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Her birthplace was in Mexico City, Mexico, and her permanent residence was 18141 N. 25th Ave., Mesa, Arizona. She held an St. British Passport Number 272222, issued by the Foreign Office, London, November 19, 1943, valid to November 19, 1946. The passport of the temporary United States was Number 1873 dated December 1, 1944, issued by Mexico City, valid for one year. This woman was accompanied by her husband, JAMES PERERRE, and she was reported as having no relatives in Mexico. Informative details as follows:

Age	37
Marital status	Married
Height	5' 3"
Complexion	Light
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Presence of scars or marks	None

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Re: Rudolph Ernst Peierls

Reference is made to your memorandum [REDACTED]

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A review of our files has been made to locate information concerning Peierls which might be of assistance to you in assessing Peierls as a security risk.

During the investigation of Klaus Fuchs, it was developed that Peierls was considered by fellow employees at Los Alamos to have been one of the closest, if not the closest, associates of Fuchs from both the professional and social standpoint. It is noted, of course, that Peierls was the senior member of the British Group at Los Alamos and that Peierls and Fuchs had been closely associated in their work prior to that time, in New York and Great Britain.

[REDACTED] a fellow employee at Los Alamos, advised during interview concerning Fuchs that he had been first introduced to Fuchs by Peierls, the head of the British Mission at Los Alamos. He said that Peierls endeavored to assist all British scientists at Los Alamos and had made it a particular point to entertain Fuchs because of Fuchs' apparent loneliness. He said that Mrs. Peierls, whom he referred to as "Mother Peierls," had made it a habit to look after all of the younger men. The Peierlses had boasted, according to [REDACTED] that all worthwhile scientists in England had spent one evening in their home, and that so had all international visitors to the Peierlses' neighborhood. [REDACTED] said that he also was a guest of the Peierlses in December, 1948, when he visited England on a vacation trip and to confer with British scientists with whom he had been associated at Los Alamos. [REDACTED] recalled that during this visit, the Peierlses had given a cocktail party attended by most of the British scientists from Harwell, including Fuchs. (65-58805-446)

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b7c [redacted] was born in [redacted] on [redacted] natives of Austria and Poland, respectively. Both are now citizens of the United States and [redacted] was naturalized at Boston, Massachusetts, on February 3, 1941. [redacted] attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1935 to 1941, and he holds degrees of B.S. and Ph.D. from this institute. As of February, 1950, he was a member of the faculty at MIT. [redacted] His wife, [redacted] according to the reports of two informants of known reliability, attended a meeting sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in Boston on the evening of March 29, 1948. This meeting featured an address by Madame Irene Joliot Curie, who made a tour of [redacted] the following day. A reliable informant identified [redacted] as a paid-up member of the Cambridge Chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America in 1947. Another informant of known reliability advised that [redacted] attended a reception in honor of [redacted] National Chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee on July 16, 1942, and acted as "helpers" in the fund raising efforts which followed the reception festivities.

Investigation in the Fuchs case developed that, in November and December, 1945, Mrs. Augusta H. Teller, wife of Dr. Edward Teller, a fellow employee at Los Alamos, made a visit to Mexico in the company of Fuchs and Dr. and Mrs. Rudolph Peierls. Immigration records confirmed the return of Fuchs and the Peierlses to the United States on December 8, 1945, at Laredo, Texas. These records indicated that the Peierlses were en route to England by way of Santa Fe, New Mexico, at this time. Mrs. Teller confirmed this trip during an interview on February 14, 1950. She stated that this was a vacation trip and that, to her knowledge, Fuchs had not met anyone unknown to her. The trip, she said, was made on the suggestion of herself and Mrs. Peierls.

Dr. Edward Teller advised on interview concerning Fuchs that he had first met Peierls in Germany at the University of Leipzig in 1928. He stated that the Communist Party was perfectly legal in Germany at that time and that if Peierls had any Communist sympathies he would have had no reason to hide them. He said that Peierls has shown no marked political

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interests and had indicated no Communist sympathies. Teller stated that he had later known Peierls in England, and at Los Alamos during 1944 and 1945. When Peierls was back in the United States in 1946 and 1947, he had been strongly in favor of agreement with Russia. Teller continued that he could not recall that Peierls had discussed politics with him when he saw Peierls in England in 1948. He added that he had been at Peierls' home for dinner, along with a number of other people, and that he had sat next to Eugenia Peierls during dinner. He stated that during the dinner Mrs. Peierls had done "quite a bit of baiting" and had called him (Teller) a war monger. Teller stated that Peierls had never told him why he left Germany but that he always assumed that it was because Peierls was Jewish. He expressed the belief that Peierls had met his wife at a scientific meeting in Moscow.

(65-599-5-915, page 37)

Edward Teller was born January 15, 1908, at Budapest, Hungary, and his wife, Mrs. Augusta Harkanyi Teller, was born April 30, 1909, in the same city. Both became naturalized citizens of the United States on March 4, 1941, at Washington, D. C. Information has been received from a confidential informant that one Edward Teller had been on the roster of teachers at the Communist Workers School, New York City, in 1941, teaching Political Economy, Marxism, Leninism and the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Dr. Edward Teller was interviewed in January, 1949, concerning the possibility of his being identical with the Edward Teller who was listed on the 1941 roster of the teachers at the Workers School, and he emphatically denied that he was identical with this individual. He stated that he had absolutely no background or qualifications which would entitle him to teach any of the subjects listed by the Workers School. He stated that he was in New York City in September, 1941, and that he taught at Columbia University from that time until June, 1942. The photograph of Dr. Teller was displayed to various informants, who identified his photograph as that of a man seen by the informants on various occasions at the headquarters of the Communist Party Workers School, New York City, during the early part of 1942. One informant identified his photograph as being that of a person who taught at the Workers School in 1941. It was reported on March 15, 1950, that a very confidential source close to the Teller family had received information to the effect that Mrs. Teller had remarked to a friend on one occasion, " I am worried for Eddie and I are

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members of the Communist Party." There is also information that in the past the name and address of Dr. Edward Teller appeared on a "membership list" of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, which has been described by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization. Likewise, the name of Mrs. Edward Teller has appeared on a membership list of the "League of Women Shoppers," Washington, D. C., described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist controlled front organization.

[REDACTED] (116-2713-44X1) who is known to you by reason of his correspondence with Fuchs after the latter's arrest, was interviewed concerning Fuchs on April 28, 1950. At that time, he mentioned Rudolph Peierls and stated that he was rather displeased with Peierls because Peierls had denied knowledge of any of Fuchs' activities. He did not believe that this could be true, as Peierls and Fuchs were extremely close. He regarded Peierls as cowardly and said that Peierls was undoubtedly afraid to express himself further due to the fact that Mrs. Peierls was of Russian origin and not too many years out of Russia.

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Approximately two weeks prior to this interview, [REDACTED] was reported by two independent sources as being mentally distraught. One source described him as obviously distraught and mentally deranged, and the other source stated that he was under the care of a psychiatrist and definitely a mental case.

[REDACTED] a fellow employee at Los Alamos, was interviewed concerning Fuchs on March 11, 1950, and at that time he stated that Fuchs was very close, socially as well as professionally, with Rudolph Peierls, who was one of the few who, in his opinion, knew Fuchs best. He said that it was his impression that while Fuchs was not rabidly "pro-Russian" he had shown a disposition to "favor" the Russians to a limited degree, and in this regard he recalled that when Peierls, who appeared to Weisskopf to be quite anti-Russian, made a critical appraisal of Russia during a discussion of the Allies' relations with Russia, Fuchs would answer, "Well, there is the other side of it."

[REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED]. He received a Ph.D. degree from Gottinger University in 1931. From that time until September, 1937, when he entered the United States and became an associate professor with the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, he had been a research associate at Berlin University, Berlin, Germany, the University of Copenhagen, Cambridge, England, and the Zurich Institute of Technology.

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Information is available that since the successful explosion of the atomic bomb, [redacted] has withdrawn from any military research concerning atomic energy, and on occasions has urged international control of atomic energy. He is reported to have said in October, 1945, that Russia was making a greater sacrifice in attempting to preserve the peace than was the United States, and he suggested that the United States destroy its stock pile of bombs for peace. [redacted] has had association with several individuals reported to be Communists or Communist sympathizers. A considerable number of close acquaintances have described him as loyal, and it is reported that on one occasion, he refused to address the Boston-Cambridge Chapter of the American Association of Scientific Workers, on the grounds that he thought it was a Communist Party organization.

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During investigation at Los Alamos, information was received that Mrs. Peierls was considered to be a "character" and that she was loud and outspoken. It was stated that there were many rumors that she was a Russian and had formerly been everything from a private to a captain in the Russian Army.

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As you are no doubt aware, Peierls has been linked in the press with [redacted] born citizen of Canada who taught mathematics at the University of Toronto and who, during a leave of absence from the University, returned to Poland where he resigned from his post at Toronto University. "The Ensign," a weekly Catholic paper published in Montreal, Canada, quoted [redacted] on March 18, 1950, as saying with reference to his tour of England that the work at Birmingham was open to inspection and that there was no secret work on the campus. He said that from Peierls, a German refugee from Nazism, he had learned some interesting details about the British and other atom bomb projects. These details indicated that Britain started work on the atom bomb before the United States did, according to the article.

Our files reflect that a Personnel Security Questionnaire filled out by Mrs. Eugenia Peierls on July 11, 1944, while she was at Los Alamos, reflected that her father, Nikolai Kannegiesser, was born in Russia but is

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deceased, Her mother, Maria Mandelstan, and [REDACTED] were both born in Russia. She listed her parents-in-law as Henry Peierls and Elsa Peierls, both of Montclair, New Jersey, and stated that they were born in Germany and were German citizens. As references, she listed [REDACTED] whom she had known twelve years, [REDACTED] whom she had known twelve years, and [REDACTED] professor, New York City. Our files do not reflect any information identifiable with [REDACTED]

With reference to Peierls' relatives in the United States, your attention is invited to our memorandum number 7467, dated October 31, 1949, concerning Fuchs and Peierls. The Immigration and Naturalization Service records reflected that Heinrich Peierls, father of Rudolph Peierls, made application for an immigration visa on February 14, 1940, at London, England. This application reflected that he was born February 6, 1867, at Breslau, Germany, and had resided in that country from his birth until March, 1939. Thereafter, he resided in England at 9 Adamson Road, London NW 3. His mother was Anna Weigert and his father, Simon Peierls, both deceased. His wife was listed as Elizabeth Marie Peierls, nee Hermann. The application reflected that he intended to join his [REDACTED] Upper Montclair, New Jersey. He entered New York on March 13, 1940.

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The records further reflect that as of September, 1940, Heinrich Peierls was retired. A brother is listed as Siegfried Peierls, New York City, and his two sons were named as Alfred H. Peierls, Surrey, England, and Professor Rudolph Peierls, Birmingham, England. The file reflected a statement by Heinrich to the effect that he had previously visited the United States in 1937, but there was no record of such a visit. The file reflects information to the effect that Heinrich Peierls died on June 29, 1945. *

According to these records, Elizabeth Maria Peierls, wife of Heinrich Peierls, was born June 1, 1883, at Frankfurt au Maine, Germany. Her parents, who were listed as deceased, were Anne Ernst and Carl Hermann. The records listed her sister as Mrs. Helene Felda, Ithaca, New York. Her sister's address was first given as in care of [REDACTED] Washington, D. D.

Elizabeth Maria Peierls, in an application for naturalization, set out that she married Heinrich on June 15, 1922, at Berlin, Germany. From this it would appear that Elizabeth is apparently the second wife of Heinrich and is not the mother of Rudolph and Alfred Peierls. She was naturalized October 19, 1945, at Newark, New Jersey.

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Alfred Heinrich Peierls, son of Heinrich Peierls, made application for an immigration visa on October 21, 1926, at Montreal, Canada. This reflected that he was born February 24, 1899, at Berlin, Germany, and that his residence for the five years prior to his application was Berlin, Germany, and Schenectady, New York, he having resided in the latter place from 1924 to 1926. The file indicated that Peierls had been connected with the Allgemeine Elektrizitäts-Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany.

These records also reflected information concerning the entries into the United States of Rudolph and Eugenia Peierls, which are known to you. These records reflected that as of February, 1942, the Peierls had two children, [REDACTED] care of [REDACTED], Canada, and [REDACTED], Canada. At this time, Mrs. Peierls was residing in Birmingham, England. As of December, 1943, when Mrs. Peierls entered the United States, both children were listed as residing at [REDACTED] Canada. (65-58805-251)

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With reference to the activity of Peierls subsequent to his departure from the United States, information is available that from February 13 to 17, 1946, a conference on "Science and the Welfare of Mankind" was held in London, according to a report written by a delegate to the conference. The report stated that the British Association of Scientific Workers formed a Committee of Atom Scientists. Professor R. E. Peierls was listed as a member of this committee, which included [REDACTED]

The April, 1949, issue of the Bulletin of Atom Scientists contained an article setting forth the views on freedom of science, as explained by Professor R. E. Peierls and [REDACTED] Peierls and [REDACTED] spoke for the possible exchange of scientific information between countries and both mentioned the desirability of scientific intercourse with Iron Curtain countries, and were critical of United States treatment of scientists. In this regard, Peierls is quoted as follows: "One hears a good deal of talk about the dangerous effects of scientists who held subversive views of one kind and another, and this, fortunately, is not taken very seriously in this country. I believe most of you know that in the United States things are rather more difficult in that respect." (65-58805-672)

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Regarding Mrs. Peierls, it should be noted that captured German documents emanating in Amt. IV of the NSDA and consisting of original documents of the German Communist Party, listed one Kannegiesser, the maiden name of Mrs. Peierls. One document, a report to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany dated June 4, 1930, at Berlin, concerning the Association for Marxian Pedagogy, Berlin E. 113, Wisbyerstrasse 30, reflects that on May 21, 1930, a meeting was held, pursuant to a call by the Central Committee Agitprop, to consider the topic, "the school - political situation of the present and the job of the Association for Marxian Pedagogy." This stated that Comrades [redacted] Kannegiesser, [redacted] and [redacted] were present. The report was signed by [redacted] It is, of course, not known whether this information has any connection with Mrs. Peierls, nee Kannegiesser.

67 C | You will note that no investigation of Peierls has been conducted and that the information set forth above was obtained collaterally during the investigation of Fuchs. This information is being furnished to you as of possible assistance in making your assessment of Peierls.

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 [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TODAY. [REDACTED] HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DESCRIBED BY
 HIS FATHER AS AN "ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSOR". [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS ASSO-
 CIATED WITH SUBJECT [REDACTED] AT LOS ALAMOS FROM MARCH, FORTYTHREE UNTIL
 SUBJECT DEPARTED LA. [REDACTED] DECLARED SUBJECT BELIEVED IN SOCIALISM,
 ADMITTEDLY HAD READ MARX, BUT AT NO TIME INDICATED OF ADMITTING MEMBERSHIP
 IN CP. [REDACTED] NOTES HE HIMSELF CONSTANTLY EXPRESSED CRITICISMS
 OF SOVIET AND CP IN [REDACTED] RESIDENCE. [REDACTED] ALLEGES [REDACTED] WAS
 EXTREMELY BITTER AGAINST ARMY, REFUSED TO CLEAN UNIFORMS, OR IN ANY
 WAY CONFORM TO MILITARY DISCIPLINE IN EFFORT TO SHOW HIS DISLIKE
 OF ARMY. [REDACTED] ALLEGES THAT [REDACTED] HAD ACCESS TO EVERY CLASSIFIED
 DOCUMENT AT LA, READ SAME, AND HAD A PHENOMENAL MEMORY. [REDACTED]
 ALLEGES THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] UNDOUBTEDLY READ MORE EXTENSIVELY
 OF CLASSIFIED MATTER THAN ANY OTHERS AT LA. [REDACTED] STATES
 [REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED] CLOSEST FRIEND. [REDACTED] NEXT SISTER WAS A GIRL
 FROM TEXAS NAMED [REDACTED] WHO LEFT TO ATTEND COLLEGE AT EITHER
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WHICH [REDACTED] BELIEVES IS NOW POSSIBLY IN NYC. [REDACTED] STATES [REDACTED] ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH [REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN ONE OF [REDACTED] TEACHERS AT HARVARD. NOTED [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED BY [REDACTED] AS C. MEMBER AT TIME HE LEFT FOR LA. [REDACTED] STATES HALL INTENSELY INTERESTED IN BRITISH LABOR PARTY VICTORY IN FORTYFIVE AND THAT HE UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSSED SOME PHASES OF THIS POLITICAL CAMPAIGN WITH BRITISH MISSION MEMBERS. [REDACTED] NOTED HE WAS ATTACHED TO BRITISH MISSION, KNEW KLAUS FUCHS, RUDOLF ERNEST FRIEDL, [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED, MOST LIKELY BY [REDACTED] THAT MRS. FRIEDL WAS A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY. [REDACTED] NEVER SUSPECTED [REDACTED] OF SUCH SYMPATHY OR ASSOCIATIONS. [REDACTED] DECLARES THAT [REDACTED] A SELF-ADMITTED FORMER CP MEMBER, WAS EXTREMELY ASTUTE AT EVALUATING POLITICAL SYMPATHIES OF FELLOW SCIENTISTS. [REDACTED] NOW LOCATED AT INSTITUTE OF ZURICH IN SWITZERLAND. SUGGEST BUREAU CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS. [REDACTED] BELIEVES [REDACTED] WOULD BE LOYAL AND CO-OPERATIVE TO US. [REDACTED] NOTES THAT HALL LEFT LA AFTER AN INCIDENT INVOLVING AN EFFORT ON HIS PART TO GET A LETTER THROUGH CENSORSHIP WHICH CONTAINED MATTER CONSIDERED SECRET BY LA AUTHORITIES. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE DOES NOT HAVE EXACT DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT BUT THAT SAME SHOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH LA CENSORSHIP RECORDS. FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT [REDACTED] WHICH [REDACTED] STATES WAS A "GOD-FATHER" TO [REDACTED] ARRANGED TO HAVE HALL TRANSFERRED TO CANYON RIDGE. END OF PAGE TWO

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[REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD, SOURCE NOT REMEMBERED, THAT [REDACTED] WAS TAKEN ON A COMPLETE TOUR OF OAK RIDGE. [REDACTED] TRANSFER PAPERS ALLEGEDLY STATED HE WAS "POLITICALLY UNWISE" AND IMMATURE. THEREAFTER [REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED AT LA AS A TRUCKDRIVER. HE LATER BY LETTER ADVISED [REDACTED] OR A MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE THAT HE WRECKED AN ARMY TRUCK IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT PREMATURELY HIS DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY. [REDACTED] STATED FURTHER, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], THAT THE WRECKING INCIDENT WAS FOLLOWED BY INTERVENTION ON THE PART OF [REDACTED] TO BRING ABOUT THE DISCHARGE. [REDACTED] STATES THAT THROUGH MUTUAL FRIENDS HE HAS HEARD THAT HALL CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN A FRIENDLY ASSOCIATION WITH [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF INCOMPLETENESS BOSTON FILE, FURTHER LEADS WITH REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF CHICAGO. SUGGEST BUREAU CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF CONTACTING PROPER SOURCE RE MRS. RUDOLF E. FEIBEL, WHO IS MENTIONED FREQUENTLY IN THE REPORTS IN THE [REDACTED] CASE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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[REDACTED] A., ET AL [REDACTED] ESPIONAGE DASH R. REURTEL TWENTY b1

b7c SEVENTH INSTANT RE ALLEGATION [REDACTED] THAT MRS. RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS WAS MEMBER BRITISH CP. IN VIEW HIGHLY SENSITIVE POSITION NOW HELD BY PEIERLS IN BRITISH ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH, IMMEDIATELY REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND DETERMINE WHO MAY HAVE GIVEN HIM ABOVE INFO RE MRS. PEIERLS, IF NOT [REDACTED] EXPLORE SITUATION FULLY WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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b7c Note: [REDACTED] Los Alamos employee in 1944-46, told Agent 32751 he knew Peierls and another member of British Mission there, and that someone, probably [REDACTED] told him Mrs. Peierls was member of British CP. This info being given by memorandum 3-30-51 and as British are very interested in Peierls because he is now a top man at Harwell, it is desired to check out all possible sources re [REDACTED] allegation. (s) b1

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[REDACTED] WA, ET AL PAPER [REDACTED] PAPER ESP R.

REURTELS TWENTY-SEVENTH AND THIRTY-FIRST LAST RE INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY FOR ALL INFO HE HAS
RE [REDACTED] BEING AN ADMITTED FORMER CP MEMBER. ASCERTAIN
FULL CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH [REDACTED] SECURED SUCH INFO. SUTEL.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: April 10, 1951

FROM : MR. BELMONT

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PURPOSE

To suggest that the attached memorandum for [redacted] setting out information received to the effect that Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls was a member of the British Communist Party, be furnished to [redacted] to suggest that AEC be advised thereof and also be informed that [redacted] former AEC employee, is allegedly an admitted ex-member of the CP.

DETAILS

[redacted] was interviewed 3/27/51 by the Boston Division re his acquaintance with and knowledge of [redacted] subject of a pending espionage investigation. During the interview, [redacted] informed Agents he was told by someone at Los Alamos, probably [redacted] that Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls, wife of the prominent British nuclear scientist, was a member of the British Communist Party. On reinterview 3/31/51 [redacted] declared his best recollection is that [redacted] was the source of the above information, and that the only other persons who could have given him such information were [redacted] said by [redacted] to be at Los Alamos now, and [redacted] subject of a pending espionage investigation. We have not yet identified and located [redacted] and it now appears that [redacted] was actually referring to [redacted] characterized [redacted] as admittedly a former CP member. Boston has been requested by teletype to secure full details from [redacted] re his assertion that Staub is an ex-member of the CP.

Attention is invited to [redacted] dated 1/15/51, requesting that we furnish [redacted] information bearing upon the desirability of the British continuing Peierls in his confidential position at Harwell, British atomic energy establishment. Our memorandum No. 8159, dated 1/24/51 furnished all pertinent information available as of that time.

It is noted that [redacted] was listed as a reference by [redacted] in his application for a Federal Security Agency Fellowship in January, 1950. That agency's files reflect that [redacted] wrote to the U.S. Public Health Service on 1/17/50, describing himself as Director of the Physics Institute, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland, and

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L advised that he had known [redacted] from 1944 to 1946 at Los Alamos and had no reason to maintain any doubts re [redacted] loyalty. The Bureau conducted an AEA-E investigation of [redacted] in 1948, and no derogatory information was developed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached memorandum be furnished to [redacted] and that AEC be advised of [redacted] characterization of [redacted] as admittedly a former CP member and of Levine's allegation re Mrs. Peierls. Letter to AEC attached.

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RE [REDACTED] WA ETAL [REDACTED] ESPIONAGE DASH R. REBUTEL TWENTY-
NINTH INSTANT. [REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED. [REDACTED] BEST RECOLLECTION
IS THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING MRS. PEIERLS WAS RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]
ONLY OTHER PERSONS WHO COULD POSSILBY HAVE FURNISHED INFORMATION WOULD
HAVE BEEN [REDACTED] NOW AT LOSALAMOS AND INSTANT SUBJECT. [REDACTED] DEC
LARED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CONSTITUTED A CLOSELY NET GROUP BOTH SCIENTIFICALLY AND SOCIALLY
IN EUROPE PRIOR TO NINETEEN FORTY. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] PEIERLS HAD
SUMMERED IN SWITZERLAND WITH LAST NAMED GROUP PRIOR TO WAR AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF PEIERLS BRITISH CP
MEMBERSHIP AND SUGGESTS [REDACTED] OR ONE OF THE AFORE MENTIONED GROUP BE
INTERVIEWED. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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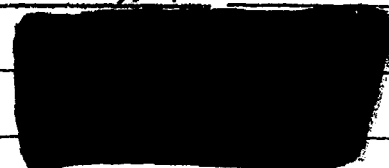
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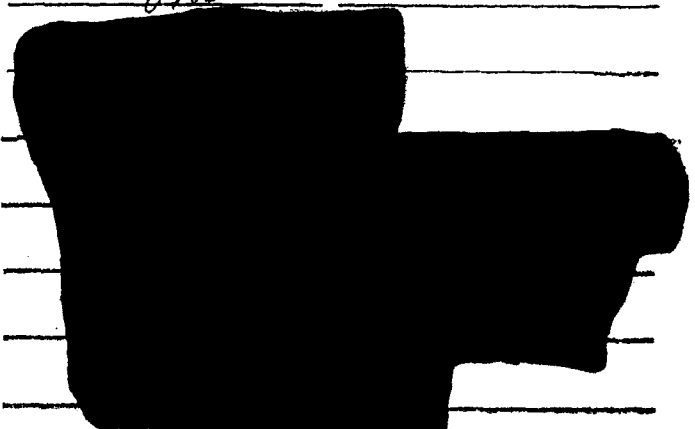
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[REDACTED] WA, ET AL PAREN [REDACTED] PAREN ESP R.

RECHTEL SIXTH INSTANT. INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AUTHORIZED.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] WHILE AT LOS ALAMOS FROM NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR TO NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, HE KNEW SEVERAL MEMBERS OF BRITISH MISSION THERE AND THAT SOMEONE, PROBABLY [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT MRS.

RUDOLPH KUNST PRIERIS WAS MEMBER BRITISH CP. [REDACTED] STATED HIS SOURCE WAS IN ALL LIKELIHOOD [REDACTED] BUT COULD HAVE BEEN [REDACTED] DURING INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] ASCERTAIN DISCREETLY IF HE HAS ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER RE CP MEMBERSHIP OF MRS. PRIERIS. SUTEL.

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NOTE: [REDACTED] was employed by U. of Cal. at Los Alamos 1943 to 1945, also from 7-46 to 9-46 and again from 1950 to present. AEA inv. favorable. (116-46717)

MED inv. of [REDACTED] in 1943 favorable. (100-347807)

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Springfield division in 1-50 re theft of uranium from Los Alamos. Admitted taking souvenir uranium ash tray, said he didn't realize he was doing wrong. (117-614-88, pages 13-15)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS
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DATE: April 17, 1951

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PURPOSE

To suggest that the attached memorandum for [REDACTED] (S) setting out further information re [REDACTED] reportedly the source of an allegation that Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls is a member of the British Communist Party, be furnished [REDACTED] (S)

DETAILS

Our memorandum for [REDACTED] (S) #8351, dated 4-11-51, furnished the details of an interview of [REDACTED] in which he said he had been told by someone at Los Alamos, probably [REDACTED] that Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls was a member of the British CP. Our memorandum also furnished available background information concerning [REDACTED] who, according to our most recent information, was in Zurich, Switzerland, as of 1-17-50. Our memorandum pointed out that [REDACTED] characterized [REDACTED] as an admitted ex-member of the CP. Inasmuch as we informed [REDACTED] that we have no objection to an interview of [REDACTED] re his knowledge of Mrs. Peierls, it is believed the information re [REDACTED] appearing in attached memorandum will be of interest to [REDACTED] (S)

The additional information received re [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] is also being furnished to AEC, it being noted that [REDACTED] is a former AEC employee and that we advised AEC by letter dated 4-11-50 of information indicating [REDACTED] past membership in the CP.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached memorandum be furnished to [REDACTED] Letter to AEC re [REDACTED] attached.

Attachments

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FOR [REDACTED] (S)

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Re: Rudolph Ernst Peierls

Reference is made to our memorandum #8351 dated April 11, 1951.

[REDACTED] who supplied information concerning the alleged membership of Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls in the British Communist Party, has now furnished further information with respect to [REDACTED] described by [REDACTED] as the probable source of his information concerning Mrs. Peierls.

b7c [REDACTED] has advised that he worked in close association with [REDACTED] at Los Alamos for three years, and that during that period, he and [REDACTED] had many conversations which were personal in nature. During one of those conversations, [REDACTED] related, [REDACTED] told him that when he was very young, in his student years, he joined a Communist labor front organization in Switzerland, and that from membership in that group, he was induced to join the Communist Party of Switzerland. [REDACTED] advised further that [REDACTED] told him he was in the Party but a "short time" when he became disillusioned and disassociated himself from the Party. [REDACTED] declared that the foregoing constitutes all of the information he possessed concerning [REDACTED] admitted association with the Communist Party.

[REDACTED] also declared that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] constituted a closely knit group, both scientifically and socially, in Europe prior to 1940, and that [REDACTED] had mentioned to [REDACTED] that Peierls had summered in Switzerland with that group of individuals at Staub's camp prior to the war.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: May 9, 1951
To: Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.
Attention: [REDACTED]
Director
Division of Security
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: [REDACTED]
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Rudolph Ernst Peierls

Reference is made to letters from this Bureau dated April 11, 1951, and April 17, 1951, both concerning captioned individual.

It will be noted that in our letter dated April 11, 1951, it is stated that [REDACTED] advised this Bureau that, if [REDACTED] were not the source of his information concerning Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls, [REDACTED] source was probably one [REDACTED]. It has been determined that this latter individual is identical with [REDACTED] presently a physicist at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

[REDACTED] was advised on interview that he was acquainted with [REDACTED] at Los Alamos. He declared he has no reason to believe that [REDACTED] had pro-Communist sympathies, and has no information that [REDACTED] was formerly a member of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] declared further that he has never had any contact with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls, and has never heard anything indicating they had pro-Communist sympathies.

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To: Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

Attention: [REDACTED]
Director
Division of Security

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS

Please refer to my letter dated April 11, 1951,
concerning captioned individual.

On reinterview by Special Agents of this Bureau, [redacted] stated that he had worked in close association with [redacted] at Los Alamos for three years, and that he and [redacted] had many conversations of a personal nature during that period. [redacted] declared further that, during one of such conversations, [redacted] related to him that when he was very young, in his student years, he joined a Communist labor front organization in Switzerland. [redacted] further related that [redacted] told him he was thereafter induced to join the Communist Party of Switzerland, and was in the Party but a "short time" when he became disillusioned and accordingly disassociated himself from the Party. [redacted] declared he has no additional information concerning [redacted] admitted association with the Communist Party.

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FOR [REDACTED] b1

Re: Rudolph Ernst Peierls

Reference is made to our memorandum #8366 dated April 17, 1951.

It will be noted that [REDACTED] who supplied information concerning the alleged membership of Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls in the British Communist Party, stated that his source for such information was, in all probability, [REDACTED] and that, if his source were not [REDACTED] it might have been [REDACTED]. We have now identified this latter individual as [REDACTED] a physicist employed in the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

[REDACTED] has advised us that he had no contact at Los Alamos with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls. He also declared that he had never heard anything indicating that Mr. and Mrs. Peierls had pro-Communist sympathies.

With respect to [REDACTED] stated that he had known this individual as a fellow employee at Los Alamos, and that he has no reason to believe [REDACTED] had pro-Communist sympathies nor has he any information that [REDACTED] was formerly a member of the Communist Party.

cc: Legal Attache, London, England *sent 5/11/51*

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Reference is made to your memorandum and our memorandum No. 8199, dated January 24, 1951.

While being interviewed recently concerning another matter, [redacted] advised that he was stationed at Los Alamos as a member of the Special Engineer Detachment, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, from March, 1944, to January, 1946, and that he was "attached" to the British Mission there. [redacted] declared that he knew Klaus Fuchs, Rudolph Krost, Peierls, and [redacted], and that he was advised, most likely by [redacted] that Mrs. Peierls was a member of the British Communist Party. [redacted] stated it is his best recollection that [redacted] was the source of information concerning Mrs. Peierls, and that it was not [redacted] who gave him such information it might have been [redacted]. We are attempting to identify and locate [redacted].

[redacted] stated that [redacted] whom he described as admittedly a former member of the Communist Party, was extremely astute at evaluating political sympathies of fellow scientists. [redacted] also commented that he believed [redacted] is loyal to the United States, and that [redacted] is presently located in Zurich, Switzerland.

Our files reflect that we conducted an investigation of [redacted] in 1942 in connection with his proposed employment by the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, on confidential research work, on United States Army and United States Navy contracts, and also in 1948 in connection with his contemplated employment as a Consultant to the University of California, which held a contract with the Atomic Energy Commission. It was determined that [redacted] was born January 20, 1908, at Wald, Kanton Zurich, Switzerland, and became a naturalized citizen of the United States on March 5, 1943. He entered the United States September 14, 1937, to accept a fellowship

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at the California Institute of Technology for the period September, 1937, to September, 1938, and from September, 1938, to September, 1942, he was an instructor in Physics at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. He was employed as a Physicist by the University of California at Los Angeles from July 1, 1943, to March 26, 1946, when he resigned to become Professor of Physics at Stanford University. Our investigations of [redacted] developed that he was recommended highly as to loyalty, integrity, and reliability by his professional associates and neighbors.

Our files reflect further that [redacted] was a member of the National Reception Committee for Madame Irene Joliot-Curie, French scientist, on the occasion of her visit to the United States in 1948. It is to be noted that the Co-Chairmen of the National Reception Committee were Professor Albert Einstein [redacted]

In addition to the information set out above as received from [redacted] our most recent information concerning [redacted] is as of January 17, 1950, on which date he was reported to be Director of the Physics Institute, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland. In the event you desire to interview [redacted] with respect to his alleged statement that Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Feiler is a member of the British Communist Party, we have no objection to your doing so.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: July 19, 1951

To: Atomic Energy Commission
Building T-3
16th & Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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ON 10-4-99

Attention: [REDACTED]
Director
Division of Security

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [REDACTED]
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Reference is made to our letters of April 11 and 17, 1951, concerning the captioned individual. Therein you were provided with the results of interviews had with [REDACTED]. You were further advised in our letter of April 11, 1951, that [REDACTED] stated he was informed most likely by [REDACTED] that Mrs. Rudolph Ernst Peierls was a member of the British Communist Party.

For your further confidential information [REDACTED] has now been interviewed by a reliable and confidential source abroad. [REDACTED] stated he first knew Rudolph Ernst Peierls when they were both students in the Physics Department of Zurich University, Zurich, Switzerland, between 1929 and 1933. He again met Peierls at Los Alamos, New Mexico, during the last war. He professed great respect for Peierls as a scientist but clearly disliked both him and his wife. He disclaimed any knowledge of their political affiliations. The only reason which he advanced for thinking that Mrs. Peierls was a Communist was that she was of Russian origin.

The confidential source expressed the opinion that [REDACTED] was probably motivated by malice in his attitude toward Mr. and Mrs. Peierls. The source, however, pointed out that this did not exclude the possibility that there might be grounds for the allegation against the Peierlses which [REDACTED] was not willing to divulge.

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Info re [REDACTED] interview with [REDACTED]
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
 SUBJECT: RUDOLPH PEIERLS
 AEA

DATE: June 12, 1951

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On June 4, 1951, [REDACTED] Acting Director, Office of Security, SFOO, AEC, Los Alamos, New Mexico, advised that he had been informed by [REDACTED] Assistant Director for Classification and Security, LASL, that an international conference was being held sometime during late this summer or early fall in Chicago. He stated that it was understood that two former members of the British Mission at Los Alamos will probably attend this meeting. They are [REDACTED] and RUDOLPH PEIERLS. [REDACTED] stated that it was anticipated these two men may be invited to Los Alamos where they spent several years during the war. He stated they would like to arrange for the visit of these British scientists as well as to have them give lectures and discussions on any of their work at Harwell or elsewhere in England which they are permitted to report. He said he would like to arrange a trip for them to view the Van de Graff on South Mesa. No classified information would be involved in any discussions.

[REDACTED] requested that the AEC Security Office arrange for necessary clearance for Los Alamos and for escorts for trips to the Van de Graff and Delta Building for colloquial talks. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] he would inform him of specific dates as soon as these dates had been set.

[REDACTED] advised that as PEIERLS and [REDACTED] would not be given access to any classified information at Los Alamos, no investigation concerning these two individuals would be requested.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau because investigation of the "FOO CASE" revealed that RUDOLPH PEIERLS was a close friend of KLAUS FUCHS.

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b7C Further, by teletype dated March 27, 1951, the Boston Office advised in the case captioned [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] advised he had heard while at Los Alamos that Mrs. PETERLS was a member of the British Communist Party.

No further action is being taken by the Albuquerque Office, but the Bureau will be advised if further information is received concerning a visit by RUDOLPH PETERLS to the Los Alamos Project.



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Date: January 21, 1953

To: Director, FBI

From: Legal Attache
London, England

Subject: RUDOLPH ERNST PETERLS

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ReBulet 12-3-52, enclosing a communication dated 11-20-52, received at the Bureau from [redacted] of Washington, New Jersey.

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The above is for the completion of the Bureau's records.

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RUDOLPH ERNST PRIERLS
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Alert established sources to furnish any information concerning activities of subject of interest to us during his stay in U. S. Furnish pertinent information in letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. AEC has indicated an interest.

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NOTE:

Subject is a prominent British nuclear scientist. His wife was alleged to be a member of the German Communist Party and the Communist Party of England. He was a friend of Klaus Fuchs and they roomed together at Los Alamos. No "sinister implications" can be drawn from their association. AEC has invited subject to come to U. S. to work on some unclassified atomic energy projects.

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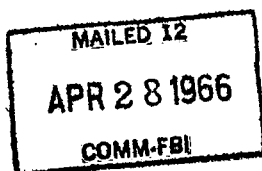
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-) (P)

SUBJECT: RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS
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DATE: 4/15/66

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a memorandum [dated March 9, 1966 from United States Atomic Energy Headquarters, Washington, D.C. to [redacted] Brookhaven Office, AEC, Upton, New York regarding captioned individual. It is noted that this memorandum is classified as "~~Secret~~".]

This copy of the memorandum was furnished to SA [redacted] by [Mr. [redacted], AEC, Brookhaven Office on 3/22/66. Mr. [redacted] at the same time made available the data contained in AEC files pertaining to the subject.]

Under date of 1/4/66, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) transmitted a letter to AEC, Brookhaven Office, requesting AEC alien visitor approval for Dr. RUDOLPH E. PEIERLS, a British National. The letter indicated that BNL intended to offer an appointment to Dr. PEIERLS as a temporary employee in the capacity of Visiting Senior Physicist in the Physics Department effective on or about March 20, 1966, for a period of five weeks. The letter relates that during his stay at BNL he will engage in unclassified research with the Theoretical Physics Group.

[redacted] advised that the subject arrived at BNL, with his wife, on 3/19/66, and is currently residing in apartment 3-D on the site of BNL. He further advised that BNL has assured AEC that AEC will be informed if PEIERLS intends to visit other AEC installations during his visit to the United States. BNL has further indicated that PEIERLS will be concerned principally with nuclear theory and will work with staff theorists.

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MRS. RUDOLPH ERNST

AEC records reveal that the subject was born on 6/5/07 at Berlin, Germany. He received a PhD degree from University of Leipsig. From 1937 to 1963 he was employed as a Professor at the University of Birmingham, England. From October, 1963 to date he has been engaged as Wykeham Professor of Physics at the University of Oxford. His wife, EUGENIA KANNEGIESSEN FEIERLS, was born on 7/25/08 at Leningrad, Russia.

furnished the AEC file pertaining to

AEC records indicate that

It was noted that AEC approval was granted

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67C The files of the NYO reflect that captioned subject came to attention in the KLAUS FUCHS case, as did [REDACTED] who is recorded in files as [REDACTED] RUDOLPH PETERLS.

The foregoing is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and the NYO contemplates no further action, UACB.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : [REDACTED]
Brookhaven Office

FROM : Robert E. Tharp, Assistant Director for
Personnel Security, Division of Security, HQ

SUBJECT: RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS, UK SCIENTIST

DATE: MAR 9 1956

This is an interim response to your recent request for indices checks concerning Dr. Peierls in connection with his proposed temporary employment at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Indices checks have not been completed because of referrals to other agencies. This information has been requested and will be furnished upon receipt. Information received to date has been included with information contained in Division of Security files and is summarized below.

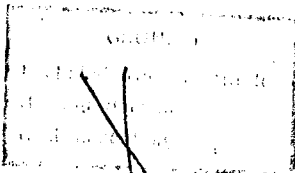
Dr. Rudolph Ernst Peierls, Information Prior to 1951

Dr. Peierls was born June 5, 1907, in Berlin, Germany. He received his education in Germany and Switzerland and emigrated to England in 1933 because of racial prosecution in Germany. For two years he was a "Research Fellow" at Manchester University and for the next two years at the Royal Society Mond Laboratory in Cambridge, England. He was appointed to the Physics Department in Birmingham University in 1937. There is no positive information on how he met and when he married his wife. It has been alleged that he spent some time teaching in Russia sometime during 1930-39 and that he met and married his wife in Russia. Another source advised the FBI that he believed Dr. Peierls met his wife while attending a scientific conference in Moscow. In any case, based on the age of their oldest child in 1944 it appears they were married sometime in 1933-34. Dr. Peierls became a naturalized citizen of Great Britain in March 1940.

In 1951, Peierls was Vice President of the Council of the Atomic Scientists' Association, reportedly a Communist front organization. He was reported to have been a member of a delegation that visited the British Home Office on August 1, 1947, to ask clemency for Dr. [REDACTED] self-admitted and convicted Soviet Agent in the Canadian-Soviet spy case, who was then in prison in England.

Eugenia Kannegiesser Peierls, Spouse

Mrs. Peierls was born July 25, 1908, in Leningrad, Russia. A Personnel Security Questionnaire filled out by Mrs. Peierls at Los Alamos, New



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This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the espionage laws, Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 793 and 794. The transmission or revelation of its contents in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

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Mexico in 1944 reflects the birth of both her parents in Russia. Mrs. Peierls listed attendance at Leningrad University from 1925 to 1929 and indicated employment at the Leningrad Geophysical Laboratory during 1930 and 1931. From 1939 to 1941 she gave her employment as a nurse in a Birmingham hospital in England. During 1941 through 1943 she showed employment with General Electric in Birmingham as a Planning Engineer. She became a naturalized citizen of Great Britain in March 1940 at the same time as her husband.

Allegations concerning her membership in the German Communist Party and the Communist Party in England are discussed below.

Dr. Peierls' Association with Klaus Fuchs

b7c Klaus Fuchs was born in Germany in 1911. He fled to England in 1933 because of Communist Party activities and attended Bristol and Edinburgh Universities receiving his Ph.D. in mathematics and physics at the latter. When the Nazi attempt to cross the English channel seemed imminent, Fuchs together with other selected aliens, was sent to an internment camp in Canada. Following the German invasion of Russia in 1941 he was returned to England where he was employed on unclassified research activities at Glasgow University.

Peierls heard about Fuchs and invited him to help in the war research Peierls was conducting at Birmingham University. At that time Peierls had been selected as the head of the British Tube Alloy Project, which paralleled the work being done in the U.S. by the former Manhattan Engineering District (MED). Fuchs came to live with Peierls in 1941.

Both Peierls and Fuchs were selected as part of the British mission which came to the U.S. in December 1943 to work with MED scientists. Peierls was in charge and continued to be in charge when they were both transferred to Los Alamos in March 1944. While at Los Alamos, Peierls was noted for his theoretical work on implosion and contributed heavily to theoretical work on the "super" bomb. They returned to Great Britain in 1946, Dr. Peierls leaving in January while Fuchs followed him six months later. Both were the subject of security assurances received by the MED from the British government.

Klaus Fuchs was arrested by the British in February 1950 while employed on the British atomic energy program. He confessed to espionage activities in behalf of the Russians and was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment. He has since served his jail term and is currently employed in scientific work in East Germany.

FBI Investigation in the U.S. in 1950-1951

FBI investigation during the Fuchs and Rosenberg cases, included individuals

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formerly associated with the British Mission at Los Alamos. One source related that he had been told by another member of the mission that Mrs. Peierls was a member of the British Communist Party. Questioning of this source disclosed that this information had been based on Mrs. Peierls' Russian birth and attitude toward Russia. This source had also known the Peierls prior to their association at Los Alamos. An American scientist also interviewed by the FBI, who had been associated with the Peierls at Los Alamos and who had also known him since 1928, stated that when Peierls was in the U.S. he had been strongly in favor of agreement with Russia but had shown no other marked political sympathies. During a visit to their home in England in 1948, this scientist, then a leading figure in the U.S. atomic weapons program, stated that Mrs. Peierls had done "quite a bit of baiting" and had called him a "war monger".

It was also found that captured German documents consisting of original documents of the German Communist Party listed the name of "Comrade" Kannegiesser. It was not known whether this individual was identical with Mrs. Peierls, nee Kannegiesser. Investigation also disclosed that Mrs. Peierls had been publicly opposed to Britain's participation in World War II until Russia entered the war.

1951 AEC Action in Connection with Declassification Conferences with the UK

Dr. Peierls was selected by the UK to attend several U.S.-UK Declassification Conferences for which security assurances were furnished the AEC. Prior to the 1951 conference, the adverse information concerning Dr. Peierls and his wife was presented to the British, and the UK response was:

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1. Peierls was a close friend and associate of Klaus Fuchs and they roomed together at Los Alamos. The association between them developed naturally as a result of scientific assignments and no "sinister implications" were drawn therefrom.
 2. Mrs. Peierls was born in Russia. However, the allegation she was a member of the British Communist Party was "unfounded". The British had no information which would connect Mrs. Peierls with "Comrade" Kannegiesser mentioned in the captured German documents.
 3. The British do not consider the Atomic Scientists' Association as a Communist front.
 4. Dr. Peierls did not teach in Russia.

The AEC approved Dr. Peierls' attendance at the Conference. One of the prime considerations was that he would have no additional access to classified information other than he already had.

Subsequent Information Received Concerning Associates of Dr. Peierls

In February 1952, CIA reported that Dr. Peierls obtained UK clearance through the influence of [REDACTED] who had been reported to have had an open code telephone conversation with Donald MacLean just prior to the latter's departure from England. Strachey was also reported to have been responsible for having the surveillance on [REDACTED] lifted, which reportedly made possible Pontecorvo's escape to Russia. This report also stated that Mrs. Peierls had admitted to being a Communist and had been publicly opposed to Britain's participation in World War II until the USSR entered the war.

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In 1953, the AEC was advised by the State Department that [REDACTED] a reported American Communist, was working with Dr. Peierls at the University of Birmingham; that [REDACTED] had resided at the Peierls' home during 1950 and 1951. Subsequent FBI investigation of Brown disclosed he had worked at the University of Birmingham from 1950 to 1961; that reliable sources reported he was a Communist Party member at the University of Wisconsin during 1944-46 and at Yale University during 1946-48. His roommate at the University of Wisconsin was [REDACTED] who was President of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) and reportedly a known Marxist. The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General under Executive Order 19450. [REDACTED] association with [REDACTED] continued at Yale University during 1946-47 where they studied and worked together. [REDACTED] was also active with the Communist Party County Committee of Connecticut during the latter period. In applying for a passport in 1954, [REDACTED] admitted joining the student branch of the Communist Party at Yale University in January 1948. In June 1952, [REDACTED] was reported to U.S. authorities to have regularly associated with individuals known to be members of the Communist Party at the University of Birmingham. In February 1963, a scientist who worked with [REDACTED] at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen, Denmark, reported that he was known as a "harmless Communist sympathizer".

Association with Alleged Soviet Agent

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A current CIA check disclosed a report that in December 1950 Dr. Peierls was an associate of Dr. [REDACTED] who was described by a reliable source as a known Communist and alleged agent who was living in England in 1950. [REDACTED] reported function was to collect scientific and technical intelligence in England for the Soviets.

AEC Division of Security files contain information previously received from CIA and other government agencies concerning [REDACTED] He was

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described as an ex-German scientist who in 1950 was believed a British citizen. There is evidence that in 1945 he cooperated with both U.S. and British intelligence and furnished information to the Russians also. Shortly after the Russians occupied Berlin, [REDACTED] furnished the Russians the names of German scientists in atomic research and the location of two tons of heavy water which he said he feared might be destroyed by the Germans. In a 1948 report by U.S. sources, this action was attributed to his residence in the Russian sector. Information contained in a letter written by a German scientist working for the Russians in Moscow in 1946 states that [REDACTED] approached the Russians to work for them and that this scientist recommended him to the Russians.

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His reported assistance to the U.S. and British consisted in furnishing information on German scientists both in East Germany and working in Russia. An American scientist associated with U.S. intelligence, reported that in his contacts with British intelligence they had left no doubt that [REDACTED] was closely associated with them. In December 1950, information that [REDACTED] was a suspected Communist agent trying to collect scientific and technical intelligence information in England for the Soviets was made available to the British. The British reply was that his contacts were known and they did not consider him to be engaged in espionage, particularly since there was no supporting evidence for such allegations.

[REDACTED] returned to Germany from England, exact time not known. An American who had known [REDACTED] during World War II reported that suspicions about him were aided by the fact that his mistress was the sister of an active East German Communist who was then head of the East German Ministry of Justice. However, this source reported that neither [REDACTED] nor his mistress were known to make any secret of this fact, nor to have had any contact with the individual.

There is no question that [REDACTED] has been close to certain East German scientists, to the Soviets; has had easy entry to East Berlin as well as good relations with U.S. and British intelligence. The record is not clear, however, as to whether he engaged in these activities in behalf of the Russians, other countries, or both.

Further information is expected from the Office of Naval Intelligence, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the State Department which will be furnished upon receipt.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-344156)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, NEW YORK (105-79458) (P)

SUBJECT: RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS
IS-ENGLAND

DATE: 6/28/66

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ReBulet 4/29/66.

Transmitted herewith are six copies of LHM pertaining to captioned individual.

Copy of referenced AEC memorandum described in LHM was transmitted to the Bureau under date of 4/15/66.

The information set out in LHM was furnished to SA *[Redacted]* *b7c*

Investigation is continuing to determine if the subject made any significant telephone contacts during his stay at Brookhaven National Laboratory. The Bureau will be advised of the outcome of this investigation.

LHM has been classified "Secret," consistent with the referenced AEC memorandum.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will verify departure of subject from US, it being noted that he was scheduled to depart 4/20/66.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

June 28, 1966

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Rudolph Ernst Peierls
Internal Security - England

Reference is made to memorandum dated March 9, 1966, to [REDACTED] Brookhaven Office (Atomic Energy Commission), from Robert E. Tharp, Assistant Director for Personnel Security, Division of Security, Headquarters, entitled "Rudolph Ernst Peierls, UK Scientist," which memorandum was classified "Secret."

b7c [REDACTED], Atomic Energy Commission, Brookhaven Office, furnished a copy of this memorandum on March 22, 1966, and made available the data contained in the Atomic Energy Commission files pertaining to captioned individual.

Under date of January 4, 1966, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) transmitted a letter to the Atomic Energy Commission, Brookhaven Office, requesting Atomic Energy Commission alien visitor approval for Dr. Rudolph E. Peierls, a British national. This letter indicated that BNL intended to offer an appointment to Dr. Peierls as a temporary employee in the capacity of Visiting Senior Physicist in the Physics Department effective on or about March 20, 1966, for a period of five weeks. The letter relates that during his stay at BNL, he will engage in unclassified research with the Theoretical Physics Group.

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Rudolph Ernst Peierls

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[REDACTED] advised that the subject arrived at BNL, with his wife, on March 19, 1966, and was then residing in apartment 3-D on the site of BNL. He further advised that BNL had assured the Atomic Energy Commission that they will be informed if Peierls intends to visit other Atomic Energy Commission installations during his visit to the United States. BNL further indicated that Peierls would be concerned principally with nuclear theory and would work with staff theorists.

MRS. RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS
Atomic Energy Commission records reveal that the subject was born on June 5, 1907, at Berlin, Germany. He received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Leipzig. From 1937 to 1963, he was employed as a professor at the University of Birmingham, England. From October, 1963 to date he has been engaged as Wykeham Professor Physics at the University of Oxford. His wife, Eugenia Kannegiesser Peierls, was born on July 25, 1908, at Leningrad, Russia. *ENC.*

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[REDACTED] furnished the Atomic Energy Commission file pertaining to [REDACTED] the son of the subject. This individual has been employed at BNL as a Visiting Assistant Physicist in the Physics Department since July, 1963. He was born on [REDACTED] at Manchester, England. He received a B.A. degree at Cambridge University and a Ph.D. degree at Cornell University. He has had the following employment history:

September, 1956 -	Cornell University, Ithaca,
June, 1959	New York. Research and
	Teaching Assistant in Physics.
June, 1959 -	Lawrence Radiation Laboratory,
August, 1959	Berkeley, California,
	Theoretical Physics.
October, 1959 -	Birmingham University, England.
September, 1961	Nato Fellowship
September, 1961 -	Institute for Advanced Study,
March, 1962	Princeton, New Jersey.

Atomic Energy Commission records indicate that Ronald Frank Peierls' appointment was approved by Atomic Energy Commission for unclassified research in non-security areas of BNL.

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Rudolph Ernst Peierls

It was noted that Atomic Energy Commission approval was granted [REDACTED] for travel on BNL business from July 30, 1964 to September 30, 1964. The purpose of this trip was to attend the International Conference on High Energy Physics at Dubna, Russia, and to hold discussions on High Energy Theoretical Physics at CEN, Saclay, France, CERN, Geneva, Harwell and Rutherford Laboratory, England, and at Imperial College, London, England.

On June 14, 1966, [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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The subject entered the United States on March 19, 1966. He started his employment at BNL on March 21, 1966, and he terminated on April 19, 1966, at the completion of his assignment. He was to leave the United States on April 20, 1966. His forwarding address was Department of Theoretical Physics, University of Oxford, Oxford, England. His residence address was listed as Farleigh Orchard Lane, Old Boar's Hill, Oxford, England.

[REDACTED] advised that there is no record in his files of any travel in the United States on the part of the subject during his stay at BNL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-344156)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-79458) (P)

SUBJECT: RUDOLPH ERNST PETERLS
IS-ENGLAND
(OO:NY)

DATE: 8/17/66

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DATE 10-4-99 BY SP5JCK/ST

ReNY LHM to Bureau dated 6/28/66.

On 8/11/66, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (protect - request), after discreet inquiry, advised that RUDOLPH ERNST PETERLS departed the US on an early morning flight on April 20, 1966, for England. He entered the US on 3/19/66, on a round trip ticket via British Overseas Airways (BOAC) and it is assumed that he returned to England via BOAC. He was accompanied by his wife, EUGENIA KANNEGIESSER PETERLS. W

On 8/11/66, [REDACTED]

Brookhaven National Laboratory, advised that PETERLS resided in an apartment on the Laboratory site during his stay at the Laboratory. He said that no phone calls were charged to the phone in his apartment during his stay.

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will check arrival and departure records at Central Office of INS to verify departure of subject, born on June 5, 1907, at Berlin, Germany, and his wife, EUGENIA KANNEGIESSER PETERLS, born on 7/25/08, at Leningrad, Russia. The subject's permanent address was listed as Farleigh Orchard Lane, Old Boar's Hill, Oxford, England.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will close administratively on verification of departure of subject.

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- 2-Washington Field (RM)
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-344156)

DATE: 9/29/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-10324) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS
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ReNYlet, 8/17/66.

Referenced New York letter requested WFO to check arrival and departure records of subject and his wife at the Central Office of INS.

On 9/17/66, IC [REDACTED] was advised that the records of the Central Office of INS contained the following record of arrival and departure of the subject and his wife to the United States:

RUDOLPH ERNST PEIERLS, born 6/5/07, Berlin, Germany, British citizen, occupation Physicist. Was last admitted to the United States on 3/19/66, and departed on 4/19/66. His permanent address was shown as Farleigh, Orchard Lane, Boars Hill, Oxford, England. His destination in the United States was shown as Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York. PEIERLS was traveling on Passport Number 311140. He arrived on BOAC flight 505 from London, England.

^{PEIERLS}
EUGENIA, born 7/25/08, at Leningrad, Russia, with the same London address and the same destination in the United States, arrived and departed the United States the same day as the subject.

The subject was previously in the United States on the following dates:

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (105-79458) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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He arrived in the United States on 9/11/65, and departed 9/17/65. His United States address was shown as 64 Highland Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Subject arrived in the United States at New York on 8/9/65, and departed 9/12/65. On this occasion his United States address was listed as c/o Dr. R. F. ~~PEIERLS~~, RFD #1, Box 92, Brookhaven, New York.

PEIERLS was again admitted to the United States on 6/22/65, and departed 6/24/65. On that occasion he stayed at the Windsor Park Hotel Annex, Washington, D. C.

PEIERLS was admitted to the United States at Boston, on 6/9/63, and departed the United States at Boston on 6/13/63, this time his address was shown as Endicott, ~~House~~, Dedham, Massachusetts.

PEIERLS was admitted to the United States at Seattle on 7/16/62, and departed 8/21/62. On this occasion his address was listed as Department of Physics, University of Washington.

PEIERLS was admitted to the United States at New York on 3/30/61, and departed 4/9/61. His United States address was Massachusetts Institute of Technology, c/o Centennial Conference. The records of INS showed that PEIERLS was first admitted to New York City on 9/3/60, and departed 9/4/60. On that occasion his address was listed as 58 Warfield Street, Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

INS records revealed that File A-14786038 regarding subject is located at Boston, Massachusetts. INS records revealed that ~~EUGENIA PEIERLS~~ was admitted to the United States on the following dates:

She entered the United States on 7/31/65, and departed 9/17/65. Again she was admitted to the United States on 10/11/62, and departed 10/26/62. She was first admitted to the United States on 8/31/60, and departed 9/4/60.