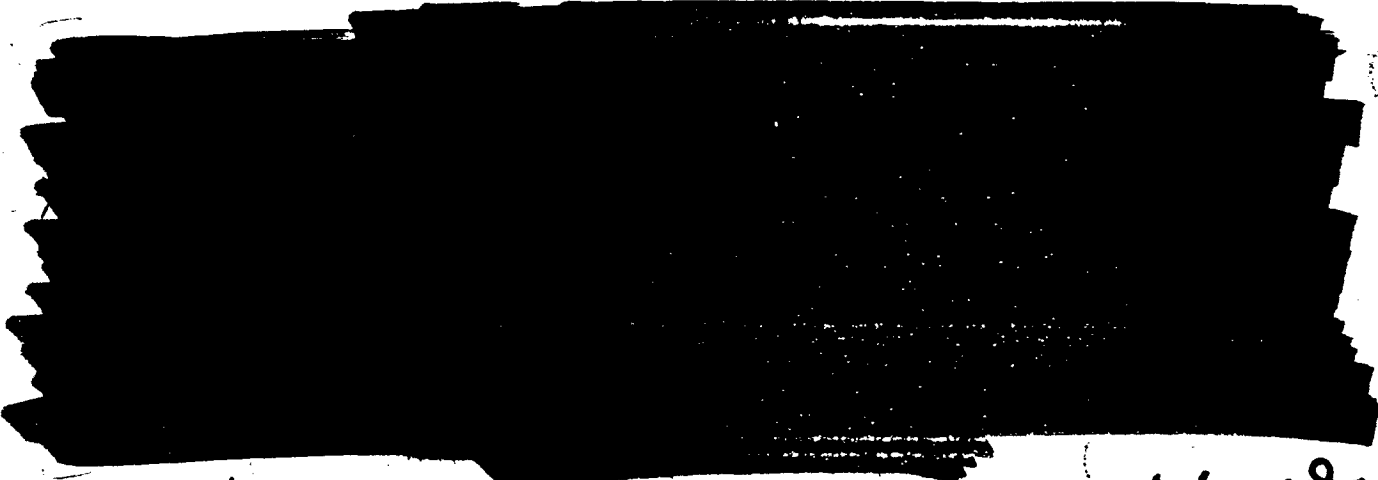
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A review of the indices of the New York office reflects that the firm of ~~HUTZ & JOSLIN~~ were mentioned in several reports emanating from New York regarding foreign transactions between foreign and domestic sources. This was noted during the period of the monitoring of funds at various banks in New York City in 1940 and 1941.



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Dr. HAROLD AARON
1235 Park Avenue, New York City

It has been ascertained that Dr. AARON whose name was revealed by the highly confidential informant is identical with Dr. HAROLD AARON who is a physician for Dr. WEINSTEIN, and previous reports have been submitted to the Bureau regarding the background and activities of Doctor AARON. Investigation has never ascertained any previous relationship between ELSON and Dr. AARON since the inception of the investigation in November, 1945. Investigation is continuing to attempt to ascertain the relationship between these two individuals.

LINDSEY SANFORD REED, JR.
96-13 32nd Avenue, Corona, Long Island

Inquiry at local board 254, 30-97 Steinway Avenue, Astoria, Long Island, reflected that REED, a Negro, was born at Savannah, Georgia on April 23, 1907. He presently resides with his wife, MAUDE, a

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a nurse, at 96-18 32nd Avenue, Corona, Long Island. He has one child, VICKI, and possibly one other, residing with him. REED attended Mechanics Institute where he took architectural drawing for three years and later attended NYU School of Fine and Applied Arts which he was still attending at the time of his registration. Since the completion of his schooling he has worked exclusively as an architect around New York City and his employers included DESIGN UNIT, 30 Church Street; The ARMA CORPORATION, 254 36th Street, Brooklyn; GIBBS & COX, and the City. During his employment at GIBBS & COX at 21 West Street, REED had the title of a Junior Marine Draftsman and after he left this firm he joined the City in the Bureau of Architecture as an assistant architect for post-war planning. He left the employment of the City in 1945 and returned to GIBBS & COX where he remained until August 31, 1945. His present location of employment is not known. It may be noted that letters of occupational deferment were in his file from the private employers set out above.

REED was married on August 23, 1936 at Washington D.C. and lives with his wife, MAUDE QUANDEN REED. Her father and mother reside at 40-30 Webster Street, Brentwood, Maryland.

According to the file REED has been having trouble with his parents and is under orders from the Domestic Relations Court, New York City, to contribute three dollars per week to their support. REED has a sister, AMANDA E. REED, at 31-45 102nd Street, Corona, Long Island..

The following is a description of LINDSEY SANFORD REED:

Date of birth	4/23/07
Place of birth	Savannah, Georgia
Race	Negro
Height	5'11"
Weight	Unknown
H air	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light brown
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]

No association between REED and the ELSONS has been previously noted in the files and it is believed that this relationship may have emanated from the attendance of REED at NYU.

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~~LEO SMIT~~
101 West 78th Street, New York City

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A highly confidential informant stated that LEO SMIT, residing at the above address, was a contact of the ELSONS.

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It may be noted that KOLMAN SMIT's wife, LISA, undoubtedly is identical with the LISA SMIT who operates the house in Far Rockaway at which the ELSONS have rented a room for the summer.

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VALENTINE THIM, Superintendent of 101 West 78th Street, New York City, stated that he could offer little information concerning the background of the SMIT family. He stated that they lead a quiet life and that other than their being professional musicians he could offer no information regarding any organizations or unusual circumstances of people visiting them in their apartment at 101 West 78th Street.

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ESTHER RICHTER
Chelsea Hotel, New York City

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The name ESTHER was obtained from the list provided by a highly confidential informant who stated that ESTHER lived at the Chelsea Hotel. Mr. SCOTT, Night Manager of the Chelsea Hotel, advised that this woman was ESTHER RICHTER and she resides with her husband, NATHAN TSCHASOV. Mr. SCOTT said that they have been residing at the hotel since May 31, 1944 and maintain a private studio and apartment combined. This couple, SCOTT continued, are artists and specialize in Russian art although they do not have any students. They have a daughter attending high school but no further information regarding the background of this individual could be ascertained.

The records of the New York office on these individuals is negative.

*EMILY
333 East 53rd Street, New York City

A highly confidential informant revealed that this name was in the address book of RAY ELSON. Investigation at the EDGAR ELLINGER REALTY FIRM reflected that the original leasee was EMILY SANSONE who moved on April 15, 1946 with her husband and child to Dochester, Massachusetts. At the time she moved she made application to the EDGAR ELLINGER REALTY COMPANY to allow her friend, BERRIE STAVIS to assume her lease. STAVIS' background was previously mentioned in the report of Special Agent Harold Kennedy dated January 7, 1946 at New York. *qu*

In the original application of EMILY SANSONE at the ELLINGER REALTY COMPANY, the following references were listed:

ROSEMARIE LUTZ, 6 West 9th Street, New York City;
GEORGE FLYNN, 143 East 46th Street, New York City;
GERTRUDE RULNICK, MACY'S Advertising.

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SANSONE was employed by MACY'S in the Advertising

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The references given by STAVIS for his lease were as

BERNARD FISCHMAN, 60 Broad Street, New York City,
cousin;

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~~GEORGE T. DINE~~, Literary Agent, 535 Fifth Avenue,
New York City;

~~LARNAY GOODKIND~~, Universal Pictures;
CHASE NATIONAL BANK

RUTH ALBERTHAL
1445 Madison Avenue, New York City

According to PETER KELLY, Superintendent, 1445 Madison Avenue, RUTH ALBERTHAL's husband was discharged from the U.S. Army approximately May 20, 1946. ALBERTHAL's maiden name, according to KELLY, was ALSCHER and her mother at the present time lives in the same apartment house as the ALBERTHALS. KELLY was unable to provide information regarding the background of the ALBERTHALS other than to state that RUTH worked temporarily at the Blind Institute, New York City.

The following is a description of RUTH ALBERTHAL:

Age	35
Height	5'6"
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium

Investigation is being continued to ascertain the background of both ALBERTHAL and her husband.

J.H. MUIRHEAD
230 West 108th Street, New York City

The above name was found on a card in ELSON's possession by a highly confidential informant having access to the ELSON apartment. (9)

Investigation in the vicinity of 230 West 108th Street revealed that MUIRHEAD is a retired engineer and architect and at the present time draws maps for the City. MUIRHEAD is old in appearance, being approximately 65 or 70 years of age. He is partially blind and according to the superintendent he leads an extremely quiet life with his wife, at the above address.

The New York files reflect that in a letter dated April 7, 1942 from the Navy to the Army on information from the Bureau re an article entitled "The Oil Marketeer", a map of the petroleum refineries in the United States and Canada was prepared by J.H.H. MUIRHEAD of 230 West 108th Street. According to the notation the map was available in two sizes: 22 X 25½ and 31 X 34.

Investigation is being conducted to ascertain the complete background of all the names provided by the highly confidential informant who has access to the ELSON apartment.

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RE: MICHAEL ENDELMAN

The following information was dictated by Special Agent Lawrence W. Spillane:

Information was received that Dr. and Mrs. G. SILVERMASTER received a letter from A. C. GLASSGOLD, Director, UNRRA, 311, APO 757, Landsberg, Bavaria. It was previously reported that MICHAEL ENDELMAN also received a letter from A. C. GLASSGOLD with the same return address.

As a result of a mail cover placed on MICHAEL ENDELMAN, 49 West 83 Street, New York City, information was obtained that he received mail with the following return addresses: *(E)u*

ING. B. SAWICZ
Insurgentes 254-603
Mexico, D. F.
(3 letters)

BURGHIEBERGEN
Abramel
Palestine, Jerusalem

SAOUL LOURIE
316 Adelaide Drive
Santa Monica, Calif.
(2 letters)

S. HAVILL
St. Louis, Missouri

LOUIS E. SPIEGLER
Southern Building
Washington, D. C.
(2 letters)

E. G. WIENER
Legal Division, OMGWS
APO 742, c/o Postmaster, NYC
(2 letters)

Mrs. HENRY HERRMANN
740 West End Avenue
New York City

It was previously reported that ARNOLD ENDELMAN, 416 North Beverley Drive, Los Angeles, California, who has been in correspondence with MICHAEL ENDELMAN, received mail from Suite 818, 45 East 17 Street, New York City. An inquiry conducted at this address revealed that Suite 818 is listed to the AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR WARSAW JEWS, INC. *Incorporated*

Dr. and Mrs. G. Silvermaster, A. (En.)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~RE: MICHAEL GREENBERG

On June 19, 1946, Special Agent (A) Hollis W. Bowers interviewed Mr. E. E. STRONG of the CORN EXCHANGE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, New York City and the known names and aliases of MICHAEL GREENBERG and his known New York addresses were supplied to Mr. STRONG in an effort to locate a bank account for MICHAEL GREENBERG.

Mr. STRONG advised that an examination of the records of the CORN EXCHANGE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY at the head office and at the branch banks covering GREENBERG's former addresses in the vicinity of West 11 and West 12 Streets, New York City, failed to reveal a bank account for GREENBERG.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were examined by Special Employee Investigator WADE FULLER regarding MICHAEL GREENBERG but no information of value was obtained from this examination.

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RE: NANCY WERTHEIMER

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Charles F. Lanman:

Through a confidential source known to the Bureau, it was ascertained that on January 26, 1946, HAROLD GLASSER called NANCY WERTHEIMER at 21 Cornelia Street, New York, New York, telephone CH 2-7217. *du*

Investigation regarding NANCY WERTHEIMER at New York City discloses that she resides at 21 Cornelia Street with a girl known as MARY RYAN. The files of the New York office reflect that MARY RYAN is very active in Communist matters in New York City. The files of the New York office also reflect that NANCY WERTHEIMER has been actively engaged in Communist Party affairs at New York City for a considerable period of time.

New York file 65-5182, in the report of Special Agent Charles J. McCready dated March 23, 1945, at New York, entitled "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE FEDERATION OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CHEMISTS AND TECHNICIANS, CIO", reflects that NANCY WERTHEIMER, 21 Cornelia Street, New York, New York, in 1945 was executive secretary of the SACCO VANZETTI CLUB, 2nd A. D., Manhattan, CPA. She listed herself as being affiliated with Chapter 31, F.A.E.C.T. She was also listed as being on the mailing list and supplement of the F.A.E.C.T. in 1944.

New York file 100-21421, in the report of Special Agent Jerome M. Garland dated December 8, 1943 at New York, entitled "ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG" *b7D*

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New York file 100-26603 reflects that [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished information that [REDACTED]

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NANCY WERTHEIMER is reported to be about 31 or 32 years of age. She is reported to have formerly resided with her mother, Mrs. AMY WERTHEIMER at 545 Riverside Drive, New York City. She was formerly employed by the WHITEHILL AGENCY at 10 Gold Street, New York, New York, but her present place of employment is not known.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Re: JOSEPH B. GREGG

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE covering a period from June 4, 10 through 14, 20, 21, 26 through 30, 1946 and from July 1 through 4, 1946:

The Washington Field Division reported that a confidential source revealed an unidentified woman named SONYA visited GREGG's residence at Washington, D. C. on June 10, 1946. A physical surveillance identified the unidentified woman SONYA as SONYA THORP, 218 East 15th Street, New York City. Special Agents F. D. O'Brien and H. Courtenay Clinch instituted a surveillance on SONYA THORP at 10:00 P.M. on June 10, 1946 at 218 East 15th Street, New York City. At 8:30 A.M. on June 11, 1946 THORP was observed leaving 218 East 15th Street, New York City, and she was surveilled to the American Red Cross, Willoughby Building, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, New York. THORP was observed by these agents entering the offices of the American Red Cross on the third floor at this address, and it was ascertained that THORP was an employee of the American Red Cross.

THORP was described as follows upon the observation of the surveilling agents:

Age	35 to 40 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	140 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, upsweep
Characteristics	Very prominent nose
Dress	Black dress and black coat of an expensive make, small black hat perched on the top of the head.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were examined by Special Employee Investigator Wade Fuller, and these records revealed that SONYA THORP of 218 East 15th Street, New York City, is about 37 years of age, and that she had been married, but is either separated or divorced at the present time. These records further reflected that THORP is living with Miss HILLIS, and that they are considered satisfactory tenants by Dr. JULIUS FRANKEL, the owner of this building. THORP reportedly was a social worker with the American Red Cross in Brooklyn, New York, where she has established a good employment record. It was further indicated that THORP maintains a special checking account at the Amalgamated Bank of New York, Union Square, New York City.

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The records of the American Red Cross, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, New York revealed that SONYA THORP was originally employed on July 29, 1942 and she presently holds the position of a consultant. These records reflected that she attended lectures of the Association for the Development of Psychoanalysis during 1944 and 1945, and that she attended the Fordham School of Social Work, New York City. The application for employment of SONYA F. THORP, 218 East 15th Street, New York City, revealed that she was born on May 20, 1907 in Russia; that she is a United States citizen of Jewish extraction, and that she is divorced from ISIDORE FRIED, 120 Bay 29th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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This application revealed that she attended Fleischman's Public School and High School, and that she attended post graduate business school at the Morris High School in 1924. She attended the evening session of the College of the City of New York from 1925 to 1928. THORP further indicated that she had been employed by the Citizens Committee For Adequate Medical Care, during 1939 and 1940 as executive secretary, and that she was employed by the WPA at Chicago, Illinois and at New York City. These records further reflected that SARAH R. HOLLENBERG of the Jewish Board of Guidance, 228 East 19th Street, New York City, stated that SONYA FRIED THORP had been employed by this board from September, 1929 to April, 1938 as a secretary and receptionist, and she was well recommended. It was further indicated that Miss MARY PALEVSKY, 316 West 104th Street, New York City, had been THORP's employer, but that she was not available for interview. THORP further indicated on her application that her United States citizenship was derived through her father, SAMUEL FRIED, who had been naturalized on March 10, 1924.

The records of the Naturalization Service reflected that SONYA FRIED THORP, 218 East 15th Street, New York City, claimed United States citizenship on April 10, 1942, indicating that this citizenship had been derived through the naturalization of her father, SAMUEL FRIED. At that time THORP stated she was born on May 20, 1907 at Kopreht, Russia, and that she entered the United States on March 25, 1914. She further indicated on her application that she had been in Nova Scotia in 1932 for three weeks, in Haiti in 1933 for three weeks, and in Mexico in 1937 for five weeks. She further indicated that her father had been naturalized in the New York Supreme Court, Delaware County, at Delhi, under certificate #1725774.

An inquiry was conducted at 218 East 15th Street, New York City, and information was obtained that THORP is presently residing with Miss JEDEIKEN. A review of the files in the New York Field Division revealed that LILLIAN ANN JEDEIKEN had been listed as a person who was sympathetic to the Communist Party.

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It was further indicated that she was the dues secretary of the Fenway Branch of the AYD at Boston, Massachusetts. She formerly resided at 93 Binney Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and she was formerly employed at the Harvard Medical School as a Junior Technician on a Government project. These files reflected that she was born on July 25, 1919 at New York City; that she was a graduate of Hunter College, New York City, obtaining a BA in Chemistry, and that she attended the University of Wisconsin. She is employed by Dr. RENE JULES DUBOS of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, 66th Street and York Avenue, New York City.

The files of the New York Field Division reflected that ~~SONYA THORP~~ formerly resided with ~~LYDIA JEAN HILLIS~~, at 213 East 15th Street, New York City. ~~HILLIS~~ reportedly was actively engaged in Communist activity while residing in Connecticut and she possessed a 1945 Henry Forbes Communist Club card. These files further reflected that ~~SONIA FRIED~~ of the Communist Political Association, District #2 was a sponsor of a May Day Rally at Strauss Square, New York City. It was further indicated that she was a speaker at this rally for the Vladeck Tenants League.

Information was received from the Washington Field Division that the following telephone numbers had been in the possession of ~~JOSEPH GREGG~~:

Longacre 3-6192

Columbus 5-3148

Pennsylvania 6-3042

A confidential source revealed that the listing for Longacre 3-6192 is to ~~SAMUEL FRIEDLANDER~~, 304 West 40th Street, New York City; that the listing for Columbus 5-3148 is to ~~LEON KAHN~~, 200 West 59th Street, New York City, and that the listing for Pennsylvania 6-3042 is to the Construction Supplies Company of America, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

An inquiry conducted at 500 Fifth Avenue revealed that the Construction Supplies Company of America is located in Room 1002, and the names of ~~LEON S. KAHN~~ and ~~KAHN AND NATHAN~~ are also listed in Room 1002.

The Washington Field Division reported that ~~GREGG~~ received a letter from ~~ERICH FROMM~~, 322 Central Park West on May 14, 1946. In this letter ~~FROMM~~ thanked ~~GREGG~~ for his kind remarks about his book "Escape from Freedom", and he suggested that ~~GREGG~~ visit him on May 23, 1946 at 6:00 P.M. (u)

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were examined by Special Employee Investigator Wade Fuller and information was obtained that Dr. ERICH FROMM, 444 Central Park West or 322 Central Park West, New York City, is employed by the International Institute of Social Research, 429 West 117th Street, New York City. These records reflected that FROMM is married; that he is about 40 years of age and has no children. FROMM is listed as a psychologist and it is reported that he has a bank account at the National City Bank of New York 111th Street and Broadway, New York City.

An inquiry was conducted at the International Institute of Social Research, 90 Morningside Drive, New York City, but due to the nature of this institute, it was not deemed advisable to make an investigation regarding FROMM.

A record was also obtained from the Merchants Credit Rating Bureau, Bennington, Vermont, which indicated that FROMM had been employed by the Bennington College as a professor of psychology. FROMM's former occupation was listed as a practicing psychiatrist and these records regarding FROMM were satisfactory.

A review of the files in the New York Field Division revealed that the 1946 bulletin for the New School For Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, New York City, listed ERICH FROMM as a professor in the School of Philosophy and Liberal Arts, and he taught a course in Emotional Forces in the Social Process. FROMM is also listed as a member of the Organizing Committee of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

It was previously indicated that on April 11, 1946 Mr. and Mrs. CEDRIC BELFRAGE were to spend the evening with ERICH FROMM. Information regarding ERICH FROMM has previously been set out in the report of Special Agent Edward W. Dooley, dated May 17, 1946, at New York.

The Buffalo Field Division advised that Special Agents Marion E. Torrens and Weldon J. Pennington, while surveilling GREGG to 34 Bonair Avenue, New Rochelle, New York on May 5, 1946, observed a 1946 Studebaker, New York license plates 2U3485, parked in front of this address. The records of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, New York City, revealed that 1946 license plates number 2U3485 are registered to GEORGE BARKAN, 235 Mount Hope Place, Bronx, New York.

A review of the files of the New York Field Division revealed that GEORGE BARKAN, with alias, GEORGE BRODSKY, was listed as transferred to the District of Columbia Communist Party for 1943. At that time he had been employed as an engineer by the GEORGE HYMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY at Washington, D. C. It was further indicated that GEORGE BRODSKY had his name legally changed to GEORGE BARKAN in 1943. His wife, GERTRUDE ELEANOR BARKAN had been employed

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by the Russian War Relief until April, 1942. These files further reflected that BARKAN is presently employed by the Eastern Cold Storage Insulation Company, 101 Park Avenue, New York City. [It is believed that GEORGE BARKAN may be identical with GEORGE BARKING, who is mentioned in a letter to GREGG from DAVID BOGDANOFF, dated April 7, 1946, in which an association of these individuals was mentioned for a future business venture.] (S)u

It was previously reported that GREGG was observed entering an apartment house at 184 Sullivan Street, New York City, and that in all probability visited NATHAN KATZ at this address.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York revealed that NATHAN KATZ and his wife have been residing at 184 Sullivan Street, New York City since October, 1943, and that they occupy a duplex apartment on the first and second floors. These records reflected that KATZ as an attorney, is employed by MILBANK TWEED AND HOPE, 15 Broad Street, New York City. It was further reported that KATZ was previously employed by the Office of Price Administration.

A review of the files of the New York Field Division regarding NATHAN KATZ revealed that in the file entitled, "DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; ANTI-TRUST DIVISION" a character investigation was conducted. This file reflected that KATZ was influential in securing a position for FRED DRIESSEN in the War Department and also signed an affidavit for his entry into the United States. Reportedly DRIESSEN had the addresses of known foreign espionage mail drops in his possession. Reportedly KATZ also assisted HANS H. FRANKEL to obtain a visitor's visa to the United States and FRANKEL was alleged to be a close friend of DRIESSEN. This file further reflected that the personnel file of the Office of Price Administration, New York City, revealed that NATHAN KATZ had been employed in the Legal Division of the Rent Section. He stated he was born on July 31, 1905 and that he obtained an AB degree and an LLB degree at Cornell University.

Miss HESTER MOCNEY, personnel supervisor, Office of Price Administration, New York City, was interviewed to obtain later information regarding NATHAN KATZ and she indicated that KATZ presently resides at 184 Sullivan Street, New York City, and that he is registered with Local Board No. 15, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York City. She further stated that KATZ resigned from the OPA on February 15, 1944 to resume his private law practice. She further indicated that he had been admitted to the New York Bar as an attorney in November, 1927.

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The records of Local Board No. 15, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York City, revealed that NATHAN KATZ upon registration on October 16, 1940, stated he resided at 130 East 37th Street, New York City. He advised that he was born on July 31, 1905 at London, England, and he claims United States citizenship. At that time he listed his employer as the American Jewish Congress, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and his wife, Mrs. JANINE KATZ was listed as the person who would always know his address. This file further reflected that KATZ was married at Paris, France on September 18, 1938, at which time he was employed as the Secretary General of the American Joint Distribution Committee, aiding the Jewish refugees. These records reflected he is presently residing at 184 Sullivan Street, New York City, and that he formerly resided at 69 Downing Avenue, Sea Cliff, Long Island; 370 Central Park West, New York City.

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, revealed that the telephone number ALgonquin 4-8684 is listed to NATHAN KATZ, 184 Sullivan Street, New York City. This informant further stated that KATZ is employed as a lawyer; telephone number HANover 2-2664, and that he has an account at the National City Bank of New York.

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On June 29, 1946 information was received from the Washington Field Division that JOSEPH GREGG, his wife and two children, were visiting at 34 Bonair Avenue, New Rochelle, New York, and that he had driven from Washington, D. C. in a 1946 Nash tan sedan, with 1946 Washington, D. C. license plate #95956.

A physical surveillance was conducted by Special Agents T. J. McShane and L. W. Spillane on June 29 and June 30, 1946, and during that time GREGG was not observed.

JULY 1, 1946

On July 1, 1946 GREGG and his wife were observed driving from 34 Bonair Avenue, New Rochelle, New York at 10:16 A.M. and they were surveilled to 14th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, where GREGG was observed making several telephone calls. GREGG and his wife then drove to 52nd Street, New York City, where they parked their car and at 12:10 P.M. they were observed entering 20 East 53rd Street, New York City, where the offices of Dr. WEINSTEIN are located.

At 1:10 P.M. GREGG and his wife were observed leaving 20 East 53rd Street, and they walked to 16 East 52nd Street, where they were observed leaving the elevator on the 12th floor of this building. At 1:15 P.M. GREGG and his wife, and an unidentified man were observed leaving 16 East 52nd Street, New York City, and they walked to the Swiss Inn, 46 East 52nd Street, New York City, where they had lunch. At 2:50 P.M. GREGG, his wife and the unidentified man left the Swiss Inn and walked back to 16 East 52nd Street, where they separated.

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GREGG and his wife entered a car and drove to 52nd Street and Lexington Avenue, where GREGG was observed entering a drug store to make telephone calls. At 3:35 P.M. on this date, GREGG and his wife drove to 27th Street and Fourth Avenue, at which time Mrs. GREGG walked south on Fourth Avenue and GREGG entered 387 Fourth Avenue, where he was observed entering the offices of WENDER AND GOLDSTEIN, INC. on the fourth floor of this building. At 4:27 P.M. GREGG left 387 Fourth Avenue and drove to East 12th Street. GREGG was observed entering 31 East 12th Street alone and he was heard asking the elevator operator to take him to Apartment 6-C. This apartment is occupied by JACK B. FAHY. At 7:08 P.M. on this date, GREGG and his wife left 31 East 12th Street, New York City, entered their car and drove to 35th Street near 7th Avenue, New York City. They then proceeded to Solowey's Restaurant at 34th Street and 7th Avenue, where they had dinner. At 8:14 P.M. GREGG and his wife left Solowey's Restaurant and walked to Macy's Department Store, New York City. GREGG and his wife were then observed by Special Agents H. C. Clinch and R. P. Lohmann leaving Macy's Department Store at 9:05 P.M., entering their car on 35th Street, New York City, and then driving to 34 Bonair Avenue, New Rochelle, New York.

JULY 2, 1946

On July 2, 1946 Special Agents T. J. McShane and L. W. Spillane observed GREGG and his wife leaving 34 Bonair Avenue, New Rochelle, New York and entering a 1946 tan Nash sedan, bearing Washington, D. C. plates #95956 at 10:40 A.M. and they drove to the Forrest Hotel, 224 West 49th Street, New York City. At 11:40 A.M. GREGG and his wife left the Forrest Hotel with an unidentified woman, who is described as follows:

Age	35 to 40 years
Height	5'5"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Dark
Build	Medium - heavy

They proceeded south on Broadway, and at 11:45 A.M. the unidentified woman was observed dropping a letter into a mail box at 48th Street and Broadway, New York City.

An inquiry at the Forrest Hotel, 224 West 49th Street, New York City, revealed that this unidentified woman is employed by the Political Action Committee.

Information was obtained from Mr. HOGAN of the Station G Post Office, West 52nd Street, New York City, that the letters mailed by the unidentified

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woman bore the return addresses of the National Citizens Political Action Committee 205 East 42nd Street, New York City. One of the letters was addressed to the Book of the Month Club, New York City, and the other was addressed to Dr. GERALD SHAPIRO 1 West 34th Street, New York City.

GREGG, his wife and the unidentified woman were observed entering Room 168-170 of the Astor Hotel, New York City, where it was noted that the offices of the Independent Voters Committee were located. At 12:15 P.M. they left the Astor Hotel and Mrs. GREGG and the unidentified woman walked south and GREGG returned to his car which was located on 8th Avenue and 49th Street, New York City. At 12:40 P.M. GREGG was observed driving north on 8th Avenue and the surveillance was discontinued.

At 2:20 P.M. Mrs. GREGG was observed entering the Forrest Hotel with the above noted unidentified woman, and at 2:20 P.M. she was observed leaving the Forrest Hotel, and she entered GREGG's car on 8th Avenue at 2:25 P.M. GREGG and his wife then drove to 26th Street, New York City, and they were observed walking into the Furriers Joint Council, 250 West 26th Street, New York City.

At 2:48 P.M. GREGG, his wife and an unidentified man left the Furriers Joint Council and entered a luncheonette at 234 West 26th Street, New York City. At 3:15 P.M. the unidentified man returned to the Furriers Joint Council and GREGG and his wife entered their car and drove to 34 Bonair Avenue, New Rochelle, New York.

JULY 3, 1946

On July 3, 1946 Special Agents T. J. McShane and L. W. Spillane observed GREGG placing luggage and his clothes in his 1946 Nash Sedan at 9:15 A.M. at 9:40 A.M. GREGG, his wife and two children were observed entering the Nash Sedan and they drove north on the Eastern State Parkway to Route 82 and 42, to Amenia, New York. GREGG and his family arrived at Amenia, New York at 12:15 P.M. and after asking directions of several people they proceeded on Route 343 for about two miles beyond Amenia, New York, where they turned right onto a dirt road, driving to the first house on the right, that is, a green shingled bungalow. An inquiry revealed that this house is occupied by PETER RHODES, a subject in this case, and it is located within the TROUT BECK estates.

At 3:13 P.M. GREGG and his family were observed leaving the TROUT BECK estates and they drove west on Routes 44, 209 and 52 until they arrived at Liberty, New York. GREGG and his family then continued west on Route 17, arriving at Binghamton, New York at 7:50 P.M. After obtaining refreshments, GREGG and his

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family left Binghamton, New York at 8:45 P.M., driving west on Route 17 until they arrived at Jasper, New York, where they continued on Route 21. At 12:15 A.M. on July 4, 1946 GREGG and his family arrived at Canistota, New York, where they were observed entering a house on Greenwood Street near Main Street, Canistota, New York. An inquiry revealed that GREGG and his family entered the home of Dr. ~~DIAMOND~~. At 5:35 A.M. on July 4, 1946 the surveillance was turned over to Special Agents Edward F. Dooley and Robert C. Stone of the Buffalo Field Division.

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RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT GREGORY

The following is being dictated by Special Agents Thomas G. Spencer and Joseph M. Kelly concerning interviews had with Confidential Informant GREGORY from June 12, 1946 to July 10, 1946.

On June 17, 1946, Informant advised that on June 15, 1946 she had kept an appointment to meet HELEN TENNEY at Longchamp's Restaurant, 59th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City. It was learned that on the occasion of this meeting no information of particular significance to this investigation was developed but it is to be noted that TENNEY stated that her situation with respect to her former contacts remain the same; that is, she had had no communications or meetings with any of them since the occasion in December of 1945, the circumstances of which have been previously set out in prior reports. She also mentioned that it now appeared that her fiance, SCOTT LOCKWOOD, would probably not be returning from Paris in July as she had expected but rather his arrival would probably be delayed until September. TENNEY also told Informant on this occasion that there had been some talk of the unified intelligence agency in Washington and that her section of the War Department would have some sort of liaison with this unified intelligence agency. She seemed to be uncertain as to her future status inasmuch as she said that some consolidation and retrenchment appeared to be underway.

Also on the occasion of this meeting with Agents, Informant declared that during the past week she had luncheon at the Colony Restaurant, New York City, with ERNEST ROPES, official of the United States Department of Commerce, who has been identified in previous reports. On the occasion of this meeting, which was also attended by JOHN H. REYNOLDS and his wife, there was general discussion as to what ROPES might be able to do for the U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION while he was in Moscow on behalf of the United States Government. Previous information has reflected that ROPES and a Mr. LORMAN, also of the Commerce Department, were being sent to Moscow for the purpose of attempting to improve cultural and commercial relations between this country and the USSR. ROPES again volunteered to be of what assistance he could in discussing company affairs with Soviet officials but it is Informant's impression that his offer to do this was prompted only by sincere desire to further commercial relations between the countries and not for any other purpose.

On June 21, 1946, Informant advised that she had again met RAY ELSON at the latter's suggestion and during the course of the conversation

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ELSON informed her that she had recently secured a new position with a fur importing firm located on Eighth Avenue at 29th Street, New York City, which position she claimed to have secured through the U. S. Employment Service. From what informant was able to learn this employment appears to be legitimate. Although informant did not question ELSON directly on the point, the latter gave no indication whatsoever that she has resumed her espionage work but she did manifest considerable interest in present affairs and future prospects of the U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION, particularly whether the firm planned to expand into Mexico. Informant commented that on the occasion of this meeting, ELSON appeared to be very restless and somewhat upset but could not ascribe this condition to anything other than strictly personal matters concerning her.

On an interview had with Confidential Informant GREGORY on July 9, 1946, she stated that she had lunch with HELEN TENNEY when the latter was in New York City over the 4th of July weekend and had learned that TENNEY had been dismissed from the War Department and received her notice of dismissal on June 19, 1946, effective July 19, 1946. It appears that TENNEY was informed by her superiors that the reason for her dismissal was because of a reorganization in TENNEY's department. It also appears that no stigma was attached to her dismissal. During the conversation between GREGORY and TENNEY, TENNEY volunteered that she was desirous of living in New York City if possible and has made some attempt to obtain employment in this city and the only tentative job she has at the moment is with the U. S. Public Health Service doing some sort of publicity work. TENNEY indicated that she planned to return to Washington on July 7 or 8, at which time she would return to her job until July 19, 1946. TENNEY will return to New York City on July 22, 1946 and made arrangements for the informant to communicate with her at that time. She in no way indicated that she has resumed her former espionage connections.

During the period covered by instant report, Agents have conferred several times with the Informant concerning the activities and plans of EARL RUSSELL BROWDER and his brother, WILLIAM. Informant has been able to secure considerable information of value from talking to both of these individuals and inasmuch as such information is not primarily related to the subject matter of instant investigation, it is being set out in letter form with copies for pertinent files.

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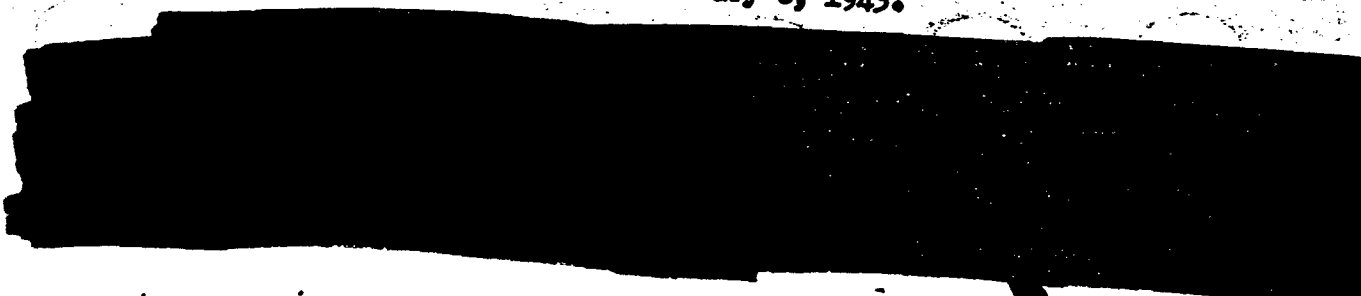
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
 GEORGE J. SULLIVAN.

Reference is made to the Washington Field letter dated April 19, 1946, requesting the New York Field Division to ascertain the identity of the firm of ~~WITT & CAMMER~~ located at 9 East 40th Street, New York City. It was stated that the firm had been a correspondent of CHARLES KRAMER, subject in this case.

A review of the files of the New York Field Division reflects that NATHAN WITT was born in New York City on February 11, 1903. He attended New York University and the Harvard Law School. He was married in New York City on June 19, 1930, to his present wife ANNA. He has a son H. PHILLIP ~~WITT~~ and a daughter LEDA. The WITT family reside at 160 West 77th Street, New York City.

NATHAN WITT is a practicing attorney being affiliated with the law firm ~~LIEDER, WITT & CAMMER~~, 9 East 40th Street, New York City. Investigation revealed that the firm is engaged in the general practice of law and that they have not been the source of any trouble or complaints during their tenancy.

The records of Local Draft Board 25, 100 West 82nd Street, New York City, reflect that NATHAN WITT registered under the Selective Training and Service Act at New York City on February 15, 1942. On February 22, 1942, WITT advised the Local Board that his residence address had been changed from 161 West 75th Street to 160 West 77th Street, New York City. The communication was on the letterhead of ~~LIEDER, WITT & CAMMER~~, 9 East 40th Street, which indicated that the members of the firm were D. WILLIAM ~~LIEDER~~, NATHAN WITT and CHARLES I. ~~CAMMER~~. The name of IRVING R. ~~PRESSMAN~~ also appeared on the stationery but it was not indicated whether or not he was a member of the firm. WITT was classified 4H by the Local Board on January 6, 1943.

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The DAILY WORKER for November 6, 1940, page 1 column 3, reports that NATHAN WITT, Secretary of the National Labor Relations Board, and others resigned after President Roosevelt nominated DR. HARRY A. MITLS to succeed J. WARREN MADDEN as Board Chairman. *referred*

The DAILY WORKER for February 4, 1943, page 5 column 2, contains a photograph of members of the General Executive Board, State, County, and Municipal Workers of America taken at a recent meeting at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, which group included NATHAN WITT.

The DAILY WORKER for April 9, 1943, page 4, lists NATHAN WITT as a sponsor of a meeting to be held by the People's Committee and the Negro Labor Victory Committee at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on June 7, 1943.

The DAILY WORKER for May 22, 1943, reported that GEORGE MARSHALL and NATHAN WITT of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties appeared before a Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on May 21, 1943, to oppose "The KERR Committee's Black List of Anti-Fascist Government Employees".

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An article which appeared in the New York Telegram on January 12, 1942, stated that among the new teachers comprising the faculty for the School of Democracy was NATHAN WITT who resigned as Secretary of the National Labor Relations Board after a check-up in which it was charged that he loaded the staff with Communists. It was further reported that the School for Democracy was started to find jobs for teachers in City College of New York and other city schools who were dropped as a result of the RAPP-COUDERT investigation into Communist activities in the public school system.))

It was further learned that WITT was counsel for the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties which is reported to be a Communist front organization.

An article in the February 10, 1934 issue of the New York Times reflects that NATHAN WITT and other attorneys for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration examined the books and records of the Dairymen's League and its affiliates upon a demand by Secretary of Agriculture, HENRY WALLACE, to thrash out the provisions of the proposed market code.

An article which appeared in the April 29, 1937, issue of the New York Times reflects that NATHAN WITT, assistant counsel to the National Labor Relations Board, presided over an informal union of the Blind Workers Union and officials of two shops who were blind workers and who had been on a sit down strike for more than three weeks.

In the October 22, 1937, issue of the New York Times it is reported that an announcement was made by the National Labor Relations Board that NATHAN WITT, assistant general counsel, would succeed BENEDICT WOLF, who retired into private law practice in New York, as Secretary of the National Labor Relations Board. In addition, it was learned that considerable information is in the New York Times concerning WITT resulting from an investigation of the National Labor Relations Board by a House of Representative investigating committee indicating that WITT, EDWIN S. SMITH and other officials of the National Labor Relations Board assisted in promoting boycotts and labor trouble against certain employers such as the Pennsylvania Hosiery Mills.

Information was received to the effect that an article which appeared in the December 20, 1939, issue of the New York Times reflects that NATHAN WITT

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denied allegations by Representatives HALJECK of Indiana and RUTZJOHN of Ohio that he, WITT, Secretary of the National Labor Relations Board, flew to Pittsburgh to consult with CIO officials on their preparation for filing allegations of Wagner Act violations to "entrap" the Inland Steel Company into a position by which the CIO Union could bring Wagner Act charges against it. WITT admitted flying to Pittsburgh and holding a conference with several CIO representatives including LEE PRESSMAN, CIO general counsel. WITT also admitted favoring a liberal point of view but denied any Communist affiliations.

It was also learned that WITT acted as an attorney for the College Teachers Union and had defended certain members of the New York City School System against allegations and evidence submitted by the RAPP-COUDERT Committee investigation subversive activities in the New York School System.

[REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on February 10, 1943, a testimonial given for VINCENT LOMBARDO TOLEDANO at the Hotel New Yorker was attended by 450 people including HARRY BRIDGES, NATHAN WITT, MAXY BACHT and FERDINAND C. SMITH. b2 b7D

Information received from the New York City Police Department indicated that NATHAN WITT was attorney for S.C.M.W.A., U.F.W.A. and other unions.

It was further learned that on [REDACTED]

The files further reflect that on [REDACTED]

(c) As late as November 2, 1945, the New York Field Division files reflect that WITT [REDACTED] and was retained by WILLIAM E. WARREN, recently deposed leader of the New York City insurgent group of longshoremen strikers. It was reported that the National Maritime Union provided financial assistance to retain WITT as counsel and that when WILLIAM E. WARREN resigned as head of the insurgent group of strikers, he claimed "I was duped by the Communist longshoremen". b1

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WITT selected one JOHN BERG to take over the leadership. It was further learned through an informant that WITT attended a conference with HARRY BRIDGES, West Coast CIO labor leader, in an effort to formulate plans for the eventual overthrow of JOSEPH P. RYAN, International President of the I.L.A., AF of L.

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On February 16, 1945, an article appeared in the New York DAILY WORKER which reflected that NATHAN WITT was an attorney for the CIO United Auto Workers and represented that group in negotiations with the E. A. Laboratories of Brooklyn, New York.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, book review editor of Time Magazine, New York City, advised that NATHAN WITT was a member of the Communist Party underground apparatus at Washington, D. C., a few years ago at which time he was also associated with the National Labor Relations Board. CHAMBERS stated that he attended group meetings in Washington, D. C., with NATHAN WITT and other Communist Party figures. However, he did not disclose specific dates and times for meetings to which he referred.

NATHAN WITT is considered a Key Figure in the New York Field Division.

The indices of the New York Field Division were negative in the name of CHARLES I. CAMMER. However, it is reflected that by letter dated May 12, 1942, the Bureau advised that IRVING R. PRESSMAN's name appeared on the Dies Committee list as being a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and the American League for People and Democracy. PRESSMAN was formerly employed by the United States Housing Authority resigning his position on December 31, 1941. It was also stated that PRESSMAN was a member of the law firm of WITT & CAMMER, 9 East 40th Street, New York City.

The files of the New York Field Division reflect that DANIEL WILLIAM LIEDER is the subject of a closed Internal Security case. LIEDER died August 1, 1944.

The files of Dun & Bradstreet, New York City, reflect that the following information concerning NATHAN WITT. They were negative in the other members of the firm.

NATHAN WITT was born in New York City about 1903. He is a graduate of New York University and the Harvard Law School, being admitted

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to the bar in the State of New York. He has appeared as a partner in several law firms and is closely associated with the firm WITT & CAMMER, 9 East 40th Street.

native Those consulted in outside sources are of the opinion that over the years WITT has been in receipt of a good size income from his law practice and is said to represent some outside resources in the form of stocks, bonds and securities.

Reference is made to the letter from the Washington Field Office dated April 16, 1946, requesting the New York Field Division to ascertain the occupant of Room 577 at the Hotel Pennsylvania, on May 2 and 3, 1945.

The records of the Hotel Pennsylvania reflect that Mrs. CHARLES KRAMER checked into the hotel at 10:27 AM, May 1, 1945, and checked out at 10:25 AM on May 4, 1945.

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RE: DUNCAN C. LEE

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THOMAS P. LYNCH on June 20, 1946.

The following investigation is being conducted as a result of a letter from the Washington Field Office dated April 17, 1946 requesting the identity and complete background information on Captain and Mrs. JOHN FRANCIS SMITH, West Clinton, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York. ~~These individuals~~ were telephonically contacted by subject DUNCAN C. LEE on May 11, 1945, at Baltimore, Maryland. SMITH'S telephone number was TUX 5954 and his address at that time was 1651 Shadyside Road, Baltimore, Maryland. SMITH subsequently moved to Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York. C/W

Chief of Police BERNARD McCALL, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York, advised that Captain JOHN FRANCIS SMITH resides at West Clinton, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York, that he recently was discharged from the United States Army, and that he was a resident of Irvington-on-the-Hudson prior to going into the Army. He is the son-in-law of Mrs. JOE MAIRS who has been a lifelong resident of Irvington-on-the-Hudson and is considered quite wealthy. Chief McCALL stated that SMITH has been a resident of Irvington-on-the-Hudson since about the time he married his present wife, MARY MAIRS SMITH.

Chief McCALL exhibited to the writer a pistol permit application which SMITH has executed, which application stated that SMITH was born in the United States, was employed by Wood, Struthers, and Company, 20 Pine Street, New York City - Investments. He applied for the pistol permit authorizing him to carry a .32 caliber colt target pistol which he desired to use for target shooting. He listed as references STANLEY GLINES, Ardsley Terrace, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, Engineer; Mrs. JOHN MAIRS, Dows Lane, Irvington-on-the-Hudson; Reverend FLOYD VAN KEUREN, Minister, North Broadway, Irvington-on-the-Hudson; ROBERT L. MACEY, 20 Pine Street, New York City - Investments. Each of the above references directed a letter to Chief McCALL stating in effect that they had known SMITH for over ten years and he was reliable both as to his morals, integrity, and had recently come out of the service of the United States Army.

McCALL stated that as far as he knows, SMITH is a family man, somewhat well off, was married, his wife's mother has a substantial sum of money, and that SMITH has two children. A check of the telephone directory indicates that JOHN FRANCIS SMITH has telephone number IRVINGTON 2957-J.

At Local Board #744, Tarrytown, New York, it was determined that SMITH was a registrant, giving as his date of birth June 11, 1913, place of birth Frederick, Maryland. He listed as his wife Mrs. MARY D. M. SMITH, and

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his place of employment as Wood, Struthers, and Company, 20 Pine Street, New York City, where he is employed as a financial statistician, and that he had been employed by this company for five and a half years (prior to 1942) at a salary of \$46 per week. The Selective Service file reflected that SMITH was attached to the office of the Assistant Secretary of War, Strategic Service Unit, and that he had enlisted on October 16, 1942 and was discharged on January 7, 1946. He attended O.S.S. School, Newport Beach, California. He left the United States for China on July 25, 1945 and returned to the United States November 5, 1945. He had the rank of Captain and his Army Serial Number was [REDACTED]

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The file indicated that he was married at New York City on June 17, 1938, that he contributed to the support of his wife as well as \$600 a year to a maiden aunt, MARY S. MAULSBY, Court Square, Frederick, Maryland. His education was stated to be Episcopal High School, College Preparatory, Princeton University - AB, 4 years, New York University, 3 years - financial night course.

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RE: HERBERT SIMON MARKS~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Reference is made to the letter from the Washington Field Office dated July 9, 1946, in which it is requested that the New York office identify and furnish information concerning ~~MARGIE HORNSTEIN or FROMSTEIN~~, *Margie*, 10 West 96 Street, New York City. This individual is reported to be a correspondent of captioned subject.

At 10 West 96 Street, New York, New York, OSCAR HINCHLING, Assistant Manager, advised that he had been at this building for the last 8 years. He stated that his records reflected that there was a tenant by the name of ~~MARGIE HORNSTEIN~~, residing in apartment 12-D. It is believed that this is the person referred to in the letter from the Washington Field office dated July 9, 1946.

HINCHLING advised that the HORNSTEINS had changed their name to HILL approximately 6 months ago. He further advised that ~~MARGIE HILL~~ is married and has two children, ages approximately 2 and 4 years. HINCHLING said that Mr. HILL was recently released from the Army and that they are about 27 and 25 years of age.

The apartment occupied by the HILLS consists of 4 rooms and they pay a rental of \$1400 per year. HINCHLING could furnish no further information. The indices of the New York office were checked with negative results.

Reference is made to another letter from the Washington Field office on the same date, requesting information concerning the identity of NANETTE D. and ~~ALFRED BERMAN~~, 530 East 90 Street, New York City. *[The BERMANs are also correspondents of the above captioned subject.]* *(X) u*

R. ALEXANDER, superintendent of 530 East 90 Street, New York, New York, advised that ALFRED BERMAN resided at that premises and has been occupying apartment 4-E under lease since June 1, 1944. The records reflected that ALFRED BERMAN was a lawyer, employed by GUGGENHEIMER & UNTERMEYER, a law firm with offices at 30 Pint Street. The records further reflected that BERMAN paid a rental of \$1,452 per year and that prior to moving into 530 East 90 Street, he resided at 1304 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. ALEXANDER stated that NANETTE BERMAN is the wife of ALFRED BERMAN.

The indices of the New York office were checked with negative results against the names of NANETTE D. and ALFRED BERMAN.

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RE: JAMES R. NEWMAN

Reference is made to Washington Field Division letter dated April 29, 1946 requesting background information on RICHARD E. SIMON and JEROME WEIDMAN, and to New Haven Field Division letter to Washington Field, dated June 24, 1946, the latter communication specifically requesting investigation by this field division of JEROME WEIDMAN.

A review of the files of the New York Field Division reflected that during the Foreign Travel Control program JEROME WEIDMAN was interviewed at Laguardia Field upon his arrival by clipper from Foynes, Ireland. At that time he exhibited United States passport #25641, reflecting his birth on April 4, 1913 at New York City and his residence at that time as 16 East 11th Street, New York City. His position was "principal field representative" with the Office of War Information and he declared that he had been stationed in London, England since July 16, 1944 with that agency. He stated in addition that he would in the future continue to be associated with OWI in New York City and would reside at the above address.

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There was also information in the New York files reflecting that WEIDMAN was listed in a full page advertisement in the New York Times on March 14, 1946 as a supporter of a group calling itself "Citizens United to Abolish the Wood-Rankin Committee, Suite 170, Hotel Astor, New York City.

The report of Special Agent R. H. Powell, dated June 23, 1942 at New York City, in the case entitled "JEROME WEIDMAN, aka Julius Weidman; Office of Coordinator of Information, Employee Investigation" reflects that WEIDMAN was born on April 4, 1913 at New York City, attended high school in New York City, City College of New York, State University, and New York University Law School, although he did not secure a law degree. He was employed as an accountant by MAURICE GOLDBERG & COMPANY, also in the same capacity by JESSE P. SCHWARTZ and by SIMON & SCHUSTER, book publishers, from January 1, 1940 to March 1942. His references, neighbors, employers and associates recommended him as a brilliant writer with business ability, said his habits were good, and that he and his family were "thoroughly American". It is to be noted that WEIDMAN, as well as being a former employee of SIMON & SCHUSTER, is a very close friend of RICHARD L. SIMON, member of the firm.

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RE: VICTOR PERLO

Reference is made to the letter from the Washington Field Office dated July 9, 1946, in which it is requested that the New York office ascertain the identity and furnish information concerning STEVEN JACOBS, 290 Riverside Drive, New York City.

MATTHIAS KNAPP, superintendent, 290 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, advised that STEVEN JACOBS is the daughter of LEO FRANK. KNAPP further stated that LEO FRANK is the lessee of the apartment and that JACOBS has been residing with him for the last three years at this address.

KNAPP said that STEVEN JACOBS is a middle aged woman who works every day and is reported to be engaged on a radio program. KNAPP continued that FRANK and JACOBS occupy a 6 room apartment at an annual rental of \$1,600.

The indices of the New York office were checked against these names with negative results.

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RE: OLGA PRAVDIN, with alias
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Reference is made to New York report dated June 14, 1946 in instant case. It will be recalled that [REDACTED]

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Dr. ALFRED HOLZMAN, 110 East 42nd Street, Suite 811, Phone Caledonia 5-6308 - It was ascertained at these premises that Dr. HOLZMAN is a practicing dentist with offices in the above mentioned suite.

M. NASH, 150 West 72nd Street, New York City, Phone Trafalgar 7-2300. It was ascertained that this telephone is listed to JOHN H. NASSOIT, INC. (real estate) located at 175 West 72nd Street. It is believed that the M. NASH referred to in mentioned report is an employee of JOHN H. NASSOIT and that NASH was contacted concerning the renting of an apartment.

MILDRED (NICKI) KLEIN, GR 7-2975 - It was ascertained that this phone is listed to ROSE ROTH, residing at 420 East 6th Street, New York City. The indices of the New York Field Office were checked with negative results for both ROSE ROTH and MILDRED KLEIN.

The address 4802 43rd Street, Apartment 5-E, as listed in previously mentioned report, was ascertained to be the apartment of EDWARD V. O'NEILL. The indices were checked with negative results.

BEATRICE, 5616 Broadway, New York City, Phone KI-6-3474. It was ascertained that this is a tailor shop, proprietor A. BEATRICE, established since 1902.

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~~MAX FAGIN~~, 215 West 40th Street, ME-3-2585 - it was ascertained that ~~MAX FAGIN~~ is a partner in ~~VOGEL & FAGIN~~, a wholesale coat house, with offices on the fifth floor at 215 West 40th Street.

~~R. SMARLING~~, 71 Lexington Avenue, LE-2-1344 - Mrs. P. SWEENEY, superintendent at 71 Lexington Avenue, advised that R. SMARLING is a dressmaker occupying the second apartment, rear, at these premises. She advised that SMARLING and a daughter have been residents at this location for the last three years and use their apartment for both living quarters and business purposes.

Special Agents JOSEPH M. KELLY and THOMAS G. SPENCER showed informant GREGORY pictures made available to this office by a highly confidential source and the informant did not make an identification of any of these pictures. Informant further advised that to the best of her knowledge she had never seen any of the people whose photos were shown to her.

It was ascertained at 125 Riverside Drive through the superintendent J. PEDERSEN that apartment 8-C, formerly occupied by OLGA PRAVDIN and family is still being maintained for them and is presently occupied by CATHERINE DUFFY, former maid for PRAVDIN. The Tass News Agency continues to pay the rent on this apartment. The superintendent stated that he inquired of the maid, DUFFY, concerning the PRAVDINS and was advised that the PRAVDINS had gone to Russia but that she expected them to come back to the United States.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT "JOHN"

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It was previously reported that a photograph of MIKHAIL ALEKSANDROVICH CHALIAPIN was exhibited to Informant GREGORY and it was stated that the photograph of CHALIAPIN bore a strong resemblance to the unknown subject, "JOHN".

Additional photographs of CHALIAPIN were obtained from the exhibits in the New York files, and these photographs were shown to GREGORY, at which time she stated that CHALIAPIN is not identical with the unknown subject, "JOHN".

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Re: DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DONALD E. SHANNON and includes activities from June 7, 1946 up to and including July 15, 1946:

THEODORE BAUMGOLD, who is a known contact of DR. WEINSTEIN, is registered at Selective Service Local Board No. 24, 200 West 71st Street, New York, New York. The following information was obtained from his Selective Service file at this Board:

He was born on December 25, 1913 at New York, New York. He attended Cornell University from 1930 to 1932 and Columbia University from 1933 to 1935. He was married in New York City on August 8, 1941 to his present wife LYDIA BAUMGOLD. At the time he registered for Selective Service in 1940 he resided at 115 Central Park West with his mother, MRS. ANN BAUMGOLD. In 1941, his address was listed as 480 Riverside Drive, New York, New York. In October of 1942, he moved to 430 East 86th Street, New York, New York. His occupation was that of a diamond sorter and his employer was listed as BAUMGOLD BROTHERS, INC., 62 West 47th Street, New York, New York, and also QUARTZ PRODUCTS COMPANY, 304 East 45th Street, New York, New York.

He was inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States on June 9, 1943. He attained the rank of Master Sergeant in the Army and according to his discharge papers he was in Scotland in December 1943 and returned to the United States on November 16, 1944. He left for England on January 26, 1945 and returned to the United States on October 15, 1945. While in the Armed Service, he received the Bronze Star Medal. On his discharge papers there appears under the caption Military Occupational Specialty the term "Intelligence". From this, it would appear that BAUMGOLD was in the Intelligence Branch of the Army. He received an honorable discharge from the Army as a Master Sergeant on October 29, 1945.

MR. JAMES SCHULTZ, Superintendent, 430 East 86th Street, New York, New York, advised that THEODORE BAUMGOLD maintained an apartment at this address since 1942 and that he had been in the Armed Forces during most of this period and that he had seen very little of BAUMGOLD. MR. SCHULTZ advised that sometime in 1945 MRS. LYDIA BAUMGOLD, wife of THEODORE, sublet the apartment. Since that

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time, MR. SCHULTZ advised that he has not seen LYDIA BAUMGOLD.

MISS HELEN CLAYMAN, of the TRIO MANAGEMENT CORP., 2054 Broadway, New York, New York, who is the Agent in Charge of the Building located at 430 East 86th Street, New York, New York, advised that LYDIA BAUMGOLD told her that about five months ago she contemplated obtaining a divorce from THEODORE BAUMGOLD because he had fallen in love with some woman in France or some other foreign country. In fact, MISS CLAYMAN stated, that a short while ago she received a letter from LYDIA BAUMGOLD which was postmarked Reno, Nevada. In this letter, LYDIA advised that she was in the process of obtaining a divorce from THEODORE. MISS CLAYMAN said that although she knew both MR. and MRS. THEODORE BAUMGOLD as tenants, she knew little concerning their private lives.

Joseph Baumgold

~~Confidential Informant~~ whose identity is known to the Bureau, supplied the following information concerning the companies that were listed by THEODORE BAUMGOLD as his places of employment:

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QUARTZ PRODUCTS COMPANY, according to this informant, has offices at 304 East 45th Street, New York, New York, and is engaged in making quartz crystals. This company is controlled by JOSEPH BAUMGOLD, CHARLES BAUMGOLD, THEODORE BAUMGOLD and ROBERT BLAUNER. All of these individuals are related to one another. JOSEPH BAUMGOLD and CHARLES BAUMGOLD are cousins of THEODORE BAUMGOLD and ROBERT BLAUNER is a brother-in-law of JOSEPH BAUMGOLD. JOSEPH BAUMGOLD is also Treasurer of BAUMGOLD BROTHERS, INC. According to this informant, he is a native-born American of Russian descent.

This informant advised that the QUARTZ PRODUCTS COMPANY is worth in excess of \$800,000.00. BAUMGOLD BROTHERS, INC. was founded in 1923 by three brothers, LOUIS, JACOB and SAMUEL BAUMGOLD. JOSEPH BAUMGOLD is the son of LOUIS BAUMGOLD and he is the Treasurer of BAUMGOLD BROTHERS, INC. This corporation is engaged in the manufacture and sale of industrial diamonds and tools. The principal source of diamonds is England. This corporation, according to the informant, is worth in excess of \$1,000,000.00.

It was ascertained through a mail cover that is maintained on the office of DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN, at 20 East 53rd Street, New York, New York, that on June 29, 1946 a letter was received from the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, 150 Nassau Street, New York, New York. This letter was postmarked June 28, 1946 at 8:00 p.m. This organization is a known Communist front

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organization and is the subject of a Security Matter - C investigation.

The following information concerning contacts made by DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN was supplied by Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau:

On June 14, 1946, DR. HAROLD AARON, who is subject of an Internal Security - C investigation, contacted the office of DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN and made an appointment to have WEINSTEIN come over to his office immediately.

On July 1, 1946, JOSEPH GREGG, who is subject of the instant investigation, contacted the office of DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN at 12:07 p.m. and advised that he would be in DR. WEINSTEIN's office in twenty minutes. A physical surveillance of JOSEPH GREGG, which was maintained during the time when he was in New York City, disclosed that he did go to the office of DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN, at 20 East 53rd Street, New York, New York, at 12:30 p.m. on July 1, 1946 and stayed at the office for approximately one hour.

On July 8, 1946, HERBERT MAY, who was previously known to have contacted DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN [redacted] contacted the office of DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN on July 8, 1946 and advised that he would be at the office of DR. WEINSTEIN on the evening of that date.

On July 9, 1946, PHILIP MAY, son of HERBERT MAY, contacted the office of DR. WEINSTEIN and made an appointment to be at the office on the following Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

On July 15, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that an employee of DR. WEINSTEIN's office contacted the Colonial Airlines and attempted to make a reservation for a trip by DR. WEINSTEIN and his wife, LENORA, to Quebec, Canada, on July 27, 1946. According to the informant, no definite reservation was made at that time but the informant did state that such a trip was contemplated and that the reservation would be made in the very near future.

The following information was obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and who is able to supply information concerning activities and contacts made at the home of DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN:

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On June 7, 1946, LENORA WEINSTEIN, in conversation with ADELE LEVINE, stated that her husband, ABE, was in terrible shape lately and that he felt very neurotic. *h (X) u*

On June 8, 1946, LENORA WEINSTEIN was contacted by MARJORIE CHODOROFF, who is a known Communist sympathizer and who had previously made contact with both DR. and MRS. WEINSTEIN. *h (X) u*

On June 14, 1946, LENORA WEINSTEIN contacted BETTY HART, Secretary to DR. WEINSTEIN, and she advised her that she intended to have ISABELLE JOSEPHSON out to her house on the following Sunday. On that same date, and in the same conversation with BETTY HART, LENORA WEINSTEIN stated that she intended to speak to DR. HAROLD AARON on that date. *h (X) u*

On June 25, 1946, LENORA WEINSTEIN in talking to an unknown individual stated that her friends, BARNEY and ISABELLE JOSEPHSON, were now separated and ISABELLE JOSEPHSON was working. BARNEY and ISABELLE JOSEPHSON are subjects of Internal Security - C investigations and are known to be Communist sympathizers. *h (X) u*

On July 1, 1946, LENORA WEINSTEIN contacted a local radio station in Stamford, Connecticut, and requested the names of the Connecticut United States Senators. Subsequently, LENORA WEINSTEIN on this same date sent a Western Union telegram to Senator BRIAN McMAHON and Senator HART, which reads as follows: "Urge you act for immediate extension OPA and enactment of new legislation that will guarantee full price control. Please send copies of your speeches on this subject", signed "DR. and MRS. A. B. WEINSTEIN, DR. MORRIS WEINSTEIN". *h (X) u*

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RE: HARRY DEXTER WHITE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE J. SULLIVAN:

Reference is made to the Washington Field Division letter dated April 12, 1946 wherein the New York office was requested to ascertain the identity of DAVID LIEBOVITZ, 430 West 116th Street, New York City. The letter stated that LIEBOVITZ was telephonically contacted on July 19, 1945 at New York City by HARRY DEXTER WHITE. JOX u

At the office of HORACE S. ELY & COMPANY, Real Estate Brokers, 2929 Broadway, New York City, it was ascertained that DAVID LIEBOVITZ was a tenant in possession; that ELY assumed operation of the building at 430 West 116th Street in the early part of 1942. It was learned that LIEBOVITZ has been a tenant at the above address for approximately twelve years where he resides with his wife and son, DONALD. The rental of his apartment is placed at \$125.00 per month. It was learned that he is in the advertising business at 79 Madison Avenue, New York City, and is reputedly wealthy, having a trust fund set up for him by some unknown individual.

At CROSS & BROWN COMPANY, 432 Fourth Avenue, New York City, agents for the building at 79 Madison Avenue, it was ascertained that the lease for the space at 79 Madison Avenue is in the name of S. LIEBOVITZ & SONS, INC., and was signed by HARRY LIEBOVITZ, president, in October, 1939. In the lease it was stated that the space was rented for the purpose of setting up executive offices for advertising. The witness to the signature appearing on the lease was one LOUIS MILLER.

In April, 1946 the firm's name was legally changed to the PUBLIC SHIRT CORPORATION and the following names were shown on the change of name certificate which was filed with the state of New York: ABRAHAM L. LIEBOVITZ, HARRY H. LIEBOVITZ and EPHRAIM J. LIEBOVITZ. However, none of these individuals were identified as officers. The space at this address is leased at \$1,200.00 per annum. Information received from Mr. JAMES WALSH, superintendent of the building at 430 West 116th Street, indicated that DAVID LIEBOVITZ operates his own shirt factory.

The Indices of the New York Field Division and the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked with negative results as to DAVID LIEBOVITZ.

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At New York, New York:

This matter is receiving continues and exhaustive investigative attention, and leads are being set out by teletype and letter for immediate coverage by auxiliary field offices.

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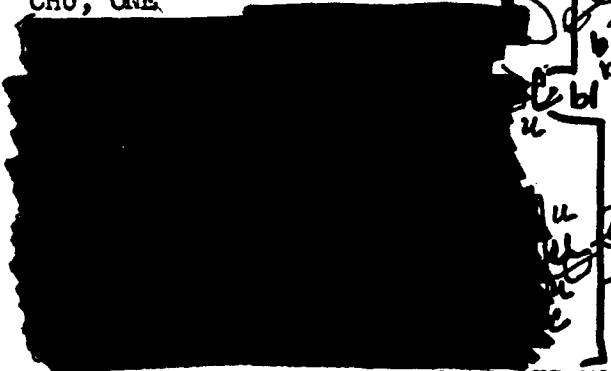
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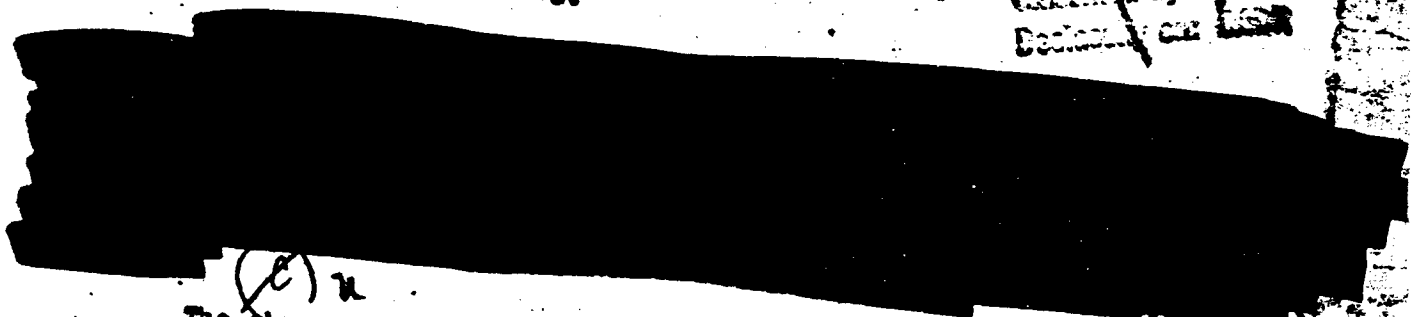
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